# New Religion Understand and Save Your Soul



Kattia Watson on the author George M. Grow and his Books of Life

#### Find the Path

Countless people have taken a religious path, and almost all spiritual paths lead into darkness, not to knowledge, not to eternity and happiness, the actual goals of human life, but to a beautiful but unrealistic dream.

### Grounded by the Facts

Idealism is the first source of spiritual misjudgment. This is the view that all matter is a product of the mind (God). This misconception leads us to believe that the totality of matter is nothing more or less than a (Godwilled) illusion. Humankind's task would be to liberate the soul from matter by "separation".

However, the first, fundamental and eternal entity is not the mind or consciousness, but the material world. Matter, from Latin "materia", related to "mater", mother, is the mother of all things and all non-things. In a certain way,

the mind has matter at its command, but it cannot exist without it, without gray matter. An architect can draw up a plan, but without matter, they can neither conceive it nor they can realize what is planned.

# On the Way to the New Religion

The first to protest strongly against idealistic beliefs was the Dutch rationalist Baruch de Spinoza (1632-1677). He rigorously follows the materialistic method conceived by René Descartes: Only the mathematical way of thinking leads to truth. The more the human mind knows, the better it recognizes its forces and the order of nature, the easier it can direct itself, set rules and avoid useless things. God is the Totality of Nature.

Occidental religion is not just about worship and evocation. Ever since Greek antiquity, it has primarily been about helping the not-so-perfect world of the gods in their everlasting creation.

"Higher spirituality," notes
George Grow in "The Integral
Consciousness", "is not the denial
of material reality, but its
penetration. Not a flight into hopes
that will never be fulfilled, nor a
faith to dwell on, but a faith that
bears us across the sea of
uncertainty to new shores."

## The New (Functional) Faith

In connection with the approach of "functional faith", Grow refers to the discoverer Christopher

Columbus, although he never reached India. Here the close relation between beneficial rituals and solid scientific experiments appears, but also to Grow's favorite apologists of "scientific spirituality" such as Rilke, Kafka and Heidegger.

In the Search of Meaning, the Bigger Picture, God and the New Spirituality

In general, it can be predicted that their theology begins with Spinoza: "God is the infinite substance, constant in its properties."

This does not mean that the world is godless; the divine is immanent in matter, "the being to be understood from within itself", that there can only be one single substance. Consequently, this substance with all its properties is infinite and absolute and was equated with God by Spinoza.

The cosmos (or universe) itself is this substance, there is nothing outside of it, it is in nothing else, and thus all objects are properties of this substance. Therefore, one of Spinoza's main ideas is that God is present in all beings. It is common to call this theory pantheism (from Greek pan: everything, and from theos, God).

God? From the Impersonal to the Personal View

However, research did not stop at Spinoza, just as lived spirituality was not satisfied with mathematical or physical discoveries. In blind, Colombian devotion, the Substance reveals properties, which are inherent only in the Totality of Matter, in the whole being (the universe). "The whole is more than the sum of all its parts", just as man is more than the sum of all his cells, simply because he has mind and consciousness.

If we compare the human being with a cell, the question is: How can a cell gain knowledge about its parent organism and get in contact with it?

### Get to Know God Personally

In addition, as George Grow states in "The Invisible Power", there are different types of cells that are available to the organism in different ways. Brain cells have a different position and function than tissue cells. Eye cells and stomach cells are not identical, and yet they are "directly connected" to the organism and can experience it in their very own way.

For a better understanding, also to build a bridge between impersonalists and personalists, George Grow relates to the parable of the The Blind Men and the Elephant:

A group of blind people - or men in complete darkness - examine an elephant to understand what the animal is. Each examines a different part of the body (but only one part each), such as the flank or a tusk. Then they compare their experiences to each other and find that each individual experience leads to their own, completely different conclusion.

In this parable, blindness (or being in the dark) represents not being able to see clearly; the elephant stands for a reality (or a truth), for the substance, for the essence of God in the body of matter.

Grow points out that the interpretation of the parable is misleading. Reason:

All parts of the elephant are the same in terms of skin, heartbeat, body temperature, or overall direction of movement; all parts are nourished by one and the same food; all parts can evoke the same reaction (such as if one pokes the animal with a needle or starts talking to it). Correspondingly, the heritage of Rilke, Kafka and Heidegger is exact, but sometimes complicated, or, as in the case of Franz Kafka, disguised out of shame and fear of being misjudged and laughed at.

# The New Path of Spiritual Life

Grow's "functional spirituality" is part of a noble tradition, which very few people come to know and is implemented thus far only or first by him.

### Discover the True Soul

In the "Books of Life - The New Path of Spiritual Life", the reader will find adventures, dramas and conversations in which the writer conveys the principles of "Higher Spirituality" in an authentic and vivid way.

The first step on our way up is "The Science of Self-Knowledge".
The spirit soul, our conscious self,

is not the result of some accidental combination of matter, nor the source of consciousness that animates the ephemeral body, nor an ominous divine seed somewhere in the human body: rather, it is our (recoverable) connection to the universe. Quite similar to how a cell is "connected" to the organism or how we humans are connected to the sun via the sun's rays, in that the rays hit us and spread in us, that is, they penetrate every cell of our body, be it as light, heat or energy, our fate connects us to the living universe as feeling, intuitive, thinking, knowing and especially as active entities.

"We are not saying that scientific knowledge is useless. Mechanical engineering, electronics, the Internet – that too is knowledge with which we inspire the universe, but the key point is knowledge of the soul."

Once you have realized that you are spiritual soul and not just the machinery of the body, you are ready for the next step.

The key to happiness and contentment, the Austrian-American writer emphasizes, is the discovery of the eternal personal relationship between us, the individual consciousness, and the substantial consciousness, between the relative and the absolute. In this relationship we can find true fulfillment; it is the principle of joy which is a greater theme of the Books of Life.

This stage is called "Grow Consciousness", and in "Out of the Darkness - Reinvent Yourself", we

can learn how to attain this consciousness.

The third station on the path up is the connection between spiritual and material life, which is missing in all spiritual traditions.

In "The Flight to Venus", the neorealist and harbinger of the new age tells us the conclusion of his "integral literature", that all forms of action culminate in the Meaning of Life.

According to the law of material nature, man is not only allowed to use the gifts of nature and to develop them further in different ways, but is fated to do so. Even more important than the worship and evocation of one or more aspects or concepts of substance is service to matter.

The author emphatically emphasizes in "The Unseen Power" that this commandment is inherent in our body and in our soul from birth. It is about the desire to develop ourselves and the world around us, something that is as natural as a child's desire to walk.

The human organism aims at self-realization; and from the sum of individuals' self-realization results the earthly part in the everlasting creation of the universe.

Here the integral character of Grow's higher spirituality emerges: The world, as one perceives it at first sight, is not a detour, not an illusion, not maya, not a shadow, as it is claimed by philosophers and prophets of doom. Basically, people do the right thing on their own, if they are not turned against themselves by false ideologies.

The Meaning of Life is what we know as "evolution": research. education, care and maintenance of higher and higher order in all areas of life, such as in the soul, in the psyche, in thinking, in science, technology, society or politics. If necessary, the destruction of order can also make sense, when, e.g., there is a standstill, because the zeitgeist denies the new. However, in the case you think you cannot contribute anything to the evolution or you can not improve anything existing, then you can support others who are really good at it.

In other words: "A cell without a function is rejected by the organism and dies."

Traditional religion has largely shut itself off to meaning, despite the fact that it can make sense as a place of edification.

Religious tradition has done us a disservice.

In the short film "The New Piety"
Grow says: "If the heretic and revolutionary is doing well, the world is doing well."

In Grow-Life, the founder of Integral Science argues that the claim that atheists are more religious than the average believer is not wrong because they are inherently (intrinsically) more committed to the Meaning of Life, to the will, to fate, etc. than life-disgusted, reactionary believers are.

In this context, "reactionary behavior" refers to the notice that, when people are disappointed or disgusted by something, they tend to react rather than act. You simply do the opposite of what you

(hastily) judged to be unsuccessful in, which, however, often denies the Meaning. Instead of reconciling both, e.g., left and right, involution and evolution, materialism and spirituality, physics and metaphysics, Orient and Occident, cell and organism, they become separate. With George Grow, Robert Musil's "Man Without Qualities" becomes the "Man of All Qualities".

Even mass consumption has a higher purpose: Through consumption, a lot of money and power accumulates in a few hands, which they in turn invest in research and development. If that goes too far for the people, it is up to them to ensure better working and living conditions.

The universe always comes into its own first, then the majority of people when they move towards democratization.

The integral path of George M. Grows is the future of civilization and of everyone who enjoys reading good books.

#### Save Your Soul – Brief Instructions

Create a personal relationship with the universe (worship, evocation, rituals, etc.).

Serve the universe through active, meaningful, evolutionary action. In the Books of Life, you can find a large number of ideas and development potential.

Unfold your soul cognitively.
Learn how things, beings, concepts or ideas are "connected" to the universe, what their true existence is, what the identity of the universe

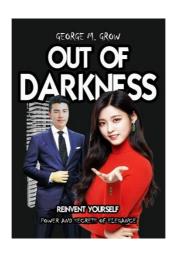
(as an organism) and what your identity (as a cell of this organism) consists of. Love begins with being interested in the other person.

Start with the Books of Life so that the "rays of your soul" reach out to the Absolute soon.

Grow in life and in death. At the hour of death, think strongly of God, and the universe will save you.

Thanks to the "soullink" you have been creating as a relative to the Absolute, God will remember you and place your ((epi)genetic) self - comparable to a seed - on a higher planet.

All you can learn in this life will be easier to learn in your next life. Grow!



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