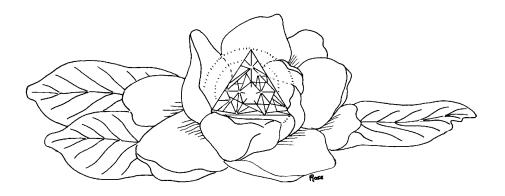
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FOR CHILDREN'S SAKE

s we know, D.K. repeatedly has stressed the special importance of Leo's energy to humanity's evolution. The purpose at the heart of the whole solar system is to unfold consciousness. Ruled by the Sun exoterically, esoterically, and hierarchically, Leo conveys a triple dose of this solar life purpose, so as to reach us all, whatever our evolutionary stage. The physical Sun helps us to grow and integrate our physical/etheric, astral and mental vehicles till we can demonstrate coordinated, self conscious, mentally polarized personalities. Once this ages-long task is well underway, Leo

can then help us graduate to registering the Heart of the Sun, which integrates our personalities with the reality of our souls and the wide horizons of the subjective life. Once we have reached

initiate consciousness, Leo in concert with Aquarius, helps us to absorb the energies of the Central Spiritual Sun, which reveals the oneness of life and the joy of serving this Life. Through all these stages, Leo proffers our consciousness light, helping us individually to develop the strength, the love, the courage, the mental clarity and the self-discipline necessary for our next Leo continually seeks to lift our steps. consciousness through layer after layer of the form world till the formless world not only dawns on us, but becomes our base of operations. When such personality/soul alignment occurs, Leo orchestrates our spiritual birthday. event is quite literally a second birth, where the inner light of our soul vehicle begins to shine forth, increasing our capacity to express the true, the good and the beautiful.

To pull off these feats, Leo works with quite an array of powerful allies. Leo distributes not only

2nd Ray solar fire, but the dynamic 1st Ray of Will, the 5th Ray of Concrete Science, and for its piece de resistance, the cosmic love/wisdom of Sirius. Leo is also the stepping stone to Aquarius, its polar opposite in the zodiac. Polar opposites (per Georgia Lambert, a well known Nature of the Soul instructor) are meant to work together and eventually fuse. Make no mistake. There is no getting to the promised land of the New Age without having mastered the lessons of individual consciousness in Leo. Leo provides the impetus to move out of the safe anonymity of the herd, into the state of self-consciousness. In this state, our mental polarization develops, and after much practice, a fair amount of groping and

many mistakes, we learn how to "lead" our vehicles rather than them leading us. Only such well developed, disciplined individuals have the balance and courage to then open their hearts and

minds enough to synthesize their energy with others, and manage the sought after group conscious awareness of Aquarius. This shift into full group consciousness is the step The Hierarchy is asking us to pull off soon, to expedite Christ's return. Leo, thus, has a huge part to play in discipleship work. Its ability to convey so many transformational gifts along both the 1st and 2nd Ray lines is why Leo governs the heart, children and all other forms of creativity. It is on these three areas so closely associated with Leo that the rest of the talk will focus.

Not long ago in discussing how Arcana might carry forward The Los Angeles Heart Project, a couple of our members suggested an idea that would be geared specifically toward the children of LA. The idea immediately resonated with some members. Others were silent or announced they already were over-committed and had no time to take on another task. Some members

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were not present and did not particularly warm to the idea when they heard about it. They assumed we lacked the organizational skills, the work ethic, and the finances to pull off such a venture, as just meeting the rent is becoming a regular problem. Further, they saw our work as mainly subjective, and were concerned that another project might detract from existing work we already were having difficulty managing. Even those who liked the idea were not finding the time to connect and move the proposal forward. The notion has lingered, but time has passed without anything yet getting off the ground.

When the Heart Project first was proposed, reactions were quite similar. One member had the inspiration and fortunately anchored it on paper. However, some saw it as a distraction and gave it no initial support. It was only later when

leading of the soul. Finally, he/she senses how to manifest the life of the soul on earth, even if only in baby steps at times. With the Heart Project, it was as if we took turns being able to register the need, as well as our ability and call to help serve that need. Together, we were able to give the thoughtform of the project enough stimulation from various angles over time, until the whole group could register it, not as a passing fancy or distraction from more serious work, but as a spiritual impression—an assignment from The Ashram.

Some of us suspect the Heart Project children proposal may be another such assignment. We posit it may simply need more lighted rhythmic attention to become clear enough so that the whole group can sense it as part of our work, and as entirely doable. Certainly it is hard to imagine

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The Externalization of the Hierarchy, (p. 385)

the group as a whole was invoking help in how they might directly serve the community, that the Heart Project idea was resurrected. It suddenly registered with all those members present at the meeting. Even with this new resonance, however, various forms of resistance, lack of follow-through and disappointments almost killed the Heart Project a number of times before it ever saw the light of day.

What saved the Heart Project was the Leoinduced soul sensitivity of various Arcana members at different stages of the work. D.K. has said all of Leo's energies can be summed up in this one word—sensitivity. Man spends aeons becoming sensitive to the workings of the form world, and then many more lifetimes catering to the sensitivities of his personal desire life. Eventually he/she becomes sensitive to the LA's heart center truly being open for long, without consciously including the children. Further, D.K. has told us more and more advanced souls are coming into incarnation now, to aid bringing in the Aquarian Age. Some are likely even members of the sixth root race. Early knowledge that they are not alone, that there is an outpost of the Hierarchy right here in town, could be a huge boon to such sensitive beings as they struggle to survive our materialistic, separative culture and educational system, with probably less than ideal family situations.

It would be contrary to the rules of White Magic to discuss the emerging Heart Project children idea in any more detail with you yet. However, since we are at the peak of Leo's strength, and this sign is dedicated to children, the heart, creativity and expanded consciousness, we do

hope you will join us in seeking meditative guidance tonight, as to how we might serve the children of our community and the world. Our joint efforts may be enough to precipitate the answer that already exists on the higher planes, as to Arcana's intended part of the Plan in regards to children. For anyone who believes children are not part of our work, or that there is more important work, D.K. emphatically declares in, The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, (p. "...the problem 385) that: the children...underlies the whole necessity for world rebuilding, is greater than all other problems, is above all racial and national barriers, and evokes the best in every human heart. The children have prior claim upon all men."

In first meditating about the theme for this talk, the children aspect of the Heart Project definitely came to mind.

Corroboration for this impression, complete with tingling sensations from head to toe came right after the meditation, when I picked up my place in Morya's *Brotherhood* and found the next entries to be on this very subject as follows (p. 225-227):

"468. Always remember about the young coworkers. Remember that it is always possible to find them. Remember that they await you, even under diverse garments. Under a vague aspiration they are still ready to receive a word about new attainment. Through all the domains of science let a call be heard to the spacious truth. Let each one, though it be through physical culture, begin to think about culture of the spirit. Let biology remind one about unending life. If someone likes outlandish words, make no objections, for the paths are infinite. If someone is bewildered, encourage him, because not seldom is perplexity a sign of a secret thought.

When someone views things with gloom is this not a sign of frustrated hope? One word about Infinity can bestow wings. When someone is silent, perhaps he is searching for the most expressive word—encourage him with a look. Many bridges can be enumerated by which young friends can cross over the stream. But the main thing remains that the readiness of young forces is great. This must be remembered by all who shake their heads in unbelief.

469. Concerning youth, it is necessary to make arrangements for each one who has chosen the brotherly path. It is needful that this inexhaustible source continually strengthen forces through reciprocity. Let us not think that

only after a certain age youth becomes receptive. Memory frequently awakens quite early, and it is amazing how brilliantly thought is at work at a very early age.

A beautiful achievement can illumine a young heart forever.

Brotherhood #470

470. The consciousness of adults sometimes dies away for a certain time, whereas children are acutely perceptive of precious qualities. Adults often fail to resound to the concept of heroism, but children are fond of popular heroes; they are enraptured by great deeds, and they dream of seeing themselves among the champions of the truth. It is inadmissible to deprive children of this living source of inspiration, which will remain a luminous glow throughout their lives. This aspiration is not sensuousness, but the growth of consciousness which has come in contact with a beautiful image. It is necessary to preserve by all means such contacts; from them is born also the concept of Brotherhood.

It should not be thought that realization of Brotherhood comes from any sort of dogmatic moralizing. A beautiful achievement can illumine a young heart forever.

471. The happiness of the Teacher is in encouraging the disciples to dare toward Beauty. Long lists of tedious, torpid incidents do not promote this achievement. The Teacher himself must be aglow so that his approach alone may be passed on fierily. Such an everyday task is difficult, yet people are tested precisely in everyday life, which is the sister of Infinity."

The Piscean Age did wonders in developing our mental polarization, our understanding of how the form world works, and our appreciation of ideals. However, the energy of this Age had to work through a highly materialistic and separative culture, where most of us were polarized in the solar plexus. Per Georgia Lambert, by its very nature, the solar plexus splits reality into conflicting opposites. Hence, we arrive at the door to the New Age with many disassociated parts and blind spots in our cultural consciousness. There are sharp, schizophrenic divides between notions of mind and body, concepts of heaven and earth, relations between brother and brother, as well as regular denial of the connection between our actions and their consequences. Regularly, we still fail to see these related pieces as parts of a unified whole.

This fragmented, materialistic focus also has led to endless power strivings where we seek too often to control, exploit and objectify those with less power than us, and then rationalize such aggressive, selfish behavior as our right, and for the victim's own good. Children, being at the bottom of this power structure, and dependent on their imperfect models of authority for survival, have borne the brunt of such insensitivity. The forces of retrogression also continually feed such spiritual denseness, as they seek every means to block our awareness of oneness. These forces incessantly try to lure our attention into the miserably dark dead end of separativeness, with

its attendant thugs of greed, fear, hate, pride, self-indulgence, an over-stimulated sex drive, and the desire for power over others.

Education In The New Age

The Bailey book, Education in the New Age, seeks to heal all of these blocks to being able to register the One Life. This book's attention is especially geared toward children, as our early training has a powerful and sometimes irreversible influence on the pattern of a whole incarnation or more. A film study that some of you may know has tracked a group of British school children from the time they were seven years of age. The film is updated every seven years. The first of this series I saw, the kids had reached the age of thirty-five. The film series has been an ongoing tour de force in showing how much of kids' later character and behavioral patterns already were quite evident, even set, by the age of seven. The running refrain of this film study is something to the effect, "Give us a child until the seventh year, and we will show you the man or woman!" If kids do not get loving support during this time, if they have no effective models of those with soul contact and soul values, if they have too few opportunities to experience the beauty of nature, high culture and meaningful work, they will suffer. If children's physical, astral and mental bodies are assaulted or neglected by their caretakers, while also being bombarded by media messages of the easy life, and sex, money and power being all life has to offer, the soul's subtle voice many get altogether lost in the clamor. The second spiritual birth may have to be put off to another incarnation, especially if a child has been given no clue the soul even exists.

Such blocks to the inner Life are all too common in our current culture. One such block now coming to the attention of child psychologists is the widespread media ploy of using sex to sell

everything under the sun. Film makers, cartoonists, and advertisers now have realized that by awakening the sex impulse in young children, this sales tactic works even better on them than on adults, as they have neither the emotional nor the mental equipment to resist its tremendous power. They also have very limited acceptable outlets to dissipate such overstimulation. Consumerism and a distorted fantasy life are two common results of this practice. Two psychologists have suggested that this single sales strategy is already bringing an end to childhood as we know it. They liken childhood to a time when kids are meant to assemble and integrate their own orchestra of talents and relationships. They liken the premature awakening of the sexual impulse to the base drum of an orchestra playing too soon, too loud, and too much, to the point where the other instruments never get to play their proper parts.

In support of the above analogy, these child psychologists cite two of their recent studies on U.S. school children. In the first study, young boys were introduced to a room full of age appropriate toys, crafts, mechanical projects, books, art materials, and sporting equipment. Most enjoyably participated in exploring the various treats the room had to offer. However, anytime a Playboy-type calendar was introduced to the room as part of the testing condition, the behavior reliably changed. Then, many of these young boys, only eight to ten years old, chose to fixate on the calendar for the rest of the playtime, suddenly oblivious to all other potential pleasures and learning experiences in the room.

In the second study, kids were asked to look at pictures of models and say what they imagined them to be like. The more provocatively dressed a model was, the more reliably she was seen by both girls and boys as warm, friendly, smart, fun etc. When the same models wore more conservative, but still stylish outfits of the same

colors, they were much more likely to be judged as unfriendly, uptight, cold, rigid, dumb, and not someone the kids would choose to be around. Many of the kids did not even realize they were looking at the same women!

One word about Infinity can bestow wings.

The work of consciousness-raising beyond such distortions of our form-focussed world is, as already mentioned, D.K.'s major topic in Education in the New Age. This book declares the lack of regulation and essential rhythm in our sexual practices have brought into incarnation millions of souls who were never intended to incarnate at this time, causing much unnecessary economic distress and environmental strain. D.K. states this situation only will improve when the planet can sustain no greater population and humanity is forced finally to bring the sex impulse into its proper balance and rhythm as the plant and animal kingdoms already have done. sight will greatly expedite Etheric movement, as will the growth of Aquarian group consciousness. People eventually will be able to see the second birth of the body of light, which Leo attends, and will realize this light body is the true purpose for procreation. They will then understand sex is the only place where the opposites of soul and personality can fuse, and will, thus, treat sex as a sacred act and a joyous contribution to the One ever-evolving Life. Sex will then be seen as the base of an extensive spiral continuum, in which all opposites long for each other. The personality's longing for the soul, and the soul's aspiration toward the Monad will then be grasped as higher spirals on the same continuum, and will be deemed as more fulfilling foci for long term attention.

Thus, will Leo's energy continue to refine and expand humanity's consciousness, if we but give its Light heart space. We can emulate Leo's uplifting work in our own lives by choosing to share our measure of soul light with a child. The Catholic Church would call this service, becoming a "godparent." The Church instituted this practice to help ensure that whatever might happen with one's parents, school, or friends, each child might have the protection and good will of at least one other soul who seeks naught

but his/her release into the Light.

If, on top of bringing light to how Arcana might specifically help children, you also are willing to think of one child to whom you would be willing to

take on the role of godparent, extend a lighted line of love and goodwill toward him or her now, and commit to doing this regularly. Find time to interact with this child so he/she can experience what soul life looks like. Open his/her eyes to the beauty of nature and the mind, and feel your own inner child rejoice, as this innocent teaches you about joy, simplicity, unconditional love and community.

Treat kids most especially to the soul wonders of great art and music. D.K. advises that first, music, and then art will be the next two languages of consciousness, superseding the many limitations of words. We must use this esoteric knowledge to insist that music and art again become standardized parts of every child's school curriculum to prepare them for these coming more spiritual realms of understanding and expression. Such training, if sensitive to the leading of the soul, will likely also enhance their

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receptivity to the coming Renaissance that D.K. predicts, when the 4th Ray cycles back onto our planet in 2025. Refined tastes in art and music may in turn humanize our children's scientific

pursuits while nurturing their capacity for Beauty-- the royal road to the Divine. Christ once said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Gospel according to St. Mark 10:14) Let us, thus, join the mighty alignment of Sirius, the 1st, 2nd and 5th Rays, Leo/Aquarius, the Sun and the Christ, and for children's sake, meditate.

Miki Webb, August 2001

FULL MOON GROUP MEDITATION

I. PREPARING THE CHALICE

At this point, we prepare the group instrument for an act of group service upon the plane of mind.

We gather and blend our forces into a sincere desire and determined will to be a ready instrument for the Forces of Light and Love. With the physical eyes closed, see with the **mind's eye** two persons in this group with whom you already feel a sense of fellowship in service—whether they are present here or at a distance ... **See them and yourself as three points of a triangle** ... Turn toward them with your heart ... Visualize a stream of loving regard, of heart energy, flowing around the triangle from you ... to first one ... on to the other ... and return ... Again, send a stream of loving regard from you ... to one, on to the other, and return ... Once more, send love from you ... to one, on to the other, and return—thus circulating heart energy around the triangle three times.

Now, let individual persons fade out of your field of visualization. See each triangle simply as a three-pointed field of heart energy ... the triangles interlacing with one another ... weaving the chalice. Thus is created the light body of this group. It is a chalice, built of relationships, bright and shining with service.

FOR LIBRA

II. LIFTING THE CHALICE

As **one group self** ... we calmly point our attention into that lighted area known as the "place of judgement." In the zodiac it is called Libra. In the consciousness of man it is the judicial power of the mature mind. In the onsweep of evolution it is the working of the Law . . . the beneficent Law of Life itself. Its motions are just and unavoidable . . . Its working can be counted upon following every decision, whether wise or unwise.

During the interlude of silence (a few moments from now) let us lift our standard of values, our own scales of judgement, up into the LIGHT OF HIERARCHY, in order that we may learn to see by Their light and to weigh and judge important questions by Their values.

Enter now into the interlude, willing to make needed decisions, to accept the consequences of our decisions, and thus become wise.

Theme for Silent Meditation:

LEARN TO SEE BY THE LIGHT OF THE GREAT ONES AND MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDING TO THEIR VALUES

III. FILLING THE CHALICE

Gently ... gradually ... let us bring our meditation to a close, refocusing the mind into the here and now. Thoughtfully ... guietly ... together ...

(THE GREAT INVOCATION)

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