

Lesson 3 ETERNAL PROGRESSION

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WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Most religions are very nebulous in answering any of those questions. And when they do, there is a wide chasm between the beliefs of one religion compared to another. For instance, some religions believe in continuous reincarnation from one life to another, while others believe in only one physical life.

The Oracles makes very clear the answer to all three of these questions. It is called Eternal Progression and is one of the most important foundations of Celestine Light.

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? PRE-MORTAL EXISTENCE

Please read Chapter 1 of Genesis in the Oracles of Celestine Light, to get a quick understanding of where we came from before this mortal life.

From the teachings of the Oracles, Celestines understand that before we were born into a physical life, we lived in a spiritual realm called Xeon, which is part of the vast Koropean realm, as spirt children of our Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother. As spirit children our souls resided

in tangible bodies of spirit. Though they were not physical bodies like we now have, they were not ethereal spirits either.

We lived for hundreds of years as spirits, gaining knowledge, building friendships, and growing and expanding ourselves as much as possible in a spirit state. Once we reached the limit of our growth as beings of spirit, we were given the opportunity to come down into a physical life so we could learn and grow some more from the unique challenges and experiences that physical life brings.

Even the Christian Bible plainly speaks of the reality of the pre-existence of spirits In Jerimiah 1:5 when God is speaking to Jerimiah the prophet and says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jerimiah 1:5

There are 3 primary reasons our Eternal Progression requires a full mortal life.

WHY ARE YOU HERE? MORTAL EXPERIENCES

There are many essential experiences unique to physical lives that necessitate mortality being part of our eternal progression. Something as simple as knowing what salt tastes like, or many other unique flavors of physical food, are things that have to be personally experienced to comprehend them.

All of the unpleasant mortal experiences from physical pain, to financial challenges, to relationship heartbreaks, help us learn to appreciate and value when times are good, as well as cultivating empathy, sympathy, compassion, and a greater depth of love in our hearts and minds.

Getting married, having children, and even experiencing the intimacy of physical love, are all vital stepping stones

in our souls eternal progression and expansion.

Developing Faith

Another crucial gem gained from a physical, mortal existence is the opportunity to develop faith. When we were born into our physical life, a veil of forgetfulness was put over our minds so we could not remember our pre-mortal life. We do not consciously remember our pre-mortal relationships, or our brother Yeshua, or our Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother. This was to enable us to gain faith. If we could clearly remember our premortal existence and the Elohim, we would have no way to gain faith in them, as we would already have a sure knowledge.

Faith is an unwavering confidence and trust in a place, a person, a concept, or a force, even when the evidence of that place, person, concept or force may not be obvious to other people. Celestines understand that faith is a literal power. The entire universe and all life within it, was created through the power of faith. As Yeshua said, "*If you have the faith, you can say unto this mountain, take up and be cast into the sea and it shall be done.*"

Memories of our pre-mortal life are just hidden, not lost. Developing faith helps us to lift the veil. This is done a little with our mind and a great deal through our heart.

Developing Character

The other important reason a mortal life is necessary on the path of Eternal Progression is the crucible of mortality with all of its trials, tribulations and challenges, to each person's physical, emotional and mental well-being is the refiners fire that allows a person's highest character to come out, or reveals their lowest.

The capabilities we gain that serve us well in both this

life and the next, including our paranormal gifts, our leadership abilities, our community harmony, and our ability to make a positive difference in other people's lives, all contribute to an increase in the Celestine Energy that resides in our eternal soul.

The more Celestine Energy we have in mortality and our eternal life to come, the wider and deeper range of things we can do to positively affect our lives and the lives of others. By ever striving to be the best version of ourselves in mortal life, we accrue more Celestine Energy to our soul. Sterling character is developed by both our words and our actions and is based upon sound principles of morality, compassion, and fair and equitable actions in our dealings with others from business to personal relationships.

Recalling Memories of Previous Lives

Religions fall into two camps in regards to reincarnation: they either believe in continuous reincarnation of the soul into new physical bodies, or they believe each person only has a single mortal life. Celestines understand that elements of both are present in every person's life.

If you are around groups of people that believe in reincarnation, you will likely have encountered more than one over the years that believe they were the same famous person in a previous life such as Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, or Napoleon. We have encountered several who believe they were Jesus, or Mary Magdalene. Obviously, even if continuous reincarnation was real, multiple people could not have been the same historical person.

Yet there are many people that have memories of other lives that come into their consciousness. It may occur spontaneously or with the assistance of past life regression hypnotherapy. There are even scientifically documented

cases of young children remembering obscure details of an adult life that are later verified with historical research.

The teachings of Celestine Light explain that for most people only one life is necessary to accomplish the purposes of a physical life. But if someone's life ended prematurely, before they had the opportunity to make a choice to get married or not, to have children or not, or to strive to expand their best character traits and improve their worst, then they will have an opportunity to return to another physical life to live into old age and have the experiences and make the choices we all need in mortality as part of our Eternal Progression.

The choices each person makes in life are up to them, and the choices themselves do not determine whether they will be able to return again in another life. It is only important that they have the opportunity to make the choices. For instance, a woman may choose to have children or not. If she chose not to have children, she would not be given another mortal life, as she had the opportunity and she made the choice.

However, another woman that may have been sold into slavery at an early age and may even live into old age, but never had the opportunity to even have a romantic relationship, much less choose whether she wanted to have children or not, would certainly be given the chance to have another mortal life, and in its fullness be able to make that choice.

The same is true for a person that is born handicapped in a way that precludes them from having deep romantic relationships, and being able to choose to marry and have children or not. Even though they and the family they were born into, will have an extraordinary opportunity to gain Celestine Energy to their soul as they learn to show love, compassion and sacrifice time to help the disabled,

the person so born will still have the opportunity to return in another life in a fully functional body, to insure they have the full spectrum of a mortal life as part of their Eternal Progression.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? ETERNAL LIFE AFTER MORTALITY

Most religions have an exceptionally ambiguous, nebulous, undefined doctrine or explanation for what exactly comes after this life. An exception would be those that believe in endless reincarnation from one life to the next. Some of those believe each person has had thousands or even millions of lives. They have clarity upon what they feel comes next. But being on an endless spinning wheel of continuous lives and suffering is not a plan loving heavenly parents would create. Like mortal parents with their children, our Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother want to see us grow up and progress and become self-sufficiently happy sons and daughters of excellent character and unlimited potential.

Christians all believe in going to "Heaven or Hell," but pretty much draw a blank when asked to describe heaven, what God is like in heaven, or even what they will be like in heaven. Some believe that the best of them will be resurrected into immortal bodies. But then what happens? What do those immortal bodies do for all eternity?

Judaism basically has no religious doctrinal believe on the afterlife. The Torah, the most important religious book in Judaism, is silent on what comes next after this life.

Islam is similar to Christianity in that it believes in the continuation of the soul and a "Judgement Day," when all people that have ever lived will be routed either to "Hell or Paradise" (aka heaven). Until Judgment Day the soul remains confined to the grave where it will be tormented

if the person was bad in life, and peaceful if they were good. But like Christians, the details of what eternal life is like in Paradise are not fleshed out, leaving it open to every person's imagination.

One detailed exception promised in the Koran, is if a man dies as a martyr, he is promised to be given 72 virgin women as sexual concubines in the hereafter. Imagination remains to fill in the rest.

Muslim scholars have interpreted that female martyrs will find their husband in Paradise. If the woman had more than one husband in life, she will be able to choose her favorite to be her eternal husband in the afterlife. It is also attributed that the woman will be eternally beautiful and superior to the numerous virgin concubines, so her husband will stay faithful to her.

It is actually a challenge to understand Buddhism beliefs about the afterlife. On the one hand Buddhism ascribes to the Hindu belief of reincarnation and karma, but they also believe in the doctrine of "anatta", which states that individuals do not possess eternal souls. These would seem to be incongruous and irreconcilable beliefs.

This brief summary on the afterlife beliefs of a few of the major religions is merely meant to show the variety of beliefs so you will have a better ability to compare and understand the detailed teachings of Celestine Light in answering the question, "where are you going?"

A key concept in Celestine Light is: "As mortal men and women now are, Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother once were. And as the Elohim now are, we may become, as we continue our journey of Eternal Progression."

Returning to the comparison of mortal parents and their children; all loving parents desire for their children to have lasting happiness and be able to do even better in life than they did. It is the same for our Heavenly Father

and Heavenly Mother. We are their sons and daughters of spirit. The teachings of the Elohim as given in the Oracles are not meant to restrict us, but to free us and give us the guidance and direction necessary to enable us to become all that we can become. Earthly parents follow the same template with their children.

Celestine Light teaches that the Elohim that are our Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother and brother Yeshua came to this universe when it was just emptiness, from another one that was full and vibrant. In that other universe they had once been mortal and just like us traveled the path of Eternal Progression. They died a mortal death, were resurrected into glorified, immortal bodies, and continued to grow and expand their soul essence until they had ascended to become Elohim.

At that point, they needed to create a new universe of their own, which is the one we are all in now, following the same path of Eternal Progression they themselves experienced eons and eons ago.

They are the God of this universe. If you were to quantify the difference in our soul essence energies, you could say that we in mortality have between 3000-7000 Soul Essence Energy Units, while the Elohim have billions.

Though the Elohim are exceptionally far above us in energy and knowledge, even seeming to be omniscient, they are still on the path of Eternal Progression, they are still learning new things by their experiences and observations. And that's why it is called Eternal Progression. Even for the Elohim, there is always more to know, always room to grow, and always possible to gain still more Celestine Energy to one's soul.

The Oracles teach us that once our mortal body breaths its last breath, we rise to a vast realm called the Koropean. Here are some chapters from the Oracles that talk about

the Koropean and the different places of existence we experience during our Eternal Progression:

Please read Vivus chapter 30, The Nature of Eternity

Please read Vivus chapter 96, Rebellion & Fall of Lucifer

WHY IS ETERNAL PROGRESSION IMPORTANT?

Understanding the principles of Eternal Progression and the Nature of God from the previous lesson helps us to clearly understand that all people upon the earth are literally brothers and sisters; that Yeshua is our elder brother, and that we are literally sons and daughters of God.

Just as earthly parents want the best for their children and do everything possible to give them the opportunities to gain talents and become all they can be, so too do our Heavenly Parents, but on an even grander scale.

The experiences we have in mortality are priceless in our eternity. Physical life is a wonderful school. Admittedly, this is often the "school of hard knocks." But having those experiences, both the good and the bad, help prepare us and shape us for the next stage of our eternal life. And those experiences could be gained and fully appreciated in no other way than by living a mortal life.

Please read all of Genesis chapter 11 to get a more complete understanding of the Celestine understanding of Eternal Progression.

Here are some additional scriptures from the Oracles that answer the questions, *Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?*

"And I say unto you that faith is the foundation of all truths, for it is the power by which all things are and can be. To know faith abiding in every fiber of your essence is to *fulfill one of the great purposes of your life and to unlatch the door to your glory in eternity.*" Nexus 1:-17

"Life is given by God and it is most precious, for it is in life that you fulfill your purpose on earth and create your eternity to come. If you would love God, love everything God has created with a pure love that sings in your soul; for all life has a grand purpose that connects to all other life." Nexus 11:15-16

"What will happen to them?" Miriam asked.

"And Yeshua said unto her, "They still have the days they live to see the light of truth and repent of their sins. But they must not procrastinate the day of their repentance, for they know not which sunrise shall be their last.

"On the Day of Judgment, all are weighed in the balance by their actions and their words, and each word or action, be it idle or with intent, is either a step forward or backward in their eternal progression.

"Those that tip to the light shall inherit exaltation, and those that tip to the darkness shall inherit the dreariness they embraced in life. Not by Elohim are they sent to their reward or punishment, but by the resonance of their soul drawn to the destiny they have built for themselves by their thoughts and deeds in life. And so it shall be for a great time." Nexus 21: 9-12

"Every life is a stewardship given by God to prove the valiant, and only the good steward will see the face of God and the light that is eternal." Nexus 29:41

"Laugh and play and listen and watch and wonder; be a child each day, for it is one of the secrets of perpetual joy and communion with God, and for this cause have you been created and given this world; that you might have joy in abundance." Vivus 27:59

"Then Yeshua entered the labyrinth along the white path

and began to walk into it. And he bid Zebak and two other priests to follow him, and one by one, they came into the Path of Three and Yeshua said unto them, "You enter now into the map of your eternal progression, for the Path of Three shows your past and your present and your future.

"Upon its steps, you can discern the secrets to everything you have been, everything that you are, and everything that you can be.

"Within its realm, you can discover yourself as you have never known, and once found, the pure Celestine Light of God can be revealed in ways you could never have known." Nexus 43:22-24

"Your actions are the gold of your life... In the world to come, it will not be asked of you what you believed in life, but what did you do?" Vivus 27:55

"Seek knowledge every day; for ignorance is slavery, and knowledge is freedom; and these enliven your soul." Vivus 27:62

"Therefore, do not live today for tomorrow, but live today for today. The days to come will have their own challenges. For a life of peace, joy and true fulfillment, sufficient is the day for the challenges therein. Vivus 45:141

"To marry with love, to have children, and to share an unbreakable bond and devotion to one another—this is a great part of the Plan of Eternal Progression that Elohim laid out before the world ever was." Vivus 50:23

"Miriam reached out both of her hands and held her sister's, saying, "Oh Martha, someday you will have the veil lifted from your eyes and memory, and you will see not only the heavens that await, but also the glory that you have lived before you ever set foot upon this earth.

"You can see the heavens that await?" Martha whispered

quietly. "And the life we lived before we lived? Show me how to do this wonder, Miriam.

"Miriam shook her head and smiled a little smile, saying, "I remember all that has been before I came from the womb, and I see all that will be ere mortality is no more; but how I remember or how I see cannot be taught.

It is not something that can be learned, but something that must be acquired, the greatest treasure of Heaven or earth, and its name is faith." Vivus 49:15-18

"To first live a full life and then to lay the mortal shell down for its final rest, be it in peace or with pain, is an important step on the path of eternal progression. And whether it is with peace or pain is most often in your hands.

Most people are not afraid of growing old or infirmed. They are afraid of what comes after that." *Vivus* 54:11-12

"What I wish you to clearly understand is that aging and leaving the shell of mortality is a helpful part of your eternal progression. Experiencing that, allows you to, all the more, cherish and appreciate the immortality that follows." Vivus 54:22

"What do you think life in the world to come is like? Do you think you are just going to be sitting around on the clouds, playing music and singing praises to Elohim?

"Not on any day; though you will find a complete peace and relaxation such as you have never known, it is also an eternity of great activity and accomplishment, where your eternal progression does not end, but increases.

"In mortality, it is those who either have false piety or simply little understanding of the nature of God, that are given to excessive praise to Elohim. As in mortality, your praises to Elohim in the world to come are heard more by the things that you do than in the things that you say.

"And in the Celestine Realms, you do a great deal. Elohim

is the architect; you are the builders. Where in mortality you may have built a house or brought a garden to bloom every season; in immortality, you will build paths that lead to the Celestine Light for your brothers and sisters still in mortality and plant gardens that bloom, not just with flowers, but with entire new Earths.

"And much more than that you will do in the Celestine Realms. And it will be all the easier and more effective from the moment you arrive, because of your experiences, including growing old and the frailties of mortality." Vivus 54:29 -33

"Know then that mortality is more than just a place to learn and grow and develop faith. It is the place where you demonstrate by your character your worthiness to exaltation in the eternity to come." Vivus 62:46

"Yeshua continued saying, "We spoke about the need for balance and the need for opposite energies to have some points where they mix. Thus all are stimulated toward maximum growth and expansion in both the physical and the spiritual."

"You must couple this understanding with your comprehension of the full nature of the eternal progression of souls and the progress of the spirit children of the Father and Mother since the days of their creation.

"The greatest purpose of the Father and the Mother, the source of the creation of everything, is no different than the cherished purpose of each of you that are fathers and mothers: to see your children grow in the Celestine Light and reach the magnificence of their potential.

"To do this, you teach your children in the good ways they should go but do not force them to go that way as they mature, for a child forced is unlikely to remain upon the path once the force is removed.

"Nor would they learn the value of the good path of

Celestine Light if they had no comprehension of the darkness by which to compare.

"Thus it is that in the beginning, the Father and the Mother created the spirits of all living things and made worlds of innumerable resonances in different harmonies for them to be drawn to, each according to the light that they could hold.

"And they created all the worlds, both the light and those of less light and the bright and the shadows, that their children could come down to a world that resonated with them and learn from their experiences the value of the light and desire from their own will to cleave unto it." Vivus 95:80-86

"When the time comes upon you to resist the people of this world, remember that all life is precious, for everyone is on a path of eternal progression, and it is wrong to end someone's progression in the physical life unless there is no other way to save your own or that of your friends. And with your gifts of Celestine Light, there will always be another way if you are calling upon them in their fullness." Vivus 98:73

"Yeshua explained that every creation of life was on a path of eternal progression, and that progression was achieved not by gaining wealth, physical beauty, or strength, but by humbly accepting one's imperfections, repenting of actions not of the light, and striving to henceforth live in the light and gain greater knowledge, faith, and love." Vivus 98:228

"And I know you, for you are a Child of Light, my brothers and sisters of spirit. It matters not the color of your skin, whether you are male or female, young or old, rich or poor, or the religion you profess. By the good actions of your life you have been numbered among the Children of Light, and I now call you to come and embrace your true family and the path of greater glory and fulfillment." Vivus 99:12

After reading this lesson, please contemplate it deeply and follow the Admonition of the Apostles to pray about

it that your heart and mind can testify of the truth.

"Therefore, we would ask that when you read these things, which the spirit of God has led you to read, that you would not blindly heed the exhortations of men.

"But go in humility to seek out God, in a quiet place of solitude, in the brightness of the Sun. And upon your knees, with palms together, with an open heart humbly desiring to know the light of truth, lift up your face to the warmth of the Sun, and in the name of Yeshua the Messiah, ask to know the truthfulness of our words...

"And if you shall ask with a humble spirit, with an open heart, and in all sincerity desiring to know the truth, the spirit of God shall flow into you.

"And you shall know the truth and the truth will set your spirit free; and with an overflowing joy in your heart and a clear knowing in your mind, the Holy Spirit of God will testify to you; whereby you may know the truth of all things." Nexus 2:6-9