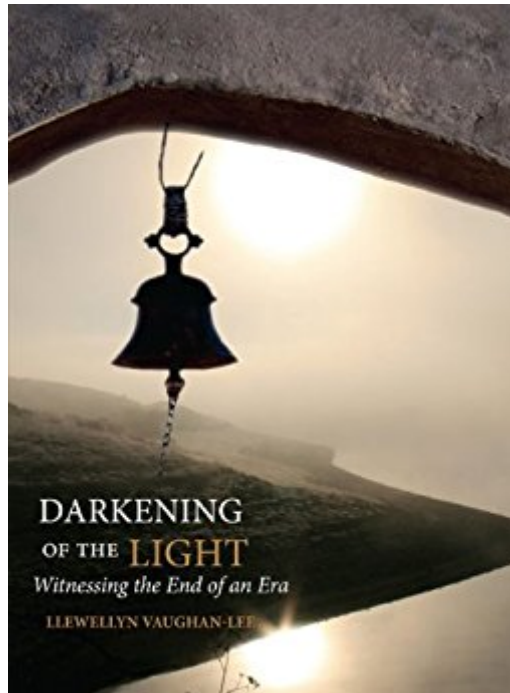




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Synopsis

A compelling insight into the impact that external, ecological damage has on the inner self, this spiritual exploration argues that although spiritual teachings reveal that events in the outer world are a reflection of changes taking place in the inner world, there is little awareness and discussion of how this outer darkening is reflected within. The book tells the story of changes that have been taking place in the inner worlds that belong to a collective spiritual destiny and the fate of the planet, changes that are as significant as the ecological devastation even as they are unreported and unacknowledged. It asserts that destruction of the surrounding world, as it continues, is reflected in the inner worlds of all people through a loss of sacred light, and the threat of a soulless wasteland looms large. The book seeks to address readers' futures as individuals and as a whole, and to inspire people to take responsibility for the earth and reclaim humanity's sacred role as its guardians.

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Those of us who claim for ourselves consciousness and any sort of true value need to read and ponder in the depth of the heart a chapter in this book called "The Wall." When I read this chapter in

The Darkening of the Light, I felt the truth of it. An instant recognition settled upon me, for Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee is describing here what I have also seen and experienced. He speaks of being ill and going into the world of light for some time. I was five years old when I experienced this world of endless white light. I was gravely ill with measles. Delirious on the physical level, I entered into the dimension that is endless white light, nothing but white light. Being there in this light restored something to my soul, which had become shadowed by the dysfunctional family situation and the tissues of lies woven around me. I think likely my soul would have decided to just leave this incarnation were it not for receiving a timeout in the dimension of white light. We need that light so desperately to nourish the soul, even as we need food and clean water to nourish our bodies. We can't remain in that world of white light too long, as Llewellyn says, but it can be transmitted through the veils between the dimensions in sufficient quantity to keep our soul growing and evolving. This is how it always was, that the Glory of God was transmitted to human beings, though perhaps through many veils. We read in Genesis how Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the evening. We hear how beings of light were received by Abraham and Isaac, by Mary and the shepherds. Paul was blinded by it on the road to Emmaus. The veils were there, but the separation from God was never extreme. Then something changed. As Llewellyn says, having seen it in visions, mankind began to make a wall, of something like bricks we mortared together, to separate ourselves from God. Veils may filter, but a wall obstructs. And a wall is no natural structure. Bricks have to be made one by one. They don't grow in field and forest! So this wall was constructed. It was built. It was fashioned deliberately, using the precious gift of free will we have been given by God. This is how it was used: to separate us from God. Now we live in the shadow of this wall, and it has denied us our God-given heritage of light. Is it any wonder that we wander about chaotically grasping at any straw of comfort, filled with anxiety and rage? What do these bricks consist of ? Our power trips, our beliefs, our ideologies, our greeds, our inertia built higher and higher in every generation for hundreds, even thousands of years. We need to have, individually and collectively, what Socrates called an anagnorisis, a moment of true recognition, in which we see ourselves and our situation as we really are and it really is, not as all the sowers of lies and fantasies have painted it for us on the bricks of obstruction.

Llewellyn Vaughn-Lee is a powerful voice of mystic knowledge, and brings a spiritual focus to the ecological crisis. He's hitting on many historical points from a spiritual perspective, and impeccably! Just a few:- We are cut off from the source of existence. There is a source and we can connect it. But we have forgotten that it exists- We have structured our lives, our whole civilization, on a

misconception. (And are sleepwalking through it, though it's failure is in our face.)- These are unexamined first principles. And we are no longer able to examine them- a Golden Age when man knew the nature of a thing just by looking at it. Knew it's divine name.- Deviating from God's way and being cast out was a conscious choice. We chose it deliberately- similarly, this wall between ourselves and the Divine light has been built deliberately, consciously, by the Children of the Enlightenment- value right living, meditation as a way to the light, danger of spiritual bypassing- Gnostic mystics persecuted by early Christians- symbolic consciousness. value of church symbols in gothic cathedrals, elsewhere- the ancient shamans & priestesses knew that the forms we see in this world have their roots in an unseen dimension where primal energies lie- When we recognize the meeting of the worlds within us, we regain access to this realm and the powers that work there- We ourselves then become the realm where the worlds meet, where the primal powers of life, the hidden archetypes, emerge into form- We are not here to control life, but to witness and revere the Divine as it manifests in a new way through the natural force of life- Can then experience the fact that life itself is fully alive- Alchemical Tradition worked with the symbolic world- from the physical world, through the archetypal world of symbols, to the pure consciousness of the Self, and beyond to the planes of non-being- We always seem to overlook the simple wonder of being human, which means to be divine. The meeting place of the two worlds.- the simplicity of our human values: love, joy, hope, community. When not scattered in the 'ten thousand things,' humans are very powerful- our power is taken from us by complexity and technology- As above, so below. Growth of plants, cycles of our bodies, tides of the seas, reflected in the movement of the stars and galaxies.- Dark forces are also ancient and powerful. They know cunning and deceit. Offer us the image of progress even as they deny the sacred light- On this plane of existence, there has to remain the duality of light and dark, and human beings will be tested as they have always been tested- Relearning the ancient art of witnessing, just as our ancestors watched the stars and the storms, their dreams, and the patterns in nature- Symbolic consciousness was central to human consciousness for thousands of years. We lived in both the inner & outer worlds without contradiction- learning to live with the Divine, not as some transcendent being but as a real presence and energy that is central to our existence- humanity has a unique quality of consciousness- mythologically imaged as fire stolen from the Gods, that has evolved through history- I had pieced a lot of this together myself, laboriously. So good to find it all in one, wise little volume.

A wonderful topic with great potential, only told from pessimistic viewpoint. This book speaks of the opportunities of change, and when change doesn't occur in the timeframe the author expects,

then somehow, we, as a society, have failed. The era in which we live is so very short; it's just a twinkle of light within the vastness of the Universe. Change is occurring, however because we cannot measure the speed in which it is occurring doesn't mean failure. Those wishing for change and willing to do their own personal homework, will know that change is happening. It must occur within ourselves first, rather than thinking it will somehow happen outside of us as the author expects.

Left me with a desire to do more for the world. This is a very inspiring work by. One of the world's greatest spiritual leaders.

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