## The Seven Kingdoms series

Paper Collages by Anne Giles (2001-2007)

"Man in the Moon"	"Lord of the Flowers"	"An Ant for All Ants""
"Cosmic Web""	"Froggie Tea"	"Beguiler of Serpents"
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"Family of the God-Man"		

Meher Baba's book *God Speaks* describes the journey of the soul from its origins in the Original Whim, through the Seven Kingdoms of evolution (Stone, Vegetable, Worm, Fish, Bird, Animal, and Human) and back through an inward spriritual path to eventual Union with God. Throughout this drama, the Avatar (God-Man) comes again and again to participate in His Creation.

This series of collages arose during a period of unemployment and was prompted by a passage in Supplement #30 in God Speaks:

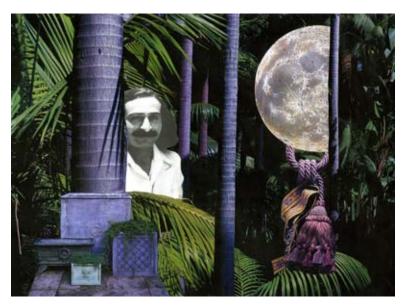
"For mankind it is very easy and simple to declare that the *Avatar* is God and that it means that God becomes man. But this is not all that the word 'Avatar' means or conveys."

"It would be more appropriate to say that the *Avatar* is God and that God becomes man for all mankind and simultaneously God also becomes a sparrow for all sparrows in Creation, an ant for all ants in Creation, a pig for all pigs in Creation, a particle of dust for all dusts in Creation, a particle of air for all airs in Creation, etc. for each and everything that is in Creation."

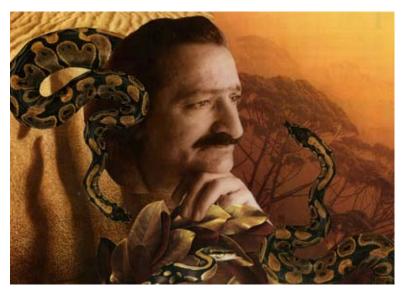
So I wondered, what exactly would that look like--the Avatar within each of His Seven Kingdoms? Perhaps a little like this...

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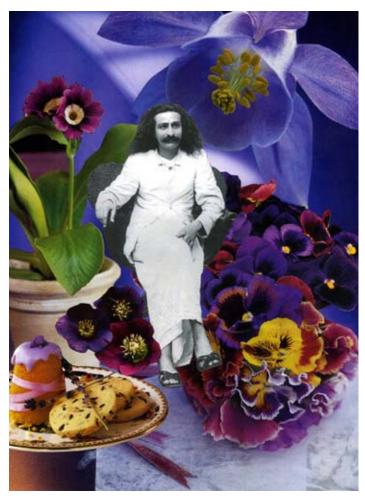
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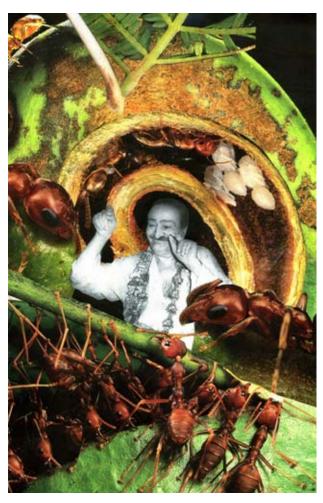
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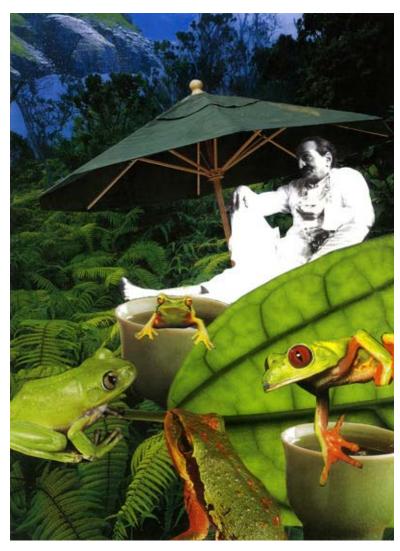
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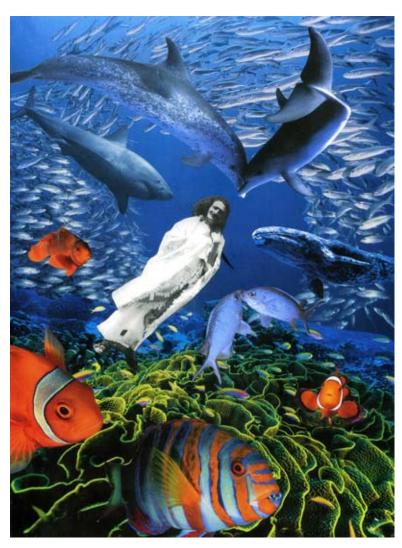
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