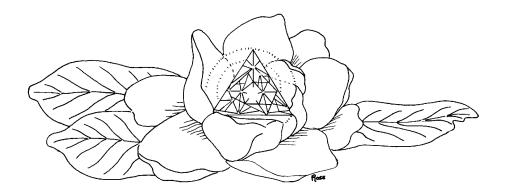
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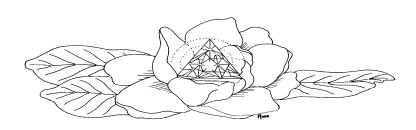
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Hooking Up On The Inner Net

For most people, looking out over the world situation these days can discouraging. To say that humanity is in trouble is almost a trite understatement. There seems to be no area of the globe that is not impacted by some form of violent struggle. War, starvation, disease, are common, and now the entire globe is held in the clutches of a dark shadow we call terrorism. As Master M has asked, "What other signs does humanity expect of the threatening time?" I think that we and many like us are aware of what humanity is facing. We are aware of the looming cloud, and we also know that one of the major aspects of the growing danger is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are still blithely unaware of this situation.

When I say people are unaware of this situation, I am not talking about the millions upon millions of people—perhaps as many as 70 or 80% of the world population— to whom we refer as the "huddled masses", the poor, the illiterate. In terms of plain suffering, of disease, hunger, homelessness and death, the situation impacts this group directly. These folks are all too aware. They do not understand it, but they are very aware.

The Planetary Intelligentsia

No, when I say unaware, I am referring to people in that 20 to 30% group, people like you and me, people who— as a general rule and regardless of the nation in which we are located—live lives of relative material comfort. We are educated, intelligent people. Employed, we usually have the trappings of material success: cars, insurance, homes and so forth. We are the people who make up the group I call the planetary intelligentsia.

In my mind, it is we, the people in this group, who hold the power on the planet. We all know that "Thought controls the vital impulse." *Hierarchy* #119. We are the people whose thoughts, whose wills create mass or public opinion. We are the people who cause or prevent change on the planet. We are the elite members of the human race. It is the unaware in this group of people about whom I am talking. The lack of awareness in this group is a major part of our problem, and one which I wish to address in this little talk.

In passing, let me say that if the term "elite" seems too extreme, I would invite you to take a trip through India, or in Los Angeles, just drive up San Pedro St. between 20th and 1st streets or its counterpart in any of our great cities. Although the degree of poverty and suffering is relative, you will discover that the United States is not without its "huddled masses" who are still, by the way, "yearning to breathe free.", and you will see that we are indeed the elite of the planet.

So, although the people in this room, you and I, may be aware of the growing shadow, the majority, the rather large majority, I am afraid, of our brothers and sisters who make up this elite 20 to 30% group are either not aware— by virtue of being too consumed by the Great illusion— or are in denial about the situation. Whether they *can not* or *do not*, the fact is that they simply *are not* facing the realities. Many, even most, but, thank god and courage, not all, of the folks who are in positions of political and economic power, positions in which policy is generated and solutions to world problems are advanced, fall into this majority.

Let me make a strong disclaimer here. I am not suggesting that these folks are bad people or part of the bad guys. I am suggesting that for one reason or another, they are asleep.

People who are working from this perspective, I call it the sleep frequency, frequently do not even see the real problems that confront humanity. In the world of illusion within which they habitually live and move, they see problems in terms of form, and in terms of material values, in terms of balance sheets and bottom lines. They do not, for example, see world hunger as the problem. They see the profits of the drug and food producers as the problem. Thus, most of the solutions to the world's problems that actually get adopted on the world stage not only do not solve the real problems, like feeding or healing the people, they exacerbate them.

Friends, we must realize, you and me and those of us who think of ourselves as members of the world discipleship group, we must, by this time, *realize* that this condition is not an accident. This is a part of somebody's plan.

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You would think that a people who put men on the moon and do all of the other incredible things that we do could feed the people of the world, and we could, if we wanted to. The reason the solutions do not work is that they do not address the real problems. Solutions do not flow from the principles of enlightened living that are at the heart of the evolutionary process. The planners, not being aware of the underlying principles, are working from the forms that are in front of them, "obsolete monsters of other days" as Master M calls them. Great examples of this sort of form oriented planning on the basis of material values abound. I will give just two.

We clearly realize that at this very minute people are starving to death on the planet, right? Yet, do we get more food crops for people and better distribution systems? No, we get cash crops, food for cattle, assorted chemical fertilizers and additives and of course, the now famous BT destroyer corn.

But lets just look at cash crops. We have heard lately about the terrible waste of the arable land in Afghanistan which is being devoted to the production of a cash crop called opium. We all shudder in horror at this terrible situation. Yet we hear nothing at all about the land used in other countries each year to grow 7 million tons of tobacco, a cash crop worth \$39 billion, or about the millions of acres of prime United States farm land that produces the tobacco used in the in the production of the 635 billion cigarettes, a product which produces a vastly greater mountain of cash than the mere \$39 billion from the world tobacco crop. ("Tobacco," Microsoft® Encarta® Online Encyclopedia 2001)

Given the numbers of opium/heroin addicts world wide versus the number of nicotine addicts, we can draw many conclusions regarding the relative damage to society done

by these two problems. We can also imagine how many people could be fed if we grew food instead of opium and compare that with how many people could be fed if we grew food instead of tobacco.

Oil Consumption and Global Warming

It is a well documented fact that raising miles per gallon standards to 40 mpg for cars and light trucks, something that is well within the technological reach of car manufacturers, would save more oil than we get from Persian Gulf imports. the Arctic Wildlife Refuge California offshore oil drilling combined. Yet what is the offered solution? I quote, "At a time when gasoline prices are high and the science on global warming is more compelling than ever, President Bush's energy plan focuses on drilling for more oil in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge and other wild lands.... The U.S. Geological Survey predicts that there is only six months worth of recoverable oil from the Arctic, and it would take ten years to reach consumers. This small amount

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As has been pointed out many times, and in the

instance by D.K., "The following responsibility for the widespread misery to be found today in every country the world in predominantly at the door of certain major interrelated groups of businessexecutives men. bankers, international cartels, monopolies, trusts and organizations and directors of huge corporations who work for corporate or personal gain. They are not interested in benefiting the public except in so far that the public demand for better living conditions will enable

them-under the Law of Supply and Demand-to provide the goods, the transportation, light and power which will in the long run bring in heavier financial returns. Exploitation of man-power, the manipulation of the major planetary resources and the promotion of war for private or business profit are characteristic of their methods." Problems of Humanity P. 71

These are the people who have great power. They are the ultra elite. They may be and frequently are consciously aligned with the forces retrogression. They are very highly placed and very well concealed. They are sometimes referred to as the "almost white ones", and they are very dangerous. They are part of the 20/30% group, but I am not talking about them for two reasons. One is that we can do virtually nothing about these folks. Their mold is cast. They are in the hands of forces quite beyond us. Also, ultimately they do not matter to our work.

What matters to us is the minds and hearts of those millions of men and women who are unwittingly implementing the directions of this ultra elite group. Those who are asleep, or in denial, or who have not quite found the courage to face their Light, these are the ones about whom we need to be concerned. However, it is only the foolish warrior who forgets that there are vast powers arrayed against the Light. As Master M

> has pointed out, "It is unwise to underestimate the forces of the adversaries, especially when their beloved Kali Yuga comes to its end. Certainly it is a decisive battle and one should take care that temptation and seduction do not touch the weak ones." #109 Hierarchy

> beginning of the Aquarian Age. We

have also speculated that the power of the dark forces is growing weaker; their grip on humanity is slipping, thus the frantic efforts and the unprecedented levels of destruction and terror.

This shifting in power and the frantic efforts to hold on to that power which are causing the unprecedented levels of destruction and terror may not, however, be solely attributed to the shift from the Piscean to the Aguarian Age. This shift may, as Master M hints, actually signal the ending of another, lesser known but vastly greater Age. This is the ending of the Kali Yuga, The Black Age.

The Kali Yuga, the cycle which is drawing to a close, is a major cycle of 432,000 years. Humanity has been immersed within this cycle for much longer than any of our recognized recorded history. This cycle is known as the Black Age because of the evil within it. The struggle now is to bring in Satya-Yuga, the Golden Age which is also a cycle of 432,000 years. However, as master M points out in Hierarchy, "Thus one can see the end of Kali Yuga. It depends upon humanity where will be

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In this light, friends, it becomes clear that what we have glibly been referring to as establishing the New World Order is something vastly more significant than capturing the latest terrorist. It has to do with the opportunity to bring in the "preordained" Golden Age. It gives a new and

impelling urgency to our meditation on the Laws and Principles for the New Age. It has to do with establishing a whole new way of living on planet Earth. It has to do with "sealing the door where evil dwells", with the final elimination from the planet of

the Dark Lord of the Great Lie, the illusion of separation.

This is the job which, by our very presence in incarnation, we have chosen to do. "The task ahead is simple." D.K. has said, "The important aspect, at this time, of the basic oneness underlying all forms, and which the workers of today must immediately emphasize, is the fact of the kingdom of God, of the planetary Hierarchy." Rays and Initiations P, 300

So, this is the place where things sort of come together. As I have tried to illustrate, it is the lack of awareness concerning spiritual realities among the majority of the planetary intelligentsia, the planners and movers within humanity, that constitutes our major problem. We know these folks mean well, and although 90% of them are hooked up to the world wide web, the Inter-net, very few are consciously hooked up to their own cosmic INNER net, that inner core of Life which we know is within everyone. It is exactly these people whom we need to get On Line with Hierarchy, with principle.

A whisker Away

I used to think that this was an impossible task, that these folks were so buried in the mass of illusion that it was hopeless. But when I look clearly at the field, unafraid and in touch, I can see that we are just a whisker away. The fact that they are intelligent and are for the most part people of good will is a major pulse for us. The urge to hook these folks up, the need to do this, the will to do this, should be driving us. The truth

is that if Hierarchy could

am talking 10 to 15 years.

become recognized as a fact of reality among the planetary intelligentsia the present world situation— in spite of the "almost white ones"— could be radically changed and in a relative short period of time. I

How do we do this? Well, we need to engineer, actually, we need to 7th Ray a subtle but significant shift in consciousness. Its not really a big deal. It is kind of like turning a page in a book.

Consider: We are in the habit, based on thousands of years of conditioning, of believing that god, or heaven or Hierarchy is "out of this world." It is a "someplace else" place. I mean, it's not here. It's sort of up there in the sky.

I do not mean to imply that heaven is not up there. Over the past thousands of years, such an other place has been universally sensed by human beings. And, the belief that heaven exists is at the core of the countless cultures, and civilizations, of the too numerous to count religions, and of untold treasures of art of song of poetry. This other place has been and is now a source of the good, the beautiful and the true. No matter how one refers to it, this "other place" is common to the collective psyche of humanity.

However, this "someplace else" place, has for the last several thousands of years been literally, out of reach for incarnated humans. During the 6^{th} Ray dominated Piscean Age, we made ideals of heaven, and idols of what we conceived it to be. We held it away from ourselves kept it distant and unreachable.

Today, to me, admittedly in retrospect, this whole thing seems to have been an incredible, ages long psychological game we played on ourselves. It seems easy to recognize that if anyone actually opens him or herself to any of the great art, ancient or modern, or reads the plays of Sophocles or the poetry of Shakespeare, the truth of the art, the poetry of the poetry happens within.

Our relationship with Truth, whether it is in our meditations, in art or just in the beauty of nature or other human beings, our relationship is something that goes on within ourselves. It does not happen outside of us or away from us in some other place up there or out there. The rapture of the relationship with Truth, no matter how the door way into it is presented to us, is the rapture of a union. It is the recognition within that we are that. We come together with it. Separation disappears. This speaks to us of the god within us, god immanent not transcendent. "Nearer is he than breathing. Closer than hands and feet."

So friends, I have come to this interesting conclusion. We have, or at least, I have, been going about the process of trying to reveal the fact of Hierarchy using outmoded models and methodology. We have been using Piscean techniques to try to reveal the Piscean model of Hierarchy. The Piscean model is that Hierarchy is this group of guys who hang out in this "someplace else" place, a place to which we can go when we are dead, if we do the right things. The technique is to try to convince people that these guys actually do exist— albeit in this other place and even though only specialized people ever see them— that they have always existed as

the art and culture of the Race proves, and that just as soon as things are "right", they will show up and save us all.

I do believe, for at least a couple of reasons, that this scenario is never going to play. First, as of tonight, it has not been successful. And second, that which is transcendent must always be and will always be transcendent. There is no way to bring the transcendent God to earth. I mean, the fact of His transcendence militates against his appearance.

So, we need a new model and a new technique. Here is the model. "The key to the Hierarchy and Its reappearance on earth in physical form, and the consequent materialization of the kingdom of God among men, is the simple truth of God Immanent. It is the clue to the evolutionary process, and the eternal hope of all forms in all kingdoms in nature. This is the central truth, the convincing truth, and the revealing truth which will underlie all information anent the Hierarchy, and this the coming generation of disciples will distribute." *Externalization of the Hierarchy P, 591*

Earth is the unfolding of One Idea.

The name of this idea is Love, and because we are a part of this unfolding we all have within ourselves at our very core a fragment of this idea, a fragment of Love. This is God immanent. This is our essential divinity, this is the Christ within, the hope of glory. In this model, Christ is the Hierarchy. I do not mean the being that holds this office. I mean the sum total of the consciousness we call Christ, the Love in the world, is Hierarchy. When we touch this reality, we become aware of the fact of Hierarchy, of the fact of Love, of the next or 5th level of consciousness. As we know, "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, 46

Then, to the degree that we can implement that consciousness in living forms, in our daily lives, we reveal the Love that is within the world. We become a member of the 5th Kingdom or spiritual Hierarchy... thus will the Hierarchy be externalized. This is the working of the Law of evolution, a gradual but unstoppable juggernaut of Love.

So, the transcendent can not be externalized. We can externalize only that which is immanent. As far as I can tell, this is the only way Hierarchy will ever be revealed or externalized. This is the point: to be able to reveal the 5th Kingdom on the

dense physical plane, one must be able to recognize that reality within one's

In this system Love is what God is.

self. We need to be hooked up with the inner net.

So, the deal is that we need to turn people on, not to some master or group of space guys who might show up some day, but to the god within their own equipment. We need to turn ourselves on to ourselves. Remember, Principle, Truth, is. Evolution is the unfolding Plan. We already are hierarchs, it was built in, came with the first Plan. We just have to realize that, then we can reveal it in the lower three worlds.

On a one on one level, we all have to work this out for ourselves. One way to try is to speak to the spirit within every one we meet. Go right to Christ. By going right to Christ, I mean go to love, go to the honest, gentle, strong, caring, understanding part of everyone you encounter.

To go to that place in others, we must come from that place within ourselves. If we are absolutely, unequivocally certain that this inner god exists, there is no way we can miss hooking up with the god in every person and everything we encounter. The way one becomes absolutely and unequivocally sure is to face and embrace his or her own essential divinity. When we are in Love, we are in perfect tune with the One Chord,

perfect synchronicity with the One Motion, perfect synthesis with the One Life. From this point anything to which we give our attention will serve only the One Chord, Motion, Life.

When we have made a little headway in this work, not even a lot, just a little will be enough, the Christ, the Avatar of love will have made his reappearance, for when we are loving, we are expressing our Christ, our essential divinity. We are being gods.

The Great Unfolding will take on a life of its own. Like a snowball, all we need to do is get it

rolling. Once we do this, we will begin to see the wonder of the

following: And I would remind you here of the Word for Capricorn... "Lost am I in the Light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back."

"When the Christ, the Avatar of Love, makes His reappearance then will the

'Sons of men who are now the Sons of God withdraw Their faces from the shining light and radiate that light upon the sons of men who know not yet they are the Sons of God. Then shall the Coming One appear, His footsteps hastened through the valley of the shadow by the One of awful power Who stands upon the mountain top, breathing out love eternal, light supernal and peaceful, silent Will.

'Then will the sons of men respond. Then will a newer light shine forth into the dismal, weary vale of earth. Then will new life course through the veins of men, and then will their vision compass all the ways of what may be.

'So peace will come again on earth, but a peace unlike aught known before. Then will the will-to-good flower forth as understanding, and understanding blossom as goodwill in men.'" The Reappearance of the Christ, P 13, 14

Tom Carney, Capricorn 2002

THE SIGN OF SILENCE

elcome to our Community Meditation Meeting in the solar month Sagittarius, the final of the Embodiment Cycle Festivals for this year. Sagittarius, the last of the fire signs, governs the higher mind. It represents the place in consciousness where fiery, one-pointed aspiration successfully evokes soul inspiration. Sagittarius is known as a sign of power, a sign of unity, and as the sign that conveys the "spirit of right." It is also known as the "sign of silence." There are several astrological charts for the U.S., but one of the most popular, based on when the Declaration of Independence was signed, suggests our country's rising sign, its soul possibility, is Sagittarius. Since the esoteric ruler of Sag is the Earth, it may be that the U.S. is meant to help the

Earth become a sacred planet. To pull off this destiny, Sagittarius proffers us its focused point of silent mental power, so that together, we can embody its spirit of right relations.

The lesson Hercules tackled in Sagittarius was how to save a community from an infestation of cacophonous, man-eating birds. The birds' viciousness and incessant cackling symbolizes the ubiquitous warring of opposites within our lower bodies, and the myriad ways we exacerbate these conflicts through our misuse of speech and thought. The collective psyche of the U.S. is currently caught in the lethal clash of such maneating birds, as planes and airborne pathogens and all the thoughts that generate such strategies wreak havoc, hate and fear both at home and on the world stage. Our use and restraint of speech can do much to either help or hinder the explosive situation in which we now find ourselves. Krishnamurti has said, "War will end when we end war within ourselves." The interminable screeching of our separative, fearful thoughts, desires and attitudes keeps us from accessing the Silence, and the subtle Voice of the Soul that therein resides. Sagittarius can help us access this silence where solutions in line with the Plan already exist.

Sagittarius is part of the Mutable Cross and distributes the 4th, 5th and 6th Rays.

The book, *Nature of the Soul*, describes the work of the three Rays associated with Sagittarius in several seed thoughts. The 6th Ray seed invites us to "stand receptive to the Divine Ideas of the Soul, before they have taken form." We are encouraged to grasp that these ideas already exist in the formless silence of the buddhic realm as dynamic potencies. The seed for the 5th Ray asks us to become silently receptive to the right timing for moving these formless ideas "downward and outward" into mental matter. The seed for the 4th Ray (the Ray most associated with the Human

Hierarchy) invokes us "to stand receptive to the Sound of the Overshadowing Soul...to sense the frequency of that sound, to understand its meaning and to then reproduce it harmonically

within the world of the persona." We need silence to hear and recreate this sound, but this is the only sound that will allow us, like Hercules, to drive away the destructive birds of our own creation.

Stilling The Mind:

If we can still our minds and desires long enough to tap the loving unity we invoked for humanity at the Gemini Festival, Sagittarian energy can help us to embody this frequency in our mental matter. Whereas Gemini trains the concrete mind through our early education and life experiences, Sag proceeds to unify the lower mind and then quiet it. This discipline allows the higher mind to emerge fed by the Intuition of the Soul on its own plane. However, for Sag to do its magic, we must be truly silent. Only then can the Soul's note can be heard and incorporated into our beings without

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distortion. To aid in reaching this silent, sacred space at our core, we leave you with some excerpts from a piece Marguerite Rompage wrote entitled *Profile of Silence*:

"Stillness is the prelude to poise which is the necessary posture for attaining silence.

Silence is the most dynamic (most alive) awareness. ...

The condition at the center of being is impregnable silence.

Only the mind accustomed to stillness can penetrate silence.

Only the human form accustomed to complete control can accommodate or even tolerate silence.

The nervous system accustomed to silence at the center of the daily life, remains steady under stress, even under prolonged or severe stress.

The mind accustomed to periodic interludes of silence, taps irrepressible incentive to create, invent, enquire, improve and initiate.

Silence, central to Life, is unrelated to and independent of the surrounding noise level: Telling one's world to go away or to be quiet does not open the way into silence.

Access to silence is gained through prolonged effort to refine and focus the sense of hearing upon the plane of mind."

Let Sagittarius inspire us to embody silence so that at last, the Soul can "control the outer form and life and all events, and bring to Light, the Love that underlies the times."

Miki Webb, Sagittarius 2001

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