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<sup>1</sup> Everything has its price. When we receive knowledge from the planetary hierarchy we incur a debt that we must pay. That is probably an incomprehensible fact for most people but should cause them to reflect. All the messengers from the planetary hierarchy have paid dearly for their largely failed attempts at conveying to mankind some few fragments of the knowledge of life. That, too, constitutes a debt that must be paid and also has been partially paid in the form of those senseless interpretations by misguiding authorities whom mankind has let itself be guided by, not understanding that we are responsible for our choice of guides. We have been given our reason in order to use it. We have been given a sufficient number of mutually contradictory authorities to be able to make comparisons between ideologies put forward and so develop our power of judgement, however weak it still is in most respects. Omitting to develop this power is apparently still one of the many mistakes in life that people make. Thinking is so troublesome; it is much more comfortable to trust to what others have thought and said....

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