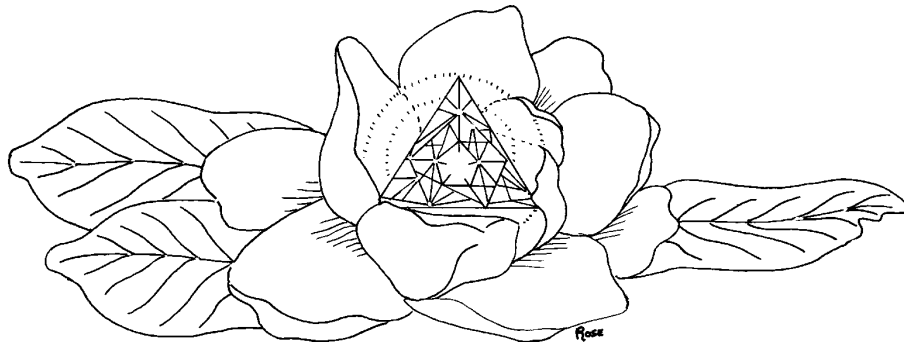


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The Father, The Mother, The child: Harmony Through Conflict

This has been an epoch of crisis, and the great moment for which the Hierarchy has been preparing ever since it was founded upon the Earth. *Rays and Initiations P. 236.*

He is known as *The Hidden One*. *The Divine Intermediary* is another of his names. (Note: Names for the Lord of the 4th Ray are given in *Esoteric Psychology I P.71*) We know him as the Lord of the 4th Ray. Some of us, especially those of us who are consciously involved in the effort to move toward the 3rd Gate, know and experience Him as *The Trumpet of the Lord*, and *The Mountain Whereon Form Dies*. Whether we are talking about the individual disciple or the disciple Humanity, the struggle toward harmony through conflict is and has always been the Way of the Disciple. The Lord of the 4th Ray, *The Perceiver on the Way*, is ever with us, and He ever brings—in his broad and deep wake—the dynamics of life, the timeless undulations of evolution itself, which we know as **Crisis, Tension, Emergence**.

The very infrastructure of life, of all life on this Planet, is composed of these moments of crisis, tension and emergence. The way to unity, to **the** beauty and **the** peace of harmony, ever lies through conflict, through storm and strife, strain and pain. There is no way to avoid this reality. Attempts to deny this life process lead only to greater conflict and deeper crisis, and until we face and accept this way of life, our movements will be horizontal rather than vertical.

Among the overwhelming multitude of examples of this truth from all periods of history and from all areas of human life, I want to share one from my own personal experience. This experience generated perhaps the most

memorable, the most dramatic and powerful, and, no doubt, the most beautiful example of the fundamental truth of harmony through conflict that I have ever encountered. The experience was being present at the birth of our grandchild.

The event took place in what is called today a birthing suite. It was a kind of modern room with lots of modern technological devices and there were chairs and couches for the family members and friends who were in attendance, not clinical at all, and quite comfortable for all present. However, I noticed that as the night and the day wore on, the room began to take on a kind of cave like quality. Well appointed, but still a cave. As the hours slipped by and I watched my child, my daughter, pass through the increasingly more frequent waves of labor, watched her breathe and ready herself, and then grimace groan and eventually cry out from the pain as the contraction mounted and the sweat rolled down her face, I began to think about the struggle that we go through to give birth, and it dawned on me that I was seeing the Lord of the 4th Ray, *The Seed, that is the Flower*, in action.

There followed several hours of gradually increasing tension, and increasingly heavier contractions. The doctor was poised at the foot of Miranda's bed. The family was arrayed around her. Her mother was holding one of her legs. Her husband was crouched by her head, bathing her face with a cold cloth. Two nurses were at the bedside, one holding her other leg and another standing by her shoulder and urging her on, a kind of cheer leader. Everyone in the room was totally and one pointedly focused on the process. The atmosphere in the room seemed to reach a point of overwhelming tension and united purpose. And finally, on the crest of a great wave of tremendous strain and what appeared to me to be the synthetic will of the mother and the child, and the will of all

those present there issued or emerged from Miranda, into the waiting hands of the doctor, Evan, our grandson.

Although I was totally involved in the process, a mystical experience of profound insight, part of my equipment, the writer in me, on automatic pilot, was observing and recording every nuance of the event. It took a few hours for me to understand that compressed into this 18 or 20 hour period, I had witnessed a microcosmic example of the entire drama of life on this planet.

For the disciple, any disciple, the process is the same. We are the father, the mother and the child. As each of us was conceived, carried and given birth in this incarnation, somewhere, sometime along the endless Way, each of us conceives, carries and gives birth to a divine Son. It is a journey that is different in its particulars, but no less painful, no less bloody and eventually no less profoundly beautiful.

On this Way, that which we are is constantly brought into relationship with that which we can become. Conflict is the natural result of this interface. This is the character of the Path upon which the planet and its occupants, including humanity, are moving forward toward an unfathomable, but, if we do it right, glorious, destiny.

Crisis, tension, emergence: Under the aegis of the 4th Ray Lord, or *The Hand of God*, as He is known, this is how we grow. From a point of balance, a point of relative harmony which we most often register as comfort, a point of accustomed living, of familiar ways and traditions, we eventually see ahead. Revelation of the Way Ahead is the result of our developing vision. Because we can see and because there is this overwhelming urge in the

human psyche to look, an urge that Bergsonian philosophy, among others, called the *élan vital* or life force, someone or some group in the collective begins to register the always present but not previously seen presence of the next step.

New possibilities, new ways, open before these seers. They bring these new possibilities, often at great risk to themselves, into the life and light of the group. These new ways, new ideas, come instantly into conflict with the balance of the known and comfortable ways. Conflict is born. The conflict generates crisis.

In an individual's life when the conflict becomes deep enough, or in the case of humanity wide or numerous enough, it will lead to climax. A point of tension will develop, and there will eventually emerge a new point of balance or harmony. This new balance will become the norm, the accustomed and traditional. But the seers are ever with us too, and eventually they will bring new ideas into the range of the people which will

lead to a new conflict, and the cycle will start again. As the 5th aphorism connected with the 4th Ray says, "Roll and return, and roll again. Cycle around the circle of the Heavens. Prove all is one." (*Esoteric Psychology I P.72*)

In *The Rays and Initiation* after the World War, D. K. tells us that, "As we study the effect of the Principle of Conflict as the instigator of eventual harmony in relation to the nations, let us remember that the widespread extent of the conflict is indicative of climax, that the "points of crisis" which express the conflict are today well known to all men, that a "point of tension" has now been reached (of which the United Nations is a symbol) which will eventually prove to be the agent that will bring about a

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"point of emergence." I would ask you to keep these three phrases—descriptive of the working of the Ray of Harmony through Conflict—constantly in mind in relation to developments in your own life, in the life of your nation or of any nation, and in the life of humanity as a whole."

D.K. made the above remark in relation to the world situation shortly after the World War some 55 years ago. True to the 5th aphorism, the Lord of the 4th Ray, *The Corrector of the Form*, has again cycled into our lives. Again the conflict is widespread and indicative of climax. Again the "points of crisis", although somewhat different in form, are well known to men.

Today the United Nations, a symbol of the point of tension reached in the last cycle, still stands. The point of tension was composed of a world wide longing for peace and an attitude of brotherly concern. It flowed from a realization on the part of many world leaders of the fact of the One Humanity and the importance of the individual and of ideas and concepts about human dignity and equality. That point of tension gave emergence not only to the United Nations, but to many world healing and salvaging programs such as the Marshall Plan. However, that point of tension, under constant assault by the forces of retrogression over the intervening years, has been greatly eroded, and those disciples and leaders of vision who were responsible for engendering it a half century and more ago, are mostly gone.

Today in a very real way, the United Nations, much more than a symbol, is the Mother of the World. In this capacity She has nurtured and kept alive the hope of peace and basic truths of liberty, dignity and justice for all people. The work before us right now, today, is to generate

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and to bring forward a new point of tension that is capable of empowering the United Nations so that it can accomplish its task of world renewal and evolution. We need to generate the courage and the united will to cause the new estate for humanity, humanity's Christ child, to emerge from the cave, to emerge from the halls of the United Nations.

It is time for humanity's child, world peace and dignity for all peoples, to be born. When humanity, taking the best, the most noble, the most beautiful, moves into its new estate of shared living, a step closer to true brotherhood, it will emerge once and for all time from the bondage of the past. We need to muster, on a world wide level, the same love, the same courage and grit, the same will and determination that goes into the birthing of a human child. Nothing short of this will save the 4 Kingdoms from the lowering clouds of the materialist paradigm that the forces of retrogression are advancing to block the sun out of our lives.

So, assuming that we can and will meet that challenge, what do we do with this determination to participate in humanity's next birth? What are the practical steps that we can take? As the Teachings reiterate time and time again, no one can advise or tell a brother or a sister what constitutes his or her service. That would be an infringement of freewill and is not allowed on the Path of Light, but there is one message that I think can be said repeatedly. The message is embedded in a mantra used by many as a noon alignment. It contains all the guidance and direction that any of us needs to whole heartedly participate in the work of the great emergence of humanity which, as I see it, coincides with the reappearance of the Christ, the externalization of the Hierarchy and the merging of the 4th and 5th kingdoms.

Remember, friends, as we draw close to them, They draw close to us. Sooner or later there will be a merging.

The mantra I have in mind is a simple one. Most of you know it. It goes like this.

We know oh Lord of Light and Love about the need.

Touch our hearts anew with love, that we too may love and give.

Loving and giving: that's it, friends. What we can do to generate the needed point of tension is to love and to give. It seems clear that the present points of crisis which humanity faces: world wide pollution of land water and air, world wide hunger and malnutrition, world wide disease, and now, the threat of world wide religious war with nuclear, and biological weapons— just to name a few of the more notable ones— are the results of wrong human relations.

As D. K. points out, “The key to humanity's trouble (focusing as it has in the economic difficulties of the past two hundred years and in the theological impasse of the orthodox churches) has been to take and not give, to accept and not share, to grasp and not to distribute. This has involved the breaking of a law which has placed humanity in a position of positive guilt. War is the dire penalty which mankind has had to pay for this great sin of separateness. Impressions from the Hierarchy have been received, distorted, misapplied and misinterpreted and the task of the New Group of World Servers is to offset this evil.”
Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle P 45

As we know from our meditation work, “right human relations are an expression of the love of

God.” And, D.K. tells us, the expression of right human relations “will constitute man's major and next demonstration of divinity.”

Reappearance of the Christ P. 211.

If we do love, truly love, there will be no fear, no whingeing and crying about how dark the opposition is, or about how small we each are or about how we can do nothing because the forces arrayed against us are too powerful. If we truly love, there will be no loss of courage, no denial of responsibility. On the contrary, since love is the most powerful— remember that word, **POWERFUL**— since love is the most powerful energy in the universe, the lovers will vanquish hate and exclusivity, the lovers will vanquish the night and cause the sun to rise over the lands of mankind in a new and wonderful way.

All are called to this work, friends. The call will be heard and heeded by those who have the soul and the spirit to turn humanity's ages long dream into a fact in manifestation. Like the old song says, “hearts can inspire other hearts with their fire.”

Let us consider as we go into our world service meditation this evening the following words recently spoken by a man of much wisdom, a man who, when he reached the age of 45 was sentenced to life in prison for resisting the cruel and racist policies of a totalitarian government. When this man emerged from that cave, a cell in a prison on a desolate island, some 27 years later, he was 71 years old.... it was a long pregnancy.. he led his country into a new day of light and dignity for all its people.

We have here, in this man's life, another example of what love can do and of the kind of pain and suffering, the blood and tears that the

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fiery heart of love will go through to do it. This man was elected to the presidency of his country when he was 75 years old. He served a single 5 year term, after which he said, "I'm going to go down to Transkei, and have a rest." The other day this man, who may be the world's most respected statesman, spoke directly and strongly to the world leadership community about the plan for war that the Bush Administration is, in a totalitarian manner, trying to impose on the world. When asked by a reporter why he had decided to come from his home, from his rest, he said the following: ***"I really wanted to retire and rest and spend***

more time with my children, my grandchildren and of course with my wife. But the problems are such that for anybody with a conscience who can use whatever influence he may have to try to bring about peace, it's difficult to say no."

These are the words and actions of a fiery heart. Madiba, as Nelson Mandela is known in South Africa, is our brother, and although he is 84 years old, his fiery heart does not grow cold. May the fire of his heart inspire our hearts to flame so that we too can love and give.

Tom Carney, Virgo, 2002

It was never said to rely upon the Lord. On the contrary, it was repeated, "Be imbued with the Lord!" There is a great difference between timid and inactive reliance and imbuing the entire being with the consciousness of the Lord. As an invincible sword, the consciousness identified with the Lord smites all obstacles! Doubt cannot hatch where a flaming consciousness is kindled. There will be no fatigue where the inexhaustible source of forces is admitted. Fear cannot penetrate into the temple of invulnerable armors. Thus I advise to accept My Shields, not in recurrence to a saving protection, but to conquer through the blending of consciousness.

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An Astrological Note

The Divine Hermaphrodite

Virgo is the feminine earth sign dedicated to the Mother of the World. The Mother *knows* that feminine matter is simply spirit at its densest point and deserves the same reverence as the masculine aspects of Deity. The Mother of the World gives of her own substance to nurture and protect the spiritual potential in all forms until we can fully express our spiritual core consciously. She tirelessly absorbs the 2nd and 6th Rays from Virgo in this loving, patient and infinitely compassionate service. She permeates the bounty of Nature that not only sustains us, but gives us endless examples of what the right relationship to Spirit looks like. Nature warms us, quenches our thirst, sacrifices its substance to feed us, and gives us great power and beauty to boot, yet asks nothing in return. When we have embodied the virtues of the Mother of the World, we too “love and give.” We “master our matter” bringing the receptive form-building feminine into right relationship with its polar opposite –masculine Spirit, and carry forward the Plan.

If anyone thinks the feminine part of this polarity is passive, weak, or without need for fortitude, a trip to Hawaii’s currently erupting volcano might be in order. There one cannot help but be humbled by the molten power our feminine earth manages to contain and occasionally distribute. The current lava flows surge with unstoppable will toward the sea creating the planet’s latest virgin matter. Its fiery progress illustrates why 1st Ray Vulcan is the veiled esoteric ruler of Virgo. In right relationship, mother matter contains and expresses the fiery Will of God.

Nicholas Roerich has suggested that we will never be able to embrace the Aquarian Age until we heal our degraded relationship to the feminine (whether in male or female bodies). The Guardian Project, brought through by local *Nature of the Soul* teacher Georgia Lambert addresses this healing work.* Focused on the United States, this meditation work posits Hawaii as our country’s warm feminine pole. Perhaps the current upsurge in Hawaii’s volcanic activity is a sign that our country’s feminine aspect is coming of age and will bring about a saner balance. In any event, the volcano is bringing in new matter untainted by the sorrows, fear and separativeness of our Piscean, male-dominated and war-littered past. This matter is, thus, more open to the joyful impress of the Aquarian Age and its promise to enact the feminine agenda of Unity, Peace and Plenty through right relations.

In a recent trip to Hawaii, the red-orange lava as it gleamed through the darkness in fiery streams down the cliffs to our feet was awesome. However, the highpoint of the trip was seeing the same shade of red orange in the setting sun the following night and recognizing the oneness of the energy. (*Cosmic Fire* has since borne out this perception detailing the close alliance of the fiery spirits of a volcano with fiery spirits that create the envelope of the sun.) As above, so below when we open to Spirit.

When we master our matter, our inner spiritual sun shines forth and we give back with love to the larger Life. The Will to Good flows through us. The Light of Truth clarifies our world. We then begin to create Beauty out of chaos. Having seamlessly synthesized our masculine and feminine aspects, we become the Divine Hermaphrodite.

A modern day example of someone well along this path of synthesis is Nelson Mandela. For 27 years, he honed his feminine receptivity to the Higher Will in the harshest of environments. Though asked to do nothing but crush rocks for decades, he refused to turn away from Spirit. He chose “to love not hate” and emerged from prison a world leader who brought about the death of apartheid. After serving on the world stage, he retired to run two children’s foundations. However, his recent article in Newsweek shows that his light still shines brilliantly in a world struggling with darkness. The personification of gravitas, Mandela states his truth simply, fearlessly and factually, as one who *knows* the Plan. He calmly asserts that the United States is the greatest threat to world peace. He asks us to take responsibility for the havoc we have created by acting unilaterally. He further holds out that aspect of the Plan known as the U.N., as the solution with which we must cooperate. Let us hope we heed his wise counsel.

It may be awhile before we can master our matter to the extent of a Mandela, but by invoking the Mother of the World, we too can learn to “love and give.”

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