

connections going out to different people; we could say they are pneumaplastic cords. And if someone leaves this manifest state, then those cords of connection which were externally woven need to be dissolved; otherwise one may find oneself dragging a ghost around.

One of the ways of dissolving these vibrational cords is through the expression of grief. In some cultures people can be hired to express grief at funerals. This may seem to be rather a primitive, or at best peculiar, habit, but of course there was a reason for it: These people had no personal involvement, presumably, with the departed, so that they could stand in for those who did by accepting their grief into themselves and making a display of it. If this was done actually, and it wasn't just an act, then this also is a way of clearing the vibrational pattern, so that those who remain might be free to continue to live their own lives.

Now, of course, as I say, all this sort of thing is worked out by human beings trapped in earthly orientation; but we ourselves may see that there are these vibrational connections we have with people. I just mentioned my personal friendship with Emily, for instance, which obviously wove cords of connection between us. And I am not the only one in this regard. There is a need to let these things dissolve, because they are of no more purpose in what we are doing on earth. As people grow older there is rather an inclination to hold on to these vibrational connections, and pretty soon a person will get trussed up like a mummy, in these vibrational cords which reach out to nothing; I say *nothing* because there is no entity to which they are attached. But if a person maintains connections in this sense, his own life force is released over these connections and the ghosts are kept alive. An older person can have quite an accumulation of ghosts after a while, to weigh him down, to sap his life force. In such case there is attunement to the dead. There are memory elements involved here, but it isn't attunement with the real person, because the real person was the person of heavenly heredity; and that real person is no longer present in form on earth. But the vibratory connections were with the form through pneumaplastism. The form is disintegrating, the pneumaplastism is disintegrating, rightly, if one allows it to do so, but some are unwise enough to live on their memories; in other words, to let their own life force sustain life in the ghosts. In such a situation a person becomes useless.

So, as we move along in our fields of ministry on earth, we will find ourselves with these vibrational attachments to those who are no longer here. Now, sometimes there is a sense on the part of some that if they forgot they would somehow be being disloyal to the person involved. That may seem to be so from the standpoint of earthly orientation. From the standpoint of heavenly orientation we can forget the earthly manifestation, because the fact of the matter is we remember, as may be necessary, the reality of the angel through the spirit which we knew. We don't have to feel any sadness in that regard. The angel is fit and well. If we do maintain earthly attachments it will be because of our own self-centeredness. So, we see the wisdom of allowing vibrational attachments to those who have left this sphere of things to be as