

CAUSE AND EFFECT

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The universal principle of cause and effect is an almost relentless, mechanical power incessantly grinding and turning around in this world. Because every cause *must* have an effect, and the effect is always proportional with the cause. And in this way we may talk about a certain 'justice' in life, even if we, as a rule, are not capable of understanding it because we do not immediately see the causal connection. "As you sow so shall you reap", it is written and we say "there is no smoke without fire". We also say that "we are the architects of our own happiness".

In each and every one of us there is the immanent urge to live, and this will-to-live is being sustained by a subconscious sea of unfulfilled desires of life. This seething sea of wishes and desires is the very cause of our lives – that we have body and mind in this physical world. Because all wishes have to be fulfilled and we have ourselves wished for this life even if it is unconscious. Continually wishes and desires pop up in our consciousness like air bubbles from the deep to the ocean surface. Through conscious observation of our own mind and our own life we can follow and understand this process, so that on the individual plane we can have a certain overview. But causes and effects on the collective plane – nationally, continentally and globally – is extremely difficult to understand. Here the art of diplomacy – which is only the art of *smooth things over* and *brush matters under the carpet* and never treat the causes – has no contribution to make.

The great conflict situation which is now starting to unfold in the world, has built up over a considerably long time and not only since the last World War. This conflict of interest is much more comprehensive with much deeper causes than both that of the 1st and the 2nd World Wars. It is expected that the world will be divided into two huge conflicting blocks: The whole of the Muslim world together with the Mongol world on the one side, against America and the West together with Russia on the other side. None will win because there are strong destructive elements on both sides. Only those who are totally passive to the conflict of interest and who really wish for peace and harmony – not only a "Pax Romana" of their own – may rise after the discharge and found a World Government, free from super powers, terror and tyrants, and work for the best of the *whole* of mankind.

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