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Friend Pulyan,

I will try to give something of my personal history as you requested. Catholic parentage. Mother very devout. Convinced me at quite an early age that I was called for the priesthood. At the age of twelve began studies for same. Left the seminary at the age of seventeen...disappointed that the gentlemen there could not fulfill my expectations of them. The Catholic doctrine and hierarchy began to look objectionable to me. I started looking about for other paths to knowledge of higher things.

Looked into Spiritualism, and began studying psychology. Then attended college until twenty three. The war came at this time, and I became interested in yoga. Lived in Baltimor at the time and did little but work sleep eat and read. Yoga seemed to answer that which all conventional religions failed to answer. At the age of twenty five I drifted away from it, but stayed on the vegetarian diet. I went back at intervals of a couple months, and would practice it for as long as a year. Went into it from its appeal to my intuition.

I married at thirty three. At about that same time I decided that I was going to quit piddling around and attempt to really do something, instead of just reading about. I decided to try to be as scientific as possible in sorting out the men who claimed to know. I intended to earnestly seek out other sincere people to learn what they knew and to expand my contacts until I met someone who seemed likely to be able to teach me a trick or two not yet in my ken.

I figured that to do something (no matter how seemingly unrewarding) was better than to sit and wait for extinction. I decided that there could well be an application in mental pursuits to the "Law of Returns" that energy put in might be proportionate to results, or that if I threw enough mud at the ceiling, a percentage might stick. I travelled whenever I heard of a man who had unusual abilities. I bought books. I organized, or worked to organize groups of people locally for "school" or experimentation work. I corresponded with as many as I could. I even advertized....and that is how I met Mac.

I have examined most of the cults, some directly, and some by their literature. I find that money is the commodity, and that they generally pretend to transmit it into some bit of wisdom. I have as little respect for organized religion, although I feel that there may well be a purpose for it....that it may be ultimately part of the scheme of things, or that it may be the work of "Kai" to contribute to the continued blindness of man.

I quite agree with you it is hard to communicate with others