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**Joseph:** Greetings to you, my children, I am Joseph.

We have been emphasizing very much the importance of gaining knowledge. We have made many statements concerning this such as, "It is the gateway to the kingdom." Knowledge can only be gained by sincere study. Merely reading does not necessarily bring you knowledge. You must concentrate upon the subject and really put your efforts into it. Reading is not studying. If the knowledge is going to be beneficial to you, then you must firmly implant this knowledge in your mind. Even this does very little for you unless you use and apply what you have learned.

Now as you know, the universe is governed by certain laws set in motion by Universal Consciousness at the beginning of the cosmic day. These laws were designed to govern all things. These laws were designed, to be beneficial, and once understood and applied, they can be very beneficial. They will bring forth the attributes which are hidden within you.

Too often in studying certain laws—for instance, the laws that might govern a planet, such as the laws of creation, laws of retrogression and what have you—we often make the mistake of giving little attention to these laws. We decide that they do not apply to us but only to a planet. But any law that was set up for the control of anything in your solar system, in your planetary system, also applies to you as an individual in the same manner. So we must give much consideration to any law that we study, and then try to comprehend how this law would apply to us as an individual.

When we have discovered that, then we can make use of that law in furthering our development, our evolution, and use it for that purpose so that we might become a greater center of light. We can, therefore, be of greater service in bringing about the evolution of Universal Consciousness itself for it evolves through its creation. Without its creations, it could not evolve.

So every law of the universe, regardless of what it might be used for out in the cosmos, will still apply to us as an individual. So to evolve through study, we must, as we study each law, determine its effect and its application to our own lives. For it is only through the cooperation and the understanding of these laws that

we can make rapid progress in our evolution and can save ourselves much pain and much sorrow.

It is because of the lack of understanding of these laws that your civilization today is suffering the pangs of pain and sorrow. They have either knowingly or unknowingly violated the laws that were created for the purpose of their development. Those that violate these laws knowingly are on the downward path. Unless they come to the realization of their errors and change their ways, their path will continue downward. Their pain and suffering will increase. But those who try to understand and cooperate with the laws are going in the opposite direction and their pain and sorrows are becoming less.

It has often been said that man learns through suffering, and how true this is. For until he discovers that the pain and suffering that he has endured is brought about by his violation of the law, his ignorance, it will continue. But when he discovers this as a fact, and knows that to avoid this, he is going to have to change his way of thinking and doing, he will progress.

It is through the pursuit of the carnal that man has brought upon himself pain and sorrow and until he can realize this and turn in the opposite direction, the direction of knowledge and truth, and grasp these truths and apply them, he will continue to suffer. When he realizes his errors and does something about it and turns in the other direction, he will find that he will make great strides in growing and developing.

Those who have risen to heights on the path will rejoice and extend a helping hand wherever they can. They will not take your responsibilities for those are yours and yours alone. But they will help you in finding ways to handle these situations which will make it easier and more pleasant for you.

Think about these things, O People of Earth, Ponder them well. Then make your decision as to whether you will move forward with your civilization into the new evolutionary period or shall fall behind and become one of the weak and lazy ones. This, my friends, is food for thought. Think about it and make your decisions.

I leave you, beloved ones, by extending to each of you my most sincere love and blessings.

I call forth the blessings of the Great Ones. May their blessings rest in your hearts, and may they give you courage to go forth and do that which you know must be done.

Go in peace, beloved ones, go in peace. Walk in peace. Peace. ☸