CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL HIERARCHY?

Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers, “Grow, grow.”
—THE TALMUD

All seekers of truth yearn for the mystical experience. In search of this experience of eternity we travel down many roads. The artist searches for this mystical union in the ecstasy of creation, the scientist in the throes of a new discovery, the lover in the rapture of the beloved, the parent in the tenderness of the child. In the midst of your search, the very divine presence you seek is already with you. It is in you, surrounds you—it loves, guides, and inspires you.

In this journey, there may be times when you become discouraged. You may feel that your search for the divine is a delusion—that there is no spiritual road to walk upon. Yet even here, the divine is with you, patiently holding the lamp of truth until the clouds of doubt and despair pass by and you can once again begin the journey refreshed and reinvigorated.

Ultimately your search will bear fruit, as it has for countless souls through the ages. All aspects of your life will fall into place, the veils of matter will drop away, and the soul can experience the divine presence for itself, free and unencumbered.
In this remarkable journey, you do not walk alone. Working with you in every facet of your life is your indispensable partner to success—the spiritual hierarchy. Many think of the hierarchy in terms of angels and archangels. As extraordinary as these Holy Ones are, they are part of a larger network of celestial beings known as the spiritual hierarchy. Whether on a grand scale or in moments of intimate inspiration, you have always had a special connection to the divine. You are not meant to walk blindly through life without understanding. God has given you the tools to operate with full awareness and spiritual knowing, but you have to build this awareness through the way you live your life.

In these pages I will attempt to describe the Holy Ones from my own clairvoyant experiences over the course of a lifetime. I hope to clear up misunderstandings and confusion concerning angels, archangels, and other celestial beings. I will urge you to work more closely with the Higher and make them a greater, more intimate part of your life. It is a most sacred relationship. By understanding how sacred the Higher is, you can better understand how sacred you are.

I also hope to give you an accurate, understandable picture of how the hierarchy is organized. I will attempt to illustrate what they look like, their duties, and how we are part of the hierarchal order of life. This book is meant to be practical and will offer some of the most effective tools and techniques to work with the divine.

THREE DEFINITIONS OF THE SPIRITUAL HIERARCHY

Every society has had its belief in divine support. Angelic beings have been a running theme throughout the Bible as messengers of God. The Qur’an has made belief in angels one of the six articles of faith. The In-
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dians speak of devas, dynasties, and divine incarnations. Taoists have their pantheon of gods and divine ones. The gods and sacred beings of ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt played a central role in those societies. The Orphic and Elysian mysteries, with their mythology of the gods, were indispensable in the development of classical Greek culture and its golden age. In more recent times, mystics such as Helena Blavatsky, Max Steiner, Alice Bailey, Rudolf Steiner, and others helped reawaken an understanding of the spiritual hierarchy. Today, with the blossoming spiritual renaissance, many are taking a closer look at our relationship to the Holy Ones.

Whether religious or secular, the concept of invisible spiritual beings is part of humanity’s cultural heritage. They are a source of comfort, solace, and inspiration. Countless sages and mystics have claimed direct contact with these Holy Ones. And the ancient spiritual training centers of the world—the mystery schools and ashrams—shared a common goal of helping the aspirant achieve a direct connection to the divine.

Today, with the material scientific perspective, some look at the subject of the spiritual hierarchy as outdated myths or folktales. To them, angels and archangels are not relevant or a worthy subject for the modern mind. Yet this is the furthest thing from the truth. As we better understand the physical world we live in, it becomes even more essential to understand the spiritual roots that support and sustain our physical life.

Of all the aspects of metaphysical study, the spiritual hierarchy can be one of the most difficult to approach in a clear and levelheaded way. Part of our challenge in understanding the spiritual hierarchy is that there is much confusing and conflicting information, depending on which system you follow. Various religious and metaphysical schools have their own interpretation of the hierarchy order, and sometimes these schools will be in apparent conflict or even antagonistic to each other. This is
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often due to centuries of less inspired hands reinterpreting ancient revelations. The approach in this book will be syncretistic. As the Rig Veda states, “The One Truth the sages call by many names.” By understanding the common thread that runs through the various spiritual systems, we can better appreciate how the Holy Ones are universal for all of us.

There are three ways to define the spiritual hierarchy that we will explore in this book:

- A network of celestial beings under God
- The hierarchal order of life
- The hierarchy of Divine Light

A Network of Celestial Beings under God

The spiritual hierarchy is the administrator of God’s divine plan. They are responsible for carrying out the various duties of creation. This holy order ranges from advanced souls in the human kingdom to glorious angels, archangels, and planetary leaders. We will pay particular attention to angels and archangels, yet there are other aspects of the Higher that exert an enormous influence as well.

These Holy Ones have been on the spiritual path for a long time, many for eons, and have evolved enormously. They work to uplift humanity and form the evolutionary link connecting us to God. These exalted beings work on different levels of unfoldment, which is why it’s called a hierarchy, yet all work in perfect harmony with one another. Together, they form the evolutionary chain that links all life from the simplest amoeba to the most radiant archangel. We need these great beings as they are our link to God, and God works through these wonderful beings, guiding and steering the entire process of evolution.
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Just like us, the spiritual hierarchy is going through its own evolution. The Holy Ones are developing their potential and drawing even closer to the divine source. The ancient writer Pseudo-Dionysius, in his book The Celestial Hierarchy, spoke of the hierarchy as:

. . . a holy order and knowledge and activity which, so far as is attainable, participates in the Divine Likeness. . . . The aim of Hierarchy is the greatest possible assimilation to and union with God.

As part of their development, the Holy Ones are responsible for helping their younger brothers and sisters in light—humanity. They do this out of love and genuine service. In fact, every kingdom in nature has its own guiding hierarchy. There is a hierarchy that works with the animal kingdom, another for the plant kingdom, and yet another for the mineral kingdom. There is even a hierarchy that works with the planets and solar system. For the most part, we will focus on the hierarchy that is directly connected to humanity’s development, as we interact with this divine order every day.

The Hierarchal Order of Life

In broader terms, there is another way to look at the spiritual hierarchy, and this is as the spiritual order of life. One of the great metaphysical secrets is that everything in life has consciousness. This consciousness exists to varying degrees of development. For example, in ascending order, we have the more primitive aspects of consciousness in the form of plants or animals followed by human consciousness. From the human levels we move up to the varying degrees of celestial consciousness. This hierarchical
order is without beginning or end. Looking at life in this way, you and I are part of the hierarchal order of life right now.

This great chain of life is the key to your relationship with God. When you pray to God, God reaches you by working through the varying degrees of divine intelligence, and this means working with spiritual beings more developed than yourself. The spiritual hierarchy is your pathway to God. The closer you draw to the spiritual hierarchy, the closer you draw to God.

As part of the hierarchal order of life, you and I are playing an indispensable part in the creative process. There will be times when you may resist participation in this process, but this is only temporary as the natural order of life is inherently creative, eternally moving upward and yearning for greater expression.

The Hierarchy of Divine Light

You can’t talk about the spiritual hierarchy without talking about Divine Light. The Holy Ones are responsible for sending spiritual energy to humanity. Each of us has an auric field. Your aura is the individual expression of the universal life force. Every day, you build up or diminish the power of your aura through the way you live your life. And each day, the Holy Ones bless you with Divine Light. Through meditation, you can call on the light directly and this brings you closer to the Holy Ones, who are the administrants of that Divine Light. So by including the Holy Ones in your light meditation, you can greatly enhance your aura and connection to the celestial beings. Working with spiritual energy and the hierarchy will be one of the primary tools we use in this book.

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field. When a person has developed a strong, intuitive connection with the spiritual hierarchy, wonderful, sparkling-type energies of various colors are seen around the circumference of the auric field as well as around each of the chakras, or energy centers. It’s an inspiring sight. White light is also seen coming down from above the head, indicating a strong connection to the inspirational flow of the Holy Ones. And often a deep–royal blue ray comes from the heart center, indicating a devotion and dedication to the divine. Such a soul not only is in tune with the spiritual hierarchy but is accepting and implementing the inspiration given.

In addition to the intimate connection of the Holy Ones to Divine Light, there is an actual hierarchy of light. This hierarchy of light is the energetic foundation upon which every aspect of creation lives. This holy light issues from God as Primordial Light and divides into many spectral rays, each with its divine attribute yet ultimately part of one divine encompassing power and attribute. The various celestial beings embody a station in this divine order of light, and that is what gives the Holy Ones their unique power. This is true for us as well. As we build our light rays and take our place in the divine order of things, we are imbued with a divine power ray as part of this hierarchy of light.

THE KEY TO FULFILLING YOUR LIFE’S PURPOSE

When I was in my early thirties, I had a remarkable interaction with the spiritual hierarchy that reaffirmed just how powerful an ally they really are. It was a time when my spiritual life was unfolding beautifully, but it was a difficult time in other ways. I was a single mother, raising two children, working a low-paying job at a hotel in Santa
Monica, California, and taking care of my mother. My sister had been helping a great deal but had just gotten married, and even though she was doing her best to contribute, there was a lot of financial pressure.

One night I had a dream that I crashed my car while I was driving to work. It left such a strong impression that I did not want to go to work the next morning, but I went anyway, against my better judgment. On my way to work, I was driving through an intersection when a woman driving on the adjacent street did not see that the traffic light had turned red and went through the intersection at full speed, hitting my car broadside, hard. My car flipped over, injuring my back and legs and causing whiplash.

For nine months, I could not work and had to sleep on a board while my back healed. The experience put me in an even more serious financial bind. Now out of work, I was barely getting by. Disability insurance helped but was not enough to cover my expenses.

As the months progressed, I did not know what I was going to do. I had been praying for guidance, but on this one day I was praying fervently, specifically asking for an angel of business to guide me. During my prayer, I was suddenly taken out of my body and to a beautiful place on the other side. The Holy Ones had taken me out of my body many times before for instruction, but this was one of the first times they had taken me to the other side directly related to a personal prayer request.

I found myself by a river where there was a magnificent Grecian-like temple. They took me into the temple building and to an ornate room filled with books. I found myself in front of an impressive-looking desk. The room looked like an office but not like any office you would find on earth. I was thrilled to be there. I knew how much the angels could help and was anticipating the arrival of this divine assistance.
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Then a man appeared in the room behind the desk. He looked like a businessman in a sharp blue suit, commanding and prosperous. He had brown hair and blue eyes. He had a serious demeanor, but not severe, more like he did not want to waste time.

He was standing and said, “Can I help you?”

In my mind, I was expecting an angelic being with flowing robes and rays of light emanating. In my naïveté I blurted out without thinking, “But you’re not an angel!”

He smiled, amused at my remark, and said, “I’m not?!”

Suddenly radiating flows of shimmering light were coming out of him. The whole room flashed into light and I was almost overwhelmed by the angelic power he radiated. Clearly he had taken on the semblance of a businessperson so I would feel more comfortable. I thought to myself, “Boy, did I goof big-time!”

A moment later the light energy subsided and he once again looked like a normal businessman. I did not know what to say next, so I simply said, “I misunderstood.”

He replied sincerely, “I’d like to help you.”

“I’m very concerned about the financial problems I’m having right now.” I started to go into my story, but he gently interrupted.

“I don’t need details. I know what it’s about. It’s good you are here because you have handled the problem incorrectly and need to accept what I’m telling you now. I’m not going to go into details, but I’m going to give you the light. Then you’ll know what to do to resolve your situation.”

A beautiful golden ray of light came out his heart center and went into my heart center. I immediately felt enlightened and uplifted. I understood what he meant in that I was not fully using the spiritual knowl-
edge and power necessary to help in my situation. I now knew things were going to be okay.

After a moment of this blessing, the angel said, “Now you’re able to resolve your situation with the light.”

He kept emphasizing working with the light. I realized it wasn’t his job to solve my problems for me but to give me the power and confidence to solve my own problems. I was not living up to my potential. I had been given so much insight by the Higher, and here was an opportunity to put that knowledge to use, yet I wasn’t doing that or wasn’t doing that enough. I was so grateful to this angelic being. The very fact that he took the time to help was so reassuring and made me realize how much the Holy Ones care for us.

I would have liked to stay there longer, but it was clear he had other pressing things to do and needed to go. I simply said, “Thank you so much!”

“I was glad to have helped,” he said, and with those words he was gone, although I continued to feel his light and love.

Once I was back in my body, I followed his advice and did my part by working diligently with the light. Then the miracles began to happen. About a week later, some people I had been working with at the hotel heard of my financial situation and unexpectedly donated money to help. It was a substantial amount. When some other friends heard what was going on, they pitched in financially too. Those contributions carried me through until I could start working again.

My back seemed to heal faster now. Before long, I was ready to work and found a better-paying job at a local school helping with scholarships. I wanted to gradually pay back the people who had shown such kindness, but they refused. That experience taught me to always work with the light and the Holy Ones in every situation. Perhaps one of the most
extraordinary aspects of the spiritual hierarchy is how much our lives are in their hands.

The spiritual hierarchy is silently helping and encouraging at every phase of your life, from the moment you are born to the day you pass on. They were there when you had your spiritual awakening; they are there in your time of trial and testing. They are patiently there as you go through your mistakes and missteps. In tragedy or triumph, these great celestial ones are there for support. You are truly never alone in your spiritual journey. I have seen the Holy Ones working in hospitals, healing the sick, and in jails, supporting those who are imprisoned there. They bless you during the day at your job or at home when you’re relaxing. They are there when you are making a difficult decision—to uplift you if you are feeling depressed or sad. They celebrate joyful times such as graduations, marriages, and other life-changing moments. They are strongly with you in the throes of inspiration and creation. The Holy Ones are the fountainhead of all of humanity’s achievements. All great inventions, artistic creations, and inspired ideas were brought to humanity with the cooperation of the spiritual hierarchy. They even help you when you travel. And of course, they are there in meditation and prayer.

As is the central theme of this book: The spiritual hierarchy IS your pathway to God. They are the means through which you achieve your life’s purpose and reach your highest spiritual potential. You can’t do it without them. They are there to help you evolve and remind you that you are not alone in life’s journey—this is a cooperative effort. They are already working with you regardless of your awareness of them, but when you work in harmony with them, you greatly amplify their ability to help you.

The benefits of working with the spiritual hierarchy are enormous.
Think of them as your best friends, your greatest support. By working with the Higher, you will forge an enduring, unfailing, everlasting friendship. The Higher will always be there for you. While you may not understand all aspects of how they work, you’ll know that regardless of what is going on, you have support.

The Holy Ones see you in the highest possible light and hold you to your highest ideal even if you do not see yourself in that way. They are patient and loving whether you are working toward your divine destiny or making every mistake in the book. They are always ready to forgive and have infinite patience. They will let you make your mistakes because you have to do your own growing, but they will urge you upward, showing you the next step in your growth.

By including the Holy Ones in your life, you’ll develop a deeper devotion to God. In an age when many people are not sure what they believe, you will act with unwavering conviction and demonstrate strength and courage. You will have a dynamic faith that God is a real and active part of your life.

Of course, the Holy Ones are not God, yet they are unquestionably God-like. They have traveled farther down the spiritual path than you or I, yet they are still evolving. They possess tremendous spiritual knowledge, power, and awareness—yet they are not omniscient or limitless in their abilities. They do not want to be worshipped, but rather recognized as elder brothers and sisters in light and wisdom. Yet make no mistake—they are truly filled with the sacred power of the divine and must be approached with reverence, love, and respect. They are not our servants to do our bidding and service our appetites. The Holy Ones are there to help bring out the best, highest, and most spiritual part of our nature.
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You Don’t Need to See the Holy Ones to Work with Them

With such a powerful support system, the single biggest question asked regarding the Holy Ones is: Why can’t we see them? If the Holy Ones are there, why are we not more aware of them?

In this age of self-reliance, blind forces of nature, and material rationalism, the idea of an intelligent invisible support system might seem far-fetched. When it comes to the topic of the Holy Ones, humanity’s barometer can swing from one extreme of stubborn skepticism to the other extreme of blind hysteria. Our goal is to take a careful, balanced, sober look at an extraordinary part of life and to realize that to put our attention on the spiritual hierarchy is a worthy study, as it brings us in contact with an intelligence greater than ourselves.

To see the Holy Ones is within the power of every soul to achieve. However, it does require dedicated effort, training, and development. Operating in nonphysical dimensions and at such a high level of vibration makes it a daunting challenge to directly tune into them, but it can be done. Clairvoyance is a natural by-product of your spiritual evolution. As you develop yourself spiritually, at the right time, your clairvoyance will open and you will be able to experience the Holy Ones directly.

It is to our great benefit that there are times when the divine makes a special effort to give humanity glimpses of the Higher regardless of where we are in our spiritual development. There have been countless stories of people having visions of angels and other celestial beings. True, some of these are wishful fancies, yet others are genuine, life-changing experiences.

The truth is, it does not matter if you do not see the Higher to benefit from working with the divine. Seeing them is not what is expected
of you. What is asked of you is to work with them through faith, trust, intuition, and intelligent application. By employing all your talents and gifts, all your consciousness and awareness, the contact is made. The Holy Ones see you. They love you dearly, and as you work with them in loving cooperation, there will come that day when you behold the Holy Ones more directly.

By reverently invoking them in the name of God, you are cultivating a more mature understanding of the divine life and invoking the spiritual powers connected to the spiritual hierarchy, which will have a tremendous uplifting effect and quicken your spiritual progress. By calling on their help, you are drawing in their power, and this has the effect of bringing you closer to them, which means closer to the divine.

I had a very dedicated student, Lois, for many years. We were very good friends. She was smart and diligent in her spiritual studies and meditations. Yet she would complain that she could not see the Divine Light—she could not see the Holy Ones, nothing. Yet she knew the spiritual work had value and saw the positive effects in her life. Well, one day, during her meditation, quite unexpectedly, she had an angelic visitation. An angel of love presented herself to Lois, smiled, and gently kissed her on the cheek. Lois was profoundly moved. Yet it did not surprise her—rather, it confirmed to her that the Holy Ones were there all along.

The tools you will use to start working with the Higher are your intuition, inspiration, and intellect. You need to develop these tools to effectively work with the Holy Ones. As we shall see, your intuition and inspiration are the driving part of your ability to connect with the Higher. They are the divine part of your nature that can tune into the Higher right now for your own personal development. As you develop
and trust your intuition and inspirational nature, you will naturally develop a stronger rapport with the Higher. These are the keys that open the door to the mystical experience.

Yet intuition and inspiration do not work alone. Your intellectual/rational nature plays a strong part in your evolution. Too many people on the spiritual path throw common sense out the window, and this totally goes against the true mystical path. Intuition without the steady hand of reason can lead to irrational and superstitious behavior. The line between what is real and what is imaginary can easily become blurred. Without reason, aspiring souls can lose the compass guiding them to enlightenment. Attempting to discover the divine only by the intellect is a fruitless endeavor, however, as enlightenment is not an intellectual process. Such attempts only lead to uninspired, closed-minded, and rigid behavior. Blend these powers in their proper order, with intuition and inspiration leading the intellect, and you have the road map to spiritual success.