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Chapter One

Man and woman, reflections of the
masculine and feminine principles

There are two fundamental principles in the universe, and these are reflected in all of nature and all of life. The whole of creation is the work of these two principles – the masculine and the feminine. In order to bear fruit, these two principles must of necessity work together; separately they are unproductive. That is why they are always searching for each other. Nothing is more important for beings than to meet their complementary principle. Each man and woman is an expression of the masculine and feminine principles in the world, and we could say that their greatest problems derive from a mistaken understanding of this subject.

Consciously or unconsciously, all creatures react in the same way to the question of the two principles: they all consider it extremely important. When a man thinks he has found the complementary principle he needs in a particular woman, he is ready to abandon everything. Even

if he is a king, he is capable of abandoning his kingdom and his subjects, his army and his riches, simply for a woman. So what does this woman have that makes a nation with millions of subjects pale in comparison? It is not really the woman herself he is looking for but the complementary principle, because nothing is more important. And a woman does the same: she will stand up to her entire family and to the whole world, if need be, to follow the man she loves. Is she wrong? Not at all. The heavenly Father and Mother nature, his spouse, have inscribed this law in the human heart: *'Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.'* It is written deep within beings that they must seek their complementary principle. But not everyone is always conscious of it, because this seeking takes very different forms, depending on the areas where it occurs: science, philosophy, art, religion and so on.

Why does a man fall in love with one particular woman to the exclusion of all others? Because this woman corresponds to something in himself, and this something is in fact the other part of his being. Human beings are polarized, and this polarization compels them to seek the other part of themselves in women or in men, and even in the Lord. Whatever may seem to be the case, they are always looking for the other part of themselves.

Mystics say they are seeking God. In reality, what they call God is only the complementary part of themselves, with which they are seeking to become one, to fuse, so as to become a whole and perfect entity. Until then, they feel incomplete and mutilated. All beings seek only to find their complementary principle – what Initiatic Science calls the ‘twin soul’ – in order to be fulfilled. It is only the form they seek it in that is different.

Every human being has a twin soul. When humans first sprang, like flames or sparks, from the bosom of the Creator, they were two in one, and these two parts completed each other perfectly; each one was the perfect half of the other. Yes, in the beginning, humans were both man and woman, complete beings we call androgynous. Later on, over the course of evolution, the two poles of this unity – the positive and negative – divided. That is when the separation of the sexes took place, and each half left to evolve his or her own part separately. If these two halves are able to recognize one another during their evolution, it is because they each bear the image of the other within the depths of their being; each one is marked by the seal of the other. So everyone has the image of their twin soul inside them. This image is very hazy but it exists. It is why each person comes to earth with the vague hope of meeting a soul somewhere who will provide everything he or she needs and

that there will be an indescribable harmony and bonding between them.

You all know this, because you have never stopped believing that you would meet this beloved soul whose face you know. You carry this image inside you, but so deeply buried that you can't distinguish it clearly. When you meet a man or a woman, sometimes you say, 'This is the one!' as if there was suddenly a fusion between this being and the image you carry inside you. Your life is transformed, and you do all you can to find the person again. Each time you meet them or talk to them, everything becomes wonderful, life flows in you, and you progress in all areas of your life. But after a period of intimacy, you discover that this being is not really what you expected. You are disappointed, and you leave him or her to begin your search again. Once again, you think you have found your soul mate in another being, and you experience the same joy, the same inspiration – you are in love again. But the same story is repeated, and once again you realize that this is not the being you were looking for. This is true for women and men alike – no one is spared. But one day, this meeting of the two principles really must take place, because love between the two principles is more powerful than anything.

Twin souls are everything to one another; no other being in the world can fulfil them in the

same way. So, all the people you have met since the beginning of all your many incarnations, the husbands or wives you have had, the lovers or mistresses, all have left you because they were not for you. You were together perhaps for a time, but like a pot and lid that didn't fit, whereas two souls created together by God are absolutely made for one another – nothing can separate them, and they have no fear that they will ever be separated. When, in a couple, one or the other is afraid that their partner may be seduced (and in fact there is nothing to prevent that from happening!), it means that this partner is not the true beloved, the soul mate. A woman loves a man, but he leaves her for another; a man loves a woman, but she abandons him... Twin souls, on the other hand, recognize one another with absolute certainty and can never leave one another.

Human beings meet their twin soul twelve times during all their incarnations on earth. But, most often, this meeting proves fatal, because the conditions of life on earth are not conducive to the realization of such perfect, absolute love.

Now, do not misunderstand me: just because you have just learned that your husband or your wife is definitely not your twin soul, it does not mean that you can justify leaving them! On the contrary, at that moment you must realize you are

like two associates who have work to do together, and you have to get on well together until you are parted by death.

From a philosophical point of view, we could say that our twin soul is part of us, the opposite pole of ourselves. If we are here below, the other pole is on high, communing with heaven, with the angels, with God in perfection and plenitude. That is why in all initiations disciples were taught how to unite with this other pole. In India, *jnana* yoga gives methods thanks to which the yogis achieve unity with their higher self, for in uniting with their higher self they become one with God himself.¹

In Greece, we find the same idea expressed in the formula inscribed on the facade of the temple at Delphi: 'Know yourself'. Obviously, knowing ourselves does not mean knowing our character, good or bad, with its qualities or faults; no, that would be too simple. The book of Genesis says, '*The man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain*'. True knowledge is a fusion of the two principles. '*Know yourself*' means: find the other pole within yourself and you will become a divinity. If you are a man, the other pole is a woman, and you will know her as a lover knows his beloved – not completely in the same way, of course, for this fusion, this knowledge, takes place not on the physical plane but in the subtle realms

of light. It is when you enter this light that you become one with yourself.

This precept can be found expressed a little differently in the Gospels: *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'*² This implies that we can communicate with the Lord only through our higher ego. That is also what Christ meant when he said, *'No one comes to the Father except through me.'* The Christ is the symbol of the Son of God, existing as a spark in each soul. By linking with their higher soul, humans link to the Christ principle, which is everywhere, in all souls, and through this principle they are linked to God. You can only reach God through your higher ego, since it is your higher ego that contains everything and that represents what is the best and purest in yourself. That is why all spiritual doctrines teach people how to distance themselves from the material, physical realms by employing their thoughts to raise themselves up to the sublime world of the Divinity, the principle of their higher soul. And as a polarization always exists, a link – an affinity, a sympathy – is created with the complementary principle, for the masculine is always attracted by the feminine and the feminine by the masculine.

All beings possess the other principle in themselves; they can find God only through the other

principle. That is why woman finds God through man, because man represents the other principle and because it is this principle that links her to the heavenly Father. And man can find the Divinity only through the feminine principle, whether it is a woman, nature itself (which is a feminine principle) or the divine Mother. But without this feminine principle, there is no enthusiasm, no inspiration, no work, nothing. And without the presence of the masculine principle, the feminine principle remains formless, inert and sterile. Go and study how nature does things: you will see how the sun, which is the masculine principle, projects light and heat, and everything is given life.

Each one of you is looking for your twin soul. But be aware that Initiatic Science tells us that we can find nothing outside that we have not already found inside, for even what you meet outwardly you will pass by without seeing, if you have not already found it inwardly. The more you discover beauty inside, the more you will perceive it outside you on the physical plane. Perhaps you think that, if you didn't see it before, it wasn't there... Yes, it was there, but it remained invisible, because inside you something was not yet awakened or developed. But now you have seen it inside you, you see it outside too, because the outer world is only a reflection of the inner world. Never look

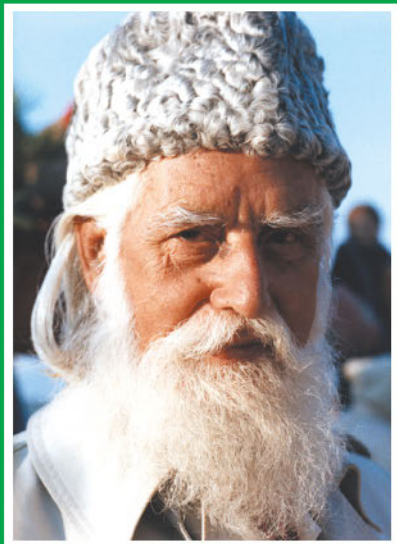
for something outside you if you have not first made the effort to find it on the inside. When you have seen and found your twin soul inside in your meditations and contemplations, you will find it everywhere in the whole world, in faces, lakes, mountains, plants and birds, and you will hear its voice.

That is an important truth to know for all those who love each other, otherwise their relationship or their marriage will be a catastrophe. If a man has found the feminine principle inside himself, and the woman the masculine principle inside herself, and they want to serve this principle and work for it, then yes, let them love each other, let them marry – their love will be a source of blessings! That is why the woman must see the heavenly Father through the man she loves, because, symbolically, this man is the representative of God on earth. And he should see the divine Mother in his beloved and love this divine Mother, contemplate her, serve her.³ Then, all treasures will open before them, and they will live day and night in rapture, ecstasy and beauty. Otherwise, they will be disappointed, they will suffer, and they will begin to speak with disgust about men or women. Quite simply because what they knew of each other was neither the soul nor the spirit, but rags, old clothes, sickness... That is what happens to those who have not wanted to know these truths. They have fled the initiatic

school, they haven't wanted to learn, and they fall flat on their face. When humans spurn the light that could open their eyes and light their path, they punish themselves.

Notes

1. See *'Et il me montra un fleuve d'eau de la vie'*, Part VI, chap. 3: 'Le Moi supérieur. La descente du Saint-Esprit'.
2. See *'You Are Gods'*, Part III, chap. 5: 'You shall love the Lord your God'.
3. See *The Seeds of Happiness*, Izvor Coll. n° 231, chap. 20: 'Fusion on the higher planes'.



The Bulgarian philosopher, teacher and spiritual Master, Omraam Mikhaël Aïvanhov (1900-1986), moved to France in 1937. His work deals with the many aspects of initiatic science, but he says, 'I have particularly tried to clarify one subject: the two natures of human beings, their higher nature and their lower nature, because this is the key to resolving all problems.'

'There are two fundamental principles in the universe, and these are reflected in all of nature and all of life. All creation is the work of the two principles, the masculine and the feminine, which are a reflection, a repetition, of the two cosmic creative principles, known as the heavenly Father and the divine Mother. You will see the two principles everywhere in nature in different forms and dimensions. You will also see them in humans, not only in their physical body but in their psyche, where the spirit and the mind represent the masculine principle, and the heart and soul the feminine principle. In order to bear fruit, these two principles must of necessity work together; separately they are unproductive. That is why they are always searching for each other.'

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