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| CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CULTURE | THE CULTURE OF HEAVEN | THE SELF INTEREST CULTURE |
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| THE GOAL OF THE CULTURE | The goal is to build a Love-Based Community that manifests Total Abundance for every member thereby creating the context in which The Heaven Experience can be achieved. The underlying focus is on Stewarding The Miracle of Life that makes it possible for Life as Heaven to exist in The Manifest World. | The goal is for each person to try to fulfill their Personal Story which defines how their Self Interest is to be achieved in the context of their Cultural Story. War, discrimination, abuse, and exploitation are considered inevitable in many cultures of this type. It is accepted that some people will have lives that enable them to fulfill at least part of their Personal Story and others may have lives in which they exist to fulfill the Personal Story of those in power. |
| HOW YOU ENTER INTO THE CULTURE | The Culture of Heaven has to be built and then beings need to transition into it. | Beings are born into The Self Interest Culture and socialized to believe that it constitutes the way that life should be lived on every level. |
| SOURCE-DIRECTED VERSUS SELF-DIRECTED | The Culture of Heaven is Source-Created and Source-Directed. Source Guidance provides information on how to Build Heaven and Live Heaven in the moment. | The culture is created by beings who decide what is acceptable. It is Self-Directed in the sense that beings direct the course of the culture which can go through fad-like swings from one value system to another according to what political factions are in control. |
| WHAT CONSTITUTES RIGHT ACTION | What constitutes Right Action varies according to the Source Guidance given in the moment. Beings turn to the Source to evaluate whether the actions of another member of the culture is appropriate since no static standard can be applied to determine whether an action is Right Action. An action might be Right Action in one context and not in another depending on the complex variables involved in what is happening both on the Inner and Outer Planes in that social context and in the Creation as a whole. Only the Source can determine the true impact of an action and, therefore, determine whether it is Right Action or not. | Right Action is defined by society-created standards and tends to be static and rigid, often enforced by laws that are difficult to change and/or traditions handed down through the generations. Standards are applied to situations that may look similar but not be similar if a deeper analysis was permitted. |
| CONSEQUENCES FOR WRONG ACTION | There is no punishment in The Culture of Heaven. The natural consequences of one's actions are what individuals and the community are trained to understand. A failure to Steward The Miracle of Life can result in Spiritual and Physical Death. A failure to nurture everyone in the community can disrupt the Manifestation Field upon which the community relies for the miracles for its Miracle-Based Way of Life. The Source advises beings about the consequences of certain actions but they choose whether they will do Right Action or not. They live or die by their own decisions. The Source does not choose for them or ever wish to do harm to them by punishing them. Doing damage to the Suit of a being is never considered a solution. | Punishment features in major ways in a Self Interest Culture. It is believed necessary to restrain the otherwise unbridled Self Interest of the beings. Cruel and even sadistic punishments are socially allowed in many cultures, even those that cripple the body and destroy the mental health of the person who is being punished. |
| MIRACLE-BASED VERSUS BRUTE FORCE | Miracles are essential to The Culture of Heaven. Beings work together to create the Miracle-Friendly Field of energy that enables the miracles to land that yield Total Abundance, Love-Based Relationships, Life Purpose Fulfillment, Perfect Health and foster The Love Connection with the Source. In advanced societies, the miracle of The Materialization Economy is what shapes the essential economic relationships of beings within the culture. | Brute Force effort muscles resources into play. Those who can exert the most Brute Force win in the economic arena and can exploit and enslave those who have less Brute Force. Miracles from the Source can occur but are sporadic and not understood and, therefore, cannot become the building blocks of the economy and the social life of the beings. |
| NURTURING LIFE VERSUS COMPETING FOR SCARCE RESOURCES | The community works together to ensure that every life is nurtured and fulfilled no matter how challenging this is for the community and what social changes have to occur to enable this to happen. | Brutal competition can lead to discrimination, exploitation, and violence. The winner of a competition becomes a cultural hero and the loser is often treated with derision and disrespect. Even when good sportsmanship, as it were, is valued, it is clear that the society values those who win far more than those who lose. |
| LIVES SEEN AS MIRACLES RATHER THAN VALUED BY SOCIAL RANKING CRITERIA | Every life is seen as a Source-Created Miracle that is a gift from the Source for the Total Abundance of the community. It is considered necessary to honor the gift of a being/ miracle to the community by helping the being to achieve their full potential. Beings who are struggling invoke greater support from the community rather than being cast off by the community because they need special care. | Lives are valued according to their status in the community. Race, gender, religious affiliation, economic status, and personal talents determine value. Lives low in social value are often squandered by the community by denying them adequate education, health care, and economic opportunities. This creates a service class of beings who serve the needs of those enjoying greater status in the society. |
| TOTAL ABUNDANCE VERSUS LIVING WITH SCARCITY | With the help of miracles, Total Abundance can be achieved for all members of the culture. Total Abundance is understood to be a necessity because without it social strife can occur that can create problems within the community and individuals and the community can become unsustainable. | Scarcity is considered to be inevitable and beings strive to achieve abundance in spite of it. This abundance is often achieved at the expense of creating scarcity and misery in the lives of others. |
| CRIME-FREE COMMUNITIES VERSUS COMMUNITIES THAT CONSTANTLY FIGHT AGAINST CRIME | The community invests in supporting each new life and, therefore, does not have to invest in police, courts, and prisons. | The conflict between the Haves and the Have Nots leads to crime which is often considered entertaining in a culture that fully expects the drama of the cops versus robbers scenario. The culture invests heavily in police, courts, and prisons and considers these mainstays of the culture. |

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| PEACE VERSUS WAR | There is no war in The Culture of Heaven. Beings know that conflict leads to a disruption of the Miracle-Friendly Field in which the miracles that make for their Total Abundance manifest. They work to maintain Love-Based Relationships that are kept in balance by Source Guidance. | War inevitably erupts as Self Interest pushes political groups in power to seize resources and subjugate groups to serve their own Self Interest Agendas. The society invests in and builds its economy around war. In some societies that are at peace, the war economy thrives on weapons sold to other communities who then engage in wars that might not have happened without the easy availability of the weapons of destruction. |
| SOURCE-DIRECTED COMMUNITY VERSUS SELF-CREATED GOVERNMENT | The Source directs the interactions of members of The Universal Community, a community that includes all species throughout the Creation. By calling together local groups on the Outer Plane and also holding Inner Plane Community Meetings for the Community as a whole, beings are able to engage in Source-Directed Team Work that Stewards the Miracle of each life and the Miracle of Life that sustains Life in the Creation. | Elaborate forms of government are generally required to govern large societies. These are often expensive and warlike within themselves as different factions battle for control of the government process. In Democratic governments, representatives often do not strive to represent the whole community but rather the interests of the faction of the community that elected them. This leads to divisiveness that is an inherent experience in the community. |
| SOURCE-CENTERED VERSUS SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP CENTERED | In The Culture of Heaven the society is Source-Centered. From this relationship comes the Source Guidance that enables a being to interact appropriately with others in the community. Beings express their love for one another by allowing Source Love to flow through their Suit Conduits to those they love. The Source enables beings to meet the beings that are to be in their life and orchestrates the Heaven Moments that make their time together purposeful and full of the experience of the miracle of life unfolding. | Social relationships become a kind of commodity that beings fight over, maneuver to secure, and become so entangled in that it blocks out their Source Connection. Relationships are based on Self Interest and this turns them into Harvesting Operations where a person works to achieve what they want out of the relationship often at the expense of the well being of the other person in the relationship. Violence can erupt when Self Interest Agendas riding under the surface of professed good will are not realized. |
| MISSION WORK THAT IS SOURCE-DIRECTED RATHER THAN SELF-DIRECTED | The Mission in The Culture of Heaven is the Mission that is chosen by the Soul working with the Source prior to an incarnation. The Source helps the being to fulfill this Mission. The Mission is to build the unique aspect of the Heaven of Total Abundance that the being was created by the Source to build for himself and others. | The Mission is defined by the Culture. In many cultures there is no choice. In some cultures there is some choice but the Cultural Story limits the roles that a person can play in the Cultural Story and this limits the possibility for a Mission. Most beings try to fit into one of the pigeonholes and create a Personal Story that makes this the meaning of their life. Those who rebel against the socially approved pigeonholes end up in the pigeonhole of the criminal or the outcast or the rebel. Few are able to create a unique way of life that suits their spiritual purpose and is true to who they really are as a Spiritual Intelligence. |