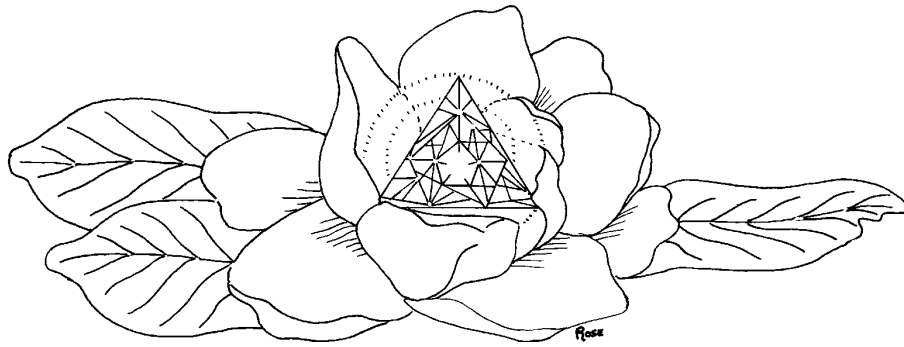


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When the Christ finds His focal point on Earth, it will be in the nature of a tiny heart centre through which the love energy of the Hierarchy can persistently flow. Thus the hearts of men, the heart of the planet, i.e., the Hierarchy, and the heart of the Hierarchy, the Christ, are in a state of positive contact; when this channel is open and unobstructed, then the Christ will come. Nothing can stop His appearance.... *Rays and Initiations P. 618-619*

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The call has gone out for [angels] to approach humanity... They will teach humanity to see etherically, and this they will do by heightening human vibration by interaction with their own. They will give instruction in the effect of color in the healing of disease... They will teach humanity how rightly to nourish the body and to draw from the surrounding ethers the requisite food. *Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 508-509*

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Vision and Revelation



I want to share a few thoughts with you this evening concerning the externalization of the Hierarchy. This unfolding rose, the Heart of God, is a phenomenon that is near and dear to all of us. It is a process about which the disciples of the world have been thinking and talking and even working for, for a very long time.

However, it seemed that, until relatively recently, there was not really an expectation that the externalization would happen anytime very soon. The externalization was more of a vision, a dream of something that could and would happen someday. Then, in 1960 Lucis Publishing Company released *The Rays and Initiations*, the fifth volume of the D.K./Alice Bailey majestic *Treatise On The Seven Rays*.

On page 300 of *Rays and Initiations*, D.K. stated, “The task ahead is simple. 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.” At the time of its release, this book was considered to be very advanced, and it was; but here and there in the early 1960’s there were disciples who heard the call, which D.K. stated in the clearest possible words.

“The citizens of that kingdom [the Kingdom of God] and the members of that Hierarchy are gathered out of every nation, every political party, every social group, every religious cult or sect, and every organization—no matter what their expressed objectives—*and the universality of the field from which these people emerge, demonstrates their underlying*

unity. (My italics.) When this unity assumes adequate proportions in the eyes of mankind, a real synthesis will follow.”

“Therefore,” he went on, “the call goes out at this time for hierarchical workers to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the Hierarchy.”

Although they were not realized as such by very many people in the esoteric community, certain hierarchical workers in the field at that time responded to this call with eloquence and power. Of the many possible examples, I mention only two:

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

On June 26th 1963, Jack Kennedy gave his now famous address at the Berlin Wall. There, he stated, “All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and, therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words 'Ich bin ein Berliner.'” (I am a Berliner.) President Kennedy thus underscored two of the unifying, bedrock assertions of Hierarchy: the common humanity of all people and the free will of all people.

Reverend Martin Luther King

Two months later, on August 28, 1963, Reverend Martin Luther King, standing on the steps of The Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., delivered his marvelous *I Have A Dream* speech. A speech in which he said, “I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.’ I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state,

sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.”

Reverend King concluded his remarks, on that sunny afternoon stating, “When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, ‘Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!’”

Here we have two disciples, two “hierarchical workers” doing what the Master D.K. asked, doing what was necessary to move humanity forward, revealing with courage, power and clear emphasis the universal, unifying core concepts of the Kingdom of God, of the planetary Hierarchy, the importance of the individual and the fact of the One humanity. These, friends, these concepts, the One Humanity, universal free will and equality, freedom and justice for all people everywhere are what Hierarchy is about.

As a result of his service to humanity, President Kennedy was murdered on November 21, 1963. As a result of his service to humanity, Reverend Martin Luther King was murdered on April 4th, 1968. There is a long list of those who— having responded to the call “for hierarchical workers to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the Hierarchy.”— died violent deaths for their work, and whose names we could recount. There is an even longer list of others who could be named who were not killed in this struggle,

many of whom, still today, are responding to that call. The point is that the call was heard and answered by those who knew what the work they were going to do involved.

In the 40 years since President Kennedy’s murder and in the 35 years since Reverend King’s murder many things have occurred. Hard as it is to see sometimes, humanity has made much progress in revealing the 5th Kingdom, the planetary Hierarchy. And as we all know, precisely because of those sacrifices and precisely because of that work which brought the forces into balance, the lines have today been drawn, and we can all see that the moment of crisis for humanity is at hand.

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In the conscious esoteric community there has also been much growth and development. In the past ten years or so, several things have come clear about the call that went out in 1960. There is a growing, building response, to the call, the evidence of which was clearly present at the Conclave meeting in Findhorn this year. The response to that call is a rising wave of hope for all mankind.

One of the most encouraging developments, for example, is the growing realization on the part of many, many people the world over that they are in fact disciples. The notion that someday a master would call one up on the phone or appear in a dream or some such thing as that and let us know that we were accepted as disciples is finally giving way to the demands of love and reason. The needs of the time, the ruthless murders of those who would stand, and registering, finally and at long last, the cry of the un-free, the un counted and classless millions, has generated the courage for many, many people to hear and respond to the call for “hierarchical workers” and to accept themselves at least “as if” they were disciples.

The common ground upon which this new group of world servers stands is that they, "...regard all as essentially one and as brothers...." It is a ground, "which repudiates all man-made theologies [whether these theologies be] (religious, scientific, political or economic)." It is a ground that, "says to all men everywhere: 'We are all the children of God; we are all equally divine; we are all on our way to the revelation of divinity, and this upon the physical plane of existence....'"

For those of us who are standing on this ground, or are simply making a conscious attempt to stand on this ground, the message is clear. We too, friends, we too are disciples. We too are hierarchal workers, and we too, are members of the 5th kingdom, members of the planetary Hierarchy. As John and Yoko said, "The war is over if you want it to be."

Another thing that hierarchal workers have been working on for a long time and which seems to have gained some momentum in the past 7 or 8 years is a growing recognition on the part of many disciples that ***there is but one world discipleship group***. We call this intergroup recognition and realization. The many small—and some not so small—groups of disciples spread around the world have until very recently been in a state of separation. Many have actually been at war with each other, each vying for prestige, for members, for money and status in the world collection of groups.

There is, clearly, only one Hierarchy. There is, clearly, only one Plan. This Plan, we can be sure, does not include a bunch of separate little groups vying with each other in a perpetual battle of survival of the fittest for power, for the title of "Most Spiritual" or "Most Esoteric", or

"The True Protectors of the True Teaching" or whatever. This sort of power and prestige seeking is decidedly not hierarchal. It smacks of everything that has given the concept of hierarchy such a bum rap over the centuries.

Hierarchy embodies the principles of free will and self-determination. Its very essence is the principle of the essential divinity of all beings, the fact of God immanent and God transcendent. There is no separation in the great chain of Hierarchy, no haves and have-nots, no divine rights, no classes of betters and more deserving.

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Hierarchy is harmony itself. Hierarchy makes sense. Harmonious cooperation, order and symmetry make

sense. Competition—struggle for domination over others, intrigue, lying, stealing, murder, all for a bigger or better slice of some material pie—far from making any sense at all, is just stupid.

Hierarchy is the only model for sustainable systems that actually works. It is the model upon which the Master Builder designed every thing in manifestation from a grape to a galaxy. And everyone agrees that the apparent self-sustainability of the Universe is with out parallel.

A problem here friends is that this place, Hierarchy, or The Kingdom of God, cannot be truly accessed through the lower mind, by intellectualizing about it, by processing thoughtforms. We can have a vision of Hierarchy, and we can even have a realization of Hierarchy; but these involve either a visionary or a seer. The only way to really get into the Kingdom of God, the Oneness

underlying all forms is to be it. “Nearer is He than Breathing, closer than hands and feet.”

One could go on and on, but anyway, there is only one Hierarchy, and one Plan. And, you can bet, that there is really only one community of serving groups. The wonder here is that once one sees the One Community of Serving Groups, it becomes possible to see the harmony, the beauty and potential of its *multiform diversity*.

Unity is born when we develop the ability to see the commonality, the common ground, the essential divinity of each other. The visualization or realization of unity leads eventually to an identification with the whole, to the synthesis which has always been, but which has been veiled by the illusion of separation.

Just as unity is not uniformity; synthesis is not soup. Just as the disciples who make up a serving group never lose their unique individuality, the groups who make up the One Community of Serving Groups never lose their wonderful unique qualities. Orion is not the Crab Nebula; however, they are each part of the One Self Sustaining Universe.

When we are able to finally see and stand on the common ground of discipleship, we can then appreciate the wonder and power that this One Community can bring to bear in a cooperative venture while, at the same time, celebrating the special skills and attributes of each group. When this occurs, the whole range of power struggles, of proselytizing and member gathering and position protecting and a whole host of other childish habits—which are all really the behavior patterns of an adolescent

personality still trying to prove to itself that it exists—go away.

What has made this growing realization of unity possible is that disciples are beginning to see not just in a visual sense, but in an understanding and experiential sense as well, the factual nature of the ancient platitude, “All is One.” Many thousands of disciples have thus achieved the goal of developing, to put it in D.K.’s words, a “consciousness of non-separateness and the recognition of a universal inclusiveness.” *Rays and Initiations P. 298*

This consciousness is being demonstrated in the growing intellectual and factual comprehension on the part of many people—some of whom happen also to be conscious disciples—of the

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literal interconnectedness of all life. This is the *significance* of Hierarchy, of Hierarchy, not The Hierarchy. Anyone who will actually take an unbiased look at any aspect of life from the simplest cell life to the complexity of a human being’s body will see this fact. The unavoidable conclusion is that Life is One, that all Life is interconnected and interdependent. Separation is an illusion or, at best, a problem of myopia. As there is in Truth, no separation, there is as well in fact, no separation.

True, this vision of hierarchy, of universal interconnectedness is a very tiny bit more difficult to hold on to when one actually moves out of a single dense physical form because space then intervenes between forms and gives the illusion of separation. Many humans still lack the visual acuity or the skill to use our equipment, and we still have not seen that space, too, is a form, or as D.K. says, “an entity.” Even so, it is not a terribly difficult intellectual challenge to trace the

interconnectedness between a physically and emotionally polluted planet and the carelessness of human industrial and social systems, or between a child's fears and a mother's or father's immediate registrations of and reactions to those fears.

This is the vision of Hierarchy, a vision of ever higher and greater and inclusive wholes, a hierarchy of unity and synthesis that is breaking on the horizon of understanding for many, many disciples today. Once vision is attained, the goal of the disciple becomes the work, the service, of revelation. Revelation of course involves Being. The disciple's task is to reveal to others that vision of Life within and beyond form that he or she has encountered and is coming to be.

This is the essence of D.K.'s appeal, "Therefore the call goes out at this time for hierarchical workers to *reveal with greater emphasis* the *fact* of the Hierarchy."

"It is," D.K. says, "what we reveal that is of importance; what is revealed to us is of lesser importance, though it has its due place in the process of training and perfecting." ***Rays and Initiations P 301***

Before I close this evening I have one more small thing to share.

Quoting an Ancient Catechism, D. K. makes it quite clear what our work is and what he has called us to do. In the following quote, the Master is speaking to his disciple who has seen the vision.

"What comes thy way for revelation? What hast thou to reveal?"

Only that which has for eons long existed and has for aye been here. The Oneness of the Presence; the area of love; the living, loving,

wise, inclusive One, enfolding all and being all and leaving naught outside.

To whom must come this revelation, O Server of the world of living things?

To all enfolded in the living, loving Presence; to those who... all unknown to them... maintain that Presence and forever shall endure—as doth that Presence.

And who are those who live within that Presence but know it not?

They are myself and thou, and still they are myself and still are all I meet. It is the one in every form who think mayhap that form is all; who living thus in time and space, see not the light or life within the form, who hide within, behind the veils, between the four and five and see naught else. To them I must reveal the truth.

How will you do this hardest of all tasks, O triumphing disciple?

By letting it be seen I am myself the truth; by living as a fragment of that Presence and seeing all its parts. And thus is revelation brought into the four and by the fifth." ***Rays and Initiations P. 302-303***

To put all that in to a bit more modern language, the message here is that we as disciples reveal the oneness underlying all forms, including that aspect we call the Kingdom of God, the planetary Hierarchy by embodying it, by living it, by becoming what D.K. refers to as a "loving synthesis in action." ***Rays and Initiations P. 300***

Well, there is, as you can see, more, much more that could be said here, but I would leave you this evening with just the following:

We are told that the solar system in which our little planets lives and moves and has its being appears from outer space as a vast blue rose with a brilliant point of diamond white light at its center. Just so is our planet a glowing orb of vibrant life with a blazing and brilliant light at the center, and just so is every individual person

on the planet a lotus of beauty with a brilliant point of Christ Light at the center.

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