

~8th January 1996—first meeting of
new year~

Good evening

All: Good evening

Les: We're very pleased to have you back with us.
I am happy to be amongst you once again.

Les: Thank you very much. I expect you know that this is our first meeting in a new year and it's our custom to wish everybody a happy new year. It would be rather pointless to include you in that I think, I think we should say very happy new century, shouldn't we, from what you have told us?

I see you have not lost your wit, whilst I have been gone.

Les: We've thought of you a great deal.

I too would like to bring you blessings, for this your new earthly year.

Les: Thank you Salumet very much.

I know that amongst some of you, all in your lives has not been smooth, or happy, but let me say, let me say this to you my friends:

Each step which seems a burden to you, is a growth of Spirit. Accept things as they come to you. Try to see what I have taught you. Look upon the wider scope of life—look beyond the days, the weeks, the months, the years, of your earthly time and you will go forward.

Les: Yes, I think we have all grasped the need for that now, aren't I right everybody, in saying that we are aware of the need to look beyond time, as we consider it? (*general agreement*)

I know my friends, that the lesson is being learned by you all—slowly, but it is beginning to shine forth from you, that my words to you are being ingested within. Forgive me, but I am feeling the love which comes from you all and for which I will be eternally grateful. My thanks to you all.

Les: And our thanks to you, for your love and teaching to us. We value it enormously.

There are those amongst you, who are not here within this room this time, but they are not excluded from this meeting of love.

Les: Thank you.

I have received some of the thoughts from you, feeling that my absence seemed long, yes? (*general agreement*)

But of course dear friends, it is but a moment in time and I have to tell you, that these times are

much needed for me to retreat from whence I come.

Les: Yes we quite understand the need for that. **It is not done solely for my benefit, but because there is much that is going on within the cosmos.**

Les: Yes and you are involved in that too, I know. **If it only was your earthly world, my task would be so much the easier, but time needs to be given to other matters sometimes.**

Les: Of course, yes we can't expect you to devote your time completely to us, we must accept that your experience, your knowledge, is very much in demand elsewhere, this we can understand.

I wish that I could enlighten you all upon these other matters, but you would not fully comprehend them, therefore we will not waste precious time, in my trying to do so.

Les: No, one day we may understand, if you are able to tell us, when we have more experience, but that's in the future, as you say, let us deal with the present.

Yes, that is what we need to look to.

Now my friends, I will answer any questions this time and I will leave you to allow another to speak. But next time, I wish to, if it is acceptable to you all, to devote the evening to my teaching you?

Les: We look forward to that yes, certainly.

Now, do we have your questions?

Les: Yes I have one, if I might as usual jump in first: You have told us, and we can understand to some degree, that everything that we know as physical, has in effect an etheric counterpart. I think you have also told us, that the world itself has an etheric counterpart. Does this mean therefore, that every individual upon this Earth, has an etheric counterpart, occupying his or her place upon that etheric Earth? In other words, are we duplicated?

I understand your question. I have to say your summary is not quite correct, but I know why you would assume this to be.

Les: Yes I had given it a lot of thought and I couldn't come to an answer myself.

I have told you that you are composite, you are many, many parts, you are not single units. Indeed, in a sense you may say that if all things have an etheric counterpart, then there must be an existence there in the next stage of life. Not quite so—let me try to explain: If you look into your mirrors, what do you see? You see the

image of your being. Although it looks like you, would you say it was an etheric counterpart?

Les: No, it has no existence.

No, but it can be *seen*. So try to imagine yourselves upon this earthly plane, that you have the *physical* existence. Although I have explained to you, that there is a counterpart of the Earth itself, it does not mean that everything *physical* must exist within that earthly counterpart, it is like a *mirror image*. Can you follow me?

Les: Yes I believe I'm beginning to understand that. It answers the questions that were in my mind certainly.

As you see auras around people, so you see these things around your planets, these energies. But it does not mean that *all things* exist in that next existence. Do you follow?

Les: Yes and I also understand and I think my colleagues will agree, that we shall never understand it, because looking at myself in the mirror, I quite understand what you are saying to us—I would be inclined to say that that mirror image, that apparition that I can see, *MUST* exist by virtue of *MY* existence.

Yes, you have got what I am trying to explain. By all accounts, that mirror image is real, is as solid as you yourself would feel—but of course it is not.

Les: It has no existence in it's own right.

No, although it can be seen with your physical eyes. We are speaking here on difficult topics.

Les: Yes, it is difficult to understand.

I don't think you will fully understand any explanation of energies, which you do not at this particular moment in time, understand upon your earthly plane. I can tell you that the knowledge *will* come, that your scientists will begin to understand more, on a Cosmic level, but at this particular time in your existence, they know nothing of these things. So you see, I am trying to explain subject to you, which you could not fully understand. But I do understand your question and I do understand the reasoning behind it.

Les: To take it one step further, I said that the image in the mirror exists because I'm looking at it, but not in it's own right, but on the other hand one could say it does exist, even though we can't see it, until a mirror is brought in, to give us the vision.

Let us take it a little further: If you had tunnel vision through many mirrors, how many images of yourself would you see?

Les: Quite, it is unlimited.

It is unlimited and that is how you must view your question. I hope that has been helpful to you.

Les: It has yes thank you, I shall just have to leave it there, knowing that none of us can fully understand it, at this period of our lives.

I have to say, you will not—it is too complicated for your *mind* to understand.

Les: Yes, because we haven't access to those energy fields yet.

Yes, it will come, it will come.

Les: Good, that's interesting to look forward to. Thank you for your answers. Has anybody else any questions for Salumet?

Dawn: We've made a decision to put in for planning permission. Can you give me any suggestions for going forward at all?

Yes, always these everyday decisions tire you, cause problems within your lives. I would say to you, to keep upon the desire which you have, to steadily pursue that which you so desire. It may not come about just as you would like it to, you may have to pursue it for some time to come. There will be obstacles, there will be obstructions, but finally you will succeed, if the desire is good and if the desire is great enough.

Dawn: Thank you.

I hope that is enough for you.

Dawn: Yes thank you very much.

But do pursue it, it will not be easy, there will be many obstacles to overcome.

Les: Any more questions?

George: I have been reading recently, a lovely book by Swami Rama, about the Swamis' of the Himalayas. I think they understand life and death extremely well and they refer to two paths towards bliss, a path of *renunciation* and a path of *conquest* in the material world. I think the Swami's usually follow the path of renunciation, but I think here in the material west, we tend to follow a path of conquest. Is there anything you would like to tell us or teach us about the two paths?

Yes I will speak upon this: Let me say you can put your lives upon this Earth, into many pathways, but I understand the peoples of whom you speak. They have indeed reached the top, I would say, of what living is all about. It is

not beyond all of you, to reach these goals, whilst upon the Earth plane. There is nothing to stop you choosing your own pathways, whether it be conquest, whether it be renunciation, whether it be submitance to your own souls. You follow me thus?

George: Yes.

What I would say to you, that each one of you as an individual, must make that decision, must accept responsibility, for his own chosen pathway. I will not say one way is right, one way is wrong—that I will (*not*) and cannot do. But this I will say to you: If you give yourself up to that *Great One*, that *Great Creative Force*, I would say to you, from my hearts, that I would not choose the pathway of conquest. I am not trying to tell you which way you should go, but that is my own feelings upon this matter. I say to you all: **Stop, think, judge not and follow your hearts** and always you will tread the right pathway for your own soul's growth. The peoples you have spoken about, have devoted much time, in self-denial, in many aspects of daily living. They have developed those spiritual gifts, which are innate in you all. They have not attained anything which is outstanding, but they have given themselves time, to offer themselves, and that is why they have gone as far as they have done so. Is this helpful to you my friend?

George: Yes, thank you for your words and that is a very nice teaching, thank you.

Les: If I could add to that, I have given thought to this quite a bit—I don't know anything about the Swami's, but I have come to the opinion over the years, that self-renunciation to be possible, is often dependent upon conquest. Because take the Buddhists for example, who go around with their begging bowls—if it were not for the farmers and their conquest of the land, and their determination to produce seed from it, which is a conquest, then the Buddhists would be unable to follow their path, of self-denial. So, which is best? Again I think it comes back to a question of motive. Why are we doing these things, or why are they doing these things? But those who achieve the higher attainment spiritually, must of necessity, rely upon those who are dealing in conquest, even if it is only the conquest of medical matters. Those who are seeking higher salvation, must at sometime no doubt, have need of a doctor's resources.

I would like to say one thing: You know I am not in favour of names, of religions, of any titles being given to people?

Les: Quite, I appreciate that.

You are all *ONE*, and belong to that spark of life, which is that *Creative Force*. I would say about self-renunciation only this: To be careful that it is not the result of your own pride, which creates the renunciation within yourselves. This I would say be warned upon, because too many see themselves as being great people, when in fact, when they are stripped of all human aspects, they stand naked before that *Great Creative Force*, all of these things are laid bare. And only then can you see the truth, of why all of these earthly—(*Les begins to cough—Salumet pauses*) I am sorry, are you okay?

Les: Yes thank you I apologise for that I couldn't stop it—thank you.

You need to look within.

Les: Yes again as I said it's *motive*, isn't it?

Always it will be the motive behind any action.

Les: Quite, because the very thing those aspiring to higher levels of existence and *Thought*, could be basing it upon the wrong premise anyway.

I would say only this: That they would not attain spiritual growth, as much as they had, if the motives were not good and genuine ones. So keep this also in mind, when comments are made, because they would not achieve the results, if the motives were not good.

Les: I follow that, thank you. It's a constant examination isn't it? There is no *one* straightforward answer?

There will never be one answer to any question, never one answer. All of life on Earth, is a complex matter. You can only achieve that ultimately, which you deserve, because of course, you are not living just this one life. As I have told you, you must be responsible for what has gone and what is to come.

Les: Yes, that is the basic thing we have to learn, isn't it?

You must move away from this idea, of being just one single unit, within one lifetime. You will never, you will never reach the heights, if you try to stay with these fixed ideas. You must expand your minds, you must allow us to help you, to broaden your horizons, to allow the mind, not the brain but the mind, to go beyond

these earthly chains and then and only then, will you find the WIDER VIEW, of what life is about.

Les: Yes, this has to be a fluid acceptance, of things we cannot understand.

My dear friends, I must take my leave now and allow another to speak.

But as I leave you to travel on your earthly ways, I leave you with my blessing, my love, and my guidance, within your daily lives.

(general thanks)

Les: And our love and thanks go with you too, we're really delighted to have you back with us.

Always, when I leave you, my heart is full.

Les: Thank you.

Paul: Our's too.

There then followed one through Sue:

Another was to have come, but much more power was used than was expected with this one here, so it will now be left for another time. I have been here giving what help I could and so I will say to you all, that there has been much light here in this room. Each one has contributed to the love here, whether or not they have felt it, their contribution has been great.

Les: Thank you for telling us, it's very comforting for us to know.

Now, we will leave you until your next meeting here, when much will be told to you and hopefully it will bring you much enjoyment and discussion.

Les: Thank you very much, we look forward to the next meeting.

I leave you to end in your normal manner. I say to you all, look to a light, even if your days seem dark, there is light surrounding you and it should be visible to you, if you can only have faith. Even in dark days, you are never left alone.

Les: No I think we all understand and feel that now.

Now, please close as you would normally do.

Les: Certainly *(general thanks + farewells)*