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# Beyond Don Juan: Into the Third Attention — The Second Cognition

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# **Dedication**

This book is dedicated to anyone who possesses the desire and strength to pursue their own freedom of consciousness.

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### Introduction

This book is being presented for all those who have studied and agonized over the teachings of don Juan handed down through the writings of Carlos Castenada seeking understanding of the material don Juan presented to the world. The focus of this book is going to be on what don Juan taught and often alluded to without enough explanation to make sense in many cases. The author is not interested in the fanciful magical tales that Carlos Castenada wrapped these teachings within, nor will the reader find any information that justifies such mystical encounters as those told by Castenada in his storytelling. The reader will be provided explanations on some of the more enigmatic and esoteric teachings of don Juan, but they will be reduced to pragmatic explanations in all cases. This is not to say that there isn't more to the picture than our present system of awareness reveals to us, only that there are explanations for the more enigmatic aspects of don Juan's teachings that today are misunderstood or incomprehensible to our system of perception. This work is designed, like my book, Clarifying the Don Juan Teachings for the Second Cognition, to bring understanding of the things that don Juan taught and remove as much mystery as possible from those teachings.

Ever since the advent of the idea about the human soul migrating to heaven, starting with Greek and Hindu religious traditions in roughly the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, humanity has developed a keen fascination with anything magical or mystical. Prior to the creation of the concept of heaven, all souls were considered to end their life's journey in the underworld, or in a parallel version of Earth – neither of which concept provided belief in any kind of heaven. It is only through the Greek philosophers and the writing of the *Upanishads* in India, at the same time, that the concept of heaven was passed onto the public as a harness for their consciousness. It's time that humanity outgrows these false legends and matures into the pragmatic cosmic beings we can become. All of our works have been focused on showing humanity that there is more to you than what you think you are or is even possible. This is no different in focus than what don Juan left to the world.

Don Juan taught about a process for one to expand their awareness, or consciousness. It is not about mysticism or magic, but about advancing your consciousness into realms of perception that few members of humanity have ever known or even know is available to them, provided they are diligent enough to stay with the process and remove the cognitive and energetic barriers that hold us enslaved to the thinking habits and patterns of what don Juan referred to as 'the predator from the stars'. Our perception of the world in which we live is a limited perception of what this predator from the stars infected us with when 'it gave us its mind', as don Juan reported. Don Juan's 'sorcerer's path', or 'way of the warrior', is the path to cognitive freedom and expanding

consciousness. It is not about magic and mysticism or performing parlor tricks like some illusionist magician, like many of Castenada's stories told.

We owe a debt to Castenada for bringing don Juan's teachings to the world, but he also did a lot of damage to those teachings with his storytelling. Like most readers, I too fell for Castenada's tales of enchantment more than I paid attention to the teachings of don Juan, and I spent a number of years lost in fanciful expectations created by Castenada's magical stories before I saw that what don Juan taught was where the meat of his books laid. Part of my chosen task in writing these books is to redirect the perceptions of the readers of don Juan's teachings into avenues of understanding that will ideally help the individual advance their consciousness and their awareness by removing all the presumed magical fluff and providing practical explanations to the process for personal advancement. Whether the reader can accept these pragmatic explanations is wholly up to them. Everyone's path is a personal one. Anyone can believe anything. As don Juan said, 'believing is easy, having to believe is not'. I will discuss more about this as this book proceeds.

If you are truly interested not only in what don Juan taught, but seeking clearer explanations for what he taught with the enigma ripped away, then read on. If you are unwilling to accept the idea that there is nothing magical about what don Juan taught, then your expectations about mystical happenings and perceptions will be left wanting. This book is about pragmatism, not fancy; hard work, and not presumed spiritual giveaways; advancing your perceptual awareness and consciousness, not learning to do

magical acts as people perceive magic. It will take the courage of a warrior to not only face the information in this book, but to apply it to your greatest personal advantage. The worlds of both the *tonal* and the *nagual* are worlds of illusion. This book is a part of removing those illusions. I hope you are up for it.

## 1. Being Stuck in the Past

Before I delve into the meat of this book translating certain of don Juan's teachings I must take the time to explain some things that people often have not contemplated but which are highly relevant to everyone doing the work of a warrior. Don Juan taught that a warrior must be fluid in his perceptions. This means that we can't become stuck in place where advancing our awareness and consciousness is concerned. We can't become complacent and ride on our laurels.

Humanity has a severe cultural habit where the teachers the world has presented to us become stuck in time, and the followers of these teachings become equally stuck in time when their doctrines and ideas become more or less written in stone. Starting with Buddhism and moving into Christianity, we see teachings from 2,500 years ago and 2,000 years ago, respectively, being catalyzed in place and never moving and never altering. Once teachers leave their lessons, so to speak, they become ossified and basically unalterable. Many of the teachings of Buddha and Jesus are equally enigmatic as some of the teachings of don Juan, no better understood today than the eras in which they were taught.

We find a similar circumstance with the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, many of whose ideas are so esoteric sounding and beyond the intellectual grasp of all modern academics that over 130 years after he left his writings, philosophers and psychologists still can't figure out what he was talking about. We find plenty of academics that say, "Nietzsche said this or that," but not a one of them understood what he meant because, like Jesus and Buddha, he was teaching from a higher state of cognitive awareness than the common man functions within – what don Juan referred to as the *tonal*. I covered some of these teachings with all the explanations necessary to understand them in my book, *From Belief to Truth – From Truth to Wisdom*. My first book on the subject of don Juan, *Clarifying the Don Juan Teachings for the Second Cognition*, was an extension of the *From Belief to Truth* book and should ideally have been encapsulated in that yolume.

Teachings by human beings with advanced awareness eventually become ossified in time and remain unchanging. Almost 60 years (give or take) after Carlos Castenada first revealed don Juan to the world, his work is now the next set of teachings that are becoming ossified, no different than what happened to the teachings of Buddha and Jesus. Their teachings have created multitudes of followers but none who have transcended their teachings and taken them to a higher level. The same thing is happening with don Juan's teachings.

Just as Buddha had a string of alleged Buddhist 'masters' come behind him and start riding on Buddha's laurels rather than finding their own 'enlightenment', we are seeing the same pattern emerge with certain members of the public claiming to be *naguals*, some of whom claim to have studied directly under don

Juan to elevate their egos and gain followings as the latest sorcerer on the scene capitalizing on don Juan's teachings. Naturally, don Juan isn't around to refute any of these claims, so who is there to argue with the charlatans abusing his teachings to gain popularity and make money? There is no shortage of dime-store shamans running around wearing the Native American garb, or ponchos or whatever costume is required to sell themselves this way, and the public just buys the bullshit because of their incessant desire for the mystical. Based on Castenada's storytelling, we have fake shamans doing sweat lodges and providing ayahuasca retreats for magically hungry followers all clamoring for their own mystical experience. Unfortunately, it is few indeed who exhibit the wisdom to see through these scams.

Once a teacher leaves sayings or principles behind, it is very easy for con artists and charlatans to simply memorize these sayings and spit them out to awestruck audiences thinking that they exhibit some sort of wisdom by doing so. Repeating these sayings with some minor verbal alterations only serves to impress gullible, and spiritually or occult-hungry audiences all the more. Yet, have any of these new gurus really learned the lessons they profess to know by simply repeating these sayings and phrases? Can any of them provide any genuine explanations about the sayings they repeat to glorify their own ego status to others as the latest guru or *nagual*, or are they just riding on the enigma of the sayings without providing any real explanations for understanding?

In the world of the tradition of don Juan, all we have is the word of Carlos Castenada that he was chosen as the new *nagual* 

of don Juan's sorcerer lineage. Has anyone ever really questioned this assertion based solely on Castenada's claim alone, or have you just accepted his self-appointed leadership that he really understood the teachings of don Juan simply because he said so?

I won't deny that there was an individual called don Juan, or at least a real person who represents him, because the principles he taught couldn't be found valid if they were simply dreamed up by a publicity-seeking charlatan. What don Juan taught is as deep and profound as the teachings of Buddha and as confusing as the writings of Nietzsche. Until one attains a higher state of cognitive advancement to fully comprehend these teachings from heightened levels of understanding, they will always be enigmatic and beyond the intellectual grasp of most humans. This is why all these teachers left such a profound impact on the world. But the question must be asked, were these teachings left behind to become ossified and unchanging in a world that is ever-changing, or were they left behind to be used as a springboard into discovering even higher states of human awareness? Human history has proven that once a teacher leaves his mark, his teachings become an unalterable anchor in time. They never change, and few, if any, ever benefit from the teachings and expand on them.

Don Juan perpetually promoted the idea of continually pushing one's awareness to ever-expanding heights of awareness. He never foresaw his work becoming ossified as just another anchor to the past, a historical bookmark for people to attach their beliefs to, thinking his way was the 'only way' to achieve this. He did his best to provide the methods to achieve these things, but

sadly, they were not broken down into layman's English and, with plenty of assistance by Castenada and his wild stories, they took on the tone of the mystical, when they are wholly pragmatic teachings.

In my *Clarifying* book, I did my best to demystify many of these enigmatic teachings and translate them into modern vernacular. With my own increasing awareness, I can *see* even further than I did when I wrote that book and can now decipher many other more esoteric aspects of his teachings. Many students of don Juan are not going to like what is presented in this volume, and I have little doubt that many will reject the explanations I plan to reveal out of hand because it doesn't fit with their own belief expectations. Beliefs are the world of the *tonal*, the world of perceptual illusion. They are based on foregone conclusions and false expectations and they are easy to shatter when one is in possession of the correct information to destroy those illusions. The sad commentary about humanity is that it loves its illusions more than it loves the truth, which is why the insanity of the world of the *tonal* is so rampant.

I explained in the *Clarifying* book about a cosmic mind virus, which I call the hapiym virus, which is an acronym for Hacker Program In You Mind. This hapiym virus is don Juan's *predator from the stars*. I am going to illustrate in this book how what people have been pursuing as the *nagual* side of their consciousness is nothing more than a cosmic network that is ancient beyond our reckoning and is in fact the hapiym virus network of which don Juan taught so profusely and which Castenada never understood. This is going to be a belief-shattering

volume, particularly for those who have hitched their wagon to Castenada's mystical whimsy and pursue don Juan's teachings thinking they are going to provide magical experiences. Wherever possible I will use don Juan's words themselves to serve as the springboard for understanding, where I serve as interpreter to provide the pragmatic explanations about what he taught really means in the grand scheme of things.

To move your awareness to another stage of advancement means that you are going to have to confront these illusions, or you can leave your 'assemblage point' focused exactly where it is and not learn a damned thing. It is about choice and will. Either you are willing to grow or you or not. I am only providing explanations on a take it or leave it basis. What you do with the information is wholly up to you, because each path is personal and individual.

My intent with this book is to cover points that I didn't in the *Clarifying* book. If I do find passages from don Juan that I used in the first volume, they will be used to offer different perceptions than those I offered in the first book. Consciousness advances and what may have been hidden or only partially understood at one point of one's advancement may provide new insights later as one continues to grow in awareness. If I do offer an altered perspective to previously cited passages, it will only be due to greater understanding now on my part and does not constitute contradiction.

As don Juan taught, a warrior must be fluid. This means that your thinking and perceptions can't advance if your mind stays in a rut. Once one pitches their cognitive tent in the past and decides 'this is the way it is and ever shall be' they have committed cognitive suicide where personal advancement is concerned. This is how we get stuck in the past, nailing our asses down to a point in time relying on one teacher whose teachings we perceive are unalterable and never change. One only needs to observe the world around them to see that nothing stays the same for very long. The world changes constantly. It is people's consciousness that is unchanging and unbendable when they insist on remaining nailed to the past. This unchangeability is only a symptom of the hapiym predator. Times change, humanity rarely does where its cognitive advancement is concerned, which is why as a species we are stuck locked into repeating history and never moving ourselves forward. The simple reason is because we just flat refuse to change ourselves, either individually or as a species.

It is this insistence that all things of value have been written in the past and should remain ever unalterable that we find ourselves as rigid and unalterable as the belief systems we hang onto with a death grip. We *refuse* to change – particularly changing ourselves. Don Juan did his best to explain processes on how to alter ourselves for the better but sadly, all too many people got so lost in Castenada's fanciful storytelling of mystical adventures that don Juan's instructions are lost to the majority of those who study them. Even when don Juan's teachings are separated out from Castenada's wild storytelling, they are still enigmatic and people want to pursue what they find mystical and mysterious in his teachings, with few ever inquiring on the deeper meaning of what those teachings may signify.

I am going to focus on the more mystical sounding aspects of don Juan's teachings, particularly about the predator from the stars, and illustrate how what he called the nagual, was in fact a gigantic cosmic network of these predatory parasites. Don Juan related his personal experiences to Castenada. I am doing exactly the same thing, explaining my experiences and insights walking the warrior's path and what it has shown me. What reality was at the time don Juan lived his life is not the same reality in which we live as the *tonal of the time* of our present era. Massive things have changed in the cosmos from the time don Juan shared his teachings with Castenada. Whether one is willing to accept the explanations I offer is totally up to them, but if one only inquires within themselves about the validity of what is shared and listens to that guiding voice within, they will realize the truth of this - or not. Just like don Juan, I am a presenter of facts to be taken or left alone by your individual choosing.

Much of what don Juan taught is still as relevant today as when he shared the processes with Castenada, and I covered much of this in the *Clarifying* book. Equally, much of what he taught about how things were in his lifetime have changed and are no longer relevant where pursuits of presumed knowledge create expectations of magical happenings. The reader is going to have to lay aside their mystical yearnings and adopt don Juan's pragmatic teachings if they expect to expand their awareness and consciousness. There is no other way except the path of denial. Staying anchored to the past will not move you forward.

### 2. The Predators

"Every one of us human beings has two minds. One is totally ours, and it is like a faint voice that always brings us order, directness, purpose, The other mind is a foreign installation. It brings us conflict, self-assertion, doubts, hopelessness: it's ourselves as the me-me center of the world."

"We are not naturally petty and contradictory. Our pettiness and contradictions are, rather, the result of a transcendental conflict that afflicts every one of us, but of which only sorcerers are painfully and hopelessly aware: the conflict of our two minds! One is our true mind, the product of all our life experiences, the one that rarely speaks because it has been defeated and relegated to obscurity. The other, the mind we use daily for everything we do, is a foreign installation."

Although I revealed that this second mind of which don Juan speaks in the *Clarifying* book is the predatory mind virus, I

want to expand on this principle nature of the hive virus predator. Contrary to some stories about these predators being the alleged *flyers* in some of Castenada's writing as something external, the predatory virus infected every human being without exception and lived within us all.

Don Juan explained that the predators conquered us by giving us their mind. I am going to stretch your perceptions by explaining the following. I have discussed this extensively in my books, *The Energetic War Against Humanity*; *Gutting Mysticism* and more recently in *The Truth About the 'Divine' Soul*. What follows will be a simplified overview of what has been revealed in depth in those books.

The hapiym predator was a cosmic data recorder. Once infected, in any creature, human or otherwise, this virus started creating a duplicate of our personalities as its parasitic host. It became a mirror image of who we are living inside us. It is the basis of the false ego as I explained in *Clarifying*. Each cell was tied into a collective network of stolen knowledge. Upon death, the virus cell would detach from the human host and join the collective, retaining all the memories of its human host. Once the human host died, so too did the predator's growth process of replicating the personality of its host cease. Imagine each virus cell like a self-contained bubble of information starting with its host's birth and terminating when its host died. This is the vast network of presumed 'knowledge, or 'ancient wisdom' upon which the sorcerers of don Juan's lineage drew to learn what they did.

This parasitic invader virus fed off the energies produced by our human emotions. Every virus cell adapted to its host environment and turned up the volume on our emotions to create emotional outbursts, both positive and negative, to generate energetic spikes in our emotional energy emissions to feed upon. I discussed this in depth in my book *Emotionalism: How the Human Herds are Controlled* if anyone wants to know more or seeks to contest this assertion. The processes that don Juan tried to explain to Castenada about ridding ourselves of the foreign virus are the means through which we kill the virus habits inside us and reclaim our energies as well as the limitations on our awareness.

The predator not only controlled our minds, it controlled our physiology in order to create the energetic emotional spikes it used to feed itself. We were totally under the control of its feeding whims. Fear was the emotion it used to control us the most, constantly playing fearful 'what if' games in our mind generating internal, if not external, emotional volatility from which it fed. This is one reason that don Juan taught that the first enemy of a warrior is fear and must be conquered. The fears we are conquering are not the fears of an external horror story type of fear as Castenada was wont to tell in his stories, but the internal fears we all harbor about a multitude of different emotional issues. Castenada never understood this so he had to concoct the stories about his alleged external encounters with monsters and such, never realizing the monster false ego that dwelled deeply rooted inside himself. Castenada never conquered his inner beast, which is evident by his self-proclaimed stature as a *nagual* as well as his

emotional outbursts as recorded in Armando Torres' book, *Encounters with the Nagual*. The predator ruled Castenada to the end of his life.

From *The Eagle's Gift* we are told:

"Our total being consists of two perceivable segments. The first is the familiar physical body, which all of us can perceive; the second is the luminous body, which is a cocoon that only seers can perceive, a cocoon that gives us the appearance of giant luminous eggs.

One of the most important goals of sorcery is to reach the luminous cocoon; a goal which is fulfilled through the sophisticated use of dreaming and through a rigorous, systematic exertion called not-doing. I've defined not-doing as an unfamiliar act which engages our total being by forcing it to become conscious of its luminous segment.

To explain these concepts I've made a three-part, uneven division of our consciousness. The smallest, the first attention, or the consciousness that every normal person has developed in order to deal with the daily world, encompasses the awareness of the physical body. Another larger portion, the second attention, is the awareness we need in order to perceive our luminous cocoon and to act as luminous beings.

deliberate training or by an accidental trauma, and it encompasses the awareness of the luminous body. The last portion, which is the largest, is the third attention. It's an immeasurable consciousness which engages undefinable aspects of the awareness of the physical and the luminous bodies. The battlefield of warriors is the second attention, which is something like a training ground for reaching the third attention."

[Bold underlined emphasis mine]

The second attention, much of which don Juan focused on in his teachings, is the realm of the predatory hapiym hive network. As I have discussed in depth in other books, this alleged second attention realm can be reached when our waking state consciousness is compromised either by using drugs, repetitive meditative practices like chanting mantras, or through traumatic experiences which can 'split' the waking awareness and let the mind of the predator come forward. Any fascination with mystical practices only leads to the mind of the hive network. The ancient Greek philosophers and Indian fakirs did it by cavorting with their inner dæmons, which was only the mind of the predator inside them. I explained this extensively in *The Truth About the 'Divine' Soul.* In Hindu traditions this cosmic hive network is defined as the mind of Brahman — the singular consciousness that purportedly rules the cosmos and provides only a portion to

humans called the Atman, which is just the internal hive cell connected to the hive cosmic network.

"The dreaming body, sometimes called the "double" or the "Other," because it is a perfect replica of the dreamer's body, is inherently the energy of a luminous being, a whitish, phantomlike emanation, which is projected by the fixation of the second attention into a three-dimensional image of the body.

The dreaming body is as real as anything we deal with in the world. The second attention is unavoidably drawn to focus on our total being as a field of energy, and transforms that energy into anything suitable. The easiest thing is, of course, the image of the physical body, with which we are already thoroughly familiar from our daily lives and the use of our first attention. What channels the energy of our total being to produce anything that might be within the boundaries of possibility is known as will.

At the level of luminous beings the range is so broad that it is futile to try to establish limits-thus, the energy of a luminous being can be transformed through will into anything.

We are not merely whatever our common sense requires us to believe we are. We are in actuality luminous beings, capable of becoming aware of our luminosity. As luminous beings aware of our luminosity, we are capable of unravelling different facets of our awareness, or our attention. That unravelling could be brought about by a deliberate effort, as we are doing ourselves, or accidentally, through a bodily trauma.

The old sorcerers deliberately placed different facets of their attention on material objects. By unravelling another facet of our attention we might become receptors for the projections of ancient sorcerers' second attention. Those sorcerers were impeccable practitioners with no limit to what they could accomplish with the fixation of their second attention."

### [All emphasis mine]

With the highlighted portions above, particularly about accessing the luminous body through willful processes, or once again, through accidental trauma, we can view the luminous body as being representational of the hive cell predatory energy field. I explained in my *Energetic War* book that the virus was an energetic virus. What don Juan describes as the luminous egg can be equated with that bubble of stolen and duplicated host consciousness. The perception of the luminous egg in the teachings of don Juan's lineage all spring from the awareness of the hive network and the hive cell within. When one learned how

to tap into the second attention, which is not the same as the Second Cognition, then these perceptions about the luminous egg could be visualized or perceived through the mind of the predator within.

What must be remembered in all of this is that the pathway to cognitive advancement is not static, it is ever changing, or should be. Don Juan taught the tradition he learned from, no different than Plato, the Neoplatonists and occultists throughout the ages following their own inner dæmons (predatory hive cells) to experience their own magical occurrences. It is all the same thing using different nomenclatures and practices to tap into the hapiym hive network. The same thing occurs with channelers when dead host hive cell replicas talk to them through the hive network.

Don Juan was not at the end of his cognitive journey. He was learning, just I am continually learning and expanding. As he said, "The battlefield of warriors is the second attention, which is something like a training ground for reaching the third attention." The third attention is where one steps into the realm of what we call psoyca awareness. To move into the highest state of cognitive awareness from a human standpoint, the Second Cognition psoyca awareness, one must battle and conquer all the mystical thinking that poisons our mind based on the virus infection as well as the residual hive habits that control our mind and bodymind.

We now move into the necessity of explaining what don Juan called the *Indescribable Force*, or the Eagle. From *The Eagle's Gift*:

"The power that governs the destiny of all living beings is called the Eagle or the Indescribable Force. Providing the luminous shell that comprises one's humanness has been broken, it is possible to find in the Indescribable Force the faint reflection of man. The Indescribable Force's irrevocable dictums can then be apprehended by seers, properly interpreted by them, and accumulated in the form of a governing body. Thus the rule was formed.

The rule is not a tale. The rule states that every living thing has been granted the power, if it so desires, to seek an opening to freedom and to go through it.

To cross over to freedom does not mean eternal life as eternity is commonly understood--that is, as living forever. What the rule states is that one can keep the awareness which is ordinarily relinquished at the moment of dying. I cannot explain what it means to keep that awareness. My benefactor told me that at the moment of crossing, one enters into the third attention, and the body in its entirety is kindled with knowledge. Every cell at once becomes aware of itself, and also aware of the totality of the body.

This kind of awareness is meaningless to our compartmentalized minds. Therefore the crux of the warrior's struggle is not so much to realize that the crossing over, stated in the rule means crossing to the third attention, but rather to conceive that there exists such an awareness at all.

There is a common error, that of overestimating the left-side awareness, of becoming dazzled by its clarity and power. To be in the left-side awareness does not mean that one is immediately liberated from one's folly--it only means an extended capacity for perceiving, and above all, a greater ability to forget.

One has to be utterly humble and carry nothing to defend, not even one's person. One's person should be protected, but not defended.

It takes a very long time to <u>clean out the</u> <u>garbage</u> that a luminous being picks up in the world. We are so stiff and feel so self-important."

[All emphasis mine]

The Eagle, or *Indescribable Force*, is the hive cosmic network of stolen knowledge. Through the infection of this parasitic cosmic predator, every human being is subliminally controlled by the hidden mandates of the false ego personality, which is the internal hive invader itself. For those who would argue against what I have shared thus far in this chapter, a later passage reveals:

"Although human beings appear to a seer as luminous eggs, the egglike shape is an external cocoon, a shell of luminosity that houses a most intriguing, haunting, mesmeric core made up of concentric circles of yellowish luminosity, the color of a candle's flame.

Losing the human form is the only means of breaking that shell, the only means of liberating that haunting luminous core. To break the shell means remembering the other self, and arriving at the totality of oneself."

Here again, we find that the luminous egg and its Russian Doll type features of concentric layers seek to smother the real psoyca sentient consciousness and keep it trapped in these eggs of illusion and misdirection. I will provide more explanations on this in a later chapter. To further drive home my point about the predatory hive virus being nothing but a data recorder and an inner duplicate of our human selves, don Juan states:

"The act of remembering the other self is thoroughly incomprehensible. In actuality it is the act of remembering oneself, which does not stop at recollecting the interaction warriors perform in their left side awareness, but goes on to recollect every memory that the luminous body has stored from the moment of birth.

This act of remembering, although it seems to be only associated with warriors, is something that is within the realm of every human being; every one of us can go directly to the memories of our luminosity with unfathomable results."

The left side of one's awareness, or the *nagual*, is the parasitic hive replica data recorder of our life's experiences. With the explanations I have provided, along with what don Juan stated, this should now be patently obvious and beyond refute. The mind of the predator is our own mind, residing in *duplicate*, seeking to exert the will of the Eagle over our lives and consciousness. This is the inner false ego that must be conquered and whose predatory habits must be eliminated to get to that core psoyca consciousness that lies buried beneath all the layers of the hive luminous egg that holds us all enslaved to the will of the *Indescribable Force*. The cosmic hive predator is the *force* that sought to rule the cosmos, and for untold eons it controlled human destiny on any planet through which it could pass its infection onto human(oid) species across the cosmos.

In *The Fire From Within* don Juan further explains the Eagle:

"The reason for the existence of all sentient beings is to enhance awareness. The old seers, risking untold dangers, actually saw the Indescribable Force which is the source of all sentient beings. They called that indescribable

force the Eagle, because in the few glimpses that they could sustain, they saw it as something that resembled a black-and-white eagle of infinite size. They saw that it is the Indescribable Force that bestows awareness and creates sentient beings so that they will live and enrich the awareness it gives them with life. They also saw that it is the Indescribable Force, that devours that same enriched awareness after making sentient beings relinquish it at the moment of death. For the old seers to say that the reason for existence is to enhance awareness is not a matter of faith or deduction. They saw it."

In these passages we must now acknowledge that what don Juan is referring to as 'sentient beings' is in fact the predatory hive virus, created by the entity or consciousness that created the very infection itself. The virus infected every living thing, then stole everything about it upon the moment of death. The host died and the memories of the human host lived on in what is mistakenly thought of as the human 'soul'. The virus was created as a cosmic identity thief. The hive collective concocted tales to sell humanity the idea that their 'soul' would live forever, when in fact all that lived forever was the infectious hive cell, which was made part of the Eagle's collective database of stolen consciousness.

"A nagual man or woman is someone flexible enough to be anything. To be a nagual,

among other things, means to have no points to defend. The description of the Indescribable Force as the Eagle, and what it does, are not truths to defend passionately. Those truths were put together for the delight and enlightenment of warriors, not to engage any proprietary sentiments. When I told you that a nagual has no points to defend, I meant, among other things, that a nagual has no obsessions.

The Indescribable Force is as real for seers as gravity and time are for you, and just as abstract and incomprehensible. The Indescribable Force and its emanations are as corroboratable as gravity and time and the discipline of the new seers is dedicated to doing just that. The Indescribable Force's emanations are an immutable thing-initself, which engulfs everything that exists, the knowable and the unknowable.

There is no way to describe in words what the Indescribable Force's emanations really are. A seer must witness them. They are a presence, almost a mass of sorts, a pressure that creates a dazzling sensation. One can catch only a glimpse of them, as one can catch only a glimpse of the Indescribable Force itself.

There is nothing visual about the Indescribable Force. The entire body of a seer senses the Indescribable Force. There is something

in all of us that can make us witness with our entire body. Seers explain the act of seeing the Indescribable Force in very simple terms: because man is composed of the Indescribable Force's emanations, man need only revert back to his components. The problem arises with man's awareness; it is his awareness that becomes entangled and confused. At the crucial moment when it should be a simple case of the emanations acknowledging themselves, man's awareness is compelled to interpret. The result is a vision of the Eagle, and the Eagle's emanations. But there is no Eagle and no Eagle's emanations. What is out there is something that no living creature can grasp.

The characteristic of miserable seers is that they are willing to forget the wonder of the world. They become overwhelmed by the fact that they see and believe that it's their genius that counts. A seer must be a paragon in order to override the nearly invincible laxness of our human condition. More important than seeing itself is what seers do with what they see.

The Indescribable Force attracts our consciousness, much as a magnet attracts iron shavings. At the moment of dying, all of our being disintegrates under the attraction of that immense force.

Seers who see the Indescribable Force's emanations often call them commands. That's what they really are, commands.

Everything is made out of the Indescribable Force's emanations. Only a small portion of those emanations is within reach of human awareness, and that small portion is still further reduced, to a minute fraction, by the constraints of our daily lives. That minute fraction of the Indescribable Force's emanations is the known; the small portion within possible reach of human awareness is the unknown, and the incalculable rest is the unknowable.

The new seers, being pragmatically oriented, became immediately cognizant of the compelling power of the emanations. They realized that all living creatures are forced to employ the Indescribable Force's emanations without ever knowing what they are. They also realized that organisms are constructed to grasp a certain range of those emanations and that every species has a definite range. The emanations exert great pressure on organisms, and through that pressure organisms construct their perceivable world.

In our case, as human beings, we employ those emanations and interpret them as reality. But what man senses is such a small portion of the Indescribable Force's emanations that it's ridiculous to put much stock in our perceptions, and yet it isn't possible for us to disregard our perceptions.

I want you to be very aware of what we are doing. We are discussing the mastery of awareness. The truths we're discussing are the principles of that mastery."

#### [All emphasis mine]

What we find in these passages referred to as the commands of the Indescribable Force is the human mandate to cluster in herds. Because the hive collective itself was a collectivist herd beast, it equally turned humanity into herd animals by the 'commands' it issued to our inner infectious hive cells, keeping humanity ever enslaved to his cosmic parasitic mandates. We can no more break our herd programming than we can fly to the moon on our own unless we develop the discipline of a warrior to combat and tear down all these 'commands' that have been programmed into both our bodymind and our waking state consciousness.

For untold eons the hive controlled the multiverse in this fashion, infecting a human host, creating a false duplicate of their personality called the ego, and controlling entire planetary civilizations through its commands to gather in herds. There is

nowhere on this planet that you don't find this herding mandate at play, whether it is national herds, cultural herds, traditional herds, religious herds, political herds or the small herds of schools, social circles and peer groups. Everyone is locked into the corral of the Indescribable Force's herding mandate. What each warrior on this path is seeking to overcome is all this herd programming to once again become a free individual consciousness. The layers of the luminous egg that surrounds us and holds us captive are the programs installed by this predatory virus, which dictates all our limited perceptions of reality. When one can see the monumental horror of this cognitive slavery, it challenges our senses and our entire perception of reality crumbles. The first emotion to appear will be one of fear, because everyone is afraid of facing this monumental truth. Cognitive dissonance takes place and we all seek to rationalize an explanation, any explanation, that makes these truths untrue and leaves our false perception of reality in place.

Every fascination with the magical and mystical only led to the hive collective consortium of faux consciousness. To actively pursue such endeavors only led humanity more deeply under the control of the *Indescribable Force's* control.

"The Indescribable Force's emanations cannot be rendered at all in a language of comparisons. Individual seers may feel the urge to make comments about certain emanations, but that will remain personal.

The new seers were terrible practical men.

They weren't involved in concocting rational theories.

The new seers, imbued with practicality, were able to see a flux of emanations and to see how man and other living beings utilize them to construct their perceivable world.

The way those emanations are utilized by man is so simple it sounds idiotic. For a seer, men are luminous beings. Our luminosity is made up of that portion of the Indescribable Force's emanations which is encased in our egglike cocoon. That particular portion, that handful of emanations that is encased, is what makes us men. To perceive is to match the emanations contained inside our cocoon with those that are outside.

Seers can see, for instance, the emanations inside any living creature and can tell which of the outside emanations would match them.

The emanations are something indescribable. My personal comment would be to say that they are like filaments of light. What's incomprehensible to normal awareness is that the filaments are aware. I can't tell you what that means, because I don't know what I am saying. All I can tell you with my personal comments is that the filaments are aware of themselves, alive and vibrating, that there are so many of them that

# numbers have no meaning and that each of them is an eternity in itself.

Perrception is a condition of alignment; the emanations inside the cocoon become aligned with those outside that fit them. Alignment is what allows awareness to be cultivated by every living creature. Seers make these statements because they see living creatures as they really are: luminous beings that look like bubbles of whitish light.

The emanations inside and the emanations outside are the same filaments of light. Sentient beings are minute bubbles made out of those filaments, microscopic points of light, attached to the infinite emanations.

The luminosity of living beings is made by the particular portion of the Indescribable Force's emanations they happen to have inside their luminous cocoons. When seers see perception, they witness that the luminosity of the Indescribable Force's emanations outside those creatures' cocoons brightens the luminosity of the emanations inside their cocoons. The outside luminosity attracts the inside one; it traps it, so to speak, and fixes it. That fixation is the awareness of every specific being.

Seers can also see how the emanations outside the cocoon exert a particular pressure on

the portion of emanations inside. This pressure determines the degree of awareness that every living being has.

The Indescribable Force's emanations are more than filaments of light. Each one of them is a source of boundless energy. Think of it this way: since some of the emanations outside the cocoon are the same as the emanations inside, their energies are like a continuous pressure. But the cocoon isolates the emanations that are inside its web and thereby directs the pressure.

I've mentioned to you that the old seers were masters of the art of handling awareness. What I can add now is that they were the masters of that art because they learned to manipulate the structure of man's cocoon. I've said to you that they unraveled the mystery of being aware. By that I meant that they saw and realized that awareness is a glow in the cocoon of living beings. They rightly called it the glow of awareness.

The old seers saw that man's awareness is a glow of amber luminosity more intense than the rest of the cocoon. That glow is on a narrow, vertical band on the extreme right side of the cocoon, running along its entire length. The mastery of the old seers was to move that glow, to make it spread from its original setting on the surface of the cocoon inward across its width.

Seeing is to lay bare the core of everything, to witness the unknown and to glimpse into the unknowable. As such, it doesn't bring one solace. Seers ordinarily go to pieces on finding out that existence is incomprehensibly complex and that our normal awareness maligns it with its limitations."

## [All emphasis mine]

Every mystical doctrine you research peddles the idea of the 'light' being good and the dark being bad. The hive operated, as don Juan related, similar to filaments of light, except they weren't literally filaments. Each filament represented an energetic hive cell that joined with the network of the *Indescribable Force*. The fact is that every predatory infectious hive cell was always connected to this network. The human inner command to search for the Divine, God or Heaven, was only the mandate of the inner hive cell 'filaments' commanding us to pursue knowing reunion with the cosmic hive collective. If you ever wondered about what the inner force is that drives you to mystical or alleged spiritual knowledge or enlightenment, it is the mandate of the inner hive cell program itself pushing you to attain communion with the cosmic hive collective. The choice is not really yours at the outset, it starts with a command from the *Indescribable Force* that had every hive cell programmed to find unity in the collective.

Every religion and spiritual tradition on the planet spawned a herd of followers, all seeking divine knowledge or ancient wisdom. The alleged ancient wisdom only came from the hive collective database of stolen human(oid) personalities once one figured out how to tap into it for brief periods of time. This encapsulates every mystical tradition throughout the ages whether they followed in the tradition of the Greek philosophers, Hindu and Buddhist philosophers, or Christians and Muslims seeking an eternal afterlife for pleasing their God. The external pastiche of these varied religions and traditions are only perceptual illusions ultimately hiding the agenda of the predator from the stars. The mind of the hive is so deeply embedded in human consciousness that no one knows the difference. Although all these differing traditions may seem separate on their face, these are only perceptual illusions to lure humanity into the predator's hive herd traps and control our consciousness.

Continuing from where I left off last, quoting:

"Your concentration has to be total. To understand is of crucial importance. The new seers placed the highest value on deep, unemotional realizations. For instance, the other day, when you understood about your self-importance, you didn't understand anything really. You had an emotional outburst, that was all. I say this because the next day you were back on your high horse of self-importance as if you never had realized anything.

They were given to emotional reactions. But when the time came for them to understand what they had seen, they couldn't do it. To understand one needs sobriety, not emotionality. Beware of those who weep with realization, for they have realized nothing.

There are untold dangers in the path of knowledge for those without sober understanding. I am outlining the order in which the new seers arranged the truths about awareness, so it will serve you as a map, a map that you have to corroborate with your seeing, but not with your eyes.

Everybody falls prey to the mistake that seeing is done with the eyes. Seeing is not a matter of the eyes.

Seeing is alignment and perception is alignment. The alignment of the Indescribable Force's emanations used routinely is the perception of the day-to-day world, but the alignment of emanations that are never used ordinarily is seeing. When such an alignment occurs one sees. Seeing, therefore, being produced by alignment out of the ordinary, cannot be something one could merely look at. So, don't succumb to the way seeing is labeled and described

When seers see, something explains everything as the new alignment takes place. It's a voice that tells them in their ear what's what. If that voice is not present, what the seer is engaged in isn't seeing.

It is equally fallacious to say that seeing is hearing, because it is infinitely more than that, but seers have opted for using sound as a gauge of a new alignment.

The voice of seeing is a most mysterious inexplicable thing. My personal conclusion is that the voice of seeing belongs only to man. It may happen because talking is something that no one else besides man does. The old seers believed it was the voice of an overpowering entity intimately related to mankind, a protector of man. The new seers found out that that entity, which they called the mold of man, doesn't have a voice. The voice of seeing for the new seers is something quite incomprehensible; they say it's the glow of awareness playing on the Indescribable Force's emanations as a harpist plays on a harp.

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The pressure that the emanations outside the cocoon, which are called emanations at large, exert on the emanations inside the cocoon is the same in all sentient beings. Yet the results of that pressure are vastly different among them, because their cocoons react to that pressure in every conceivable way. There are, however, degrees of uniformity within certain boundaries.

Now, when seers see that the pressure of the emanations at large bears down on the emanations inside, which are always in motion and makes them stop moving, they know that the luminous being at that moment is fixated by awareness."

### [All emphasis mine]

It is the underlined portion above that we need to focus on. Remembering the hive' filaments' inside us, our perceptual world provides for many seeming choices, choices of religion, sports favorites, political ideologies, traditions and everything else you can imagine. The hive infection knows all these choices and that accounts in part for the vast diversity between individuals, but the degree of uniformity in all these things is the desire to herd with others of like mind. This is the uniformity of the collectivist virus infection. No matter which part of our inner 'filaments' may align with the filaments outside yourself, you will always find the hive herding uniformity firmly emplaced. The hive collective knew all and saw all, it knew each of us better than we know ourselves. The concept of filaments is only a metaphor for the sake of trying to explain the inexplicable in the absence of other analogies. As to the exact workings of how the hive cell permeated our forms and

controlled our consciousness, it is as close a metaphor as any other, but that is all it is, a means to explain something that is basically incomprehensible, so don't take it literally. Just use it as a concept for understanding the basic principles.

Although I discussed the tonal and the tonal of the times in the *Clarifying* book, I did not offer don Juan's explanations on the matter. I think that in light of what I have just explained that some of those passages will hold more relevance now in this volume. Again, from *The Second Ring of Power*:

"Now it's time to talk about the totality of oneself. Some of the things I am going to point out to you will probably never be clear. They are not supposed to be clear anyway. So don't be embarrassed or discouraged. All of us are dumb creatures when we join the world of sorcery, and to join it doesn't in any sense insure us that we will change. Some of us remain dumb until the very end. What I'm about to say is meant only to point out a direction.

I'm going to tell you about the tonal (pronounced, toh-na'hl) and the nagual (pronounced, nah-wa'hl). Every human being has two sides, two separate entities, two counterparts which become operative at the moment of birth; one is called the "tonal" and the other the "nagual."

The tonal is the social person. The tonal is, rightfully so, a protector, a guardian--a guardian that most of the time turns into a guard.

The tonal is the organizer of the world. Perhaps the best way of describing its monumental work is to say that on its shoulders rests the task of setting the chaos of the world in order. It is not farfetched to maintain, as sorcerers do, that everything we know and do as men is the work of the tonal. At this moment, for instance, what is engaged in trying to make sense out of our conversation is your tonal; without it there would be only weird sounds and grimaces and you wouldn't understand a thing of what I'm saying.

I would say then that the tonal is a guardian that protects something priceless, our very being. Therefore, an inherent quality of the tonal is to be cagey and jealous of its doings. And since its doings are by far the most important part of our lives, it is no wonder that it eventually changes, in every one of us, from a guardian into a guard. A guardian is broad-minded and understanding. A guard, on the other hand, is a vigilante, narrow-minded and most of the time despotic. I say, then, that the tonal in all of us has been made into a petty and despotic guard when it should be a broad-minded guardian.

The tonal is everything we are. Anything we have a word for is the tonal. Since the tonal is its own doings, everything, obviously, has to fall under its domain.

Remember, I've said that there is no world at large but only a description of the world which we have learned to visualize and take for granted. The tonal is everything we know. I think this in itself is enough reason for the tonal to be such an overpowering affair.

The tonal is everything we know, and that includes not only us, as persons, but everything in our world. It can be said that the tonal is everything that meets the eye.

We begin to groom it at the moment of birth. The moment we take the first gasp of air we also breathe in power for the tonal. So, it is proper to say that the tonal of a human being is intimately tied to his birth.

You must remember this point. It is of great importance in understanding all this. The tonal begins at birth and ends at death.

The tonal is what makes the world. However, the tonal makes the world only in a manner of speaking. It cannot create or change anything, and yet it makes the world because its function is to judge, and assess, and witness. I say that the tonal makes the world because it witnesses

and assesses it according to tonal rules. In a very strange manner the tonal is a creator that doesn't create a thing. In other words, the tonal makes up the rules by which it apprehends the world. So, in a manner of speaking, it creates the world.

The tonal is like the top of a table--an island. And on this island we have everything. This island is, in fact, the world.

There is a personal tonal for every one of us, and there is a collective one for all of us at any given time, which we can call the tonal of the times. It's like the rows of tables in a restaurant, every table has the same configuration. Certain items are present on all of them. They are, however, individually different from each other; some tables are more crowded than others; they have different them, different plates, atmosphere, yet we have to admit that all the tables are very alike. The same thing happens with the tonal. We can say that the tonal of the times is what makes us alike, in the same way it makes all the tables in a restaurant alike. Each table separately, nevertheless, is an individual case, just like the personal tonal of each of us. But the important factor to keep in mind is that everything we know about ourselves and about our world is on the island of the tonal.

What, then, is the nagual? The nagual is the part of us which we do not deal with at all. The nagual is the part of us for which there is no description--no words, no names, no feelings, no knowledge. It is not mind, it is not soul, it is not the thoughts of men, it is not a state of grace or Heaven or pure intellect, or psyche, or energy, or vital force, or immortality, or life principle, or the Supreme Being, the Almighty, God--all of these are items on the island of the tonal.

The tonal is, as I've already said, everything we think the world is composed of, including God, of course. God has no more importance other than being a part of the tonal of our time.

The nagual is at the service of the warrior. It can be witnessed, but it cannot be talked about. The nagual is there, surrounding the island of the tonal. There, where power hovers.

We sense, from the moment we are born, that there are two parts to us. At the time of birth, and for a while after, we are all nagual. We sense, then, that in order to function we need a counterpart to what we have. The tonal is missing and that gives us, from the very beginning, a feeling of incompleteness. Then the tonal starts to develop and it becomes utterly important to our functioning, so important that it opaques the shine

of the nagual, it overwhelms it. From the moment we become all tonal we do nothing else but to increment that old feeling of incompleteness which accompanies us from the moment of our birth, and which tells us constantly that there is another part to give us completeness.

From the moment we become all tonal we begin making pairs. We sense our two sides, but we always represent them with items of the tonal. We say that the two parts of us are the soul and the body. Or mind and matter. Or good and evil. God and Satan. We never realize, however, that we are merely pairing things on the island, very much like pairing coffee and tea, or bread and tortillas, or chili and mustard. I tell you, we are weird animals. We get carried away and in our madness we believe ourselves to be making perfect sense.

What can one specifically find in that area beyond the island? There is no way of answering that. If I would say, Nothing, I would only make the nagual part of the tonal. All I can say is that there, beyond the island, one finds the nagual.

But then you say, when I call it the nagual, aren't I also placing it on the island? No. I named it only because I wanted to make you aware of it. I have named the tonal and the nagual as a true pair. That is all I have done.

We sense that there is another side to us. But when we try to pin down that other side the tonal gets hold of the baton, and as a director it is quite petty and jealous. It dazzles us with its cunningness and forces us to obliterate the slightest inkling of the other part of the true pair, the nagual.

The nagual has consciousness. It is aware of everything. In order to talk about it we must borrow from the island of the tonal, therefore it is more convenient not to explain it but to simply recount its effects."

I ask the reader to pay particular attention to the highlighted portions above. The *tonal* is our waking state personality, our navigation tool through the human environment and our earthly experiences during the course of our lives. In trying to explain the *nagual*, don Juan had no knowledge of the predatory hive virus for exactly what it was nor how it really functioned as our cognitive overlord. Yes, he knew it was the predator and that it had given us its mind, but he didn't fully realize the nature of the beast beyond his generalized descriptions of the *Indescribable Force*, or Eagle. It is through the hapiym virus infection that our guardian waking state consciousness has been turned into our cognitive prison guard. Rather than using the *tonal* as a "broad-minded and understanding" navigation tool for

life, the mind of the virus itself, the *nagual*, is what has turned us into "narrow-minded and despotic individuals."

By creating the false persona of the hapiym virus ego, the infection turned our natural survival abilities into protecting its false self-image. This is the source of offense in most people, defending the false self-image created by the invasive predatory mind virus itself. When the virus took over our minds, it turned humanity against itself and made us slaves to its purposes as a lifetime companion, internal mimic of our true personality, and data-gatherer for the collectivist mind of the hive. What you are protecting when you become offended, whether it is the beliefs you adopt that are challenged or this false inner self-image, you are only defending the false ego created as your inner doppelganger. It is the virus which gets offended when its false perceptions about the world are challenged, and it has made us willing to go to war in many cases to keep the false illusionary perception of reality in place to maintain its control. Notice that don Juan truthfully stated that God resides on the island of the tonal. The way that people worldwide perceive God, or the Divine is merely a cognitive illusion that the inner hive cell has adopted as part of its reality. In reality, what people have perceived as God or the Divine is in actuality the hive collective itself lying and passing itself off as God. I broke this down with substantial evidence in The Truth About the 'Divine' Soul.

As we adopt our personal beliefs, this inner hive cell made the beliefs it accepts part of its false personality. You can't challenge anyone's beliefs without attacking the inner predator's false duplicate ego of yourself. When you defend your beliefs, you are only defending this false ego persona of the parasitic mind virus. As such, our waking state guardian has been turned into our cognitive prison guard, constantly having to defend some aspect of this predatory mind virus' false perception of an illusionary world called beliefs. If beliefs were founded on truth, then the power of the belief should be self-evident to everyone, but because all beliefs are merely additional illusions concocted by the *Indescribable Force's* emanations, we can no longer make valid judgments. Being wrapped in the luminous cocoon of the Eagle's illusions both inside and outside, we are blinded from reality at large. In this respect our lives could be equated with living in *The Matrix* where, "The Matrix has you." This is the true matrix of cognitive control and the film analogy runs frighteningly close to the truth.

The 'other side' of this dual pair that don Juan references as the *nagual* is the predatory virus hive cell within us that is wily and deceptive and is hard as hell to pin down. It lives within us by staying hidden from our awareness through stealth, lying and subterfuge. It has no personality of its own other than the personality we provide it as long as it lived within us. Don Juan is wholly correct when he says the *tonal* dies with the form. The only part of us that ever had anything resembling eternal life was the predatory virus that lived within us and stole our personalities and life experiences when the body expires. *No human being's tonal personality ever saw heaven, or hell for that matter!* This is why don Juan says that death is our constant companion. No human being or their physical personality ever survives death as the eternal life doctrines created by the hive have convinced most of

humanity is a reality. Heaven is as much a fraud as everything else the virus collective manufactured to keep us all enslaved to its will.

At first you may ask what difference does it make whether someone believes in heaven and hell or not? I am going to show you the tyranny of such beliefs fostered by the virus. Ask yourself honestly how much emotional agonizing goes on with people wondering whether they are going to heaven or hell. Then remember that the virus fed on our emotions and calculate how much emotional energy people devote elevating their emotions with the hope of reaching heaven and how much emotional dread and fear energy they emit listening to fire and brimstone sermons from the hive created religious pulpits. Imagine the energy expended by any human being who has been indoctrinated to these religious ideologies from the time they were a toddler until their body dies and they are put in the grave. When you can see the horror of how these things are contrived food supplies for continually filling the trough of energy that the predator from the stars fed on through human emotional emissions, then the film version of *The Matrix* pales in comparative horror. In both cases, humans are reduced to nothing more than batteries.

Now, that is just one aspect of the world provided to us by the *Indescribable Force's* collective tyranny and its fabricated world of illusion. You may smugly say, well I don't believe in God so that doesn't apply to me. I will ask you what *do* you believe in and what are you willing to defend about those beliefs? It doesn't matter if you are defending a national illusion, or a cultural traditional illusion, a religious illusion or a political

illusion, they are all cut from the Eagle's cloth of deception and there is no belief you can stand up for that will withstand scrutiny for very long if you are wise enough and strong enough to see through the illusion. How much energy is expended defending sports teams or anything else? No matter where you turn you find conflict and emotions invested in all our beliefs – *all*! What a wondrous supply of food for such a predatory monster, no? When the nagual hive monster adopts a belief, it becomes part of *its* faux ego personality and will defend these beliefs through argument, fisticuffs, brigandry, murder and even warfare if it feels its inner false ego image or herd ideology is threatened. All of these actions are naturally accompanied by emotions of all kinds and the virus fed. How convenient and dastardly, no?

So, let's take this even further, for to date we have only talked about beliefs from the external world of filaments provided to us as our choices (and I use the term loosely in this respect) by the *Indescribable Force's* cosmic collectivist network. Remember the previous passages where don Juan talked about the internal filaments aligning with corresponding filaments from outside. Every human emotion is duplicable in one form or another in every other human being, barring the psychopath who exhibits no emotions whatsoever. Given the nature of the cosmic collective, every human can be expected to react in the same manner given cultural differences to emotional stimuli. Don Juan once asked Castenada whether he ever noticed that once you remove the cultural veneer how humans react the same way to the same stimuli. These cookie cutter and predictable emotional reactions were all known and capitalized on by the virus. What makes us

laugh may vary from person to person, but laughter is the outcome of whatever trugger us laugh. The same can be said for the broad spectrum of human emotions, and the virus knew how to manipulate our nervous systems, the primary seat of our emotional responses, to gain additional food for itself.

Just as we protect and defend the beliefs we adopt from the external world we have an internal image of ourselves that we defend more ferociously than the external beliefs. This inner self-image, that we are kind, or compassionate, or loving — brave, courageous and bold, or whatever, shapes the false personality of the virus ego. This false ego always thinks the best of itself and convinces our waking state *tonal* consciousness that we are everything this false virus ego tells us we are. One thing this virus never tells us is the things we do that aren't so nice and pretty and bordered with lace and frill. We can see these habits in other people, but we will never fully admit that we do the same things. It's easy to see the asshole in other people, but we will never admit the asshole in ourselves.

# 3. Explaining Perception

When we talk about perception we generally refer to how we perceive things with our five primary senses. In my book, *Emotionalism: How the Human Herds are Controlled*, I made the case for the fact that our emotions are an unrecognized-by-science sixth sense. Most people do not yet recognize that we *do* sense things emotionally as well as through sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. By this measure, our emotions should be considered a sixth sense, regardless of how often our emotional sensing may mislead us much of the time.

In our world as human beings, using these six senses to perceive the world, we navigate through our lives usually judging circumstances on the most superficial basis. We often make snap judgments based on what these six senses bring to us, and the least reliable of them is the emotional sense because emotions often trigger before any thinking processes engage. Our emotions can bring us to anger or tears quicker than our thought processes can explain why, which often places our emotional sensors at the front of the line where our other sensing capabilities are concerned. This is not to say that our emotional sensing is always incorrect, for under more sedate circumstances they do provide us with insightful information regarding sensing the moods of others. But because our emotional sensing abilities were artificially amplified

by the hapiym mind virus to keep itself fed, reactive emotions that trigger an instant outburst, whether that outburst is a positive or negative emotion, are highly unreliable. To step into accurate and objective higher-level perceptual awareness therefore requires the equanimity of our emotions.

This is not to say that our other five senses cannot equally deceive us on occasion. The field of psychology has done thousands of experiments over the century or more of its seeking to solidify itself as a science that proves how easily our perceptions deceive us. And this is not just sensory deception. What our senses bring to our brain can also be misinterpreted and we reach invalid conclusions much of the time. The fact is that our perceptions are highly error prone. Much of this error can be explained through understanding the programming of the virus itself.

For some further explanations about our superficial perception of the world, don Juan explains it partially this way in *The Second Ring of Power*:

"We are luminous beings. We are perceivers. We are an awareness; we are not objects; we have no solidity. We are boundless. The world of objects and solidity is a way of making our passage on earth convenient. It is only a description that was created to help us. We, or rather our reason, forget that the description is only a description and thus we entrap the totality

# of ourselves in a vicious circle from which we rarely emerge in our lifetime.

We are perceivers. The world that we perceive, though, was created by a description that was told to us since the moment we were born.

We, the luminous beings, are born with two rings of power, but we use only one to create the world. That ring, which is hooked very soon after we are born, is reason, and its companion is talking. Between the two they concoct and maintain the world. So, in essence, the world that your reason wants to sustain is the world created by a description and its dogmatic and inviolable rules, which the reason learns to accept and defend.

The secret of the luminous beings is that they have another ring of power which is never used, the will. The trick of the sorcerer is the same trick of the average man. Both have a description; one, the average man, upholds it with his reason; the other, the sorcerer, upholds it with his will. Both descriptions have their rules and the rules are perceivable, but the advantage of the sorcerer is that will is more engulfing than reason. You must learn to let yourself perceive whether the description is upheld by your reason or by your will. That is the only way for you to use your daily

world as a challenge and a vehicle to accumulate enough personal power in order to get to the totality of yourself."

## [All emphasis mine]

What don Juan is relating here about our living in a world of description is that how we perceive the world is mandated by our cultural milieus, our religious indoctrination, our political indoctrination, educational indoctrination and so on. We are instructed on how we should perceive the world by others from the time we are born. As such, our perceptions start out, and remain so throughout our lives for the most part, dictated to us by others. We are told what is considered crazy or not, what is acceptable or not, and all these considerations are governed by our specific herd alignments. The pressure of the group ensures that we all stay in line with these perceptual mandates. As such, we live in a world of superficial illusion and we all accept these perceptual mandates, often when they contradict our direct experiences to the contrary. We fall prey to the rules of the herd more readily than we accept our own perceptions. As such, our perceptions of 'reality' are virtually all dictated to us by others. The question is, is this 'reality' a *real* reality, or is it merely an accepted perceptual one? This is not a philosophical question. This externally dictated perceptual reality, in this regard, is merely a description of reality, and we accept these descriptions and rarely challenge them.

Each of us puts on masks for public consumption. We are all walking caricatures, putting on our best face so the hiveinfected herds that we associate with will accept us. Within our selective herds we learn to walk the doctrinal walk and talk the doctrinal talk of whatever herds we associate with, down to the level of our personal peer groups and families. We change masks many times a day. There is the work mask, and the home mask, the gabbing with the girls mask, and the boys night out doing sports mask, etc. We are all fakes and liars, but this is to be expected given the fraudulent and deceptive nature of the mind of the predator that controls our consciousness. The insecurity we feel in the presence of others is the insecurity of the virus and its fear of discovery as the fraud that it is. So, we lie to the world and we lie to ourselves on the inside, never seeing the psychosis with which this predatory parasite has infected all humanity. The hive has stolen and mimicked our personality, and in turn, we mimic the virus' fake personality and, following the instinct directives of its collectivist nature, we in turn lie to the world, and ultimately continually lie to ourselves about our false self-image in a neverending loop of deception and self-deception. The virus steals our personality, then eventually convinces us that its false ego personality is us. So, we go through our lives living a monumental set of lies and never learn the difference.

Given all the foregoing, then you should now understand what I mean about living in a world of illusion. Just as you put on your public mask in your different situations, everyone else is wearing their masks too. How much reality are you confronted with when you gather with people who are all wearing the mask of convenience to fit in with their groups or herds, selling their own false image to one another? How much validity is to be found

in any belief system that requires putting on a mask for the consumption of others?

What don Juan referred to as controlled folly is when we can knowingly wear these varied masks for public consumption. We do not have to learn anything special to perform controlled folly, we have been doing it all our lives. What makes it controlled folly rather than just false ego folly is that the warrior knows that the masks are not reality. Most people make this folly their perception of reality. They do not see their own disingenuousness in all these actions requiring masks for public consumption. They take it as seriously as a coronary bypass and swear up and down that they don't do such things, but everyone, and I do mean *everyone*, does it day in and day out their entire lives. For those putting on these masks of illusion, it is truly their perceptual reality. To the warrior they are seen as the cognitive folly that they truly are, the cognitive illusion of the virus false ego.

Perhaps with all these explanations you now understand the superficial world of perception into which we are all locked, little different than the illusionary world of *The Matrix*, but it is far worse. As human beings we live with a split inside us due to the virus infection, just as don Juan noted. We are two divergent entities thinking we are one. The *tonal* side is the waking state human personality. The *nagual* side is the false world and false personality of the mimicked virus ego. The path of the warrior is to eradicate all the habits and false perceptions the predatory virus from the stars has installed in us and reclaim our humanity and see the real world, not the limited fantasy world of mysticism,

supernaturalism and false perceptions perpetrated as a crime against our consciousness by the virus infection.

Now, those who have agonized over the teachings of don Juan over the years will proclaim that I am altering his message. In some respects, this is true because he never saw the interface and exchange the virus had on our emotions and our minds. We all take a road to progression of awareness; it is a continuing progression into higher states of perceptual awareness. It never remains static. There are multitudinous intermediary steps in this process and the progression never ends unless and until we end it for ourselves. One can only explain what they perceive at any given time based on their own progression of awareness.

Don Juan explained things as he saw and understood them. In many cases he was totally accurate, in others, his perceptions had not fully progressed into what he called Third Attention knowledge. He knew it was there, he knew that the second attention realm of the *nagual* was a battleground that only led to the third attention, yet many of his perceptions about the *nagual* were based on the cognitive *filters* he had embedded based on the teachings of his sorcerer's lineage and his own virus programming. All of us perceive reality through our individual cognitive filters. No data we possess is interpreted without these filters. The more beliefs we have and accept, the more filters we possess that any information passes through. The more filters we pass information through, the narrower our interpretations of data and experiences becomes, thereby limiting our perceptions.

As I wrote earlier, the advancement of consciousness is not static, it doesn't remain the same unless we keep it the same. Don

Juan's teachings were not the final word on all these processes any more than what I share should be considered the final word. What I know now based on my own progression is not what I knew when I wrote the *Clarifying* book. My cognitive awareness and my perceptions now exceed what I saw when I wrote that book, and when I write later volumes, they are liable to exceed what I know now because I live in the flow of advancing consciousness, which never remains still for very long. I am a fluid warrior.

Do not fall into the trap of ossifying don Juan's teachings in stone and think he had it all down. What he saw and what he experienced is valid as far as his perceptions led him to know when he shared his teachings. Do not look at what I am sharing as contradictory to don Juan's teachings, but moving beyond them into different, broader realms of the same understanding he sought, and that you seek. Where he was on the money with his teachings, and he very often was, we are in total agreement. Where he did not fully understand the nature of the adversary, what I offer takes you beyond his understanding. There is no conflict or contradiction, there is clarification and enhancement to his teachings - a refinement beyond what he was fully able to perceive at that time. He was definitely on the right path, and he had a deep understanding of the mystical battleground of the second attention of the *nagual* and did his best to describe how a warrior functioned when confronting it. He just didn't see the true nature of the cosmic world of the nagual itself as the realm of the predator, both internally and externally. In this regard, some of his perceptions were in error, but they elucidate his understanding.

It is easy for any of us to reach faulty conclusions when we don't have all the data in hand to see a clear picture. People jump to wrong conclusions all the time. Even with measured data we can make errors in judgment and misinterpret the data we possess and still reach an incorrect conclusion. Don Juan did not have the information that I do. As such, his perceptions could only go as far as what he saw, understood and experienced. This is the same for all of us who walk the path of the warrior. We go with what we know until such time as more information becomes available, at which time we must be fluid enough to change directions and reassess what we think we know to expand our awareness. We are constantly challenged to reject old perceptions for new ones based on more informed data. Refusing to make these changes only leaves one stuck in place and never advancing.

There is much more to discuss on this question of perception, but I wanted to lay this groundwork for understanding what will be presented about this process in more detail in later chapters.

# 4. The Illusion of the Supernatural – The *Nagual* Exposed

There are those who may read this book who are totally enamored and enchanted with the idea of mystical or supernatural powers. There is nothing in this book that is going to feed those desires, for this is a book about pragmatism and consciousness, not about learning magical skills as humanity has been misled to believe is power. Power comes from advancing one's conscious awareness, not from the desire to perform magical feats like levitation or reading auras which, if you think about it, really have no value for advancing consciousness whatsoever. They are merely lures that hold no value in the long run.

There is no place in don Juan's teachings that profess any form of universal oneness or universal love. These doctrines, if you believe them, are just more implants from the hive collective awareness. They are designed to lure you into the realm of the *inorganic beings*, as don Juan referred to them, the faux consciousness realm of stolen human(oid) personalities that spanned the cosmos. Please take note that I am using the past tense in describing these things because the hive collective is no longer in existence. It was destroyed in its entirety in November 2016. Whether you want to accept this statement for what it is or not is

totally up to you and your personal discernment. But know this, none of the mystical 'goodies' provided by the inorganic hive collective to lure humanity into its false spiritual traps are any longer available. The collective's mystical candy store is out of business *forever*. The only thing that keeps any of it alive is simple misdirected belief and the ego's desire to know the alleged supernatural.

Don Juan explained these inorganic beings in *The Active Side of Infinity*. I addressed this in the *Clarifying* book, but I am going to offer more in-depth explanations in this volume. Don Juan reported:

"You already know that there exists in the universe a perennial force, which the sorcerers of ancient Mexico called the dark sea of awareness. While they were at the maximum of their perceiving power, they saw something that made them shake in their boots. They saw that the dark sea of awareness is responsible not only for the awareness of organisms, but also for the awareness of entities that don't have an organism.

The old shamans discovered that the entire universe is composed of twin forces, forces that are at the same time opposed and complementary to each other. It is inescapable that our world is a twin world. Its opposite and complementary world is one populated by beings that have awareness,

but not an organism. For this reason, the old shamans called them inorganic beings.

I told you that it's our twin world, so it's intimately related to us. The sorcerers of ancient Mexico didn't think like most do in terms of space and time. They thought exclusively in terms of awareness. Two types of awareness coexist without ever impinging on each other, because each type is entirely different from the other. The old shamans faced this problem of coexistence without concerning themselves with time and space. They reasoned that the degree of awareness of organic beings and the degree of awareness of inorganic beings were so different that both could coexist with the most minimal interference.

We can perceive those inorganic beings; sorcerers do it at will. Average people do it, but they don't realize that they're doing it because they are not conscious of the existence of a twin world. It has never occurred to them that their fantasies have their origin in a subliminal knowledge that all of us have: that we are not alone.

The difficulty with your facing things in terms of time and space is that you only notice if something has landed in the space and time at your disposal, which is very limited. Sorcerers, on the other hand, have a vast field on which they can notice if something extraneous has landed. Lots of

entities from the universe at large, entities that possess awareness but not an organism, land in the field of awareness of our world, or the field of awareness of its twin world, without an average human being ever noticing them. The entities that land on our field of awareness, or the field of awareness of our twin world, belong to other worlds that exist besides our world and its twin. The universe at large is crammed to the brim with worlds of awareness, organic and inorganic.

Those sorcerers knew when inorganic awareness from other worlds besides our twin world had landed in their field of awareness. As every human being on this earth would do, those shamans made endless classifications of different types of this energy that has awareness. They know them by the general term inorganic beings.

If you think that life is to be aware, then they do have life. I suppose it would be accurate to say that if life can be measured by the intensity, the sharpness, the duration of that awareness, I can sincerely say that they are more alive than you and I.

If you call death the termination of awareness, yes, they die. Their awareness ends. Their death is rather like the death of a human being, and at the same time, it isn't, because the death of a human being has a hidden option. It is

something like a clause in a legal document, a clause that is written in tiny letters that you can barely see. You have to use a magnifying glass to read it, and yet it's the most important clause of the document.

Death's hidden option is exclusively for sorcerers. They are the only ones who have, to my knowledge, read the fine print. For them, the option is pertinent and functional. For average human beings, death means the termination of their awareness, the end of their organisms. For the inorganic beings, death means the same: the end of their awareness. In both cases, the impact of death is the act of being sucked into the dark sea of awareness. Their individual awareness, loaded with their life experiences, breaks its boundaries, and awareness as energy spills out into the dark sea of awareness.

For a sorcerer, death is a unifying factor. Instead of disintegrating the organism, as is ordinarily the case, death unifies it.

Death for a sorcerer terminates the reign of individual moods in the body. The old sorcerers believed it was the dominion of the different parts of the body that ruled the moods and the actions of the total body; parts that become dysfunctional drag the rest of the body to chaos, such as, for instance, when you yourself get sick from eating junk. In that case, the mood of your stomach affects everything else. Death eradicates the dominion of those individual parts. It unifies their awareness into one single unit.

For sorcerers, death is an act of unification that employs every bit of their energy. You are thinking of death as a corpse in front of you, a body on which decay has settled. For sorcerers, when the act of unification takes place, there is no corpse. There is no decay. Their bodies in their entirety have been turned into energy, energy possessing awareness that is not fragmented. The boundaries that are set up by the organism, boundaries which are broken down by death, are still functioning in the case of sorcerers, although they are no longer visible to the naked eye.

I know that you are dying to ask me if whatever I'm describing is the soul that goes to hell or heaven. No, it is not the soul. What happens to sorcerers, when they pick up that hidden option of death, is that they turn into inorganic beings, very specialized, high-speed inorganic beings, beings capable of stupendous maneuvers of perception. Sorcerers enter then into what the shamans of ancient Mexico called their definitive journey. Infinity becomes their realm of action.

My sobriety as a sorcerer tells me that their awareness will terminate, the way inorganic beings' awareness terminates, but I haven't seen this happen. I have no firsthand knowledge of it. The old sorcerers believed that the awareness of this type of inorganic being would last as long as the earth is alive. The earth is their matrix. As long as it prevails, their awareness continues. To me, this is a most reasonable statement.

You ask if there is a possibility that ghosts and apparitions really exist. Whatever you may call a ghost or an apparition when it is scrutinized by a sorcerer, boils down to one issue -- it is possible that any of those ghostlike apparitions may be a conglomeration of energy fields that have awareness, and which we turn into things we know. If that's the case, then the apparitions have energy. Sorcerers call them energy-generating configurations. Or, no energy emanates from them in which case they are phantasmagorical creations, usually of a very strong person -- strong in terms of awareness."

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The **inorganic beings** who populate our twin world are considered, by the sorcerers of our lineage, to be our relatives. Those shamans

believed that it was futile to make friends with our family members because the demands levied on us for such friendships are always exorbitant. That type of inorganic being, who are our first cousins, communicate with us incessantly, but their communication with us is not at the level of conscious awareness. In other words, we know all about them in a subliminal way, while they know all about us in a deliberate, conscious manner.

The energy from our first cousins is a drag! They are as messed up as we are. Let's say that the organic and inorganic beings of our twin worlds are the children of two sisters who live next door to each other. They are exactly alike although they look different. They cannot help us, and we cannot help them. Perhaps we could join together, and make a fabulous family business corporation, but that hasn't happened. Both branches of the family are extremely touchy and take offense over nothing, a typical relationship between touchy first cousins. The crux of the matter, the sorcerers of ancient Mexico believed, is that both human beings and inorganic beings from the twin worlds are profound egomaniacs.

Another classification that the sorcerers of ancient Mexico made of the inorganic beings was that of scouts, or explorers; that is, the inorganic beings that come from the depths of the universe,

and which are possessors of awareness infinitely sharper and faster than that of human beings. The old sorcerers spent generations polishing their classification schemes, and their conclusions were that certain types of inorganic beings from the category of scouts or explorers, because of their vivaciousness, were akin to man. They could make liaisons and establish a symbiotic relation with men. The old sorcerers called these kinds of inorganic beings the allies.

The crucial mistake of those shamans with reference to this type of inorganic being was to attribute human characteristics to that impersonal energy and to believe that they could harness it. They thought of those blocks of energy as their helpers, and they relied on them without comprehending that, being pure energy, they didn't have the power to sustain any effort.

I've told you all there is to know about inorganic beings. The only way you can put this to the test is by means of direct experience."

[Bold emphasis mine]

I am going to break this don Juan explanation here to provide some profound levels of understanding. In discussing the inorganic beings in these passages, and what was presented in chapter 2, we are looking at three separate types of awareness. Awareness does not necessarily equate with consciousness and consciousness does not necessarily equate with sentient awareness as humans define sentience. In all these teachings of don Juan we are talking about three different gradients of awareness, or consciousness.

When don Juan explains about our 'first cousins', he is talking about the hapiym mind virus cells of stolen, replicated human consciousness. These predatory virus cells are not a genuine consciousness in the truest sense of the word. They appear to be consciousness because they mimic the stolen consciousness and memories of their former human hosts. They are nothing but human or humanoid memory recording devices, and as don Juan says, like humans, they are insufferable egomaniacs. Being nothing but replicas of egomaniacal human hosts, we should expect no less. When we can accept the nature of the predatory hapiym mind virus as nothing but an identity thief of the most profound variety, they only present an amplified stolen consciousness with all its foibles and faults. Just as the hive cells amped up our emotional responses while it lived within us, it carried these amplified emotional states with it when it disconnected from its human host upon death and added these memories and personalities to the hive collective database.

These hive cells only have the awareness of their former human hosts. They have no intelligence or consciousness of their own without these stolen human attributes. Like everything else about the predator from the stars, it is above all, a cosmic fraud artist. Nothing it delivers is real. There is no alleged magic that happens in the human world that cannot be reasonably and pragmatically explained once one knows the secrets of the hive

network, which I exposed in its totality in *The Truth About the 'Divine' Soul*. These types of inorganic beings are not consciousness except when they are measured as a cosmic charade, the collective con artists there to woo people into tales of magical powers and enchantments. The Greek philosophers called these inorganic compatriots their dæmons. This was later altered to demons when Christians started expelling foreign hive cells perceived as demons who were forcefully inserted into human forms in what is called possession. Exorcism was in practice long before Christianity was spawned as an idea.

Necromancy, the alleged raising of the dead, was only about calling forth the discarnate 'souls', or stolen personalities of hive cells who carried their human host's memories past the grave. This is the origin of the concept of the human soul. There is no human soul that ever went to heaven or hell, there were only predatory hive cells that copied the memories and personalities of their human hosts and lived on long after the host died. These, then, are the egomaniacal first cousins don Juan alludes to in the passages above.

All consciousness is inorganic in nature. Modern science and thousands of years of research have not discovered the seat of consciousness anywhere in the human form. They say it is the brain, but the human nomenclature, as don Juan notes in these passages and elsewhere, is itself a conglomeration of consciousness through our organs, nervous system, emotional system and the other five senses that make the human body an experience recording device in itself. This aspect will be discussed

in more depth in a future book entitled *The Flesh Robot: The Truth About the Human Computer*.

As I presented in my book The No Rules Multiverse: The Endeavor to Repair a Faulty Creation, there are gradients of beings of consciousness. At the highest level of this gradient are what we refer to as psoyca sentient beings, or psoyca consciousness. These more advanced sentient consciousnesses are who don Juan is referring to as the allies. They are akin to man because they have taken eons inserting their particles of consciousness into human forms across the multiverse and know the territory of the material realms. This puts them above what you might call mid-level inorganic beings of consciousness who did not have the adventurous nature to interface with the material This realms a11. leaves these mid-level at consciousnesses ill informed to guide any human being in affairs pertaining to cognitive advancement in the material worlds of the multiverse, and the fact is that they rarely chose to interface much in the material realms at all.

It is the psoyca sentients who were the explorers and scouts that don Juan refers to as allies. And it is through working with these psoyca sentients, who are also inorganic in nature by don Juan's descriptions, with whom we can consciously interface, provided we can clear all the cognitive garbage left behind by the predator's programming in our bodies and minds and boost our personal energy levels to be able to establish that link between us and that part of our awareness. The present process is to create that symbiosis that don Juan mentions, merging our human awareness and our psoyca sentience into a working composite

whole. This is not possession, this is an agreed upon partnership, but one must do the groundwork to establish it. No one gets it for free, and the processes don Juan sought to teach are all about the internal clearing process and how one reclaims energies to be able to meet our psoyca allies on equal energetic ground to form that collaborative union. This is the focus of all our work, to instruct people on how they can achieve this goal if they have the guts and stamina to stay with the process until they accomplish this primary goal. This is don Juan's third attention, what we call the second cognition.

Through these offered interpretations, then what seems vague and enigmatic in don Juan's teachings should become crystal clear and all elements of mysticism should be removed from the equation. This path is all about cognitive advancement and the expansion of human *perceptions* – the place where a man of knowledge can perform 'stupendous feats' of *perceptual awareness* – not magical parlor tricks. Continuing from where we left off:

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"Energy is the irreducible residue of everything. As far as we are concerned, to see energy directly is the bottom line for a human being. Perhaps there are other things beyond that, but they are not available to us.

The inorganic beings' essence is impersonal energy aware of itself.

You must realize that it is our cognition, which is in essence an interpretation system, that curtails our resources. Our interpretation system is what tells us what the parameters of our possibilities are, and since we have been using that system of interpretation all our lives, we cannot possibly dare to go against its dictums.

The energy of those inorganic beings pushes us and we interpret that push as we may, depending on our mood. The most sober thing to do, for a sorcerer, is to relegate those entities to an abstract level. The fewer interpretations sorcerers make, the better off they are.

From now on, whenever you are confronted with the strange sight of an apparition, hold your ground and gaze at it with an inflexible attitude. If it is an inorganic being, your interpretation of it will fall off like dead leaves. If nothing happens, it is a worthless aberration of your mind, which is not your mind anyway."

[Bold emphasis mine]

There are two types of what one might call a 'push' by inorganic beings. The first push has been with humanity since its creation, and that is the push of the hive to set aside our waking state awareness and embrace any or all the mystical doctrines pushed by the hive to forsake our very humanity. This is what is

known as the Perennial Philosophy and it runs from the ancient sorcerers through Neoplatonism, the occult, Hinduism, institutionalized Buddhism, early Christianity, Cabalistic Judaism, Freemasonry, Theosophy and is embedded deeply in the New Age. If you are listening to the push toward the mystical and supernatural, you are only hearing the residual voice of the predatory hive infection within you.

The other kind of push comes from our psoyca awareness, which will push us to find the truth, regardless of how uncomfortable finding that truth may be to us on a psychological level. Unlike the hive push, whose doctrines were slathered with love and light, compassion and humanitarianism, escapist salvation narratives (whether by Jesus or aliens), Ascension through some form of physical transmogrification of our physical forms into another dimension; the psoyca push brings sobriety, pragmatism, clear vision, amplified perceptual skills and detachment from the world of perceptual illusions fostered and continually groomed by predatory hive mind control.

The hive push begets herd thinking, mass movements of all kinds, giving oneself up for the herd, hero adulation and everything the present human perceptual world of the tonal glorifies and expects us to feed upon incessantly. The psoyca push prods us to move beyond all these illusions, to find the truth, not only of our human world, but about ourselves, and learn what we can about the greater cosmos – what don Juan called 'infinity', which constitutes potential for infinite growth of consciousness.

## 5. Sobriety, Pragmatism and Self-importance

"Sorcerers need a breaking point for the workings of inner silence to set in."

Don Juan – *The Active Side of Infinity* 

We are now going to embark down the road where most people refuse to tread, and that is the discovery that our expectations are totally wrong, and we have been wasting our time with false expectations based wholly on lack of understanding. As I have covered in my latest works, humanity has been led down the road of mystical thinking by the hive infection for ages. Because human life has been one set of miseries after another, filled with plagues, famines, incessant warfare and tyranny throughout the ages, people just want to escape to anywhere to get away from this grave world of human history. Enter mysticism and supernaturalism as the presumed escape valve.

Mysticism and supernatural escapes is what drives human consciousness in the alternative to changing their lives as human beings and taking responsibility for their lives. Almost any time someone peddling a form of supernaturalism or mysticism can tickle our fancy, we buy into the illusions. Whether it is the mysticism peddled by the Greek philosophers fucking around with their inner hive dæmons, Christians of Muslims thinking they are

talking to angels or God, Hindu gurus and fakirs talking to their pantheistic gods, or whether it is New Agers and Theosophists believing they are speaking with alleged Ascended Masters, the cosmic hive collective, the *Indescribable Force* of don Juan's teachings, has always been there to lure humanity into its mystical clutches.

Although the hive has been destroyed across the cosmos, its devastating mystical programming still poisons our minds. We have a deep inner hunger for the supernatural and to move into what don Juan called infinity, we must all move past this mystical enchantment offered by the hive's collective database of stolen personalities. Everything don Juan tried to teach Castenada about the inorganic beings and the Eagle were meant to be a warning. They presented a trap for awareness, and don Juan warned against their pernicious nature over and over again in his writings. Yet it is exactly this fraudulent realm of mystical fantasy that most followers of Castenada and don Juan seek in their ego hunger to find power. I can say this with surety because I once fell for that mystical lure myself, until I transcended the need for such dependency ego desires.

Human behavior programmed by our own inner virus infection proves that the first action taken by our ego's inner self-image will be resistance to the idea, then denial. These emotional rationalizing reactions occur in every human being who is confronted with the fact that they have been deceived. The denial gets even stiffer when we realize that we have facilitated being deceived by placing our faith in faulty expectations and, in essence chasing mystical rainbows. We can't face the fact that we

have been deceiving ourselves all along with our mystical fantasies. Our egos want so bad for our expectations to be true that we will deny that we have been wrong until we are blue in the face rather than admit this self-deception.

When our cultural heroes are challenged, we will take any defensive measure to ensure that their image is not tarnished. The image I am going to tarnish is not that of don Juan, but of the fraud artist and con man Carlos Castenada and the damage he did to don Juan's work. I am going to provide some specific verifiable instances where Castenada not only just made shit up for his stories but will prove where he stole those ideas from. Through Castenada's fraud, a platform for mysticism was set whereby even those who could see that some of what Castenada claimed was highly questionable, still left that mystical aftertaste in the mouths of everyone seeking to understand the teachings of don Juan. Although some were able to discount Castenada, they couldn't rid themselves of the mystical hangover that his writings left in their mind. This left everyone seeking to understand don Juan with an incorrect perspective, and this is why no one can figure out what he was actually teaching. They have been using the wrong measuring stick all along, and it is called mysticism.

Don Juan emphasized that the way of the warrior required *sobriety* and *pragmatism*. There is no sobriety and pragmatism when whimsical mysticism is involved. There are only lures and false expectations that never pay off in the permanent sense. Don Juan also continually expounded on the need to rid oneself of self-importance. Self-importance is the domain of the false ego hive replica of yourself. Everyone must face the fact that the only

reason they study don Juan's material is because they expect to gain some kind of magical abilities. None of us ever ask ourselves what we intend to do with these abilities if we attain them. What is the pragmatic value of them? Do they offer a path to heightened awareness and cognitive growth, or are we only seeking them for ego bragging rights to crow over with others who may not have had a mystical experience? If you are completely honest with yourself, you will realize that the latter is the case, not the former. Sadly, few people know how to be honest with themselves because the hive programming has taught us all to be exquisite liars, both to the external world and especially in our own minds.

The fact is that everyone who seeks magical powers, channeling, speaking in tongues, casting spells, astral projecting, seeing auras, alleged levitating, are only doing so because their ego wants the bragging rights to tell others they did it. So what? How does any of that truly advance your consciousness? The fact is that it doesn't. How many of you can be honest enough with yourself to not deny this fact? Withdrawal from any addiction means that one must admit that they have the addiction to begin with. Humanity is addicted to mystical and magical happenings, period. You will never transcend the addiction so long as you deny you have it. The first step in the recovery of your consciousness starts with admitting you have this addiction and making the sober and pragmatic decision to rid yourself of the programming. Everything don Juan taught was the process to rid ourselves of these inner deceptions.

I stated in the *Clarifying* book that don Juan is not the only shaman that Castenada was shopping with. He could never admit

the fact that he was lifting ideas from different arenas or he would spoil his stories about don Juan as his solitary teacher and his lie about being the next successive nagual in don Juan's lineage. If people knew he was doctrine shopping they would not have bought this egotistical lie. I can tell you with assurance that Castenada never learned one of the valuable lessons that don Juan taught because the egotistical arrogance he exhibited throughout his lifetime proves this. Most don't know that Castenada also did some studies in India to help formulate his doctrines attributed to don Juan. Castenada took great liberties inserting words into don Juan's mouth on occasion that he never uttered. Without the keen discernment of a man of knowledge, the average person will never be able to distinguish the truth from the lies. That is what these don Juan books are designed to do, to redirect the genuine seeker to understanding the real teachings versus the mystical doctrinal nonsense.

Let me provide you a prime example of Castenada inserting words into don Juan's mouth by fabricating a lie. In *The Active Side of Infinity*, we have Castenada relating that don Juan told this story:

"The sorcerers of ancient Mexico devised endless ways to shake themselves or other sorcery practitioners at their foundations in order to reach that coveted state of inner silence. They considered the most far-fetched acts, which may seem totally unrelated to the pursuit of inner silence, such as, for instance, jumping into waterfalls or spending

nights hanging upside down from the top branch of a tree, to be the key points that brought it into being."

I am offering a link below for Kindle readers, others will have to look up ancient Hindu ascetic pictures to find this plate of pictures at the British Museum which clearly show Hindu ascetics hanging upside down from tree limbs and standing in awkward poses. This passage, attributed to don Juan, I attest, came straight out of Castenada's journey to India. He just changed the context from Hindu ascetics to ancient Yaqui sorcerers and no one who studied the work knew the difference. I challenge anyone to provide me with any other evidence to the contrary. If you can't, then you have been duped by a skilled liar putting his words in the mouth of one of the wisest humans who ever lived.

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In *The Art of Dreaming* Castenada tells of his adventures in the realm of the *inorganic beings*. That book is probably an admixture of truth in dealing with the inorganic hive network of stolen human(oid) consciousness across the cosmos but has been artfully glorified by Castenada's vivid imagination. To understand where Castenada probably stole his idea from, one only needs to

look at Plato's world of Forms elucidated in *Phaedrus*. If we look at Wikipedia under *Theory of Forms* we find revealed in part:

"The theory of Forms or theory of Ideas is a philosophical theory, concept, or world-view, attributed to Plato, that the physical world is not as real or true as timeless, absolute, unchangeable ideas. According to this theory, ideas in this sense, often capitalized and translated as "Ideas" or "Forms", are the non-physical essences of all things, of which objects and matter in the physical world are merely imitations. Plato speaks of these entities only through the characters (primarily Socrates) of his dialogues who sometimes suggest that these Forms are the only objects of study that can provide knowledge."

[All emphasis mine]

Anyone with a non-biased objective eye who has read or rereads *The Art of Dreaming* with this new perception should be able to see how Castenada and his journey to the world of *inorganic beings* is lifted from Plato's world of Forms and Plato's 'entities' who 'can provide knowledge'. Although don Juan's admonitions throughout that book against messing about with the *inorganic beings* go largely ignored by Castenada, the warnings should be taken for the danger they presented for anyone wanting to dabble with the hive collectivist network of stolen consciousness.

With these two comparative instances of virtual plagiarism or cultural theft, we see that Castenada's claims lie on faulty ground and should put all his stories under scrutiny as questionable. I will also assert that all the stuff Castenada wrote about magical plants came from other shamans or medicine men, perhaps even from India where use of psychedelic mushrooms is an ages old practice with Hindu shamans. There is little doubt that peyote and plants like ayahuasca have been used by native shamans for a long time in South and Central America, but their usage lowers our waking state guardian consciousness and opens the door to the hive cell that dwelled within us to take humans to its realm of perceptual deception. We are fortunate that the hive collectivist awareness is out of business, but that won't prevent people with the mystical addiction from pursuing their magical journeys using drugs and letting their imagination play tricks on them thinking they are experiencing advanced consciousness when they are simply lost in a hallucinogenic drug trip. The imagination can convince any believer of anything. History has proven this time and again.

So now I am going to tell you the story about Castenada jumping over the cliff into the abyss and show you the pragmatic explanation that he would never tell because it would blow his whole self-appointed *nagual* spiel. Pragmatism and sobriety are required to accept this story or not, mystical wishful thinking will only serve to deceive the reader if they want to continue to buy the story Castenada concocted about this incident.

In *Tales of Power* Castenada claims that he jumped off a cliff into the abyss. The reader is left with the idea that he performed some magical feat to survive this endeavor, and he never addressed the ending of *Tales of Power* in any subsequent writings that I am aware of. It is perhaps this singular story that makes many people question the veracity of Castenada's storytelling, and for good reason, it offers no pragmatic solution. So, here is the story in synopsis. Castenada and another initiate of don Genaro, Pablito, are taken across the desert to this high mesa, which they reached about mid-afternoon. Castenada goes on in the story about the panoramic view from atop the mesa. These two initiates are being prepped for what they think is a magical ritual to take place when it gets dark.

He relates how don Juan says that *naguals* had used this mesa for generations to teach their charges these lessons. The first question one must naturally ask is whether these sorcerers are actually going to do anything to threaten the lives of their students by having them jump off a cliff. This question alone makes Castenada's story ludicrous on its face and impossible to believe. But there is a rational explanation to the story, and here it is. While Castenada frets over this ritual, as well as Pablito, their powers of observation are pretty much nil. They were on top of that mesa for an entire afternoon. All they had to do was pay attention to their surroundings to see what was coming in the dark of night ritual they were expected to perform.

Because they were filled with fear and dread over this upcoming nighttime ritual, they took no notice of their surroundings. What this exercise was about was one utilizing their

cognitive functions to pay attention, which both Castenada and Pablito failed. Had they used their wits and powers of observation they would have noticed that there was a wide ledge a couple of feet below the top of the mesa during the afternoon they spent on the mesa top. In one sense, you could view the whole thing as a hazing exercise. Just imagine Castenada's ego and how his selfimportance must have been assaulted after such a contrived scam by his teacher. Here he had these high hopes of being able to fly, jumping off that cliff, and the whole exercise turned into a bluff. When Castenada and Pablito jumped off the top of the mesa, they were brought up short when they hit the ledge below their jumping point. Maybe now you understand why Castenada never mentions that jump off the abyss in any subsequent storytelling. His pride never recovered from being deceived like that, and his ego selfimportance prevented him from telling the full truth of the story after the fact because then he couldn't peddle the idea that he was the big bad *nagual*, inheritor of don Juan's traditions to the world. He merely let his ego self-importance tell a partial story to glorify himself and he continued his life of chicanery pursuing his fame and fortune bilking people out of money with his presumed mystical prowess and tales of power.

Every mystical tradition worldwide since writing was invented is filled with such magical tales of nonsense, including stories about raising the dead, magical miracles, talking with angels, calling demons, the whole gamut. I explained in full how the *inorganic beings*, the stolen replicas of human consciousness that constituted the cosmic hive network, lie at the root of all these magical traditions in *The Truth About the 'Divine' Soul* for those

who have the courage to face the truth. Humanity's addiction to magical and mystical escapism has captured our imagination for thousands of years, and once captured – literally – we never let go of the addiction. There is no pragmatism or sobriety which the mystical minded individual will listen to through which they can overcome this addiction if they are unwilling to let it go and see it for the scam that it is.

Everyone that pursues such fantasies, and I will reiterate that I was once lost in that mystical maze, has an ego investment of self-importance. If we can't show our magical skills to an audience of our peers, we can still claim bragging rights asserting we can see auras, or channel or whatever it is we do. It is all ego focused and centered on ego self-importance. Anyone can claim to see auras or possess other invisible magical abilities, but does that mean they really can or do, or are they just telling you these things and you accept it because you *want* to believe? To deny this is to only continue lying to yourself. I had to face my own lying to myself over such matters before I transcended the mystical addiction and finally understood what don Juan taught about sobriety and pragmatism versus mystical fantasies. Every reader has the opportunity to step out of that mind virus web of magical deceit and free their consciousness from its clutches, but to do so, we have to admit to ourselves that we have been bamboozled. Not only have we been bamboozled by the mystical nonsense, but we have bamboozled ourselves by continuing to sustain the belief within ourselves without question. Admitting self-deception is one of the hardest things one must do on the road to higher-level cognitive advancement. Refusal to do so only leaves one's

consciousness chained right where it is, chasing mystical rainbows and wishing for the impossible.

Admitting self-deception delivers a blow to the false ego and its sense of self-importance. This chapter is designed to deliver just one more blow to your own self-importance to assault the false ego created by the predatory hive mind virus that created this false ego. Are you strong enough to sustain the blow and shake yourself loose from the self-importance of your own inner illusions of belief?

Speaking of self-importance, I have a question to ask all readers for consideration. I don't care which supernatural tradition you adhere to, whether it is waiting on the Second Coming of Jesus and your pathway to heaven, or whether you are an occultist seeking magical power over others. I don't care if you have trod the New Age path spreading presumed love and light everywhere, or whether you are seeking to understand the presumed magical nature of don Juan's teachings. The question for all readers regardless of which supernatural belief system you give your consciousness too, what makes you feel so deserving for any of them? What is your sense of entitlement that makes you feel so worthy of receiving the benefits of such things? You see, if you ask yourself this question with all honesty and pragmatism, the only answer you will discover is that it's based on your own sense of self-importance – the arrogance of the mind virus predator of the false ego.

For those who feel they can galivant across the cosmos like Castenada professed to do with his stories in *The Art of Dreaming*, what do you really have to offer as a not very informed human

being to a more advanced alien race that might view you as little more than an inconsequential lab rat? Is your false sense of selfimportance so out of control that you find yourself that special? You see, these are questions of pragmatism and sobriety that a warrior must ask themselves, yet we are so full of our own ego self-importance that it never dawns on us to ask such relevant questions of ourselves. The mystical lure is so powerful that it totally overrides common sense, pragmatism and sobriety. The mystical addiction has our minds so filled with our own false sense of value and worthiness that it never occurs to us to ask these questions. To face the answers we might discover, would shatter the illusion of the ego's self-importance – which is the purpose of asking such apparent questions in this book. Can your selfimportance handle the truth of the answers you might discover about yourself, or are you so sold on the illusion of the false ego that you would rather blame me for asking questions you should have had the wisdom to ask yourself in the first place, if you were not so blinded by your mystical addiction? You see, these are the kinds of questions a true warrior must ask themselves continually to free their consciousness from the mind of the predator, as will be shown as this book continues.

## 6. Explaining the Enemy 'Fear'

I discussed the aspect of the first enemy we all face on this journey as a constant companion, and that is fear. By presenting it in this volume I am going to provide more comprehensive understanding about the enemy, fear. The following passages about fear are from *The Teachings of don Juan*:

"And thus he has stumbled upon the first of his natural enemies: fear! A terrible enemy-treacherous, and difficult to overcome. It remains concealed at every turn of the way, prowling, waiting. And if the man, terrified in its presence, runs away, his enemy will have put an end to his quest and he will never learn. He will never become a man of knowledge. He will perhaps be a bully, or a harmless, scared man; at any rate, he will be a defeated man. His first enemy will have put an end to his cravings.

It is not possible for a man to abandon himself to fear for years, then finally conquer it. If he gives in to fear he will never conquer it, because he will shy away from learning and never try again. But if he tries to learn for years in the midst of his fear, he will eventually conquer it because he will never have really abandoned himself to it. Therefore he must not run away. He must defy his fear, and in spite of it he must take the next step in learning, and the next, and the next. He must be fully afraid, and yet he must not stop. That is the rule! And a moment will come when his first enemy retreats. The man begins to feel sure of himself. His intent becomes stronger. Learning is no longer a terrifying task.

When this joyful moment comes, the man can say without hesitation that he has defeated his first natural enemy. It happens little by little, and yet the fear is vanquished suddenly and fast. Once a man has vanquished fear, he is free from it for the rest of his life because, instead of fear, he has acquired clarity—a clarity of mind which erases fear. By then a man knows his desires; he knows how to satisfy those desires. He can anticipate the new steps of learning and a sharp clarity surrounds everything. The man feels that nothing is concealed."

## [Bold emphasis mine]

With the pointed questions I asked at the end of the last chapter, many readers who considered them with honesty probably felt a deep sense of fear when they realized that their belief structure was challenged and revealed to be not what you thought. Every human being on the planet encounters this visceral type of fear when any of their closely held and cherished beliefs are revealed for being the lie that they are. Even if we can't immediately accept the fact that the belief is a lie, the jolt of fear that strikes us when we are confronted with such ideas still generates a primal deep jolt of fear.

As I have written in a number of my other books, once we accept a belief system, any belief system, that belief gets folded in as part of the false ego's personality. Any challenge to the belief is turned into a personal assault against us because we believe what we do. A belief is just an idea, and any belief merits questioning, but because of the nature of the hapiym virus false persona being nothing but a mimic of its human host, the mentality of the virus folds the belief into becoming part of our (its) false persona. Once this process is complete and our choice of belief is made, the predator mind virus then created defense programs within us, enforced through our emotions (in this case fear), and the fear it generates within us virtually assures that we will not change the belief but defend it, sometimes even to the death. This was a protective mechanism of the false virus persona itself.

Fear is a powerful emotional inhibitor and the virus used it mercilessly to keep our consciousness imprisoned to its will in defending the beliefs that made up its false personality. I used the following passages from *The Active Side of Infinity* in the *Clarifying* book, but I am going to use them here again so I can expand your perceptual awareness and attack this information from a different angle.

"You have arrived, by your effort alone, to what the shamans of ancient Mexico called the topic of topics. I have been beating around the bush all this time, insinuating to you that something is holding us prisoner. Indeed we are held prisoner! This was an energetic fact for the sorcerers of ancient Mexico.

There is an explanation which is the simplest explanation in the world. They took over because we are food for them, and they squeeze us mercilessly because we are their sustenance.

Just as we rear chickens in chicken coops, the predators rear us in human coops. Therefore, their food is always available to them.

Well, you haven't heard it all yet. Wait a bit longer and see how you feel. I'm going to subject you to a blitz. That is, I'm going to subject your mind to tremendous onslaughts, and you cannot get up and leave because you're caught. Not because I'm holding you prisoner, but because something in you will prevent you from leaving, while another part of you is going to go truthfully berserk. So brace yourself!

I want to appeal to your analytical mind. Think for a moment, and tell me how you would explain the contradiction between the intelligence of man the engineer and the stupidity of his systems of beliefs, or the stupidity of his

contradictory behavior. Sorcerers believe that the predators have given us our systems of beliefs, our ideas of good and evil, our social mores. They are the ones who set up our hopes and expectations and dreams of success or failure. They have given us covetousness, greed, and cowardice. It is the predators who make us complacent, routinary, and egomaniacal.

In order to keep us obedient and meek and weak, the predators engaged themselves in a stupendous maneuver -- stupendous, of course, from the point of view of a fighting strategist. A horrendous maneuver from the point of view of those who suffer it. They gave us their mind! Do you hear me? The predators give us their mind, which becomes our mind. The predators' mind is baroque, contradictory, morose, filled with the fear of being discovered any minute now.

I know that even though you have never suffered hunger you have food anxiety, which is none other than the anxiety of the predator who fears that any moment now its maneuver is going to be uncovered and food is going to be denied. Through the mind, which, after all, is their mind, the predators inject into the lives of human beings whatever is convenient for them. And they ensure, in this manner, a degree of security to act as a buffer against their fear.

Sorcerers see infant human beings as strange, luminous balls of energy, covered from the top to the bottom with a glowing coat, something like a plastic cover that is adjusted tightly over their cocoon of energy. That glowing coat of awareness is what the predators consume, and when a human being reaches adulthood, all that is left of that glowing coat of awareness is a narrow fringe that goes from the ground to the top of the toes. That fringe permits mankind to continue living, but only barely.

To my knowledge, man is the only species that has the glowing coat of awareness outside that luminous cocoon. Therefore, he became easy prey for an awareness of a different order, such as the heavy awareness of the predator.

This narrow fringe of awareness is the epicenter of self-reflection, where man is irremediably caught. By playing on our self-reflection, which is the only point of awareness left to us, the predators create flares of awareness that they proceed to consume in a ruthless, predatory fashion. They give us inane problems that force those flares of awareness to rise, and in this manner they keep us alive in order for them to be fed with the energetic flare of our pseudo-concerns."

I am going to break here to offer some clear explanations. The flares of awareness that don Juan is referencing here are the spikes of energy generated by our emotions. In my book, *Emotionalism: How the Human Herds are Controlled*, I made the case for the fact that our emotions are a form of sixth sense that science has yet to recognize. The emotions permeate the central nervous system (CNS) which is all bioelectric in nature. Being bioelectric in nature, this is the energetic food supply on which the virus fed itself. The pseudo-concerns don Juan references are anything that we can worry about or fear. Virtually all of us is guilty of playing internal 'what if' games, thinking about things that can go wrong with things we have a desire to do. Many people, the perpetual worrywarts, place 'what ifs' on their 'what ifs' and can keep themselves in an emotional tizzy, which created a lot of inner anxiety, producing no shortage of emotional food for the virus to feed upon. It is through programming emotional responses in us that the virus has trained our mind and bodymind to be its servant, just as don Juan noted in the passages above. We have become its slave.

Self-reflection is the constant habit of worrying over what others think about us or may say about us. Self-reflection produces doubt where being accepted for our beliefs within our cultural herds reside. We all are trained to vie for acceptance in the eyes of others, so we are caught in the trap of self-reflection wondering if our dress is pretty enough, or if our shoes are shined bright enough, or if we have bad breath or the million other things we find to worry about over the false inner self-image. The virus,

because of programming its will into our psyche and physiology, keeps us all focused on these things. The mind of the predator locks our *assemblage point* to only one point of perception, i.e. preserving the insecurity of the false virus personality and the perceptual world of beliefs through which it defines itself.

Continuing where I left off:

"There's nothing that you and I can do about it. All we can do is discipline ourselves to the point where they will not touch us. How can you ask your fellow men to go through those rigors of discipline? They'll laugh and make fun of you, and the more aggressive ones will beat the crap out of you. And not so much because they don't believe it. Down in the depths of every human being, there's an ancestral, visceral knowledge about the predators' existence.

Whenever doubts plague you to a dangerous point, do something pragmatic about it.

Turn off the light. Pierce the darkness; find out what you can see.

You saw the fleeting shadows against the trees, that's pretty good. I'd like you to see them inside this room. You're not seeing anything. You're just merely catching fleeting images. You have enough energy for that.

The sorcerers of ancient Mexico saw the predator. They called it the flyer because it leaps

through the air. It is not a pretty sight. It is a big shadow, impenetrably dark, a black shadow that jumps through the air. Then, it lands flat on the ground. The sorcerers of ancient Mexico were quite ill at ease with the idea of when it made its appearance on Earth. They reasoned that man must have been a complete being at one point, with stupendous insights, feats of awareness that are mythological legends nowadays. And then everything seems to disappear, and we have now a sedated man."

## [Bold emphasis mine]

I am going to interject here and state categorically that the last paragraph about the flyers is a total fabrication of Castenada's imagination. The hive virus cells lived in all of us, it was not some big black blob as described in the passage above, so Castenada is taking liberty fabricating a falsehood and putting words in don Juan's mouth, which only illustrates Castenada's profound ignorance on the subject of the predator.

"What I'm saying is that what we have against us is not a simple predator. It is very smart, and organized. It follows a methodical system to render us useless. Man, the magical being that he is destined to be, is no longer magical. He's an average piece of meat. There are no more dreams for man but the dreams of an

animal who is being raised to become a piece of meat: trite, conventional, imbecilic.

This predator, which, of course, is an inorganic being, is not altogether invisible to us, as other inorganic beings are. I think as children we do see it and decide it's so horrific that we don't want to think about it. Children, of course, could insist on focusing on the sight, but everybody else around them dissuades them from doing so.

The only alternative left for mankind is discipline. Discipline is the only deterrent. But by discipline I don't mean harsh routines. I don't mean waking up every morning at five-thirty and throwing cold water on yourself until you're blue. Sorcerers understand discipline as the capacity to face with serenity odds that are not included in our expectations. For them, discipline is an art: the art of facing infinity without flinching, not because they are strong and tough but because they are filled with awe.

Sorcerers say that discipline makes the glowing coat of awareness unpalatable to the flyer. The result is that the predators become bewildered. An inedible glowing coat of awareness is not part of their cognition, I suppose. After being bewildered, they don't have any recourse other than refraining from continuing their nefarious task.

If the predators don't eat our glowing coat of awareness for a while, it'll keep on glowing. Simplifying this matter to the extreme, I can say that sorcerers, by means of their discipline, push the predators away long enough to allow their glowing coat of awareness to grow beyond the level of the toes. Once it goes beyond the level of the toes, it grows back to its natural size. The sorcerers of ancient Mexico used to say that the glowing coat of awareness is like a tree. If it is not pruned, it grows to its natural size and volume. As awareness reaches levels higher than the toes, tremendous maneuvers of perception become a matter of course.

The grand trick of those sorcerers of ancient times was to burden the flyers' mind with discipline. They found out that if they taxed the flyers' mind with inner silence, the foreign installation would flee, giving to any one of the practitioners involved in this maneuver the total certainty of the mind's foreign origin. The foreign installation comes back, I assure you, but not as strong, and a process begins in which the fleeing of the flyers' mind becomes routine, until one day it flees permanently. A sad day indeed! That's the day when you have to rely on your own devices, which are nearly zero. There's no one to tell you

### what to do. There's no mind of foreign origin to dictate the imbecilities you're accustomed to.

My teacher, the nagual Julian, used to warn all his disciples that this was the toughest day in a sorcerer's life, for the real mind that belongs to us, the sum total of our experience, after a lifetime of domination has been rendered shy, insecure, and shifty. Personally, I would say that the real battle of sorcerers begins at that moment. The rest is merely preparation.

Discipline taxes the foreign mind no end, so, through their discipline, sorcerers vanquish the foreign installation."

#### [Bold emphasis mine]

The discipline don Juan is talking about is learning the techniques to rid ourselves of the virus habits – not our physical routines and habits, but our emotional and mental habits that keep our consciousness enslaved to the will of the virus herd infection.

Under the effects of the predator, we have all been programmed in the most literal sense to do its will instead of our own. The stupendous nature and dastardliness of this feat of cognitive chicanery is that the virus convinces us that its decisions are our decisions. It created sort of an internal feedback loop inside us. In the first place it mimicked and stole our waking state personality, creating its own false personality based on who we are, then once it bent this false personality to suit its needs, it fed that new perception back into our minds leading us to believe that

the false persona was us. This process of bait and switch is so sublime that no one ever figures it out and we spend our entire lives living a fiction, defending a false ego personality which is a modified mirror reflection of ourselves.

I realize that these are very hard concepts to get your head around, but until one can conceptualize what has actually happened, offering the remedy to the problem would be meaningless.

"I am going to give the flyers' mind, which you carry inside you, one more jolt. I am going to reveal to you one of the most extraordinary secrets of sorcery. I am going to describe to you a finding that took sorcerers thousands of years to verify and consolidate. The flyers' mind flees forever when a sorcerer succeeds in grabbing on to the vibrating force that holds us together as a conglomerate of energy fields. If a sorcerer maintains that pressure long enough, the flyers' mind flees in defeat. And that's exactly what you are going to do: hold on to the energy that binds you together"

I am going to call out another fabrication in Castenada's storytelling here. The foregoing paragraph has no real meaning. It is nothing but mystical hornswoggle to deceive one seeking to succeed in this process. Saying that someone can grasp onto the 'energy field that holds our form together' is utter nonsense, but it does sound oh, so mysterious and magical, no? It is nothing more

than part of the mystical sales hype of a fake guru. If asked to explain its meaning, neither Castenada nor any of his acolytes could tell you what it means, because it has no meaning whatsoever. It is also not pragmatic.

"You are fearing the wrath of God, aren't you? Rest assured, that's not your fear. It's the flyers' fear, because it knows that you will do exactly as I'm telling you.

Don't worry, I know for a fact that those attacks wear off very quickly. The flyers' mind has no concentration whatsoever. You're being torn by an internal struggle. Down in the depths of you, you know that you are incapable of refusing the agreement that an indispensable part of you, your glowing coat of awareness, is going to serve as an incomprehensible source of nourishment to, naturally, incomprehensible entities. And another part of you will stand against this situation with all its might.

The sorcerers' revolution is that they refuse to honor agreements in which they did not participate. Nobody ever asked me if I would consent to be eaten by beings of a different kind of awareness. My parents just brought me into this world to be food, like themselves, and that's the end of the story.

The more you think about it, and the more you talk to and observe yourself and your fellow men, the more intense will be the conviction that something has rendered us incapable of any activity or any interaction or any thought that doesn't have the self as its focal point. Your concern, as well as the concern of everyone you know or talk to, is the self.

Focus your attention on the fleeting shadows that you actually see. The flyers' mind has not left you, it has been seriously injured. It's trying its best to rearrange its relationship with you. But something in you is severed forever. The flyer knows that. The real danger is that the flyers' mind may win by getting you tired and forcing you to quit by playing the contradiction between what it says and what I say.

You see, the flyers' mind has no competitors; when it proposed something, it agrees with its own proposition, and it makes you believe that you've done something of worth. The flyers' mind will say to you that whatever Juan Matus is telling you is pure nonsense, and then the same mind will agree with its own proposition, "Yes, of course, it is nonsense," you will say. That's the way they overcome us."

[Bold emphasis mine]

The last paragraph has more relevance than you yet realize. It is the virus habit's capability to talk us out of anything that will be your greatest adversary in your own process for cognitive advancement. This is our own inner process of rationalizing why we shouldn't change, why we should never let go of our beliefs, either from the outside world or the beliefs we believe about the false inner self. As you wage war with your inner false personality, this rationalization process will rise time and again to talk you out of what you need to do and to stay exactly the same, using the emotional habits of the virus to keep you firmly rooted in its self-illusion.

The virus was expert as getting its will. It can talk you out of something faster than you can talk yourself into it if you let it. This process of internal rationalizing will haunt your every footstep in this process until you learn the wiles of your adversary.

The predator virus is the same in everyone, without variance. The only difference is the primary personality and experiences of the host human form that makes any distinction. How the hive cells manipulated us is the same in everyone where their emotional responses and general mental processes of self-rationalizing is concerned. We all strive for self-justification for all our actions, either to the external world or to ourselves in our inner world, because the hive cells, although attached to individual human hosts, was a collectivist awareness. What one hive cell knew, all hive cells could know by tapping into the cosmic database of hive cells that don Juan called the Eagle or the *Indescribable Force*.

Every hive cell had a prime directive, infect your host, mimic and store everything about it, and when the host dies, bring that information back and add it to the hive database collective. This is why every human reacts to the same emotional stimuli the same way. Everyone has different internal emotional trigger points, things that make us uncomfortable or uneasy or fill us with fear and anxiety. All of these emotional responses have been artificially turned up to full volume by the mind of the predator to feed itself. But because the human set of emotions used as a sixth sense are the same in everyone, we all react emotionally to whatever stimuli makes us laugh or cry, fear or reach pinnacles of joy. The trigger for these emotional responses may vary, but the emotional response to our specific stimuli does not vary from one human being to the next. To rid oneself of the residual habits of the now extinct predator cosmic colony amounts to one facing all their inner fears and seeing through the false beliefs that the virus made us adopt to keep its world of illusion in place. Taking on all the emotional defense mechanisms put in place by the virus to protect its false ego persona is the discipline don Juan taught. It is a grueling emotional process fraught with many pitfalls and only the most dedicated warrior will win the day and claim their own freedom of consciousness from the virus plague.

Fear is the leash on our consciousness. The greatest fears occur when we have to look into the inner mirror of our own habits and beliefs about ourselves and discover why we believe and do the things we do. We must examine all of our self-justifications and our sense of self-righteous correctness. We have to continually ask ourselves *why* we believe what we believe. This

process usually starts when we question our major beliefs associated with the outside world. When we start to question why we believe what we do, we have to analyze where the belief came from. Did our parents pound it into us as children, as with most religious programming, or did we pick it up from the socialization process of the school system? Who told you what to believe and why did you accept it? Do you believe what you believe because you were told to, or did you adopt a belief simply because it made you feel good? Is your belief based on any personal experience, or merely on cultural say so? To rid ourselves of the residual virus habits we all have to go through this type of critical self-analysis to rid ourselves of beliefs which for the most part cannot sustain themselves under such scrutiny.

Fear is the mechanism that the virus installed in us to never question these things. Fear is what keeps our belief illusions in place and firmly rooted controlling our consciousness, and the virus used these fears mercilessly and ruthlessly against us to keep us feeding it our emotional energies and keeping its world of illusion in place. This process is how you defeat fear, not some nonsense about grabbing the cluster of what holds your form together. Using the additional tool of cell talk which we explained in *Demystifying the Mystical* and *The Second Cognition Toolbox*, we have provided means, methods and explanations to this clearing process to free your consciousness from the predator's habits and controls. The more of these habits and fears you eradicate from your consciousness the more your perceptions will expand into areas you never dreamed possible. This is how one starts to evolve and expand their consciousness, not with magical

whimsical nonsense spun by mystical fraud artists for thousands of years.

Castenada and his followers have not advanced their perceptual capabilities one iota in all the years since he studied under don Juan. Castenada's goal was totally egotistical. He envisioned himself as a notable guru, and that is what his ego turned him into. He never understood the teachings of don Juan that I have sought to explain and make pragmatic in all my works. Spouting mystical sayings with no way to answer those riddles other than by posing other riddles has been a tactic used by mystical con men throughout the ages. It is one thing to take the teachings of a teacher like don Juan and tell someone what he said, but if they can't tell you *how to do it*, they aren't worth the praise they expect from their followers and hangers on. Who holds more value, the instructor that only tells you the what's, or the man of knowledge that can show you the how's? This is for you to decide.

### 7. In Depth Explanations About Stalking

Although I offered some lengthy discussions explaining the principles of stalking in the *Clarifying* book, what I offer in this chapter will be more refined explanations than what I presented there. What was revealed in *Clarifying* is still applicable for understanding *stalking*, but more expanded concepts about *stalking* oneself will be the focus of this chapter. The following lengthy passages come from *The Power of Silence* and provide the platform for these deeper explanations about *stalking*.

"The very first principle of stalking is that a warrior stalks himself. He stalks himself ruthlessly, cunningly, patiently, and sweetly.

Stalking is the art of using behavior in novel ways for specific purposes. Normal human behavior in the world of everyday life is routine. Any behavior that breaks from routine causes an unusual effect on our total being. That unusual effect is what sorcerers seek, because it is cumulative."

[Bold emphasis mine]

What don Juan calls the assemblage point is where our attention and consciousness is focused in our daily lives. Because of cultural programming, where we each get our dictated 'norms', it becomes the focus of our assemblage point. All our emotions are equally associated with this point of focus that we use to navigate our world. Every belief we embrace becomes part of the assembled point of our perceptions, and virtually all of these emotional points of perception become the guideposts for how we perceive and navigate life. For the greatest portion of humanity, this assemblage point of beliefs and emotions becomes rigidified over time and rarely wavers. It is how we see the world and varies very little over the course of our lifetime.

"The sorcerer seers of ancient times, through their seeing, first noticed that unusual behavior produced a tremor in the assemblage point. They soon discovered that if unusual behavior was practiced systematically and directed wisely, it eventually forced the assemblage point to move.

The real challenge for those sorcerer seers, was finding a system of behavior that was neither petty nor capricious, but that combined the morality and the sense of beauty which differentiates sorcerer seers from plain witches.

Anyone who succeeds in moving his assemblage point to a new position is a sorcerer.

And from that new position, he can do all kinds of

good and bad things to his fellow men. Being a sorcerer, therefore, can be like being a cobbler or a baker. The quest of sorcerer seers is to go beyond that stand. And to do that, they need morality and beauty.

For sorcerers, stalking is the foundation on which everything else they do is built. It is the art of controlled folly."

Unusual behavior from the foregoing passages does not mean hanging upside down from tree branches or anything of that nature. Unusual behavior is when we seek to break the rigidity of our cognitive norms. The field of psychology professes maintaining what it calls cognitive resonance. Cognitive resonance occurs when we balance all of the world's idiosyncrasies and can function 'normally' in the world. Naturally, normality is measured through the aegis of cultural compliance.

Psychology is practiced seeking to prevent cognitive dissonance when it occurs in its clients. Cognitive dissonance occurs when we perceive or learn something that runs counter to our ideas or cultural programming. When we encounter situations that disrupt our worldview, finding out one of our cherished beliefs is not true, for instance, it creates a cognitive dissonance both psychologically and physiologically as we are confronted with new facts that disrupt old beliefs. Cognitive dissonance causes a form of psychic discomfort as well and internal emotional discomfort. Such a situation is an 'unusual behavior' that can

move one's *assemblage point* to a new point of perceiving the world in a different fashion than we did before. We don't see things the way we used to anymore.

Where psychology seeks to avoid creating cognitive dissonance in its clientele, *stalking* is an 'unusual behavior' through which the sorcerer actively seeks out instances to create cognitive dissonance so we can face the lies we perceive as truth in the illusionary reality of the *tonal*, or first cognition. We are all habitually programmed by the virus itself to maintain our worldview, which is *its* worldview. It is through the virus' demand to maintain its world of illusion that, when one can peel back any layer of the illusion, cognitive dissonance is a result of this disruption. To actively seek cognitive dissonance runs counter to the philosophy of psychology, which professes maintaining the cultural status quo by maintaining cognitive resonance and keeping us all cogs in the cultural machine.

"There is a threshold that once crossed permits no retreat. Every sorcerer should have a clear memory of crossing that threshold so he can remind himself of the new state of his perceptual potential. One does not have to be an apprentice of sorcery to reach this threshold, and the only difference between an average man and a sorcerer, in such cases, is what each emphasizes. A sorcerer emphasizes crossing this threshold and uses the memory of it as a point of reference. An average

man does not cross the threshold and does his best to forget all about it.

Sorcerers say that the fourth abstract core happens when the spirit cuts our chains of self-reflection. Cutting our chains is marvelous, but also very undesirable, for nobody wants to be free.

What a strange feeling: to realize that everything we think, everything we say depends on the position of the assemblage point.

The secret of our chains is that they imprison us, but by keeping us pinned down on our comfortable spot of self-reflection, they defend us from the onslaughts of the unknown.

Once our chains are cut, we are no longer bound by the concerns of the daily world. We are still in the daily world, but we don't belong there anymore. In order to belong we must share the concerns of people. And without chains we can't."

#### [Bold emphasis mine]

As noted previously, our point of self-reflection is our obsession with the false ego personality created by the virus infection. Its mind becomes our mind and we constantly reflect on how that false ego persona is being accepted by the world at large, where every other human being is equally lost in this continual process of self-reflection comparing itself to the world of people in which it functions on a daily basis. Because of these concerns

which generate the other facet of the predator's mind, being accepted by the hive, or herd collective, we expend inordinate amounts of energy sustaining this false self-image. We worry about how what we say may be accepted by our peers and associates, we tiptoe around the emotional feelings of others, we are concerned with our appearance and very often their appearance, etc. These are all aspects of the worrisome energy expended through the constant process of self-reflection.

Because the predator was a hive mentality, the only thing that individuated any predatory hive cell was the isolation of being in the form of its human host. Beyond that isolation, there was no such thing as an individuated hive cell. Each cell was exactly like any other hive cell. Perhaps a simplistic example of this is using blood cells as an example. All blood cells are blood cells, whether individually or examined in a group. In like kind, every hive cell was like every other hive cell with the only distinguishing characteristic being the personality, emotions and memories of its human host, which it merely copied. Just because the hive cell mimicked and recorded all the data of its human host did not distinguish it from other hive cells beyond the individual data it stored. No predatory hive cell ever had any true individuality of its own, it was merely a data dump where all the information about its host was stored.

When we can fully comprehend this, then we must also realize that it is not we as human beings that have this need for self-reflection to ensure that we fit in with our herd surroundings, but it is in fact the hive cell comparing itself to other hive cells seeking to maintain continuity of the hive collective while separated into individualized human forms. This is why humans are forced into groups of conformity, because that is the nature of the hapiym mind virus. It could be nothing more than the hive beast it was created to be. By invading our consciousness and giving us its mind, humanity could do little other than comply with the mandates of the predator in all aspects of our life. Humans may be social animals, as are many species on this planet, but the virus demanded that we be *socialized* into herds of conformity to match its own nature as a hive collective. It is from this real world understanding of the hive and its infectious nature that one can finally understand all the philosophical and mystical ideologies that profess 'we are all One'. Humanity is not all One, the hive was.

To grow in awareness requires that we break the chains that this predatory mind virus holds on our body and mind. We do not do this by maintaining cognitive resonance with herd conformity. We must actively seek out those things within us that make us conform to the will of the predator through the virus' manipulation of our emotions to keep its will and its worldview exactly where it wants us to be. This is what keeps our *assemblage point* locked into a single, narrowly-focused field of perception – *its* field of allowable perception.

"What distinguishes normal people is that we share a metaphorical dagger: the concerns of our self-reflection. With this dagger, we cut ourselves and bleed; and the job of our chains of self-reflection is to give us the feeling that we are bleeding together, that we are sharing something wonderful: our humanity. But if we were to examine it, we would discover that we are bleeding alone; that we are not sharing anything; that all we are doing is toying with our manageable, unreal, man-made reflection.

Sorcerers are no longer in the world of daily affairs because they are no longer prey to their self-reflection."

"As the energy that is ordinarily used to maintain the fixed position of the assemblage point becomes liberated, it focuses automatically on that connecting link. There are no techniques or maneuvers for a sorcerer to learn beforehand to move energy from one place to the other. Rather it is a matter of an instantaneous shift taking place once a certain level of proficiency has been attained.

The level of proficiency is pure understanding. In order to attain that instantaneous shift of energy, one needs a clear connection with intent, and to get a clear connection one needs only to intend it through pure understanding.

Pure understanding is a sorcerer's advance runner probing that immensity out there."

Clarification needs to be issued on these passages because how they are written would lead one to believe that there is a single instantaneous incident like the flipping of a switch that will magically shift our perceptions from the everyday world into the perceptual world of don Juan's sorcerer. This is patently untrue as a mystical expectation. I will however give an example of an instantaneous shifting of perception and, as noted above, it will result in a state of cognitive dissonance. No one likes to be or feel betrayed. Any time we have someone that we trust betray us, it creates an inner state of cognitive dissonance with a number of attendant emotions delivered over the shock of the betrayal. The greater the magnitude of betrayal, the more powerful the cognitive dissonance and the emotions associated with it. If you have ever been betrayed in any degree, then you know exactly what I am talking about.

Depending on the magnitude of the betrayal, it can leave a child scarred for life if the betrayal was by a parent, say in a situation of abuse. Or it can leave one scarred to a lesser degree depending on the level of offense the particular betrayal presents to us. Regardless of the magnitude of the betrayal, which is usually an instantaneous realization, part of our worldview caves in. This is one example of how one's *assemblage point* can be moved through a form of emotional trauma. We no longer see the world in the same light we did as before the betrayal.

"The nature of ruthlessness is that it is the opposite of self-pity. All sorcerers are ruthless."

"When the assemblage point moves and reaches the place of no pity, the position of rationality and common sense becomes weak.

Silent knowledge is something that all of us have, something that has complete mastery, complete knowledge of everything. But it cannot think, therefore, it cannot speak of what is known.

Sorcerers believe that when man became aware that he knew, and wanted to be conscious of what he knew, he lost sight of what he knew. This silent knowledge, which you cannot describe, is, of course, intent -- the spirit, the abstract. Man's error was to want to know it directly, the way he knew everyday life. The more he wanted, the more ephemeral it became.

Man gave up silent knowledge for the world of reason. The more he clings to the world of reason, the more ephemeral intent becomes."

Silent knowledge, which don Juan refers to as *intent* or *spirit*, is the sentient awareness we call psoyca. Because virtually all doctrines and interpretations of 'spirit' are contrivances of the hapiym mind virus, we had to invent a new word to remove the tainted image of what people perceive the word spirit to mean. Through the virus infection, we can barely hear the voice of psoyca. When I say voice, it doesn't signify actually 'hearing' anything. It is a form of silent guidance or knowledge that presents

itself to us when it is needed. It is not something we can command at will, but it is there for our use in life when we can clear all the garbage programming that keeps us rooted in the hive *nagual* of perception. Silencing the *inner dialogue* makes us more prone to receive this silent knowledge. With the incessant chatter in our minds spawned by the hive *nagual* arguing with our human awareness, we can rarely hear the information delivered through silent knowledge that our psoyca presents to us.

"The origin of the anxiety that overtakes an apprentice with the speed of wildfire is the sudden movement of his assemblage point. Get used to the idea of recurrent attacks of anxiety, because your assemblage point is going to keep moving.

Any movement of the assemblage point is like dying. Everything in us gets disconnected, then reconnected again to a source of much greater power. That amplification of energy is felt as a killing anxiety. When this happens, just wait. The outburst of energy will pass. What's dangerous is not knowing what is happening to you. Once you know, there is no real danger."

[Bold emphasis mine]

This last passage is deceptive because it might lead one to believe that the movement of the *assemblage point* turns into an automatic function that works on its own once one embarks on the process. That is not the case. I have given you some examples of the anxiety felt when we have those perception shattering bouts of cognitive dissonance where our perceptual worldview changes. This will be a constant in this process, so as don Juan says, get used to it.

Rather than reaching the false conclusion that the assemblage point will move with no effort on your part is only hanging your hat on a tree of expectations with no branches. How the assemblage point keeps moving is through the act of stalking oneself. It takes willful effort (intent) and discipline to stay with this stalking process seeking out all those things inside you that create the emotional anxieties that the hapiym virus used as a whip to keep your perceptions right where it wanted them to be.

"Ancient man knew, in the most direct fashion, what to do and how best to do it. But, because he performed so well, he started to develop a sense of selfness, which gave him the feeling that he could predict and plan the actions he was used to performing. And thus the idea of an individual "self" appeared; an individual self which began to dictate the nature and scope of man's actions.

As the feeling of the individual self became stronger, man lost his natural connection to silent knowledge. Modern man, being heir to that development, therefore finds himself so hopelessly removed from the source of everything that all he can do is express his despair in violent and cynical acts of self-destruction. The reason for man's cynicism and despair is the bit of silent knowledge left in him, which does two things: one, it gives man an inkling of his ancient connection to the source of everything; and two, it makes man feel that without this connection, he has no hope of peace, of satisfaction, of attainment.

War is the natural state for a warrior, and peace is an anomaly. But war, for a warrior, doesn't mean acts of individual or collective stupidity or wanton violence. War, for a warrior, is the total struggle against that individual self that has deprived man of his power.

Ruthlessness is the most basic premise of sorcery. Any movement of the assemblage point means a movement away from the excessive concern with the individual self.

Self-importance is the force generated by man's self-image. It is that force which keeps the assemblage point fixed where it is at present. For this reason, the thrust of the warrior's way is to dethrone self-importance. And everything sorcerers do is toward accomplishing this goal.

Sorcerers have unmasked self-importance and found that it is self-pity masquerading as something else. It doesn't sound possible, but that is what it is. Self-pity is the real enemy and the source of man's misery. Without a degree of pity

for himself, man could not afford to be as selfimportant as he is. However, once the force of self-importance is engaged, it develops its own momentum. And it is this seemingly independent nature of self-importance which gives it its fake sense of worth."

[Bold emphasis mine]

It should now be self-evident that self-importance, as well as self-pity, are the realm of the predatory mind virus which resides as the *nagual* part of our 'two minds'. It is all the programming of the mind virus against which every warrior wages war to free their own consciousness from its pernicious controlling clutches. This is the true warrior's path, but never underestimate the wiles of this ancient enemy and its programmed capabilities. Even though the virus colonies are destroyed across all creation, its programmed habits still reside deeply embedded in our forms. It is these programs that the warrior must ruthlessly seek out and destroy in a scorched earth policy to free one's consciousness from its programming.

"Sorcerers are absolutely convinced that by moving our assemblage points away from their customary position we achieve a state of being which could only be called ruthlessness. Sorcerers know, by means of their practical actions, that as soon as their assemblage points move, their selfimportance crumbles. Without the customary position of their assemblage points, their selfimage can no longer be sustained. And without the heavy focus on that self-image, they lose their selfcompassion, and with it their self-importance. Sorcerers are right, therefore, in saying that selfimportance is merely self-pity in disguise."

"The position of self-reflection forces the assemblage point to assemble a world of sham compassion, but of very real cruelty and self-centeredness. In that world the only real feelings are those convenient for the one who's feeling them.

For a sorcerer, ruthlessness is not cruelty. Ruthlessness is the opposite of self-pity or self-importance. <u>Ruthlessness is sobriety</u>.

Sorcerers' increased energy, derived from the curtailment of their self-reflection, allows their senses a greater range of perception.

The only worthwhile course of action, whether for sorcerers or average men, is to restrict our involvement with our self-image. What a nagual aims at with his apprentices is the shattering of their mirror of self-reflection.

Each of us has a different degree of attachment to his self-reflection. And that attachment is felt as need.

It is possible for sorcerers, or average men, to need no one, to get peace, harmony, laughter, knowledge, directly from the spirit--to need no intermediaries. For you and for me, its different. I'm your intermediary and my teacher was mine. Intermediaries, besides providing a minimal chance--the awareness of intent - help shatter peoples mirrors of self-reflection.

The only concrete help you ever get from me is that I attack your self-reflection. If it weren't for that, you would be wasting your time. This is the only real help you've gotten from me.

I've taught you all kinds of things in order to trap your attention. You'll swear, though, that that teaching has been the important part. It hasn't. There is very little value in instruction. Sorcerers maintain that moving the assemblage point is all that matters. And that movement depends on increased energy and not on instruction.

Any human being who would follow a specific and simple sequence of actions can learn to move his assemblage point. The sequence of actions I am talking about is one that stems from being aware. The nagual provides a minimal chance, but that minimal chance is not instruction, like the instruction you need to learn to operate a machine. The minimal chance consists of being made aware of the spirit.

The specific sequence I have in mind calls for being aware that self-importance is the force which keeps the assemblage point fixed. When self-importance is curtailed, the energy it requires is no longer expended. That increased energy then serves as the springboard that launches the assemblage point, automatically and without premeditation, into an inconceivable journey.

Once the assemblage point has moved, the movement itself entails moving from self-reflection, and this, in turn, assures a clear connecting link with the spirit. After all, it is self-reflection that has disconnected man from the spirit in the first place.

As I have already said to you, sorcery is a journey of return. We return victorious to the spirit, having descended into hell. And from hell we bring trophies. Understanding is one of our trophies.

Our difficulty with this simple progression is that most of us are unwilling to accept that we need so little to get on with. We are geared to expect instruction, teaching, guides, masters. And when we are told that we need no one, we don't believe it. We become nervous, then distrustful, and finally angry and disappointed. If we need help, it is not in methods, but in emphasis. If

# someone makes us aware that we need to curtail our self-importance, that help is real.

Sorcerers say we should need no one to convince us that the world is infinitely more complex than our wildest fantasies. So, why are we dependent? Why do we crave someone to guide us when we can do it ourselves? Big question, eh?

The spirit moves the assemblage point. I have insisted to the point of exhaustion that there are no procedures in sorcery. There are no methods, no steps. The only thing that matters is the movement of the assemblage point. And no procedure can cause that. It's an effect that happens all by itself.

### [Bold emphasis mine]

With all I have shared thus far, these passages should be self-explanatory. The last paragraph is somewhat deceptive in that stalking is a sort of 'procedure' that one must undertake so the assemblage point can become free and roam into new areas of perception. I think this needed clarifying because it seems contradictory to the act of stalking. How one takes the understanding of the process of stalking and applies it to themselves may vary from person to person, but the method of seeking out the programs that trigger the emotional responses that keep our limited perceptual beliefs locked in place must be discovered in some fashion before we can ultimately confront and eradicate them. As we discover and remove these programs, our

perceptions do expand in varying degrees and our assemblage point of perception will alter accordingly on its own.

"The nagual entices the assemblage point into moving by helping to destroy the mirror of self-reflection. But that is all the nagual can do. The actual mover is the spirit, the abstract; something that cannot be seen or felt; something that does not seem to exist, and yet does. For this reason, sorcerers report that the assemblage point moves all by itself.

Because the spirit has no perceivable essence, sorcerers deal rather with the specific instances and ways in which they are able to shatter the mirror of self-reflection.

The world of our self-reflection or of our mind is very flimsy and is held together by a few key ideas that serve as its underlying order. When those ideas fail, the underlying order ceases to function.

Continuity is the key idea. Continuity is the idea that we are a solid block. In our minds, what sustains our world is the certainty that we are unchangeable."

"I've described to you in the past the concept of stopping the world and that it is as necessary for sorcerers as reading and writing

are for the average man. <u>It consists of</u> introducing a dissonant element into the fabric of everyday behavior for purposes of halting the otherwise smooth flow of ordinary events—events which are catalogued in our minds by our reason.

The dissonant element is called not-doing, or the opposite of doing. Doing is anything that is part of a whole for which we have a cognitive account. Not-doing is an element that does not belong in that charted whole.

Sorcerers, because they are stalkers, understand human behavior to perfection. They understand, for instance, that human beings are creatures of inventory. Knowing the ins and outs of a particular inventory is what makes a man a scholar or an expert in his field.

Sorcerers know that when an average person's inventory fails, the person either enlarges his inventory or his world of self-reflection collapses. The average person is willing to incorporate new items into his inventory if they don't contradict the inventory's underlying order. But if the items contradict that order, the person's mind collapses. The inventory is the mind. Sorcerers count on this when they attempt to break the mirror of self-reflection."

"Continuity is so important in our lives that if it breaks it's always instantly repaired. In the case of sorcerers, however, once their assemblage points reach the place of no pity, continuity is never the same.

You are dealing with a new type of continuity. It takes time to get used to it. Warriors spend years in limbo where they are neither average men nor sorcerers. The difficulty is that the mirror of self-reflection is extremely powerful and only lets its victims go after a ferocious struggle."

"Possibly every human being under normal living conditions has had at one time or another the opportunity to break away from the bindings of convention. I don't mean social convention, but the conventions binding our perception. A moment of elation would suffice to move our assemblage points and break our conventions. So, too, a moment of fright, ill health, anger, or grief. But ordinarily, whenever we have the chance to move our assemblage points we become frightened. Our religious, academic, social backgrounds come into play. They assure our safe return to the flock; the

# return of our assemblage points to the prescribed position of normal living.

All the mystics and spiritual teachers you know of have done just that: their assemblage points moved, either through discipline or accident, to a certain point; and then they returned to normalcy carrying a memory that lasted them a lifetime.

The average man, incapable of finding the energy to perceive beyond his daily limits, calls the realm of extraordinary perception sorcery, witchcraft, or the work of the devil, and shies away from it without examining it further."

I must pause here and offer some keener explanations about the mystics and their magical supernatural traditions. The first thing that should be noted about these and other passages by don Juan is that nowhere does he equate the *nagual* with *spirit*. They are separate and distinct principles in his explanations, with spirit, or psoyca, holding the superior position for cognitive perceptual awareness.

I spent almost 1,000 pages in *Gutting Mysticism* and *The Truth About the 'Divine' Soul* proving that every human concept about spirit and the supernatural are the products of misinterpreting contact with the predatory hive network of awareness. These mystical misinterpretations run the gamut from Hindu fakirs starting in the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, to the Greek philosophers; through mystical Christianity and Gnosticism, to

the creation of Islam and Muhammed's visions; into the Sufi traditions, the Renaissance philosophers and occultists; through Freemasonry, Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Rosicrucianism; the writings of Carl Jung and into the modern New Age spiritual movement with its channelers and psychics. Every concept of 'spirit' or spirituality humanity presently embraces is a product of the mind virus from the stars, whether you want to face that assessment or not. Castenada's own self-professed adventures into the *nagual* were all dalliances with the hive construct of *inorganic beings*.

The continuity that don Juan speaks about in these passages is the continuity of the illusions we perceive as our reality. With the cognitive habits of the hapiym predator embedded deeply in our minds, when this continuity of the illusion is disrupted, then the rationalization process installed by the virus to justify all its perceptions kicks in and we rationalize away these disruptions in the continuity of the flow. These disruptions could be viewed similarly as a 'glitch in the matrix'. With the rationalization processes the virus embedded in our minds, we usually quickly seek to explain away the discontinuity of circumstances that caused the disruption in continuity. Conspiracy theories, or conspiracy facts can serve as such disruptive forces where interrupting and challenging the continuity of the perceptual world of illusion is concerned, as just one example of a continuity disrupter. As mentioned previously, betrayal is also such a continuity disrupter. There are multitudes more.

Where the sorcerer warrior is concerned in his war for the freedom of his consciousness, rather than seeking to rationalize away these discontinuities, we seek to face them head on and investigate their validity rather than whitewash them with rationalization to put ourselves back into the comfortable hammock of the hive perceptual world. Anything that is part of the conventional perception of the illusionary world of the predator must be challenged, defeated and eradicated to advance one's consciousness.

"Turn everything into what it really is: the abstract, the spirit, the nagual. There is no witchcraft, no evil, no devil. There is only perception.

Your assemblage point can move beyond the place of no pity into the place of silent knowledge. To manipulate it yourself means you have enough energy to move between reason and silent knowledge at will. If a sorcerer has enough energy-or even if he does not have sufficient energy but needs to shift because it is a matter of life and death--he can fluctuate between reason and silent knowledge.

At this stage in your development, any movement of your assemblage point will still be a mystery. Your challenge at the beginning of your apprenticeship is maintaining your gains, rather

<u>than reasoning them out.</u> At some point everything will make sense to you.

You have to be able to explain knowledge to yourself before you can claim that it makes sense to you. For a movement of your assemblage point to make sense, you will need to have energy to fluctuate from the place of reason to the place of silent knowledge.

Your assemblage point can move by itself. You can intend the movement by manipulating certain feelings and in so doing your assemblage point can reach the position of silent knowledge.

One way to talk about the perception attained in the place of silent knowledge is to call it "here and here.""

"Intending the movement of the assemblage point is a great accomplishment. But accomplishment is something personal. It's necessary, but it's not the important part. It is not the residue sorcerers look forward to. The idea of the abstract, the spirit, is the only residue that is important. The idea of the personal self has no value whatsoever. Every time I've had the chance, I have made you aware of the need to abstract. You have always believed that I meant to think abstractly. No. To abstract means to make

yourself available to the spirit by being aware of it.

One of the most dramatic things about the human condition is the macabre connection between stupidity and self-reflection.

It is stupidity that forces us to discard anything that does not conform with our self-reflective expectations. For example, as average men, we are blind to the most crucial piece of knowledge available to a human being: the existence of the assemblage point and the fact that it can move.

For a rational man it's unthinkable that there should be an invisible point where perception is assembled.

For the rational man to hold steadfastly to his self-image <u>insures his abysmal ignorance</u>. He ignores, for instance, the fact that sorcery is <u>not</u> incantations and hocus-pocus, <u>but the freedom to perceive</u> not only the world taken for granted, but everything else that is humanly possible.

Here is where the average man's stupidity is most dangerous; he is afraid of sorcery. He trembles at the possibility of freedom. And freedom is at his fingertips. It's called the third point. And it can be reached as easily as the assemblage point can be made to move.

This is another of the sorcerers' contradictions: it's very difficult and yet it's the simplest thing in the world. I've told you already that a high fever could move the assemblage point. Hunger or fear or love or hate could do it; mysticism too, and also unbending intent, which is the preferred method of sorcerers.

Unbending intent is a sort of singlemindedness human beings exhibit; an extremely well-defined purpose not countermanded by any conflicting interests or desires; unbending intent is also the force engendered when the assemblage point is maintained fixed in a position which is not the usual one.

The distinction between a movement and a shift of the assemblage point is that a movement is a profound change of position, so extreme that the assemblage point might even reach other bands of energy within our total luminous mass of energy fields. Each band of energy represents a completely different universe to be perceived. A shift, however, is a small movement within the band of energy fields we perceive as the world of everyday life.

[All emphasis mine]

Explanations are necessary regarding the latter part of these passages. For one to have a 'movement' of the assemblage

point can be brought on by virtually any traumatic experience or artificially induced states of awareness as with use of hallucinogens or chanting tireless mantras. These types of exercises are what mystics used to launch themselves into the realms of the hive's false realities when the hives still existed. This is the basis for every spiritual tradition on the planet, when some shaman, philosopher, guru, occult magician or saint had their waking state awareness interrupted so the predatory hive cell within them could take over their consciousness and open the door to the worlds of the *nagual* predator.

As you work with the processes of housecleaning all the false perceptions you believe are your reality, you will make gradual yet progressive shifts of your assemblage point and your perception of the world will alter accordingly commensurate with the amount of personal programmed garbage you are able to face and overcome. Working for small shifts is healthier for our cognitive balance than traumatic incidents that threaten your psychological well-being in a massive jolt. As don Juan states, these shifts are cumulative and the more you clean your own emotional detritus, the broader your perceptions can and will become. Your assemblage point will discover a wider range of perceptions and your worldview will expand accordingly.

"Sorcerers see unbending intent as the catalyst to trigger their unchangeable decisions, or as the converse: their unchangeable decisions are the catalyst that propels their assemblage points to

new positions, positions which in turn generate unbending intent.

Trying to reason out the sorcerers' metaphorical descriptions is as useless as trying to reason out silent knowledge.

The world of daily life consists of two points of reference. We have for example, here and there, in and out, up and down, good and evil, and so on and so forth. So, properly speaking, our perception of our lives is two-dimensional. None of what we perceive ourselves doing has depth.

A sorcerer perceives his actions with depth. His actions are tridimensional for him. They have a third point of reference.

Our points of reference are obtained primarily from our sense perception. Our senses perceive and differentiate what is immediate to us from what is not. Using that basic distinction we derive the rest.

In order to reach the third point of reference one must perceive two places at once.

Normal perception has an axis. "Here and there" are the perimeters of that axis, and we are partial to the clarity of "here." In normal perception, only "here" is perceived completely, instantaneously, and directly. Its twin referent, "there," lacks immediacy. It is inferred, deduced, expected, even assumed, but it is not apprehended

directly with all the senses. When we perceive two places at once, total clarity is lost, but the immediate perception of "there" is gained."

"Only sorcerers can turn their feelings into intent. Intent is the spirit, so it is the spirit which moves their assemblage points.

The misleading part of all this is that I am saying only sorcerers know about the spirit, that intent is the exclusive domain of sorcerers. This is not true at all, but it is the situation in the realm of practicality. The real condition is that sorcerers are more aware of their connection with the spirit than the average man and strive to manipulate it. That's all. I've already told you, the connecting link with intent is the universal feature shared by everything there is.

Being in two places at once is a milestone sorcerers use to mark the moment the assemblage point reaches the place of silent knowledge. Split perception, if accomplished by one's own means, is called the free movement of the assemblage point.

Every apprentice must consistently do everything within his power to encourage the free movement of his assemblage point. This all-out effort is cryptically called "reaching out for the third point."

The third point of reference is freedom of perception; it is intent; it is the spirit; the somersault of thought into the miraculous; the act of reaching beyond our boundaries and touching the inconceivable."

"We do not have to be students of sorcery to move our assemblage point. Sometimes, due to natural although dramatic circumstances, such as deprivation, fatigue, stress, war, sorrow. helplessness, men's assemblage points undergo profound movements. If the men who find themselves in such circumstances are able to adopt a sorcerer's ideology, they would be able to maximize that natural movement with no trouble. And they would seek and find extraordinary things instead of doing what men do in such circumstances: crave the return to normalcy.

When a movement of the assemblage point is maximized, both the average man or the apprentice in sorcery becomes a sorcerer, because by maximizing that movement, continuity is shattered beyond repair.

You maximize that movement by curtailing self-reflection. Moving the assemblage point or breaking one's continuity is not the real difficulty. The real difficulty is having energy. If one has

energy, once the assemblage point moves, inconceivable things are there for the asking.

Man's predicament is that he intuits his hidden resources, but he does not dare use them. This is why sorcerers say that man's plight is the counterpoint between his stupidity and his ignorance. Man needs now, more so than ever, to be taught new ideas that have to do exclusively with his inner world--sorcerers' ideas, not social ideas, ideas pertaining to man facing the unknown, facing his personal death. Now, more than anything else, he needs to be taught the secrets of the assemblage point."

"The position of silent knowledge is called the third point because in order to get to it one has to pass the second point, the place of no pity.

Every human being has a capacity for that fluidity. For most of us, however, it is stored away and we never use it, except on rare occasions which are brought about by sorcerers, or by dramatic natural circumstances, such as a life-ordeath struggle.

Only a human being who is a paragon of reason can move his assemblage point easily and be a paragon of silent knowledge. Only those who are squarely in either position can see the other position clearly. That was the way the age of

reason came to being. The position of reason was clearly seen from the position of silent knowledge.

The one-way bridge from silent knowledge to reason is called "concern." That is, the concern that true men of silent knowledge have about the source of what they know. And the other one-way bridge, from reason to silent knowledge, is called "pure understanding." That is, the recognition that tells the man of reason that reason is only one island in an endless sea of islands.

A human being who has both one-way bridges working is a sorcerer in direct contact with the spirit, the vital force that makes both positions possible."

"Self-importance is a monster that has three thousand heads. And one can face up to it and destroy it in any of three ways. The first way is to sever each head one at a time; the second is to reach that mysterious state of being called the place of no pity, which destroys self-importance by slowly starving it; and the third is to pay for the instantaneous annihilation of the three-thousand-headed monster with one's symbolic death.

Consider yourself fortunate if you get the chance to choose. For it is the spirit that usually

determines which way the sorcerer is to go, and it is the duty of the sorcerer to follow."

#### [Bold emphasis mine]

With this chapter I have helped clarify what don Juan taught about the *assemblage point* as varied points of focus and perception. There is no such thing as a physical assemblage point. To think of it in that manner is only a metaphor. How does one explain points of perception or the factors (fibers) that must function in tangent with each other to maintain that point of perceptual focus?

Where one is seeking to go with don Juan's so-called sorcerer's awareness is what we call 360° perception. I use the term tunnel vision frequently in my writing. Most people understand this term to a certain degree, but a simple analogy I can use to define tunnel vision is if one is in a dark room and has a flashlight. With that flashlight one can only see what is lighted in one narrow direction. What we are seeking with advancement into psoyca awareness, what don Juan referred to as spirit, is that 360° perception which would be equated to turning on the light in the room rather than seeing it only through the narrow focus of the flashlight. This is about the simplest comparison I can provide to explain what the path of the warrior amounts to.

As we eradicate the cognitive and emotional habits of the predator virus, that flashlight beam will gradually broaden and we will be able to *see* more and more of the world in which we live and beyond what our primary tunnel vision prevents us from seeing in our ignorance and constant reinforcement of the self-

important self-image of the false ego virus. There is nothing magical about this process, but as your perceptions expand further and get close to that 360° perception, your awareness will expand beyond anything you have yet imagined. The more you clear out all the garbage that currently blinds you from seeing the real world, the more you will be able to access the silent knowledge of your psoyca sentience. When you learn to work in partnership with this hidden sentience then the cosmos and its possibilities open up to you where your perceptual capabilities are concerned.

You must overcome any and all nonsensical mystical notions that you are going to stop being a human being living life on planet Earth and OOBE out to some other dimension. The purpose of silent knowledge is there to enhance the life you live as a human being by providing you greater perceptions than you can imagine. It means having the capability to live your life unburdened of the reactive emotions that the mind virus plagues all humanity with through its programmed and conditioned responses. You learn to live a life of equanimity rather than one of living in an emotional minefield, never knowing when someone is going to trigger you into irrational emotional responses. You do not lose emotions as they are part of the sensory array of human senses, but you will no longer be a slave to your emotions which the mind of the predator gave us to control us. You will discover an emotional equanimity that you never realized you were capable of which can't be described but can only be experienced.

There are other aspects that will speed this process for those who can dedicate and discipline themselves to the process of bettering themselves which will be covered in the next chapter.

## 8. How to Become a Man of Knowledge

"The goal of my teachings is to show how to become a man of knowledge. The following seven concepts are its proper components: (1) to become a man of knowledge is a matter of learning; (2) a man of knowledge has unbending intent; (3) a man of knowledge has clarity of mind; (4) to become a man of knowledge is a matter of strenuous labor; (5) a man of knowledge is a warrior; (6) to become a man of knowledge is an unceasing process; and (7) a man of knowledge has an ally.

These seven concepts are themes. They run through the teachings, determining the character of my entire knowledge. Inasmuch as the operational goal of my teachings is to produce a man of knowledge, everything I teach is imbued with the specific characteristics of each of the seven themes. Together they construe the concept "man of knowledge" as a way of conducting oneself, a way of behaving that is the end result of a long and hazardous training. "Man of knowledge," however, is not a guide to behavior,

but a set of principles encompassing all the unordinary circumstances pertinent to the knowledge being taught.

Each one of the seven themes is composed, in turn, of various other concepts, which cover their different facets."

The first thing one must overcome when reading these primary tenets comprising a man of knowledge is the mystical misperception about what don Juan is sharing. This is all *pragmatic* knowledge, not mystical esotericism.

- 1) Learning means learning -- period
- 2) One must have the *unbending intent* to make themselves learn. This means forcing yourself to look into things outside your confirmation biased comfort zones. As I have stated, you will never expand your 360 vision and understanding always looking straight ahead with tunnel vision feeding your own biases. To make yourself do this takes the *unbending intent* to keep pushing yourself to expand your knowledge base through learning new things, new perspectives and gaining the broader 360° vision necessary to become a man or woman of knowledge. This does not happen if you only throw at the process and do not keep your *unbending intent* focused on the path of always seeking to learn more. It will *never* happen living in a confirmation biased world.
- 3) To have clarity of mind means to have the ability to remove filters that keep our knowledge pigeonholed in the realm of our personal biases. So long as confirmation biases exist, there is no clarity to determine how the new information may provide

greater insights. Our cognitive filters and biases blind us to what we may see in the alternative. If we read or watch something that conflicts with our biases and discount it without consideration, we have no clarity, only biased filters.

- 4) The strenuous labor comes with the *unbending intent* to stay focused on this learning process. It requires the groaning over reading badly written books, or academic masturbation (particularly with subjects like psychology as one example). Because we have been so dumbed down, we have let our minds turn into confirmation biased Jello. The brain is equivalent to a muscle to be flexed and used, and it takes strenuous labor to whip it into shape when it has fallen into disuse. You will never become knowledgeable without the *unbending intent* and determination to exercise that muscle, therefore becoming a person of knowledge *is* strenuous labor when we dwell in a perceptual world of self-enforced ignorance.
- 5) You have to be a warrior to combat your own ignorance and your own inner biases to broaden your perspectives and break tunnel vision habits. Ignorance and personal cognitive bias filters are the enemy you must wage war against, therefore you must be a warrior if you intend to succeed and become a person of knowledge.
- 6) You will never know all there is to know, so the pursuit of knowledge is an unceasing process unless you just quit on yourself.
- 7) The *ally* you will have is your psoyca sentience which can only bring you insights and advanced perceptions if you broaden your horizons away from tunnel vision and personal

biases. How can one expect profound insights when their knowledge can be fit into a cup? It is only through broadening your knowledge that the insights you yearn for will come to you - if you listen. Limited knowledge=limited insights.

These are my brief summations of the seven points that don Juan lists. What follows are his explanations found in *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge*:

# "To Become a Man of Knowledge Is a Matter of Learning

Learning is the only possible way of becoming a man of knowledge, and that in turn implies the act of making a resolute effort to achieve an end. To become a man of knowledge is the end result of a process, as opposed to an immediate acquisition through an act of grace or through bestowal by supernatural powers. The plausibility of learning how to become a man of knowledge warrants the existence of a system for teaching one how to accomplish it.

#### A Man of Knowledge Has Unbending Intent.

The idea that a man of knowledge needs unbending intent refers to the exercise of volition. Having unbending intent means having the will to execute a necessary procedure by maintaining

oneself at all times rigidly within the boundaries of the knowledge being taught. A man of knowledge needs a rigid will in order to endure the obligatory quality that every act possesses when it is performed in the context of my knowledge.

The obligatory quality of all the acts performed in such a context, and their being inflexible and predetermined, are no doubt unpleasant to any man, for which reason a modicum of unbending intent is sought as the only covert requirement needed by a prospective apprentice.

Unbending intent is composed of (1) frugality, (2) soundness of judgment, and (3) lack of freedom to innovate.

A man of knowledge needs frugality because the majority of the obligatory acts deal with instances or with elements that are either outside the boundaries of ordinary everyday life, or are not customary in ordinary activity, and the man who has to act in accordance with them needs an extraordinary effort every time he takes action. It is implicit that one be capable of such an extraordinary effort by being frugal with any other activity that does not deal directly with such predetermined actions.

Since all acts are predetermined and obligatory, a man of knowledge needs soundness

of judgment. This concept does not imply common sense, but does imply the capacity to assess the circumstances surrounding any need to act. A guide for such an assessment is provided by bringing together, as rationales, all the parts of the teachings which are at one's command at the given moment in which any action has to be carried out. Thus, the guide is always changing as more parts are learned; yet it always implies the conviction that any obligatory act one may have to perform is, in fact, the most appropriate under the circumstances.

Because all acts are preestablished and compulsory, having to carry them out means lack of freedom to innovate. My system of imparting knowledge is so well established that there is no possibility of altering it in any way.

## A Man of Knowledge Has Clarity of Mind

Clarity of mind is the theme that provides a sense of direction. The fact that all acts are predetermined means that one's orientation within the knowledge being taught is equally predetermined; as a consequence, clarity of mind supplies only a sense of direction. It reaffirms continuously the validity of the course being taken through the component ideas of (1) freedom to seek

a path, (2) knowledge of the specific purpose, and (3) being fluid.

It is believed that one has the freedom to seek a path. Having the freedom to choose is not incongruous with the lack of freedom to innovate; these two ideas are not in opposition nor do they interfere with each other. Freedom to seek a path refers to the liberty to choose among different possibilities of action which are equally effective and usable. The criterion for choosing is the advantage of one possibility over others, based on one's preference. As a matter of fact, the freedom to choose a path imparts a sense of direction through the expression of personal inclinations.

Another way to create a sense of direction is through the idea that there is a specific purpose for every action performed in the context of the knowledge being taught. Therefore, a man of knowledge needs clarity of mind in order to match his own specific reasons for acting with the specific purpose of every action. The knowledge of the specific purpose of every action is the guide he uses to judge the circumstances surrounding any need to act.

Another facet of clarity of mind is the idea that a man of knowledge, in order to reinforce the performance of his obligatory actions, needs to assemble all the resources that the teachings have placed at his command. This is the idea of being fluid. It creates a sense of direction by giving one the feeling of being malleable and resourceful. The compulsory quality of all acts would imbue one with a sense of stiffness or sterility were it not for the idea that a man of knowledge needs to be fluid.

## To Become A Man of Knowledge is a Matter of Strenuous Labor

A man of knowledge has to possess or has to develop in the course of his training an all-round capacity for exertion. To become a man of knowledge is a matter of strenuous labor. Strenuous labor denotes a capacity (1) to put forth dramatic exertion; (2) to achieve efficacy; and (3) to meet challenge.

In the path of a man of knowledge drama is undoubtedly the outstanding single issue, and a special type of exertion is needed for responding to circumstances that require dramatic exploitation; that is to say, a man of knowledge needs dramatic exertion. Taking my behavior as an example, at first glance it may seem that my dramatic exertion is only my own idiosyncratic preference for histrionics. Yet my dramatic exertion is always much more than acting; it is rather a profound

state of belief. I impart through dramatic exertion the peculiar quality of finality to all the acts I perform. As a consequence, then, my acts are set on a stage in which death is one of the main protagonists. It is implicit that death is a real possibility in the course of learning because of the inherently dangerous nature of the items with which a man of knowledge deals; then, it is logical that the dramatic exertion created by the conviction that death is an ubiquitous player is more than histrionics.

Exertion entails not only drama, but also the need of efficacy. Exertion has to be effective; it has to possess the quality of being properly channeled, of being suitable. The idea of impending death creates not only the drama needed for overall emphasis, but also the conviction that every action involves a struggle for survival, the conviction that annihilation will result if one's exertion does not meet the requirement of being efficacious.

Exertion also entails the idea of challenge, that is, the act of testing whether, and proving that, one is capable of performing a proper act within the rigorous boundaries of the knowledge being taught.

The existence of a man of knowledge is an unceasing struggle, and the idea that he is a warrior, leading a warrior's life, provides one with the means for achieving emotional stability. The idea of a man at war encompasses four concepts: (1) a man of knowledge has to have respect; (2) he has to have fear; (3) he has to be wide-awake; (4) he has to be self-confident. Hence, to be a warrior is a form of self-discipline which emphasizes individual accomplishment; yet it is a stand in which personal interests are reduced to a minimum, as in most instances personal interest is incompatible with the rigor needed to perform any predetermined, obligatory act.

A man of knowledge in his role of warrior is obligated to have an attitude of deferential regard for the items with which he deals; he has to imbue everything related to his knowledge with profound respect in order to place everything in a meaningful perspective. Having respect is equivalent to having assessed one's insignificant resources when facing the Unknown.

If one remains in that frame of thought, the idea of respect is logically extended to include oneself, for one is as unknown as the Unknown itself. The exercise of so sobering a feeling of respect transforms the apprenticeship of this

specific knowledge, which may otherwise appear to be absurd, into a very rational alternative.

Another necessity of a warrior's life is the need to experience and carefully to evaluate the sensation of fear. The ideal is that, in spite of fear, one has to proceed with the course of one's acts. Fear must be conquered and there is a time in the life of a man of knowledge when it is vanquished, but first one has to be conscious of being afraid and duly to evaluate that sensation. One is capable of conquering fear only by facing it.

As a warrior, a man of knowledge also needs to be wide-awake. A man at war has to be on the alert in order to be cognizant of most of the factors pertinent to the two mandatory aspects of awareness: (1) awareness of intent (2) awareness of the expected flux.

Awareness of intent is the act of being cognizant of the factors involved in the relationship between the specific purpose of any obligatory act and one's own specific purpose for acting. Since all the obligatory acts have a definite purpose, a man of knowledge has to be wideawake; that is, he needs to be capable at all times of matching the definite purpose of every obligatory act with the definite reason that he has in mind for desiring to act.

A man of knowledge, by being aware of that relationship, is also capable of being cognizant of what is believed to be the expected flux. What I call the awareness of the expected flux refers to the certainty that one is capable of detecting at all times the important variables involved in the relationship between the specific purpose of every act and one's specific reason for acting. By being aware of the expected flux one is able to detect the most subtle changes. That deliberate awareness of changes accounts for the recognition and interpretation of omens and of other unordinary events.

The last aspect of the idea of a warrior's behavior is the need for self-confidence, that is, the assurance that the specific purpose of an act one may have chosen to perform is the only plausible alternative for one's own specific reasons for acting. Without self-confidence, one would be incapable of fulfilling one of the most important aspects of the teachings: the capacity to claim knowledge as power.

To Become a Man of Knowledge Is an Unceasing

Process

Being a man of knowledge is not a condition entailing permanency. There is never the

certainty that, by carrying out the predetermined steps of the knowledge being taught, that you will become a man of knowledge. It is implicit that the function of the steps is only to show how to become a man of knowledge. Thus, becoming a man of knowledge is a task that cannot be fully achieved; rather, it is an unceasing process comprising (1) the idea that one has to renew the quest of becoming a man of knowledge; (2) the idea of one's impermanency; and (3) the idea that one has to follow a path with heart.

The constant renewal of the quest of becoming a man of knowledge is expressed in the theme of the four symbolic enemies encountered on the path of learning: fear, clarity, power, and old age. Renewing the quest implies the gaining and the maintenance of control over oneself. A true man of knowledge is expected to battle each of the four enemies, in succession, until the last moment of his life, in order to keep himself actively engaged in becoming a man of knowledge. Yet, despite the truthful renewal of the quest, the odds are inevitably against man; he would succumb to his last symbolic enemy. This is the idea of impermanency.

Offsetting the negative value of one's impermanency is the notion that one has to follow the path with heart. The path with heart is a

metaphorical way of asserting that in spite of being impermanent one still has to proceed and has to be capable of finding satisfaction and personal fulfillment in the act of choosing the most amenable alternative and identifying oneself completely with it.

The rationale of my whole knowledge is synthesized in the metaphor that the important thing for me is to find a path with heart and then travel its length, meaning that the identification with the amenable alternative is enough for me. The journey by itself is sufficient; any hope of arriving at a permanent position is outside the boundaries of my knowledge.

### A Man of Knowledge has an Ally

The idea that a man of knowledge has an ally is the most important of the seven component themes, for it is the only one that is indispensable to explaining what a man of knowledge is. In my classificatory scheme a man of knowledge has an ally, whereas the average man does not, and having an ally is what makes him different from ordinary men.

An ally is a power capable of transporting a man beyond the boundaries of himself; that is to say, an ally is a power which allows one to transcend the realm of ordinary reality. Consequently, to have an ally implies having power; and the fact that a man of knowledge has an ally is by itself proof that the operational goal of the teaching is being fulfilled. Since that goal is to show how to become a man of knowledge, and since a man of knowledge is one who has an ally, another way of describing the operational goal of my teachings is to say that it also shows how to obtain an ally. The concept "man of knowledge," as a sorcerer's philosophical frame, has meaning for anyone who wants to live within that frame only insofar as he has an ally.

What all this should tell you is that you are not going to turn into a person of knowledge or wisdom without pushing yourself into different areas of learning. Living within the constraints of the first cognition world, most people only see the world with a tunnel vision flashlight. With the advent of the internet, we have a vast library to access of information on multitudes of subject through which we can educate ourselves, so long as we discipline ourselves to step outside the safe harbor of our confirmation bias comfort zones simply reinforcing what we think we already know.

The biggest problem with expanding our knowledge base is the excuse that 'I don't have time'. This is nonsense. If one wants to expand themselves they will make time. There are always places to read a book, on break at work, in the bathroom, on lunch

breaks, or heaven forbid, turn off the brain-drain TV set and read a book instead. The only thing that keeps anyone ignorant is their own willful avoidance to learn anything. One will never find the opportunities for expanded insights provided by our psoyca ally if we simply do nothing but make excuses and expect wisdom to be given to us for nothing, for no expenditure of effort on our part.

Every part of this process toward cognitive advancement requires diligence, discipline and work, but the sad fact is that under the programmed influence of the predator virus, we are lazy cattle living with a sense of spiritual entitlement. If you want to know why you are not advancing on your spiritual path, its most likely because you have not dedicated yourself to the work required to make any progress. If you think the universe owes you anything just because you adopt some mystical frilly belief system, you will be waiting until you die, and you will never see anything more where advancement is concerned than what you already do. I guess you can just keep plenty of batteries for your flashlight. As for the warrior, we prefer library shelves full of books and floodlit rooms to advance our awareness.

One will never develop a warrior's fluidity of thought or consciousness living in a compartmentalized box of inventoried information and pushing everything into those compartmentalized boxes of narrow perception. There is nothing I am saying here that don Juan didn't state in the foregoing passages, I only said it differently to remove any ambiguity. Your path to higher-level third attention or second cognition perceptual abilities comes with work. There are no giveaways. Removing the blinders of mysticism from don Juan's teachings should give anyone a firm

direction to follow for their own advancement, providing one is willing to give up the addiction to mysticism and embrace pragmatism instead.

### 9. The Pursuit of Advanced Consciousness

I wrote this book to honor the true and most valuable teachings of don Juan to show the reader that what he taught was not the pursuit of mysticism but the pursuit of advanced perceptual awareness and a higher state of consciousness. I feel that I have fully illustrated that everything most readers of Castenada's work perceived about the magical nagual of the predatory hive mind virus is not what don Juan emphasized as the focus of his teaching beyond learning about the nature of this cosmic adversary. If anything, don Juan frequently chastised Castenada about his dallying and cavorting in the dream realm of the hive inorganic being collective. These admonitions are mostly found in The Art of Dreaming, but like anyone with a hard-on to experience the magical, Castenada paid no heed to the warnings and found himself deeper in the realms of the magical scams of the predator and not learning the most valuable lessons that don Juan left behind.

Castenada's obsession with the occult practices associated with the hive *nagual* is no different than any occultist who pursues similar endeavors through the magical practices of Aleister Crowley, the Hermetic traditions, Neoplatonism or Hindu philosophy. The ancient Greek philosophers had the same obsession with their dæmons. In all these practices we find at the

root of them all the predator from the stars, the hapiym mind virus. Don Juan took a dim view of the *nagual* and the hive and only had to learn enough about it to know it was trouble and that he wanted nothing to do with it yet knowing that the hive cell dwelled within him as his 'double'. Fortunately, this predatory parasitic mind virus in all its forms has been eradicated from the cosmos. All that is left of the infection is an echo of the habits it installed in us to keep our consciousness in chains. Although the inner virus is dead, the programmed habits it used to control us are still in place.

I have spent the last four years producing 35 books providing a broad spectrum of learning material for one to start on their path to becoming a man/woman of knowledge. We have provided the books for understanding the primary concepts of the work highlighted in this book for those who care for more serious study. The more refined explanations I intend to offer in this chapter should provide more than enough information when used with the tool of cell talk explained in *Demystifying the Mystical* and *The Second Cognition Toolbox* to get anyone moving their consciousness into new avenues of perception.

What humanity doesn't understand is mostly what it refuses to understand. As don Juan has noted, people insist on having reality bend and conform to their own limited perceptions and social norms. The greater reality is not a slave to picayune human demands of conformity and rational explanations based on these same limited perceptions. This is why one who lives in the unknown always sounds so mystical when trying to explain perceptions of the greater reality to those whose perceptual awareness is equivalent to living in a single room in a gigantic

mansion. There is nothing I am explaining in this book that won't work in your daily reality to help you expand beyond your limited perceptions and knock down the walls of slavery that keeps your consciousness enslaved to the perceptual world of illusion. It will, however, sound ludicrous to your limited way of thinking because your perceptions are already formed, your conclusions are already reached, and you demand that everything you are confronted with fits these foregone conclusions. As such, you will try to make the information presented herein fit your already formed conclusions on what you believe reality to be.

In the case of Castenada, his conclusion was that the type of magic he was seeking was real and he didn't give a whit for any information that ran contrary to that conclusion, or that wouldn't feed his own obsession with experiencing some form of mystical reality. Although don Juan provided him the pragmatic explanations that I have taken the time to interpret for you in my two don Juan books, it is patently obvious that Castenada never listened to, understood, or applied these methods to his own life. He was more interested in pursuing the woowoo magical aspects of the teachings rather than listening to don Juan's pragmatic warnings about cavorting with the hive *nagual* network. Castenada's stories fully exemplify this obvious fact.

In *Tales of Power* don Juan told Castenada that his generation of sorcerers had broken away from the morbid magical tradition of the ancient sorcerers who also insisted on cavorting with the network of awareness that comprised the collectivist awareness of the predator. Don Juan's focus was on advancing awareness into the *infinite*, not making deals and living within the

collectivist awareness of the *nagual* hive. Castenada, however, was like any mystical wannabe throughout the ages and the product he sold was no different than itinerate necromancers and miracle workers of the ancient world. He wanted to be the new Apollonius of Tyana, the famed miracle worker and magician of the ancient world, a contemporary of Jesus. When Castenada made the cover of Time magazine, he had accomplished the goal of being a world renowned 'sorcerer', except in actuality he is just another mystical fraud artist whose alleged magical feats no one could actually reproduce with the exception perhaps of experiences in dreaming, that until 2016 were facilitated by the hive cell of the predator that lived within us.

Don Juan taught that one should learn to 'perceive' energy. Perceiving comes with advanced *perception*, not seeing things with your eyes. No one can see anyone's *assemblage point* because it is an internal range of focus where one's perceptions can reach. There is no luminous egg, it was an allegory that Castenada in his profound ignorance interpreted literally, as probably most of his followers who want to be magicians have also sought to see with their eyes.

Further, as don Juan tried to explain about *seeing* and *hearing*, these are not physical sensations but ones of *perception*. This comes with a level of cognitive advancement which humanity possesses in potential but has not developed because of its insistence that everything conforms to its limited perceptions of reality and pre-formed conclusions. Reality doesn't bend to stupid ego desires. If you want to encounter the unknown realms of *infinity* you have to expand into it, it is not going to shrink itself

down to your personal demands just because your magically hungry ego insists that it does so.

If one reads the stories related by Castenada in *The Art of Dreaming*, you can tell his focus is always on understanding the mystical aspect of things, about the luminous egg, the *assemblage point* and things of that nature. The explanations and Q&A that take place in chapter 1 of that book fully illustrate Castenada's fascination with mystical explanations by what his questions focus on. Yet one of the most important answers don Juan delivers to one of his inquiries is:

"without trusting the nagual there is no possibility of relief, and thus no possibility of clearing the debris from our lives in order to be free."

Castenada did not inquire one bit about what is meant by clearing the debris from our lives, yet without this clearing process, no one is going to find the energy provided through stalking or gain the freedom of perception that advanced second cognition awareness brings us. Those who followed Castenada over the years and remained enchanted with his mystical hornswoggle have all missed the greatest importance of don Juan's teachings. Anyone who wants to truly benefit and expand their awareness is going to have to toss the mystical fascination into the dustbin where it belongs if they really want to advance themselves.

The mystical addiction that humanity has is a result of the predatory virus itself. What one virus cell knew all virus cells could know because it was a collective awareness. Once humanity became fascinated with otherworldly infatuations, every hive cell plugged a program into our consciousness through the vector of the infection to keep us firmly in its mystical supernatural clutches. From this mystical infatuation, or addiction, humanity stayed totally locked into the false world of the nagual, always chasing magical solutions rather than pragmatism to advance their consciousness beyond the clutches of the control of the virus. Every religion and occult practice on this planet is spawned from this same predator-programmed desire for the supernatural. We are enslaved by this false enchantment with a magic that has never existed as humanity perceives magic. The quest for supernatural powers has been a powerful tool of fraud and misdirection created by the predator network to keep our consciousness enslaved with mystical desires provided only by the hive infection and its false concepts of magic and supernaturalism.

In order to defeat the dastardly nature of the hive *nagual*, people like don Juan had to become familiar with the enemy predator and its tricks to be able to circumvent its magical control. His brand of 'new' sorcerer rejected the collaboration with the hive and sought instead total freedom of awareness, not collusion with the realm of the predator. Castenada was a colluder, just as occultists or magical practitioners throughout the ages have been. The advantage we have now is that the hive is extinct, and we only have to contend with ridding ourselves of the magical hangover that the hive's supernatural doctrines left seeded in our

consciousness. If we are unwilling to uproot this seed and demand to continue these worthless supernatural pursuits, then we are only deluding ourselves with another perceptual illusion and wishful thinking. You will find no genuine cognitive advancement with mysticism or supernatural beliefs. It's a dead letter box filled with high expectations and no payoff. This is even truer since the predator colonies have been eradicated across the cosmos.

Clearing the debris that don Juan is talking about is removing all the psychological and emotional programs we carry that keep us enslaved in a world of perceptual illusions. When one can advance their awareness by becoming a person of knowledge and develop the courage to investigate more than what we are told by our cultures, we find that the world in which we live is not as we perceive it. The more one expands their knowledge base, the more the world of illusion falls away before our eyes. We start to see the ugly reality that surrounds us living in brainwashed hive cultural corrals. To face this reality takes courage, for it is definitely a frightening affair to discover that your entire life has been living a lie. Because of this fear factor, most people simply deny reality and run into the embrace of the perceptual illusions because it gives them a sense of cognitive resonance, that all is right with the world. This is why, as don Juan said, major traumatic upheavals like war can disrupt the assemblage point and force us to see the real world rather than the cotton candy fluff world of the illusion.

Everyone has a choice on this path, they can choose to either willfully advance themselves by facing down all the petty fears that the hive cell has infected us with, or we can be like deer caught in the headlights of life and get blindsided when our perception of the world crumbles due to traumatic events over which we have little control. The political climate worldwide at present is like standing on a train track with an inexorable locomotive bearing down on us. The cognitive disruption waiting in the wings of happenings taking place around the planet have the capability of creating a psychic scar of such magnitude that humanity will be decades recovering from the shock when it hits. One can either start to clear the detritus of their own inner programming and prepare for what these events may bring us, or we can remain ignorant dolts, those deer in the headlights, and get cognitively pasted when it hits while we wallow in our self-enforced ignorance and demand that the world conform to our personal ego fantasy desires. The choice is yours.

The road to cognitive advancement is a *process*, it is not a goal. It is an ongoing process whereby the more you can remove your own personal handicapping programs and illusions (beliefs), the more you can advance. This is where *stalking* comes in. Your first question is probably, 'What am I *stalking*?' In *stalking* yourself you are looking for anything that causes you discomfort or fear to let go of. Anything that causes a reaction of fear or denial are the best places to start. One of the strongest fears people face releasing is when they are challenged to let their cherished religious or spiritual beliefs go because they are a fallacy. The false ego of the virus mind would rather bluster and deny why it must hang onto these beliefs than genuinely analyze *why* they insist on keeping them. To let go of these beliefs causes a very fearful inner turmoil, and that fear will rule you so long as the

program is in place. One must face that fear and transcend it, or it will continue to rule your mind.

Religious and spiritual beliefs are the most deeply ingrained of all our belief system programs installed by the hive mind. If one can transcend this program, then others that will follow will usually have less impact than these, based on my own personal experiences.

From challenging why we believe anything we believe in from the external world, which can reveal more if we study and learn and become a person of knowledge, the outer world perceptual beliefs will start to erode. Then we start to look at our own inner landscape. There is no one size fits all exercise regarding what things we must all take on internally because each of our lives is different, our experiences are different, so we will each have different perceptions about ourselves that must be overcome. The areas one needs to look at when clearing the debris of their inner landscape is the same as how we remove the programs from the outer world. Every belief we harbor about anything is charged with emotion. The more letting go of an idea causes us emotional discomfort, the more such programs warrant examination and eradication. On our inner landscape analyses, when we look at why we believe the things we do about ourselves, those elements that comprise the false personality created by the predator, we will still have that emotional bellwether as our guide for problem programs to remove.

We are never going to automatically find these inner programs just because we go looking for them. It often takes a situation to bring an internal emotional reaction to our attention before we even know such a program exists. Although when doing the internal work, we do find certain emotional flare-ups on occasion, the emotions are often more subtle and subdued than when we face and remove the major programming issues from the external world. It all depends on what part of the false self-image we encounter that we are challenging.

The inner landscape is the realm of the perceived 'self'. We have a true personality of our tonal existence, our human personality. Then we have the false personality created by our second mind, the *nagual* self, or hive cell. It is the second mind, the false doppelganger that you think is the real you that requires all this emotional defending to keep its illusionary self-image in place. The hive cell programmed our emotions to defend this false personality and false self-image. It is this false self-image that is the seat of self-importance that don Juan taught we must rid ourselves of. I concur with his teachings because this is what leads to cognitive freedom. I do not speak from philosophical conjecture, but from the same standpoint that don Juan understood it, *I live it*.

Let's use an example of the internal self-image which many people harbor, and that is being a compassionate individual. Compassion is usually associated with looking out for the benefit of the herd. Our self-image convinces us that we are a compassionate person because we care about others. The compassion we exhibit toward others is a two-edged sword. On one hand we believe that giving of ourselves to others is a good thing, and this is because we have all been culturally programmed to believe that being compassionate is a measure of cultural value.

On the other hand, when we perform acts of compassion, it also edifies the false self-image which believes its own worth is measured by how compassionate we believe we are. So, exhibitions of compassion fulfill external world measurement systems and it also edifies the false ego because we can pride ourselves on how compassionate we are. This is what don Juan refers to as faux compassion. There is a selfish, self-rewarding aspect to being compassionate because it boosts the value of the false ego in its own eyes.

When asking oneself about their own compassionate nature, the 'why am I compassionate' question, we must face these possibilities of self-motivated selfishness and an internal sense of reward and gratification to the false ego. When we face the false ego in a showdown of this nature, then the internal rationalization and self-justification process for staying compassionate arises and we find ourselves arguing with ourselves, or more accurately, our inquiring self, arguing with the hive's installed programming to keep its self-image in place and in control over your mind and emotions. This illustrates the sneaky and wily nature of the predator's programming of our mind and emotions. If the program wins and can justify why we must remain compassionate, then all the emotional energy used to keep that false ego perception in place is lost to the false ego and the program remains firmly in place. We will continue to expend energy in keeping that false perception of ourselves in place and defending its practice.

Another trick the predator virus uses relentlessly against us is through the emotions of guilt and shame, which are only variants of fear. People program themselves with many ideas that

set the stage for guilt and shame programming to discipline us into submission to the will of the predator's infection. This is where all concepts of sin are configured as control mechanisms over our minds. Take the simple example of that rich slice of chocolate cake, your personal sin food, or ice cream. You cave into temptation and eat that cake or ice cream, but then when you finish, later on the guilt and shame monster of the hive discipline machine kicks in and you feel guilty for eating that piece of cake or ice cream. This is the perpetual energetic grist mill that the predator virus installed in us to keep itself fed off our emotional output. We are stuck in a perpetual loop against being human on one hand (having that piece of cake), then feeling guilty or ashamed after the fact for having done something human so the virus could feed itself off our emotions of misgiving. This is the never-ending loop of enslavement for our consciousness. This is the debris that must be cleaned out of our minds if we ever expect to advance our consciousness into freedom.

I'm sure most readers have heard people say hundreds of times during their lives, "I don't do that!" or "I'm not like that!" or "That's not how I really am!". Truth be told, you have probably said such things yourself to others. Every human is involved in protecting the false self-image of the ego. This false ego is who blusters these statements to others. It is a form of not only lying to a person in the outside world, but of lying to oneself, just to keep the false ego self-image firmly in place. The false ego is an illusion. It is a caricature, like a cartoon version of yourself that has convinced all of us that this two-dimensional cartoon

character is us, and we defend this cartoon character personality relentlessly, totally convinced that it is the real me inside. It isn't.

It is this hive cartoon character that must be defended at all costs, because the virus knew it was a scam. It manipulated our emotions in every manner imaginable to keep us from challenging its reign over our consciousness. The path to power *requires* that we remove as many or all of these emotional programs of fear, guilt, shame, self-doubt, depression, feelings of insecurity and even arrogance to undo all this inner programming.

People are misled thinking that this false ego is themselves. When you tell them they need to get rid of this false cartoon persona and its emotional control over our lives, the virus programming has them thoroughly convinced that if they do this they will cease to exist, that their personality will disappear and they will be nothing but a robot. This is all fear programming installed by the virus itself to keep people ever fearful of undoing its infectious programming. There is no end to the lies and selfrighteous excuse-making and self-justification that the virus habits of the false ego won't use to fill our minds with terror to prevent us from removing the programming it installed to protect itself. One thing about the predator, it was highly adaptable when it came to ways to control human consciousness. It was an inveterate cosmic liar with eons of practice from controlling species across the cosmos and it knew the ropes on how to control its infected herds at all levels, both socially as well as singularly in our minds. This is your personal adversary and if you ever expect to advance your consciousness to the level of perceiving the unknown realms of *infinity*, you have to defeat it at every turn, otherwise you are merely a slave to its designs.

Our books have provided many explanations and workable tools to overcome the infection of the predatory mind virus from the stars for those with the guts and discipline to find their cognitive freedom. The alternative is to stay locked in a world of false perceptual illusions protecting a false persona which is an equal illusion. You either live the lies or overcome the lies and find your freedom. Magic doesn't have shit to do with the quest for advancement of consciousness. If you want your freedom, you are going to have to fight for it every step of the way. You are facing a powerful adversary, the residual programming of the mind virus that controls your mind and your emotions. Even with the virus eradicated, the programming is still installed within you as your cognitive and emotional habits. These programs still control your every perception and belief. You either deprogram yourself or stay enslaved to the programming. That is the core essence of what don Juan left to the world, not pursuits of magical whimsy and cavorting with the predators. Take it or leave it. All that is at stake is your cognitive freedom. I have fought for and found mine. Are you willing and tough enough to do the same?

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