

Question

Is the quotation below referring only to the people who have consecrated themselves to the Father and the Mother? Or, is it a general statement that we are "all" connected, no matter what our spiritual status? Does the statement apply to merely "selves"?

"This distinction is vital, for in a cosmic system the individual members are not connected with each other except in relation to the whole and through the individuality of the whole." (112:1.17)

If this statement applies only to those who have chosen to consecrate their will to the Father and their mind to the Mother, then I assume that people who are on this planet killing and committing crimes against humanity are not considered a part of the whole. Is this correct?

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The statement refers to the individual members in a "cosmic" system, that is, the system of "universal harmony". Pattern is the harmonizing influence--specifically in the case of personality, spirit pattern. The extent to which the personality (by choice) has harmonized the self, the harmony of that personal self is connected with the harmony of other personal selves through the individuality of the harmony of the whole, the Mother. A human initiates the harmonizing of the mindal self by consecrating the will of the personality gift from the Father to the perfect will of him who bestowed it--God the Father. Then, choice by choice, that person consecrates the form of his or her mind to the universal harmony of God the Mother. In the absence of inherent, eternalized harmony, individualities are of passing existence: "Those that attain cosmic unity persist, while those that fall short of this goal cease to exist." (58:6.8) Choose to have an ongoing selfhood; because the mere "self", even the present state of the self, is only scaffolding. You must allow God to constantly dissolve and reform, to grow, your mindal self.

Concerning the second issue, remember that (even before Pentecost) every human is given an initial encircuitment in the harmony of the Holy Spirit--by grace alone; also, every human is encircuited by the Universal Father as a volitional being--by grace alone. Therefore, even very, very sinful individuals are still engaged by the Father and upheld

by the Mother. The only way to change this fact is to objectively and completely push these gifts of grace away from the adjutant self: one must achieve a state of iniquity (lit., "not level" with the cosmos). Of course, it is also possible that an individual is fundamentally not human (i.e., subhuman); but this means that he or she did not manifest "any" human nature--wisdom, insight, or foresight--even as an innocent child of six to eight years of age.