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THE INITIATE'S JOURNEY TO THE MASTER TEACHER

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I have set up this school from elder times in which the initiates were either selected by a master teacher, their fathers sent them, or the initiates started the journey from a different part of the world to find the teacher and the school, a super school set apart from the madness of the marketplace. They had to live through the journey, the desert, and hostile tribes of robbers, highwaymen, and merchants to find it. We could take all of that and put it in modern-day terms: deceivers, the marketplace, the highway, and people surviving on a day-to-day basis. Imagine trekking across some forbidden, arid continent and having to spend your night under the stars or by some limpid pool. In the hopes of keeping your mind on finding your master so that destiny and that silver cord of want and desire will not be broken by anything that harms you, along the way you learn to be clever and outwit any danger. You learn to then pass from one land into another land, from one principality into a land that is forested with all of its creatures, predators, its indigenous people, and its tribes.

So many great initiates in antiquity walked those paths that went through the jungles and forests which led to the highest peaks in Turkey, the highest peaks of the roof of the world, those meadows with ferocious beasts, with indigenous tribespeople and cannibalistic monkeys on the scent. If you are endeavoring to have no scent, eat no meat and you will not smell like it. Initiates had to learn to keep their silver cord connection unbroken to reach the door of the master's abode. This is all a true story. This has all happened.

If you survived the journey to get there, it allowed you to already own the world of highwaymen, robbers, deceivers, social consciousness, and fear. To be absolutely caught up in the imagination of your fear, thinking that the shadows that lurk under the moon are all treacherous, would nearly cause your heart to break in one night. Living through the treachery of shadows cures it in the mind as well.

The long journey to the high places of knowledge, which supersedes common human beings, is born, and the fire lives in a few. If they are lost along the way, it will be reflected in another life. In today's civilization all of these horrors and terrors are now confined within a city block, on a freeway, or the Internet, so nothing changes. It changes form but it doesn't really change. The students who walk through all of these landscapes to find their teacher are the ones who are going to make it out of here, and they live in the future. They live elsewhere.

In coming to school, your life is like the journey and romance of students leaving their homeland, their father's house, their mother's house, looking for greater knowledge — a desire of destiny that is a future place that lives in the mountains somewhere — and finding it. That is where they are going. They are finding that silver thread, their lifeline, that unfolds them into the future and their destiny and takes them through all of this morass.

You only had to move here from Illinois, New Jersey, terrible jungle, Los Angeles — lost angels, literally — and you are here at school. Coming to the great school and knocking on your master's door is about finding that silver cord and remembering why you came here. In this modern-day romance novel where teachers are very rare to find — a lot of wannabe people out there are stopped along the way — the true journey of becoming extraordinary is what you have come here to find.

As I said in the old days in your time, the Antichrist, the saboteur, is the personality. The structure of the personality is a very dangerous place. It might as well be the jungles of India, the arid places and the forests of Turkey, the highwaymen, the robbers, the treacherous people, and the unsafe shadows. It might as well be all of that, because it is. The personality is all the knowledge you know in your father's house and your mother's house. When you walk right outside that door, all of the world will be based upon what you learned in your father's house and your mother's house. It will be in your genes. It will be in your culture. It will be in your neighborhood. The entire world is contained on the doorstep of your father's house, your mother's house. Isn't it interesting that the whole world, the whole future, is framed by the experiences, those things that happened to you right outside of your father's house before you even started the journey to the master in the Far North. Your whole world and your opinions are based upon what you learned in your father's house and your mother's house. Just imagine the whole world, billions of planets, the journey from here to the top of the mountain where the great school is, all of it can be assumed by the people who live in that house. They base their whole interpretation on where they have lived. That is their world-view.

People speak with absolute certitude about something they know nothing about. They say, "You are never going to make it. You are going to go there to India or to that great mountain. You are never going to make it." Their world-view is based upon that house. The moment they take a hundred steps away from their father's house, their world-view is about to change.

Great students who came into this life took the journey to find their teacher. They had to make the journey and traverse continents, cross raging rivers, be a part of villages, indigenous peoples, highwaymen, robbers, deceivers, and be afraid of shadows at night. What allowed them their connection to find their master teacher in the great school hidden in the mountains at the roof of the world was abiding that silver cord that kept their mind arriving at their master's house at the end of the journey. When they were afraid at night, all they thought about was that door opening and entering to begin the work of the higher order, the Great Work, to understand themselves in a deeper, more meaningful way. They are initiates of the Great Work. When their minds went to that imaginative door — not knowing what it looks like but knowing that it opens and they get to come in — they were able to have a world-view that transcended the campfire in Turkey outside the forests and being robbed, or indigenous people asking where you are going and saying you will never make it across the river, across that desert, and that landscape. The world-view of those people ends there but the initiate's doesn't.

This is not an allegory. It is a true story. It has always happened to a select being, a select few, whether initiated by their parents to study under a teacher in a school far away or by the students themselves who have elected to come here to this school. The one thing they are clear and know is that there is knowledge they have come here to find, and they are going to find it. They make their way here, which means that the silver cord has connected them as destiny to the master's house. In the mind of the master, the master picks up that cord and knows they are coming. Then the initiation is happening to the student who is going through all these perils and overcoming the fears of their mind, their world-view, and their thoughts. How they thought things were isn't necessarily the way they are at all. Their father's house has now disappeared.

By the time the student arrives, the student's greatest celebration is that he has found his master teacher and the master teacher accepts him into the class. A whole different work can now begin because the student is already here and the deconstructing of his world-view or his personality was overcome, which started a hundred yards from his father's house or the hovel he left behind to make the solitary journey to find the Great Work and the school.

The greatest of our students then would be those who really have worked on deconstructing and mastering the concepts of who they thought they were and changing in their mind to become who they are. Their ideas don't have to go through the personality anymore. They are simply ideas that are taken, initiated upon, the body then experiences them in life, and now we have a whole different perception. We are two hundred yards outside of our father's house, and we will make it. We will make it to Turkey. We will make it to the mountains, from the mountains across the river, and from the river into the long desert. From that we will exist through those tribes. We will not be eaten by wild animals. We will not be hunted down. We will not be drowned by raging waters, by the torrents of life. We will have a world-view that will change all the way to where we rap on the door of our master's house. By the time we arrive there, we will have already conquered everything that our personality was — everything.

— Ramtha

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