



Ascension and Ascended Masters

an essay from
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I would like to talk about ascension. Since the concept is very popular today, I would like to put a perspective on ascension. It is one of those words, which, like many words if you look them up in the dictionary, has more than one meaning, which makes things confusing. There are soft meanings and there are precise technical meanings to ascension in the spirit world where I live.

So we will come up with a working definition of ascension that covers, I believe, what most people consider ascension – what most people are after. I would like to speak of what happens before ascension, how you get there, and what happens immediately after this ascension, after this first one, because there are others.

Multiple Ascensions

Let us call the first one the soft definition of ascension. Following this soft ascension, there are technical ascensions that have to do with advanced consciousness expansions: one that is taken by those of us bound to Earth service and others taken beyond Earth.

I emphasized earlier the importance of the soul's ultimate purpose which is reunification with the Divine. You could also say that the ultimate ascension is the achievement of that reunification with the Divine. None of the Masters on Earth have achieved that ultimate ascension. None.

I will discuss only the soft ascension in this essay as that is the one that applies to most readers. Please remember that when I say "ascension" or "ascended" I mean the first soft ascension, not the advanced technical ascensions.

First (Soft) Ascension

The ascension that in my opinion most humans are working on is:

reaching the stage in soul development where all lessons necessary to be achieved by incarnating have been accomplished.

There is no more need to incarnate, no more need for the soul to return [to Earth].

Now there are two things associated with that:

1. How you get there? and
2. Once you're there, what do you do about it?

You are not yet an Ascended Master, I will say that. You are not yet a Master. You are simply ascended.

I will talk about how one reaches this first soft ascension and then I will discuss what you do there. But please be aware that what happens once you are ascended may not be exactly what you were expecting.

How You Ascend

That is indeed the subject of many schools, many lessons, many lectures. It is a spiritual maturing of the soul as reflected in many instances, if not all, by service and turning to service for humanity. And that service can take many forms. It does not have to be big publicity-wise.

Service can be organizing a neighborhood and purging a neighborhood of drug dealers as a private citizen. Getting your neighbors together. Something of that nature. Service need not be big. But the benefits of service are huge.

You also have to look at your past lives and find which ones have a hold on you now through your mindset, habits, behavior. Come to grips with the lessons you have learned in those lives and move on. That is for the first ascension.

So you've reached the stage of maturity, you've settled your debts as it were, freed yourself of the residue of prior lives consciously or unconsciously and you're ready to move on. You graduate. You ascend. You are now in the work force.

And you keep learning. Yes, you're back in school in a different sense.

Once You Ascend

Once you ascend, most of you will turn around and take responsibility for guiding other incarnate souls. So now that you've walked the road, as it were, you turn around and you help others. You guide. You work on projects that we have in the Hierarchy and you turn around to those who are coming behind. Many people start guiding before they have actually achieved this soft ascension. That is also possible. There may be various ties and reasons that you become a guide before this particular ascension.

The other thing is that once you have achieved this first ascension, you become a volunteer. Now you can become a volunteer by volunteering, or you can become a volunteer by being asked to volunteer. Lives become voluntary; incarnating becomes voluntary.

You may then volunteer to incarnate for a specific project. You may volunteer to incarnate to befriend someone on the physical plane who has a large task in front of them. There can be many reasons you would choose to volunteer. So your work continues. It is a graduation of sorts. One could consider this as through school and out into the work force.

Completing school looks awfully good when you're in it, though you may find that once you're in the work force school wasn't that bad after all.

To bring all this home, my life as Jeshua of Nazareth was a voluntary life. I was ascended. I was not a Master during that life.

Next: Becoming an Ascended Master

Now, the next step is to become a Master. And that is an expansion of consciousness, an expansion of consciousness comes through study and experience. Yes, you do have school while you're in the work force. You keep learning, you keep working, and there are further expansions of consciousness and you become a Master.

And you keep working.

As Ascended Masters, then, you have broader responsibilities, you have more powers.

I would also say that in some instances you have more pain, because you can look and see, now from a broader perspective, what humanity has done to itself, what you did when you were there walking with humanity. This has been dealt with, you've dealt with those lives, but you were there. You helped create what happened. You take responsibility for that – for good or ill – and you look and you see what humanity is creating now, because humanity is creating the environment in which you live. And you look and you see. You see what human souls, incarnate human souls, are doing to one another and to the Earth, and that can be depressing. So in that way there can be more pain.

But there is also more hope, because you are able to see the beautiful souls and the beauty of what can be accomplished by incarnate human beings. You then help bring about a better world by guiding others. When you're an Ascended Master you have your own students. You are a teacher.

Chances are you are also guiding a group of individuals in order to help them keep the contracts that they made between lives. This is not your contract. This is not your vision. Your job is to help them achieve their soul's vision. I want to make that clear. And when you see that happen, as any teacher who has students, as any friend sees a friend achieve, there is great satisfaction.

What Are We Here For, We Ascended Masters?

We have walked the road. We are here to guide, to teach, to shine a beam of light on the paths that humanity can take that will lead to a better world, individually and jointly.

That's what we're about. Teaching, guiding, answering when we are called upon.

Each one of us will answer a call for help. Each one of us has a basic set of services to offer humanity. Among those services are love and

strength in times of stress. These services are not limited to those we guide.

Our basic toolset, our basic set of powers is based in the love and compassion that every Ascended Master possesses. We also have specialties. There are guides who specialize in healing. And there are guides who specialize in helping an individual find their spiritual path. That is something we all do to some extent. Some specialize in that.

Relationships. Some specialize in inter-personal relationships. We all can do some of that.

I hope this helps clarify the depth of our love and concern for the progress of humanity. We each express that. We each work with that in different ways. And we are not all sweetness and light. Nor do we give up on people. Nor do we in *any* way execute vengeance. That is not what we do. We do not judge. We will not assist anyone achieve vengeance. Ever.

But we do wish to assist every person in achieving their soul mission, their soul purpose, their evolutionary path. And we do wish that every person understand the love and compassion that is theirs for the asking, the love and compassion that lives inside of them, waiting to be freed.

Now if your soul has set out that it wants ABC lesson, ABC experience in this life, that's what we will help guide you to attain.

We work with souls, we work with individuals on their soul purpose. One thing that I think it's safe to say: all Ascended Masters are bridges. We help bridge the Divine and what we know of the Divine plan, of God's plan. We bridge that plan, the will of God and the love of God at one end of the spectrum with what's going on on Earth.

There is not one of us who is not committed, deeply, with love and compassion, to the souls of humanity. We care. We care deeply.

Choices

There are still choices to be made. Still choices, even here. And we do have a degree of free will. But it's on a whole different turn of the spiral.

There are many decisions we make as we progress on our own spiritual paths within the Hierarchy. Every Master continues to learn.

A Master continues to broaden his or her consciousness and there comes a point where the consciousness is as aware, alert, as broadened as it can become in the Earth realm. At that point this individualized portion of the Cosmic Divine is ready to move on to another position in the cosmos for further learning, for further service, for further expansion of consciousness.

We have a decision to make as to what aspect – what cosmic path open to us – we wish to take. None of us has achieved the ultimate ascension of reunification with the Divine. That lies in our future.

Summary

Ascension and Ascended Masters. Who are we? Well we've been around the block. We've paid our dues. We've graduated. And to a one, we turn around to tutor, to guide, to help everyone who has not yet graduated, graduate. That's one way to look at it.

We have been where you are. We are what you will become. Hopefully.

My blessings on you all. May your souls progress and guide you with our help as you work toward the first graduation of ascension, learn your Earth lessons, balance your past lives, extract lessons from those past lives and move on to greater spiritual accomplishments – expansion of consciousness that brings you a step closer to reunification with the Divine.

Blessings

Yeshua / Jeshua

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A Post Script

Yeshua, questions arose as we reviewed this essay. Could you please comment for those who ask:

- **How do I know where I stand re: ascension?**
- **How do I know if I am ascended already?**

I will answer how someone knows where they are positioned re: ascension. That could be

- quite distant,
- quite close to being positioned [for ascension],
- or it could be having ascended already.

An incarnated person can be a number of places along this continuum. How can you determine where you are? I would ask: Why are you asking? What is your motive for asking? I only ask that you examine your motive.

There are two things I would have you examine then if you want to know where you stand, and if you have graduated and are in the work force, having ascended, or if you are a senior, let us say, nearing graduation. One thing, if I may be allowed a little humor, is that we pretty much guarantee full employment once you are ascended, with on-the-job continuing education. That we will guarantee – the opportunity.

If you do not take advantage of the opportunity, we may help you realize the wisdom of taking advantage of the opportunity. But that does not answer the question. How can you tell?

I would have you look at two things. Look at your motives. Look deep, look hard. What are your motives for asking this question? I certainly cannot fill in that answer.

The second thing I would ask is how often do you have communication, communication through whatever means you have developed personally with your soul, with your higher self, and – if you are prone – with God. What kind of communications do you have?

That would be my second question. And if you have frequent, fluent communication, then this question is one not for me, but for your own soul.

How do you know where you stand? Examine your motives for asking that question and take a look at the communication you really need in order to answer that question – and that is communication with your soul.

That is how I would answer that question. It is not for me to judge. This is something that each must determine for themselves.

Blessings,
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