

There are many races that still carry elements of this child phase. They are beautiful and necessary and they are all a part of you. Merge with and be bonded to the earth as the gift that God gave, sustaining that reverence, listening to the earth as a living being. And yet don't be bound to it as the sole source of God or the sole aspect of unity.

These peoples that portrayed the child phase were also feeling very separate, one from each other, and would become very suspicious, would create boundaries. This was the beginning of using separation as an aspect of protection such as the animals do. If you were to study animals, you would understand the childhood phase well. They demonstrate both harmonious existence with each other as well as distinct and definite boundaries to the point of killing. Most only use those boundaries that would involve killing when necessary. It does not even occur to them, consciously, to use them otherwise. The separation, the need for protection, only arises in the obvious moment of need. It is not premeditated or designed and the rest of the time they're in a symbiotic unity with earth and all beings around them.

Adolescence

*T*he next great phase of human consciousness development is the adolescent. As we go further into this, you will recognize more and more of what you feel and see. The adolescent staging of consciousness is the ultimate in feeling absolutely separate from all other beings. It is a constant need to protect, developing premeditation, employing the boundaries and tactics of protection well ahead of the moment of need, beginning to live in the structures, belief systems and identity of absolute separation and perpetually needing protection.

The adolescent stage of consciousness is war-like, ready to kill, fight, destroy or be destroyed. It believes that by destroying the physical form, the one who looks through the eyes has also been destroyed. There is the temporary belief of lifetime. There is no concept of eternal beingness, that the physical form is only a visitation being passed through. There is a strong belief that to kill is to end, and to kill an entire country will end that country's power, belief system, and spirit.

Adolescence is the age of domination. It is a time of tremendous pain, tremendous anguish. Do you recognize this stage of human consciousness? Do you find it within yourself? If you were to look within the human brain, you would see a bright energy formation around a very singular, condensed sense of "I am this." Not the "I am this" said while looking upon the

mountains and lake and village, but the “I am this” said while looking only at one’s own form.

This stage creates great strength within the form, great agility, and tremendous powers of mind. The mind is ever active, strongly declaring, “I am this” to all others. In every statement of “I am this” there is a boundary: “I am not that, and *you* are not this.” There is a beauty in this adolescent, a virile, streaming, shining beauty. It is perhaps the most virile of the stages, and the one the human being has enjoyed for a long time.

It is easy to find the door into this stage of consciousness. The male lion, the dominant wolf, the king, the prince, the knight - we have many forms that demonstrate. And yet in this illustrious time of separation is the worst suffering, the worst destruction. Entire races of human beings are destroyed, humiliated and shamed, told that they should not exist, that they are nothing and worthless and not equal. Perhaps the greatest debts of karma are created in this stage of consciousness. And so the human being has been bound here, where karma must be carried forth. The wheel must turn around.

It is very difficult for the human being to leave this space, to return backwards or to move forward. Their identity is built deep and wide around this stage of consciousness. *I am this. I have a first name, a middle name, a last name; I have a family, I have ancestors; I have a lineage of profession, of actions; I have a hierarchy that I sit within.* Find all the identities, all the labels and names that you carry - they come from this phase.

As you look upon different cultures, you can see which consciousness phase is most manifesting. And when there is a large degree of that within the world, then that is telling you that the human being is there. Even though there are elders and sages, teachers and Buddhas, and always have been, the massive manifesting of consciousness occurs together. The human being is one great being. And those that move through the phases into the light, the masters, the enlightened ones, assist that growth. They nurture the human being forward as a whole, giving it religion, patterns, songs, pictures and understandings to urge them forward out of their bondage, forward into truth. Becoming truth - that's what it's all about.