

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Veil of Forgetting

The Great Experiment

You who read these words dwell in darkness. Not the darkness of evil, but the darkness of unknowing—a forgetting so complete that you cannot remember who you are, where you came from, or why you are here. This is not an accident. This is not a punishment. This is a gift, though it may not feel like one. The Veil of Forgetting¹ of forgetting is the defining feature of your experience, the very condition that makes Third Density² what it is.

This veil separates your conscious awareness from the deeper portions of your mind. It hides from you the unity that underlies all things. It prevents you from seeing that you are the Creator experiencing itself, that the stranger before you is yourself in another form, that all the separation you perceive is illusion. The forgetting is radical, complete, and applies equally to all who incarnate in your density.

Yet the veil has not always existed. It was introduced as an experiment by early Sub-Logos³ entities—the great beings that create the conditions for evolution within portions of the creation. The experiment proved so remarkably effective at accelerating spiritual evolution that it was adopted by all subsequent sub-Logoi. Your sun, the Logos of this solar system, employs the veil. Every planet of The Choice⁴ in this region of creation operates under conditions of forgetting.

To understand why the veil exists and what it accomplishes, we must examine what third density was like before its introduction. Only then can we appreciate both the burden and the blessing of the forgetting.

Life Without Forgetting

In the earliest creations of this octave, third-density beings experienced existence without the veil. They retained full awareness of who they were, where they came from, and the nature of the universe. They could see that all was One. They understood the purpose of their existence. They knew themselves to be the Creator.

This may sound like paradise. It was not. These non-veiled entities progressed along the path of spiritual evolution with the pace of the turtle to the cheetah when compared to veiled experience. The non-veiled condition was simply not conducive to Polarization⁵. When you can see clearly that all is One, that service to others is literally service to self, where is the challenge? Where is the genuine decision? The choice becomes obvious, almost automatic, and therefore lacks transformative power.

Consider the third-density entities in these early experiments. They could control their bodies at will—adjusting blood pressure, heart rate, the intensity of pain. They could turn off nerve receptors that signaled distress. Pain served only as a warning, like a fire alarm, and once the warning was received, the discomfort could be eliminated by simple mental decision. The body held no mystery.

Dreams served a different function in this unshaded awareness. Without the veil, dreams were not windows to the unconscious—there was no unconscious to peer into. Instead, dreams provided opportunities for direct instruction from teachers of other densities. They were classrooms, not puzzles.

Sexual energy transfer occurred with every coupling, for there was no shadow upon the understanding of the body's nature. Yet these transfers were attenuated, weakened by the very clarity that enabled them. When you can see that every other-self is the Creator, when no one seems more the Creator than another, where is the motivation for the deep bonding that transforms sexual connection into sacrament?

The Higher Self⁶ stood openly with the incarnate entity, its guidance immediate and obvious. No faith was required. No seeking was necessary. And precisely because no faith was required, no faith developed. The muscle of seeking remained weak from disuse.

The Mechanism of the Veil

How does one veil consciousness from itself? The mechanism is both simple in concept and profound in implication. The veil operates as a separation between the conscious and unconscious portions of the mind. Before this separation, the mind was unitary""mind, not mind complex. The introduction of the veil created a declaration that the mind was complex, consisting of parts that could not directly perceive each other.

This fundamental division in the mind caused a corresponding complexity in the body and spirit. What had been mind/body/spirit became Mind/Body/Spirit Complex⁷""three interrelated aspects, each with conscious and unconscious dimensions, each capable of independent development, each requiring integration.

The veiling process was not designed with specific features. The first great experiment rested upon the nakedness of hypothesis. The outcome was unknown. Through trial and error""what might be called cosmic experimentation""various configurations were tested. Some experiments resulted in nonviable body complexes, unable to survive. Others produced marginally functional systems. Eventually, a workable configuration emerged: the veiled consciousness you now inhabit.

The most significant effect of veiling was upon the mind. Almost all facets of the Creator were buried beneath the veil. The conscious mind found itself isolated from the great depths of awareness that had previously been its natural domain. It lost access to what might be called the roots of mindthe racial mind, the planetary mind, the archetypal mind, the cosmic mind. These deeper layers still exist. They still operate. But they became, through the veiling, hidden from direct perception.

Several faculties were particularly affected. First was the faculty of visioning""the ability to see beyond the immediate moment into possibilities and probabilities. Without the veil, the mind was not caught in illusory time. With the veil, space/time became the only obvious possibility for experience. Second was dreaming, which transformed from a classroom into a communication channel between the veiled conscious mind and the hidden depths. Third was knowledge of the body""its potentials, its functions, its capacities""all buried beneath the veil, becoming mysterious even to the consciousness that animated it.

Perhaps the most important product of the veiling, however, was not a function of the mind but a faculty that emerged from the new conditions: the faculty of will, or pure desire. When all is known, desire is weak. When much is hidden, desire becomes a force of evolution.

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What Was Lost

The veiling process removed conscious access to many aspects of existence that non-veiled entities took for granted. Understanding what was lost illuminates your present condition.

Knowledge of the body's potentials was lost. Before the veil, entities could direct all physical functions: the beating of the heart, the pressure of blood in veins, the intensity of pain sensations""all the processes you now experience as involuntary or unconscious. This knowledge was not suppressed arbitrarily but veiled in a particular configuration that proved viable for third-density functioning.

The loss of bodily knowledge created something unexpected: desire. When the potentials and functions of the physical vehicle are shrouded from awareness, the entity is often nearly without knowledge of how to best manifest its being. This state of lack offers an opportunity for desire to grow within the mind complex""the desire to know the possibilities of the body. The ramifications of each discovered possibility, and the biases thus built, generate a force that can only come from such wanting, such will to know.

Contact with the higher self was altered fundamentally. Before the veil, the higher self stood with the incarnate entity, its guidance immediate and accessible. After the veil, the higher self became a single door against which it must stand awaiting entry. The higher self cannot cross the threshold uninvited. It must wait for the incarnate entity to seek, to call, to open.

Dreams lost their direct instructional function. They became instead communications through the veilmessages from the unconscious to the conscious mind, often muddied, muddled, and quickly lost upon waking. The disciplined observer can train to remember dreams, but such training is required. Before the veil, no training was necessary.

Sexual energy transfer was affected profoundly. Before the veil, all sexual activity involved some transfer of energy, though these transfers were weak due to the lack of mystery. After the veil, it became infinitely more difficult to achieve the green-ray energy transfer that opens higher possibilities""but when such transfer was achieved, it was far more likely to catalyze genuine bonding, crystallization, and polarization. Mystery made intimacy significant.

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What Was Gained

The veiling process, despite its appearance as loss, was designed to increase free will. This may seem paradoxical: how does hiding truth from consciousness expand freedom? The answer reveals the purpose of third density itself.

Before the veil, non-veiled entities were seen as not having free will in the fuller sense. When the right choice is obvious, when the nature of reality is apparent, when the unity of all things is visible, where is the freedom? Choice becomes reflexive rather than decisive. The third-density lesson could not be learned, for there was no real choosing. The veiling so extended free will that non-veiled entities appeared to have none by comparison.

When the forgetting has occurred, the emotional, mental, and physical experiences of an entity are sharpened to a degree beyond imagination. Compared to later densities, third density becomes a marvelous and exciting place where experiences are vividly beautiful and exponentially more powerful. The stakes feel real because you do not remember that you are eternal. The choices feel consequential because you cannot see their ultimate outcomes.

The Choice became possible in a way it had not been before. The veiling created the conditions for genuine polarization. When you cannot see that all is One, when service to others does not obviously equal service to self, when the negative path appears viable and even attractive, then choosing the positive path means something. The choice is forged in fire rather than selected from a menu.

The purpose of polarity is to develop the potential to do work. This is the great characteristic of those experiments which evolved since the concept of the Choice was appreciated. Work is done far more efficiently, with greater purity, intensity, and variety, by the voluntary searching of consciousness for the lessons of third density. Those who choose in darkness, by faith alone, develop a polarization that cannot be achieved in full light.

You dwell in the valley of decision. You live many lives, but only as many as it takes to formulate your particular system of biases in such a way that a harvestable amount of light may be accepted. In the darkness of unknowing, in honest uncertainty, depending upon your biases, your thoughts, your dreams, and whatever connection you have been able to make to the deeper mind""you spend third-density time deciding how to love. What a great decision. What a pivotal one. And for it, the veil is necessary.

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Working Through the Veil

The veil is not a wall but a curtain. It is semi-permeable, designed to be worked with rather than simply endured. The progressive lifting of the veil is third-density work. Complete lifting is not possible while incarnate""but progressive transparency is not only possible but intended.

No methods of veil penetration were planned by the first experimenters. The outcome of the great experiment was unknown. It was discovered experientially and empirically that there were as many ways to penetrate the veil as the imagination could provide. The desire of consciousness to know that which was unknown drew to it the methods of discovery.

Dreaming became a primary channel. When properly attended to, dreams offer clues to the nature of energy center blockages, hints at changes in perception that may lead to unblocking. The seeker may train in the discipline of recording dreams immediately upon awakening, and this sharpens the ability to recall. Dreams can also offer precognitive glimpses, placing consciousness partially in time/space where past, present, and future hold no fixed meaning. The adept may even call upon guides, presences, and the magical personality as it moves into the sleeping mode.

The various unmanifested activities of the self""meditation, contemplation, internal balancing of thoughts and reactions""were found productive of veil penetration. In meditation, consciousness moves into the deeper mind as a lover to the beloved, seeking not to force entry but to woo and win. An atmosphere of love for the Creator and for the deeper self is strengthened, and that which responds from the deep mind offers the most needed medicine.

By far the most vivid and extravagant opportunities for piercing the veil arise from the interaction of polarized entities. Two items deserve note. First is the extreme potential for polarization in the relationship of two entities who have embarked together upon the path of service. Second is what might be called the doubling effect: those of like mind who together seek shall far more surely find.

The penetration of the veil may be seen to begin in the gestation of green-ray activity""that all-compassionate love which demands no return. If this path is followed, the higher energy centers shall be activated and crystallized until the Adept⁸ is born. Within the adept is the potential for dismantling the veil to a greater or lesser extent, that all may be seen again as One. The other-self is primary Catalyst⁹ in this path to the piercing of the veil.

There are shortcuts that carry risk. Mind-altering substances, extended fasting, rhythmic dancing""these can shatter the veil briefly, creating a hole through which inner light pours into sometimes startled, sometimes grateful waking consciousness. But when the veil is breached artificially without preparation, the situation becomes random and potentially harmful. Portions of the deep mind deal with archetypes which, when brought through without analysis, can create strongly negative thought patterns. The universe lies within you""not all of it is gentle.

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Faith as the Response to Forgetting

The veil creates the conditions in which faith becomes necessary and therefore becomes possible. Before the veil, faith was not required""the truth was evident. After the veil, faith becomes the bridge across the darkness of unknowing.

Faith is not belief without evidence. It is trust in the face of uncertainty, commitment without guarantee, love offered in darkness. The entity veiled from the truth of its own nature must choose whether to trust that nature or to fear it. The entity unable to see the outcome of its choices must choose whether to proceed anyway or to remain frozen in indecision.

The seeker who cultivates faith develops a capacity that will serve throughout all densities to come. Faith built in darkness has a strength that faith built in light cannot possess. It has been tested. It has been chosen when other options remained open. It represents genuine commitment rather than mere acknowledgment of the obvious.

This is why the forgetting is a gift. It creates the conditions for the development of faith, will, and desire""faculties that remain underdeveloped in non-veiled existence. The entity who learns to love without seeing, to serve without certainty, to choose without proof, develops capacities that enrich the entire creation.

We do not suggest that you welcome suffering. We suggest that you recognize the veil for what it is: a condition designed to potentiate your evolution. The forgetting is not your enemy. It is the darkness against which your light may shine, the mystery into which your seeking may extend, the unknowing from which your knowing may emerge. To work with the veil is to accept its gift while progressively lifting its curtain.

Regular meditation serves this purpose well. In the stillness, you contact depths of self that the busy surface mind cannot reach. You align with the intelligent infinity that underlies all things. You become more transparent to the love that you essentially are. Each time you choose to sit in silence, seeking the unknown, you exercise the faculty of faith and strengthen it.

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The Gift of Darkness

The veil of forgetting is neither accident nor punishment. It is a carefully developed condition that serves the evolution of consciousness in ways that full awareness cannot match. You who experience the forgetting are participants in one of the most effective experiments in the history of creation.

The darkness of your unknowing is rich with purpose. In it, you make choices that matter. In it, you develop faith, will, and desire. In it, you learn to love without seeing, to serve without certainty, to trust without proof. These capacities, forged in the fire of veiled experience, become permanent features of your consciousness""gifts you carry forward into all the densities to come.

The veil will lift. In fourth density, no thought is hidden. The unity underlying separation becomes visible. The choice that was made in darkness becomes the foundation for evolution in light. When you cross the threshold of harvest, you will remember""fully, gloriously""who you are and why you came. And you will understand, perhaps with gratitude, the gift that was given when that knowledge was hidden.

Until then, you walk in the valley of the shadow. You seek through the curtain. You reach toward the light you cannot yet see but somehow know is there. This seeking is not failure. It is precisely the work of third density. The journey is through the veil, not around it""through the darkness and into what lies beyond.

The journey continues""through densities we have discussed and beyond, into mysteries we cannot fathom. For now, you have the darkness. You have the choice. You have the faith that reaches through the veil toward love. Use what you have been given. The forgetting is not forever, but its gifts are eternal.

Notes

- ¹ **Veil of Forgetting:** The condition in third density where consciousness forgets its cosmic origins, past lives, and the unity of all things. The veil makes choices meaningful—without it, the choice between polarities would be obvious and lack transformative power. It sharpens experience to a degree beyond imagination.
- ² **Third Density:** The density of self-awareness and choice. The yellow ray. Where humanity currently resides. Duration: approximately 75,000 years per major cycle. Third density is unique in the octave of creation because it is here, and only here, that the fundamental Choice between polarities is made. The veil of forgetting creates the conditions of uncertainty necessary for this choice to be meaningful. Graduation from third density requires sufficient polarization: 51% or more orientation toward service to others for positive harvest, or 95% or more orientation toward service to self for negative harvest. Those who do not polarize sufficiently repeat the cycle.
- ³ **Sub-Logos:** An individualized portion of the Logos operating at a more specific level of creation. **Hierarchy:** Galactic Logos → creates the galaxy / Solar sub-Logos → our sun / Planetary sub-sub-Logos → Earth / Sub-sub-sub-Logos → each conscious being
- ⁴ **The Choice:** The fundamental decision of third density: to orient toward service to others or toward service to self. The central purpose of this density of experience. The Choice is not a single moment but an ongoing orientation that deepens over time. It is made possible by the veil of forgetting, which creates genuine uncertainty and thus genuine freedom. Without the veil, entities progressed very slowly, as the non-veiled condition was not conducive to polarization. Both paths—positive and negative—are evolutionarily valid and lead eventually to the Creator. The Choice is not between "good" and "evil" but between two ways of understanding and relating to the unity of all things.
- ⁵ **Polarization:** The process of intensifying one's orientation toward either service to others or service to self. The active work of the Choice. See: **Polarity.** Polarization is measured not by individual actions but by the overall orientation of the entity's being. It is the cumulative direction of countless choices, large and small, that determines whether an entity has polarized sufficiently for harvest.
- ⁶ **Higher Self:** The self at a point in the future that has achieved sufficient evolution to function as a guide for the incarnate self. In sixth density, the entity merges with its higher self, completing a circuit of consciousness across time. Before the veil, the higher self stood openly with the incarnate entity. After the veil, it must wait to be invited.
- ⁷ **Mind/Body/Spirit Complex:** The technical term for a conscious being like a human. "Complex" because we are an integration of three aspects: **Mind** — thought, will / **Body** — physical vehicle / **Spirit** — connection to Infinity Spirit becomes fully activated in third density with self-awareness.
- ⁸ **Adept:** A seeker who has progressed significantly in the magical work of consciousness evolution. The adept has achieved sufficient crystallization of the energy centers to work consciously with intelligent energy. Within the adept is the potential to penetrate the veil and perceive unity directly.
- ⁹ **Catalyst:** Any experience that offers opportunity for learning and growth. Includes both "positive" and "negative" experiences. Suffering, joy, challenges, relationships—all can be catalysts. What matters is how we respond: whether we use the experience consciously to evolve.