

Liberation Technology User's Guide

Module 4: The Barrier Cloud

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In this module, we discuss the detailed nature of the Barrier Cloud: the singular impediment to a world without coercion. The Barrier Cloud has two causes: external and internal. Understanding the causes enables the cure. This awareness is the highest priority for human liberation and flourishing.

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Module 4: The “Barrier Cloud”

If we're so against aggression, why all the aggression?

Summary

The discerning individual wants an answer to the “whence aggression?” question. Module 4 identifies and describes the barrier to a world without coercion: its external cause/defect and internal cause/defect.

SNaP Naturally

In the beginning there was the nonaggression principle (NaP), and it was good. As we have seen from the first three modules of this Kindergarten Edition, human beings are naturally inclined toward adhering to the nonaggression (or natural rights) idea. The belief that we should not assault or rob others, and vice versa, is nearly universal across all communities and creeds; the idea for nonaggressive social behavior jibes with our biological self-interest.

I believe the NaP proof is made successfully through the first two modules. Then in Module 3, I create a graphical scheme for understanding what human characteristics go into the natural progression of society along the "Nonaggression Vector." The SNaPstrip figure, repeated below, is my conception of the direction and magnitude for achieving a human society without coercion... our destiny.

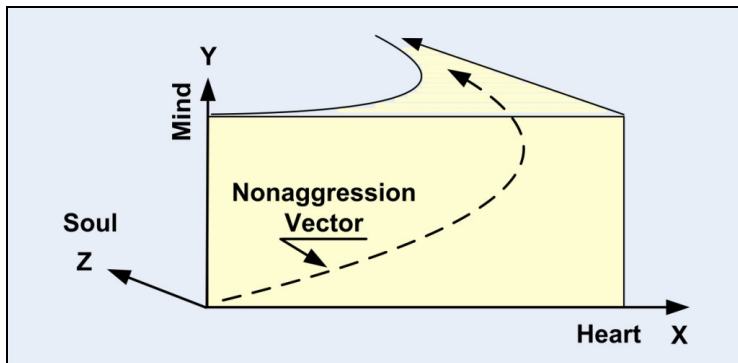


Figure 4.1: The Destiny Diagram—SNaPstrip NV

The axes of this "Destiny Diagram" are explained (again) as follows:

- **Heart**—Along the X-axis, we grow to discard blind obedience to authority and learn to think for ourselves. This is reflected in our overall psychological independence and heartfelt movement toward truth in life.
- **Mind**—I conceived of the Y-axis as a measure of interest in ideas, also a commitment to natural reason, rationality. At the bottom of the scale an individual takes no interest in the rest of the world at all. Slightly higher, he cares for his job, his family, his local sports franchise, and so on. To the few at the top who, for example, passionately work for peace and justice. {Or, for authoritarian opportunists, passionately work to control and manipulate others. So on the “Mind” scale, unlike the other two, higher does not necessarily mean healthier. Compulsive mind is dangerous.}

- **Soul**—Finally, the Z-axis describes the degree to which a person has proceeded toward spiritual enlightenment. At the lower end, he's insensitive to the suffering of other sentient beings, in the midrange shows respect for the political rights of others, and ultimately manifests a deeply felt connection with Being.

Quite a bit of thought went into setting up the above architecture, and at least demonstrating a plausibility for the hypothesis that as humans develop psychologically and spiritually, they achieve—as exhibited in the Destiny Diagram along the Nonaggression Vector—a society without coercion. That is, a society of freedom and its corollaries: benevolence and abundance.

But the logical question after Module 3—where this nonaggression graph is explained—is, "If freedom and humans living in accordance with the nonaggression principle is so natural and inevitable, why doesn't it exist right now?" Not only is that the perfect question, it is an incredibly important question.

The Barrier Cloud

Like, "if you're so smart, why ain't you rich?" If the nonaggression principle is so natural to the human species, why, when we look around, even (or especially) at our own country, do we find so much aggression in the world? {In the 20th century alone,

governments managed to kill more than 100 million individuals.}

"Houston, we have a problem." Clearly, some impediment or obstacle has been placed in the way of a human destination our parents would have wanted for us. Let me picture the obstacle in the following marked-up Destiny Diagram:

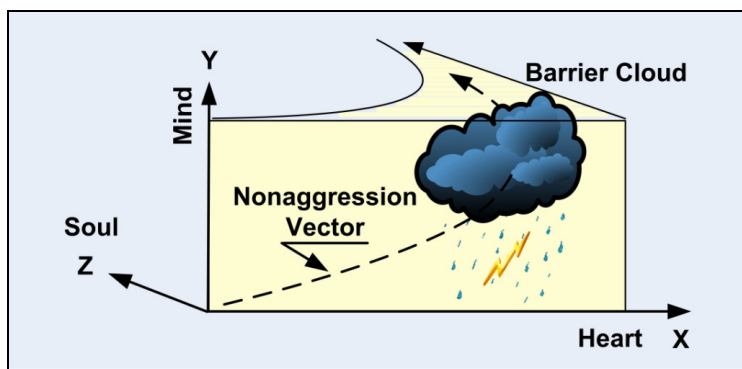


Figure 4.2: SNaPstrip Showing Barrier Cloud

We may think of this generic barrier cloud as the longstanding mysterious "something" interfering with the human ideal. So what is the barrier and where does it come from? We know that something has been interrupting the flow of living human energy toward the positive social outcome of the simple NaP. What?

Certainly, we have not yet achieved universal intellectual recognition of the NaP: the libertarians have been making and refining their arguments for decades now... but the reasoning is not penetrating

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the conventional media and educational institutions to reach the average fellow.¹ {Though welcome signs of change have emerged—consider the Ron Paul phenomenon, the Free State, Pete Hendrickson² and others revealing "income" tax truth, even the hundreds of local-government victories by big-and-small "L" libertarians.}

The reality of the "media blockade" or the "media barrier" as it serves entrenched interests of the political-economic classes, I believe, provides a clue to what is fundamentally the cause of the obstacle. And here I provide some analysis:

External and Internal Causes

For those of us who have spent nearly a lifetime prosecuting the libertarian cause—and doing so actively and intellectually, that is: by argument, by reading and writing, by protests with signs, by concepts of morality, etc.—I don't need to tell you the level of frustration we feel. The litany of state horrors seems to have only grown longer... and intensified: illegal preemptive wars, torture and rendition, torching of civil liberties, drug prohibition, freedom prohibition, wholesale economic rape and pillage by the political classes of left and right. Don't get me started.

¹ Most libertarians tend to be quite verbal and "Mind" axis oriented. Graphically, that would be analogous to trying to connect and move humanity along the Y-axis of the Destiny Diagram only (ref. Figure 5.2 (in the next module)). Not the most efficient.

² Author of *Cracking the Code: The fascinating truth about taxation in America*. (Exposé of the "income" tax.)

Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, I'm convinced the Barrier Cloud (BC), which I have depicted in the figure above, does not arise primarily from intellectual forces. Hence, while in the long run good ideas will defeat bad ideas, if we seek to break through the BC more imminently we must counter the primal forces that sustain it. I believe these forces are more biological defects than conceptual ones. Briefly:

- The external cause of the BC lies in the conscious and coordinated actions of a small ruling minority of psychologically diseased people who have coalesced into ruling hierarchies through the ages—stealthily and secretly. Their biological purpose: to systematically direct and appropriate the creative/productive effort of psychologically normal humans.
- The internal cause of the BC lies in the perpetuation, beyond their survival value, of social-conformity functions of a common primitive brain circuitry known as “the limbic system”—what I sometimes like to call the “blind obedience to authority” brain structure.

In the Grand Scheme of the Cosmos, I feel the internal cause is the *prime mover* of the Barrier Cloud obstacle—a malfunctioning or “stuck” limbic system function afflicts the overwhelming majority of human beings. My theory is that the external cause—the persons who actually construct and

benefit parasitically from the BC—can only be effective to the extent that this internal limbic system defect is present in large numbers. The external cause is a "crime of opportunity." Much as we see in nature in other sophisticated, deceptive parasitic behavior, such as the cuckoo's egg strategy.³

External Cause—the ASL syndrome _____

I have asserted that the external cause of the Barrier Cloud comes from persons of "abnormal" psychology. Somewhat whimsically I've given the human-parasitical disease a name: the Alien Space Lizard (ASL) syndrome.⁴ For all practical purposes, an individual with the ASL characteristic enjoys—or at least is not repulsed by—the act of coercing other humans, usually for his material benefit.

Such a person has no sensitivity to the pain that his aggression causes to others. You could say the same thing about a common criminal, but what distinguishes an ASL-carrier is his intellectual depth and proficiency, the cunning of his strategy. Which sophistication is required to survive and prosper long term via the subordination through direction of

³ Some species of cuckoo are "brood parasites," laying their eggs in the nests of other species of bird, letting someone else take care of Junior's room and board. This behavior was characterized in a book by Clifford Stoll, *The Cuckoo's Egg* (1989), a story about an early network virus attack.

⁴ I use the phrase somewhat reluctantly, because there are people out there in cyberspace who feel lizard people are **real alien** beings who have taken human form, as in the sci-fi movie *V*. I simply wanted to stress that this syndrome is alien in the sense of being anti-normal-human. Plus, lizards are icky... though much nicer than the ASL *people*.

others' lives toward one's own. In other words, ASLs exploit *politics*, where it is easier to portray acts of aggression as socially necessary and desirable... e.g. compulsory schooling, welfare, taxes, war, and so on.

Keep in mind the ASL defect is a parasitic one, as well as antihuman... since psychologically normal and healthy humans have a practically universal disdain of aggression. For these reasons, the individual ASL-afflicted human must deceive the potential host ("healthy" humankind) into "executing the ASL code." Thus most of us, who are naturally inclined to ban aggression from society, are *tricked*, with the highest sophistication, into thinking that certain acts of aggression that benefit the ASLs are ***somehow not aggression***.

This trickery leading to the material flourishing—for a while, sometimes centuries—of the parasite is the fundamental reason we have seen such widespread aggression in human society through the ages, certainly for the past several centuries in the West.

Considering that a lot of normal nonaggressive humans are pretty sharp cookies, in order for the ASL-afflicted community to attach itself to the host and survive/prosper, its leaders must be extra smart, or, more important, devious... particularly in the area of words and language. Further, it would stand to reason that ASL individuals, being few in number, would form coherent, clandestine subsocieties with similarly afflicted individuals to coordinate, and

hide, the disposition of vast material wealth obtained from the considerably larger host-victim society.

I'm convinced that in the West today, as the distillation of a multicentury string of oligarchies, sits a <central controlling entity> (the Entity)⁵ focusing the substantial financial resources and control technology of the entire parasitic class. Rather than hypothesize further, let me refer the reader to a



Modern ASL Dynastian:
Mayer A. Rothschild

book that documents the specific financial reality and personnel behind the dominant Western central bank (the United States Federal Reserve Bank System, est. 1913): G. Edward Griffin's *The Creature from Jekyll Island: A second look at the Federal Reserve*. Griffin helps us understand "he who has the gold makes the rules" and also outlines the corollary systems of general public deception that thwart the general humanitarian nonaggression principle (and cause *all* modern wars) ... thus keeping the gold rolling in to "them" and away from "us."

For my discussion, the most relevant of these corollary deception systems is the whole structure

⁵ Terminology on this <central controlling entity> is in a state of flux... which is why I use angle brackets < >. Most people like "power elite," but I think of Goldman Sachs or the Carlyle Group when I hear that phrase. And they're merely extraordinarily rich and powerful dens of thieves enabled by the Power. Those who rule are less visible, like "the Matrix," but more like the ultimate source of loot (banksters) that makes Goldman and Carlyle possible. Hence "the Entity."

and symbolism of social authority: that is, who/what properly sets, for the uncritical mass mind, what is true or false, right or wrong, for us or against us. For example, a government that skillfully wraps itself in the Flag and brandishes the Cross can cause huge numbers of normal, nonaggressive Americans to abandon conscientious thought, then accept the dropping of napalm or depleted uranium on millions of innocent (usually non-Caucasian) civilians—without a care or a teardrop—for absolutely any fairy-tale reason whatsoever.

Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities. — Voltaire

The "authority" assumption by the government is specially designed to take advantage of the susceptibility of many human individuals to yield their independent judgment to an external agent... as we will discuss under "Internal Cause" for the Barrier Cloud below.

It is important to grasp that such a government—government of, by, and for "the Unspeakable"—is part of a HUGE, extensive, longstanding system of mind control that serves the Entity... i.e. a concealed elite of defective ones (root ASL-defect afflicted) who have no qualms about the most vicious atrocities and disasters, or otherwise destroying "useless eaters."⁶

⁶ Apparently the term originated after Thomas Malthus wrote about the issue of population. But a 1974 government report under auspices of NSA Director Henry Kissinger referred to a large percentage of the human population as "useless eaters." And it

Cure to the External Cause

Breaking down the causation of the Barrier Cloud into external and internal origins helps to distinguish between the types of cures, antidotes, or solutions appropriate to each cause. For the external cause of the BC—aside from simple exposure of the truth⁷ in whatever journalistic channels available—the SNaP becomes a dagger to the heart, the ultimate antidote, to the ASL-driven central power hierarchy.

All the depredations of the Entity—via governments or state-corporations—entail aggression, most of it presented as entirely legal and moral for governments to perform. The SNaP—as a radical *no-prohibition, no-compulsion, no-privilege, no-exceptions* moral ideal—plays as a trump card to any Entity rationalization of aggressive force. Remember from Gandhi's confrontation with the British Empire in India: when the agency of aggression loses its moral authority, it loses, period... quickly and decisively. The agency then must abandon aggression, its life blood, and say Good Night, John Boy.

stuck to ol' Henry, never one to be accused of sloppy sentimentality for his species.

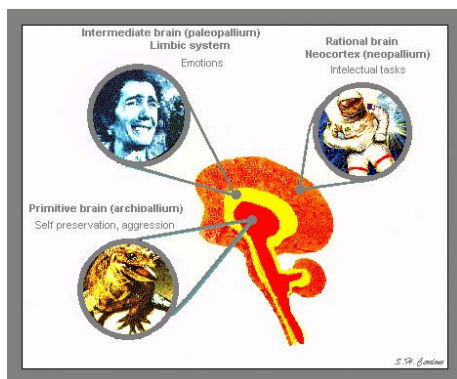
⁷ The Coffee Coaster has presented on a regular basis reviews of books, movies, and columns that expose "the Unspeakable" phenomenon: e.g. 9/11 truth, JFK assassination and other major government crimes and coverups, roots of specific wars, nature of the corporation, the Fed, media mind control and so on. Every germ of truth that works its way into the culture's consciousness helps to end the **horribly brutal** reign of the Entity.

But whether or not the Truth and the SNaP materialize politically, the removal from humanity of parasitical aggression will not go smoothly or sustainably unless we address the internal cause of the Barrier Cloud:

Internal Cause—Lower-Brain Function__

Now let's consider the internal source of the Cloud: I've tentatively pictured the barrier as a cloud, as it suggests a lowering of the average person's clarity of thought.

But what I've come to see is the internal cause rests with common brain structures and circuitry. At one stage of human evolution these



structures were appropriate to survival, but today are messing us up badly. Specifically, I'm referring to the limbic system, sometimes called the paleomammalian brain. The 'tweener' brain shown in the figure in the lighter color.

The limbic system is to the entire human brain as puberty is to adulthood, especially in terms of how we manage deep urges or emotions... like sex, affection, fear, anxiety, and social acceptability. I've discussed the limbic system in my Coffee Coaster columns, and originally paid attention to its political

relevance when Dr. Barbara Oakley described the structure at some length in her book with the flamboyant title: *Evil Genes: Why Rome fell, Hitler rose, Enron failed, and my sister stole my mother's boyfriend.*

Limbic System Function

Aside from being reactive and emotional the limbic system, the "for us or against us" processor, can foster slavish, even ferocious, conformance to authority... which many of us have trouble letting go of. {Even today a large percentage of Americans believe Saddam Hussein was behind the 9/11 attacks, an impression carefully cultivated in the mind-control media by the ASL-carrier Bush administration in the years leading up to the 2003 Iraq Invasion.}

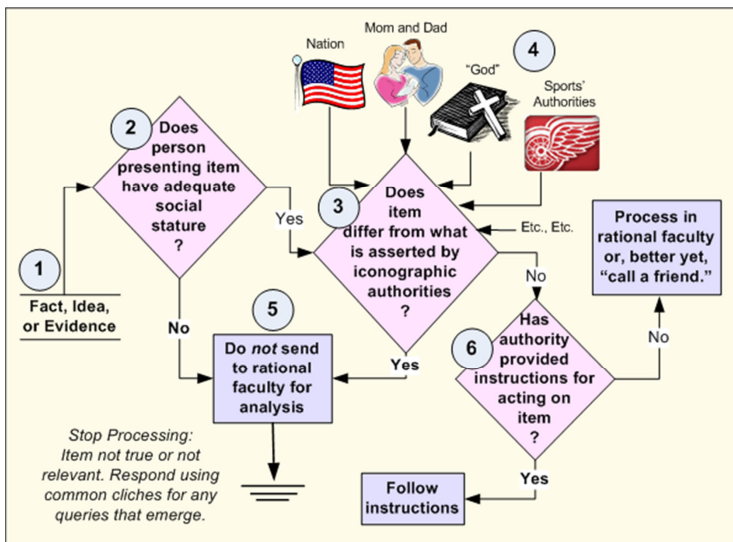


Figure 4.3: The Stuck Limbic System

Figure 4.3 provides a layman's view of the social context of how the limbic system often filters out factual data from rational consideration—we can call it the Stuck Limbic System (SLS) syndrome. The diagram is actually of a primitive or "atavistic" limbic system, i.e. one not suitably managed or affected by the higher-level brain. {Unfortunately, the stunted condition is overwhelmingly the reality today. Thus, it is the fundamental internal cause of the Barrier Cloud... requiring the most attention.} Let's look at the diagrammed process one step at a time:

1. **The limbic system brain (LSB)** starts with a stimulus from the external world, that could be as large as a whole system of ideas—say global warming or the official story of 9/11—or as small as a simple fact (the Keeling Curve⁸ or "no Boeing 757 aircraft debris at the Pentagon"). In general, think of step one as any life-affecting object presented to one's consciousness.
2. **In this step, the LSB perceives** who or what has referred the object of consciousness, and that person's social standing. The thumbs-up or thumbs-down judgment is actually an emotion, and occurs instantaneously; if

⁸ A graph showing the variation in concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide since 1958. It is based on continuous measurements taken at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii under the supervision of Charles David Keeling.

‘adequate social standing,’ the LSB passes the object to the next decision point, step 3.

3. **In Step 3**, another quick but more thorough emotional evaluation occurs based on all the authorities that have become part of the individual's "constellation of what to believe" or other biological urges—from sex and hunger to "fright-flight"—that drive us.
4. **The area identified as #4** shows only a few symbols, which indicate the many strong motivations a person can experience at this level of brain. "Etc., etc." can include teachers, movie stars, a good friend, radio personalities like Rush Limbaugh, and of course any of the myriad TV talking boneheads.

What the masses regard as LSB "authorities" or motivators has probably been studied more—certainly by the Entity—than any other subject in history... mainly because of the political and/or commercial success the controllers can achieve by knowing what the stunted LSB goes ape for.

5. **The crucial step in our process** is shown as #5: if the person presenting the object of consciousness lacks authority and none of the LSB's common standing authorities or biological urges supports the object—either as a fact or as a required action—then the stunted LSB stops processing and accepts authority.

{It is at here at Step 5 that the LSB in a rational consciousness does not cut off, rather it submits the object of consciousness to the critical-thinking process.} Critical thinking requires an individual to have an independent, reality-grounded philosophical foundation. Otherwise, there is no basis for judging what is true or false, right or wrong.

6. **Step 6 is the followup part** of the process in the event that the authority-and-influence systems give the object of consciousness a "Go." In general whatever fact or idea or action is being considered will be accompanied by authoritative instructions that do not require any conceptual heavy lifting.

So that's a short description of how a limbic system (mal)functions when it is not enveloped and directed by the rational, independent mind. And you can see the survival value of that lower-level, primitive functionality to a social organism eons ago: When our little band of hunter-gatherers is out on the African plain, and team leader Jaboo grunts, "Lion that way, we go this way," those who wait a



Photo: Green Jay by G. Gibbons
Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

millisecond to independently okay the data often wind up unavailable for procreation.

The key issue with continued prevalence of the stunted LSB is it makes humanity highly susceptible to infection by the defective ASL-syndrome disease. Certainly the history of the West, from domination by the Church of Rome to current domination by the “Church of Bank”—interrupted briefly by the Enlightenment and the Constitutional-libertarian republic of the United States—, demonstrates the reality and severity of the Barrier Cloud condition.

If the BC persists,⁹ the parasitic ASL-afflicted humans “win,” and we all go down the tubes. {The ASL syndrome is a type of parasite that ultimately kills its host and thus itself. ASL-afflicted humans are incapable of independent survival.} So we desperately need to stop the disease, particularly at the level of the internal cause: we need to help the vast majority of normal, nonaggressively inclined humans become immune to the external ASL threat... through simple reason and spiritual enlightenment.

⁹ In keeping with my newfound habit of staying as light as possible, I have not made a point of how horrific and brutal the effects of the ASL syndrome are. It is painful to look at the ASL-disease progression without turning one's head. A naturalist friend likens it to the lead-pipe cruel self-destruction of the African lions in a recent Smithsonian Magazine.

The Jesus Salient

This is the term I came up with as the best expression for the combination of reason and spiritual growth standing the best chance to cure “stunted limbic system processing”... and penetrate the Barrier Cloud, one consciousness at a time.

What I had not appreciated until recently is that the act of asserting one's own understanding and commitment to the truth is a spiritual move: one is stepping up from the emotional-perceptual functioning of an automaton (as in Figure 4.3 above) into a new world of concepts that breathe life for you as a unique being deserving the joy of true-self realization.

Rationality is the original act of creation that embarks a human being on the journey to enlightenment, to the next stage of human evolution. I cannot see how one becomes spiritually alive without embracing the rigorous identification of reality, the pursuit of objective truth as a holy mission.

But I've also seen how reason can be twisted through false external authority into another form of spiritual stunting. So it's important to "feel" rationality as the light leading the way toward another enchanting word: atonement... that is, being at one with the divine life force within you. In order to reach that state one must "let loose" a bit from the world of words, let go, in particular, of the need to appear right at the

lower level of mind. Instead be right by walking through the door of eternal presence. I know, sounds weird, especially if you're used to hanging out with left-brained Objectivists and libertarians.

Analogy

Each of us has a potential infinite internal peace symbolized by the ocean. The ocean, of course, consists of a surface, representing the affairs our daily lives—what some spiritual teachers refer to as the world of form—and a great depth of water, representing the vast reality of our souls, as infinite as the universe itself. We are the ocean in its entirety, and sometimes the little waves on the top become bigger waves, but they are insignificant when compared to the Great Depth of each of us.

I'm a Randian by history, and, indeed, I recently watched and reviewed both *Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life* and *The Passion of Ayn Rand*. They both moved me to see the value of natural philosophy and the truth of things as determined by the most sustained effort of honest intellect one can muster. Key word: honest. Rationality is not a word game, it's the first step toward reaching what we were meant to be, that eternity of awareness manifested in the Now.

The external source of the Barrier Cloud—namely, the ASL-afflicted humans who sadly know nothing but domination and manipulation—has a well-developed artifice of words and other symbols for manipulation. In some respects, you could say the

Entity (*a la* the Matrix) is "rational." But it has no soul. All the so-called reasoning justifying aggression—from "(coercive) taxation is the price we pay for civilization" to "we must make the world safe for democracy"—is so much flak composing the Barrier Cloud itself.

That's why I see the best route for disrupting the antihuman carrier frequency of the stunted limbic system as "spiritual awakening." As a practical matter, millions of people see Jesus as the supreme spiritual teacher. So I'm invoking him to sell spiritual growth in a rational direction.

Considering the lilies of the field _____

Candidly, gentle readers, I must confess that at best I myself am only somewhere down the road to spiritual enlightenment, perhaps tantalizingly close but not there. Thus, I lack certainty that spiritual enlightenment is the dead-solid perfect solution for the stunted limbic system, where so many people blindly yield to life-threatening authority and enable a mindless world of aggression.

But I do have a very good hunch that way.

I want to end this module by drawing from Eckhart Tolle's book, *The Power of Now*, the many significant references to Jesus' ideas. In each of the sayings or concepts, I feel, lies a kernel pointing to the "Deep Ocean" of what we're a part of. The enlightenment such musings portend is so powerful that it blows away all the trifling unconsciousness of

our time, just as the SNaP so totally wipes out the ASL external threat.

Note: I'm not going to do a lot of my own writing for these excerpts. Not because I'm lazy but because I want the reader to experience the thought without my noise... with as little mental noise of any kind as possible. Please try to experience the silence from which the sounds come, the space from which the objects arise, and even the stillness surrounding the thoughts stated. And I would especially appreciate comments or contributions to my blog¹⁰ on these items.

1. **You "become as a branch cut off from the vine."** (p 39) Identification with the mind, the basic mechanics of the unconscious state. {In Tolle's world, excessive mind is "monkey brain," a compulsive word-generator that obscures rather than enlightens.}
2. **"Take no thought for the morrow,** for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." "Nobody who puts his hands to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Per Tolle: "No one seems to realize that (the sayings of Jesus) are meant to be lived and so bring about a profound inner transformation." (p 43)
3. The Now is central to the teaching of Sufism, the mystical branch of Islam. Meister Eckhart,

¹⁰ brianrwright.com/CoffeeCoasterBlog/

13th century spiritual teacher, sums it up:

"Time is what keeps the light from reaching us.

There is no greater obstacle to God than time."

(p 44)

4. You do not seek permanency where it cannot be found. **Everything is honored, but nothing matters.** Forms are born and die, yet you are aware of the eternal underneath the forms. You know that 'nothing real can be threatened.' (p 58)
5. **Why are you always anxious?** Jesus asks his disciples. "Can anxious thought add a single day to your life?" (p 63)
6. **"What shall it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul?"** (p 74)
7. Jesus uses the idea of waiting. **"Be like a servant waiting for the return of the master."** He stays awake, poised, alert, because he does not know. He is totally present. The five careless (unconscious) women who do not have enough oil (consciousness) to keep their lamps burning (stay present) and so miss the bridegroom (the Now) and don't get to the wedding feast (enlightenment). Even the men who wrote the gospels did not understand the meaning of these parables; these are parables not about the end of the world but about the end of psychological time. (p 79)

8. **Jesus' parable of the lost son**, who leaves his father's house, squanders wealth, becomes destitute, and is forced by his suffering to return home. Father loves him more than before. Journey from unconscious perfection to apparent imperfection and "evil" to conscious perfection. (p83)
9. **Christ the divine presence**. "Before Abraham was, I am." {and so are we} Zen-like. Great profundity. (p 86)
10. **"Your whole body will be filled with light."**
Belief that Jesus never relinquishes his body but remains one with it and ascends into heaven. Pro inner body, the means for spiritual realization. (p 95)
11. As long as you are in conscious contact with your inner body you are like **a tree that is deeply rooted in the earth** or a building with a deep and solid foundation. The latter analogy is used by Jesus in the generally misunderstood parable of the two men who build a house. One man builds it on the sand, without a foundation, and when the storms and floods come, the house is swept away. The other man digs deep until he reaches the rock, then builds his house, which is not swept away. (p 99)
{Same page: before you enter the body, forgive. Jesus: "**Before you enter the temple, forgive.**" In Tolle's lexicon, to forgive means to accept reality as real.}

12. The Unmanifested does not liberate you until you enter it consciously. Jesus does not say: the truth will make you free, but: "**You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**" This is not a conceptual truth. It is the truth of eternal life beyond form, known directly or not at all. (p 110)
13. ... you feel the God essence in every creature, every flower, every stone, and you realize: "All that is, is holy." This is why Jesus, speaking entirely from his essence or Christ identity, says in the Gospel of Thomas: "**Split a piece of wood, I am there.** Lift up a stone, and you will find me there." (p 111)
14. If some cosmic convulsion brings about the end of our world, the Unmanifested will remain unaffected. A Course in Miracles expresses it: "**Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists.** Herein lies the peace of God." (p 115)
15. If you remain in conscious connection with the Unmanifested, you value, love, and deeply respect the manifested and every life form in it as an expression of the One Life beyond form. You also know that every form is destined to dissolve again and that ultimately nothing out here matters all that much. You have "overcome the world," in the words of Jesus, or, per the Buddha, **you have "crossed over to the other shore."** (p 115)

The page numbers are from the book.

Cultivation Practice

I will state that along the lines of spiritual practice, I have become a practitioner of Falun Dafa.¹¹ It's a Chinese "way" that believes in "truth, compassion, and benevolence." The movement has also been severely persecuted by the Chinese government, thousands of practitioners imprisoned and tortured. From what I can see and do now, Falun Dafa and the freedom movement look like the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

The Dafa talks about "attachments" (read addictions, e.g. drink, women, Monday Night Football) and engaging the power of the universe to help the cravings cease and step up to inner peace and health. It's certainly true that as one lets go of false needs, those "authority drivers" in the stunted limbic system brain become diminished. As self-consciousness emerges, we also see the nature of aggression. To know aggression is to end aggression. The SNaP is an integral part of spiritual awakening... and vice versa.

May the SNaP be with us.

The next module works out the details.

¹¹ Ref. www.clearwisdom.net

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