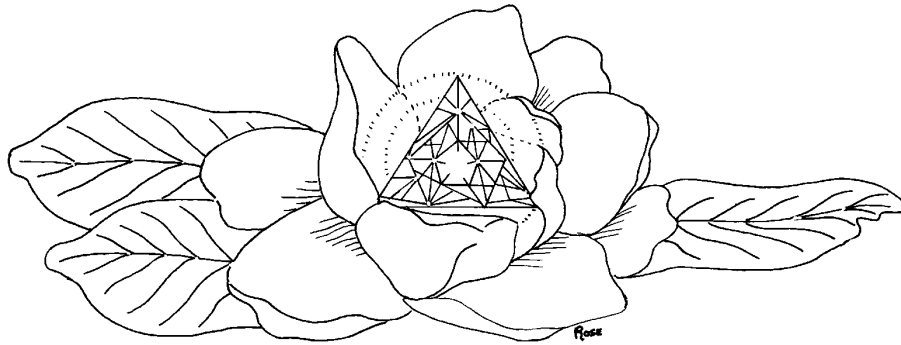


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But First Love

Shamballa, YES! The Spiritual Will, YES!
Very certainly and most affirmatively,
YES!

But first, Love.

Good evening friends. My subject this evening is *The Water of Life* or *The Frequency of Love/Wisdom*. If I were a bard and could play the lute, I could say that I was going to sing you a love song, but I'm neither a bard, nor can I play the lute; so I will just have to speak you a love talk. The talk is all about *Love* because the water of life is love.

If I may, I would make a slight aside here, just to get something straight. You know how we always use the term *love*, as I did when I said, just now, that the water of life is love—well, whenever we say *love*, we know that we always mean *love/wisdom* because these two, love and wisdom, always and only co-exist.

For *love* is always wise and *wisdom* is love in action. So, when I say *love* this evening, please hear *love/wisdom*.

Love and wisdom, always and only co-exist. For love is always wise and wisdom is love in action.

Yes, the water of life is love. Love is the great nutrient sea in which swims all of Life's manifold forms corporeal or spiritual. As you have all heard, many times over, from the occult angle, it is the vibrational quality of love/wisdom, or love's frequency which connects and relates the entire universe of Life's aspects and reveals in pure reason their essential unity, their wholeness. This whole is not a random or chaotic clumping up of stuff, like a gob of multicolored play dough, but a synthetic, harmonic, organization of beauty and splendor—the ultimate magnitude of which is far beyond our ability to imagine, let alone comprehend.

In the case of ourselves, of humanity and our little planet and all the creatures and lives on it, we can see this truth working out. For as far back as our recorded history goes, humanity has had brutal and bloody wars and the suffering and pain which always accompany them. In my view, it is the absence or at least the insufficient presence of true love that has spawned these wars. Also, many—maybe most—of our so-called natural disasters were not natural at all but were the result of mankind's ignorant and selfish excesses. Ignorant and selfish yes, but even more notably, these excesses were, and are even today, unloving and unwise.

If you will look into the very ancient lore, you will see that these excesses have caused not just cities to be destroyed, as in the story of Lot, but entire continents to sink, with the deaths of untold millions of people and creatures. They have caused deserts to replace verdant forests and grass lands. They have poisoned entire seas and threaten today to destroy the ozone layer and poison the entire atmosphere of the planet.

Without love and its ever present companion, wisdom, not only men, but all living things, even the planet itself, would shrivel up and become just so much cosmic dust. Maybe this is what led to the moon being a dead ball of rock spinning and spinning while slowly decaying in space.

I think that when Christ said, some twenty-five hundred years ago "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do," He meant a whole lot more than just the fact that the Roman soldiers were killing Him. I think that Christ showed up when He did because it was time, because it appeared that man had finally evolved to the point where we could begin the next step in the

evolution of the planet, where humanity could begin to actually play its part in the Plan of the Great Ones.

In Pisces, Christ anchored Love on the planet through the form of a man called Jesus. Jesus was a man, a disciple. He served as the conduit for the inflow of love into humanity. In my mind, the magnitude of this event has a parallel. We call it *the point of individualization*.

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Our fervent hope, of course, is that we will have the courage, the heart to play our part and also that we will be in time. Let me explain a bit more about what I mean here. Think big; think synthetically with me. You all know that the 4th plane, the Buddhic Plane, is the opening through which

love enters into our system, and humanity, the 4th Kingdom in nature, is the Plan-designated opening, the place in consciousness, through which love enters the three lower worlds. Humanity's function in the grand unfolding scheme which we call *evolution* is to do this, is to serve in this way. Humanity's own evolution has, for untold eons, involved the unfolding of this capacity to be the efficient dispenser of Love or the bringer of the Water of Life to the World. Christ anchored love in the world some 2000 years ago. Aquarius is the time for us, for humanity as a whole to assume that role, the role of Avatar. Thus the Word for Aquarius, "*Water of life am I poured forth for thirsty men.*" (*Esoteric Astrology, p.150*)

It seems to me that the development of the ability to assume the role of water carrier was at least part of the purpose behind that moment so long ago which we refer to as *the point of individualization*. It is told in the ancient lore that evolution on the planet was stuck, so to speak, and needed a lift. According to the lore, the Divine Agnishvatas from Venus, those "mind-

born sons of god," provided the missing quality. The spark of mind was born on Earth. The ages-long evolution of mind eventually provided the field into which love could be anchored.

Just as it is clear that before Will, there must be Love, we can see that before love there had to be mind. "True love," Djwhal Khul, says, "is rightly understood only by the mental type who is spiritually oriented." (*The Rays and The Initiations p. 468*) We are today those mind-born sons, and as such, we are the water carriers, the true Aquarians, the channel between the great unfathomable sea of Love and the desert of matter out of which blooms the forms which serve as the bodies for the manifestation of the Plan. As we get it right, as we unfold our true inner destiny, planted first in that connection between mind and animal man, then augmented and focused through the first appearance of Christ, these forms progressively and more perfectly and beautifully mirror the splendor of Truth.

Once we see this, and accept it as our destiny—once we become or attempt to become conscious participants in this evolution, we become disciples; and we mount what esotericists refer to as *the fixed cross*. Consciously attempting to participate in this energy exchange is the essence of the fixed cross and of discipleship. Discipling is loving. Loving is dispensing the water of life. All of this is service.

***Rather than to be
loved, Our mission
is to be love.***

This may all sound like some kind of cosmic fantasy tale, or some sentimental or airy-fairy stuff, full of primroses and colored lights, but I assure you that nothing could be further from love than sentimentality or day dreams of saving the world, or—and this is a hard one—of longing to be loved. *Our mission is to be love not to be loved*. And yet to some, to many, love is these things and many others, too. For love is a word, and like

all of the words that embody the great concepts or principles which underlie and breath meaning into the whole of our manifested cosmos, love, too—as we have literally groped our way toward understanding it—has been buried and blurred and disfigured under centuries of emotional distortion and ignorance. Love finds its way into the world through us. It is the Plan. As we evolved, we became better and better mediums for the movement of love into our civilizations. Thus, our understanding of love evolved too, along with us.

2000 years ago, Christ demonstrated with his life the divine idea of love.

Somehow, during the early years of the Piscean Age this demonstration was turned largely into an impossible to achieve ideal. We were given a promise of glory, a dream toward which we could all strive, but for as long as we were living, as long as we were just men and women, it would remain just a dream, just a promise, forever out of our reach.

As, over the years, we got it together, that is, as we learned to connect the personality and Triad, as we gradually learned to become “inclusive participants in the creative activity of divinity,” we received a clear new vision of humanity’s destiny. We learned that “The divine idea must become the possible ideal, and this ideal must become unfolded and manifested upon the physical plane.” (*The Rays and The Initiations p. 469*) By us, by humanity. This is our service. We are charged with the work of freeing our brothers and sisters from the grip of the illusion of separation which only death can bridge and releasing the human family into the brain-conscious realization of the existing Unity.

So, today, disciples everywhere, are engaged in this great act of service which is very much like a

giant house or stable cleaning. We are directing love, the water of life, into the civilizations and cultures, into the forms created in the previous centuries. That which is not in synch with the vibrational frequency of the Great Second Ray will be washed away. And when I say, “disciples everywhere,” I mean not only the many who know or think of themselves as disciples but all of those other millions of servers on the planet who are disciples but do not know they are—all these disciples are engaged in this gigantic house cleaning job. In case my numbers give you pause, let us remember who is managing this effort from the inner side. And let me remind us to think big, and to not sell reincarnation short.

Service is of course the key word this evening, and for us—for disciples—it goes without saying that service is the central core of our lives. Service is, as we all know, not a lot of hot air and talk about what we should or could do but practical efficient work which is the natural and unavoidable result of a steady soul-mind-brain alignment. We, this group of brothers and sisters—and I include in this group all those over the planet who meditate, study and serve with us—are very skilled in many areas of service, but there is one area in which I think we excel, and that is meditation.

My message this evening is that we do what we do best, and that is meditate. However, I want to suggest something about our meditation work that may—will actually—empower it greatly. What I have in mind is sort of a technique, but like many so-called techniques, it is more an attitude of approach an intent which focuses our energies in a certain way. This particular approach or technique renders our energies powerfully invocative to the Spiritual Will.

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I suggest that we approach each daily meditation, joyously and lovingly, as a conscious ceremony of sacrifice. The old personal and self-centered notions of sacrifice, those generated in the previous civilization are set aside. The realization that "Sacrifice is really the complete conformity to the will of God..." (*The Rays and The Initiations p.468*) is paramount in the mind.

I am suggesting that we enter into the sacred field of our meditation with the intent to joyously, lovingly and willingly sacrifice everything we have or are for the greater good of humanity.

Nothing is too precious to be let go. We enter into the ceremony of sacrifice with a clean house. When we do this, we create an opening, an unencumbered space into which will flow the needed ideas and ideals, the vision of the new world, a vision out of which we can then fashion new forms, forms appropriate for a new day, an Aquarian day.

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Chief among these new forms will be, I think, Love, a new kind of love, a possible and joyous love that we can experience and know, not later, not there and then when we are dead, but here and now. This love is, rapidly, I think, already emerging into the light of the Aquarian day. I know that the times are perilous, that the forces of retrogression seem to be dominating and are very loudly, boisterously even, everywhere. I know that it seems that we are cutting it really close, and, that every moment counts. It gets scary, for sure, but let us also remember that Christ's last appearance lasted only 33 years. Look at what he accomplished in those few years.

This emergence of love is what I think the externalization of the Hierarchy is about. Just who or what, you might ask is the Hierarchy? Well for starters the Hierarchy is Love. The Hierarchy is the heart of the system. It is made up

of the disciples, initiates and masters who are next to the Christ, his co-workers and friends, his brothers in the Light. All of them are skilled exponents of love.

The lore both ancient and modern tells us that the Coming One will bring *will* and anchor it into the world in a manner similar to that which Christ brought love into the world. We have learned two things very recently. One is that "Love is the wielding of the force which guides the worlds..." (*Discipleship in the New Age Vol. I, p.10*) The other is that "The secret of the will is...closely

tied in with the recognition of the unconquerable nature of goodness and the inevitability of the ultimate triumph of good." (*Esoteric Astrology p. 580*) So, doing one and knowing the other we can see that joy is on the horizon. Many of us are already registering the approaching Christ. The flood of will is on, and the waters of the will will continue to rise for a long time. It

is, in fact, this sensing of the tide of will that makes me so sure that the exponents of Love are at work, for we know that without love in the world, men and the world itself is lost.

Shamballa, Yes, the Spiritual Will, YES! Very certainly and most emphatically, YES!

But first, Love.

Loving you -tom
January 2001

Refugee Migrations And The World Economy

For years there has been a steady dribble of asylum seekers entering the economies of the West, controlled by various laws and therefore acceptable to the host community. Now the dribble has become a small trickle and is already beginning to cause concern and anxiety about the capacity of the developed nations to stem the flow of the great tide of displaced and desperate humanity that is looking for a chance for a better life in the affluent countries of the West. We are at the very beginning of a new wave of human migrations, a new planetary gold rush for the chance to live and to share in the material benefits of the advanced societies of the world.

We can look on this as a great danger to our countries, our families, our livelihoods and our possessions. We can build up the dykes to keep out the sea of the dispossessed and spend great sums on policing our borders. In the end it will avail us nothing, for we are like the little Dutch boy of legend with his finger in the hole in the dyke stemming the power of the North Sea. We can only hold the utterly desperate back for so long—behind them is the ocean of starving, alienated, war-deprived and homeless humanity from all parts of the planet dying for a chance of any life at all.

Would we not do the same in their shoes? When we watched our children die of starvation, the bullet and disease; when we found our villages, women and crops raped by mine-laying, weapon-rich armies supporting some unknown and unacceptable ideology; when floods caused by foreign logging companies devastated our villages time and again, would we not think of a way to escape to the chance of a better life at almost any cost? I think we would.

And yet the forces that hold a people to their land and place of origin are incredibly strong. In an agricultural country the land and its people are synonymous, and their ties are to the death. It is only when there is immense destruction to the fabric of their existence that a people start to migrate. This is the migration that we are beginning to witness, East to West and South to North and from death to life—the people are in movement. No barriers can hold out this desperate tide for long.

We need to look, therefore, at what we can do to help these various peoples to reclaim their own land and find a new and viable life in their rightful places. We have to realise that the

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disproportionate material wealth of the privileged countries needs to be shared with the rest of the world in order to allow them the opportunities to rebuild their lives in their own countries and cultures. Most of all we need to create a global

economic plan which ensures that there is enough money to support a thriving local community wherever people live. Undoubtedly this will involve a creative envisioning of the proper use and value of money by the economic leaders of the whole world—a true world economic summit for all peoples. It will necessitate an understanding of the importance of sharing in order that all may thrive, and will necessitate the redistribution of funds to build up viable communities in deprived areas. It will demand the formulation of economic principles based on an understanding of need and not of material satisfaction, that will give all peoples a chance to explore and develop their own futures within the world economy. It will demand the conscious cooperation of the best intelligences of

all countries and groups and evoke the joint will and willingness of the governments behind them to ensure its success.

MASSIVE AND UNITED EFFORT

It suggests the need for a massive and united effort by the whole world to create and cooperate in a new and more equitable planetary economy, but unless this is understood, accepted and implemented in the next few years the wealthy countries of the world will find that the tides of lost humanity will make the rethinking of the established order an uncomfortable necessity, and will have to bear the heavy consequences of a lost opportunity of economic restructuring.

The responsibility lies with us all to change our consciousness of money which is now viewed as an individual asset, a bulwark against need and a hedge against inflation. This image of money is a blockage in the minds of humanity which needs to be dissolved and replaced by the ideal of money as the vital bloodstream of humanity—a flow of energy carrying the needed solutions of life force to wherever it is needed. When seen in this way world banks would no longer be concerned solely with the making, moving and

storing of money for particular groups and individuals, but would act like the great organs of the body which store, conserve and deliver energy at a moment's notice to wherever it is most needed. A distribution driven by need and not greed.

When humanity begins to act on these ideas and to implement them to aid those whose lives are so desperate that their only hope is to leave behind all that they have ever known and held dear, we shall see the tides of displaced humanity ebb, and new hope and growth begin to occur in desert places. We cannot wait until desperation forces us to act; we must begin now, in each individual mind, to address this great problem of blockage and imbalance in the economic distribution of wealth. When we have sufficient world consciousness directed towards solutions to these problems we shall begin to see the world situation becoming a true **commonwealth**, which is the responsibility of all peoples and with all people actively cooperating in the well-being of the planet.

Rosemary Burton
March 2001

Year 2001 Seed Thoughts For Meditation

(For use starting Mar 24) Desire works from and through the material form *upwards*; Will works downwards into form, bending form consciously to divine purpose. The one is invocative and the other is evocative.

The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 344

(For use starting Apr 23) Love governs the Way into the life of the Hierarchy and is the foundation for all approach to, and appreciation and acceptance of truth.

Rays and Initiations P. 45

(For use starting May 22) Will governs the Way into Shamballa and is the foundation for all approach to, appreciation of and identification with, Being.

Rays and Initiations P. 45

(For use starting Jun 21) Give to each other real love in the times that lie ahead, for it is the fusing and illuminating element in the life of the disciple.

DINA II p.4

(For use starting Jul 20) The will aspect can be contacted only from the mental plane and only those, therefore, who are working with and through the mind can begin to appropriate this energy.

Esoteric Astrology P. 586

(For use starting Aug 18) Love is spontaneous and carries ever the free spirit of Christ.

DINA I P. 736

(For use starting Sep 17) *The secret of the will lies in the recognition of the divine nature of man.*
Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 342

(For use starting Oct 16) The occult law is that the more you love the more you can respond to and include the point of view, the nature and the force of your fellowmen. This is vitally true also of a group of disciples.

DINA I P. 701

(For use starting Nov 14) Remember, brother of mine, the spiritual will must be present as a quiet deep pool of power behind all expression of the energy of love.

Esoteric Healing P. 527, 8

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