

Revolution and Evolution

In addition to the unsavory practice of jihad in the lesser sense, there is a broader consideration of war and revolution and the context of evolution. So where do wars and revolutions come from? And why is there a need for these things?

- Evolutionary Pressure

First of all there is evolutionary pressure. There is a plan for manifestation, with underlying purpose, that results in evolutionary pressure. This pressure comes in both enduring and periodic waves of energy, qualifying and stimulating everything within the planetary scheme. This pressure is inherently good. It is simply intended to encourage evolution in consciousness, and indeed it is so. But one issue is what is the nature of a specific wave of energy, i.e., how is it qualified, and another is how do various peoples and other lives respond to that pressure.

The underlying evolutionary pressure is qualified according to the ray energy of the greater cycle. It is actually a periodic wave of qualified energy, but the timescale is so long that it is essentially a constant and enduring background. In addition to this background of evolutionary pressure, there are periodic waves of energy that are qualified in various ways, according to the rays and according to the needs of life on earth in the context of intended evolution in consciousness.

But people and other lives respond to this qualified evolutionary pressure according to their own respective quality of consciousness. Coarse people tend to respond in coarse ways, because it stimulates them to bring their coarseness to the surface that it may be faced and eventually overcome. But this generally takes many years, and in many cases, lifetimes. More refined people tend to respond in more refined ways, seeing opportunities for the good of all, and embracing those opportunities. Most people are somewhere in between. And of course there is the factor of karma, such that individuals and groups (cultures) (countries) (races) collectively face karma that is evoked and fulfilled in part through the means of evolutionary pressure.

- **Response to Stimulation**

In some sense there are four ways of responding to this evolutionary pressure. One way is revolution or violence or warfare, including terrorism. Another is so-called non-violent aggression, which is simply non-physical violence, and the imposition upon or bullying of others. Yet another is non-aggression, where the respondent works actively and constructively for change. And finally there is simply working through consciousness, which is the least violent and least imposing means for change.

The way a person or group responds, the methods embraced, are simply a reflection of quality of consciousness, of relative understanding and wisdom. The collective consciousness is a reflection of the overall quality of consciousness of a group of people, and tends to be significantly less than that of the intelligent and perceptive and moderately-enlightened person. For example, countries can be bullies even where the people do not perceive themselves to be so. People tend to rationalize their behaviors, and this works for war as well as peace. People might say that they are simply responding to aggression or pursuing (national) self-interest, but in either case the circumstances have been attracted by one's own or one's collective behavior (karma). This in no way justifies violence or imposition at any level, but it explains why it happens.

There is of course a paradox. There is absolutely no justification for war, terrorism, violent revolution, or imposition. And yet these things are, for the time being, inevitable due to karma and quality of consciousness. The challenge is for individuals and collectives (countries) (cultures) (races) (religions) to learn and grow in consciousness, and truly respect one another, and with improved, more refined consciousness, there is a more constructive means for change.

Visionaries see a need for change. They see or perceive injustice and want to remedy the situation. They see or perceive a better place and want to bring it about. Often these perceptions are driven as much by self-interest as underlying need, but change is necessary for growth in consciousness at all levels. The right change brought about in the wrong way creates more complications and unresolved (painful) karma. The challenge is to bring about right changes in right ways.

- **Psychic Environment**

The media for all this are the non-physical or psychic levels of consciousness. The waves of evolutionary pressure begin to emerge on the mental plane, and then works its way down to the astral, and finally to the etheric level. People tend to respond on all of these levels, but in different ways. In effect, there is a psychic environment that contains all manner of energies and forces (and creatures), for good and for ill. What people think and feel, coarsely or otherwise, is projected into this environment. Thus it is a composite of divine energy (purpose) (evolution in consciousness) (stimulation and qualification) and an interactive reservoir of human thoughts and feelings, some sympathetic to evolution in consciousness, and some not so. And there are human and non-human creatures on the astral plane who work with these energies in furtherance of their own objectives, again for good or ill.

Thus the challenge for the spiritual student who is called to work on these levels (and many are not called in this way) is to not be influenced by the negative energies and forces, but to work with the more constructive energies and forces, for the good of all. And not according to what the student “thinks” is good, but what is actually good. Thus it is important for the student to be both non-passive and humble, in order to be intelligently responsive to higher impression. But the biggest key to success in these endeavors is simply the student’s own (refined) quality of consciousness.

