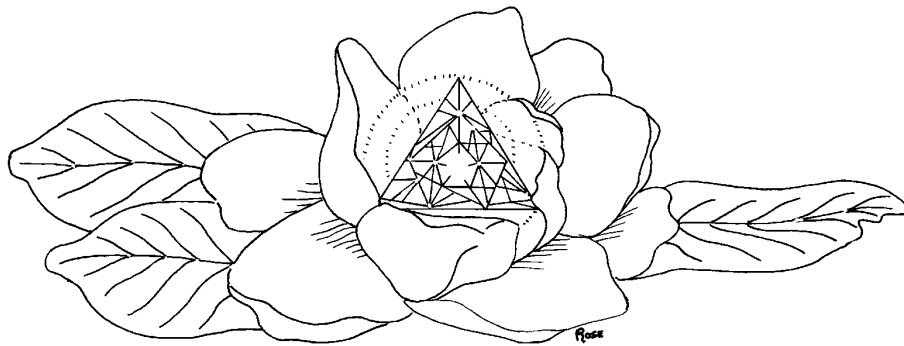


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The main objective and the immediate task of the Christ is to bring to an end the separateness which exists between man and man, family and family, community and community, and nation and nation. *Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 648*

The Great Awakening

This is Aries, the first of the Three Linked Festivals and a very potent point in the Zodiac. This evening I am going to talk about light bringers, about Avatars. The Great Cosmic Life which manifests through the constellation Aries is an Avatar. Impulsed by the First Ray, “The Opener Of The Door” and the Seventh Ray, “The Revealer of Beauty”, Aries is the bringer of the new, the not yet thought of or even envisioned. To us Aries, the Great Awakener, the ever returning Cosmic Avatar, is like reveille. Aries is the wake up call, the call to Life and the call to arms,.

Usually when we speak of waking up, we are thinking of having been asleep and then waking. This is fine when we are concerned with just an infinitesimally brief period of time, like a day or a nap, say. But, when the issue is Sanat Kumara’s project, the creation of this planet, a project which “...He initiated in His original, creative meditation—back in the darkest night of the time...” *Discipleship In The New Age Volume II P. 222-3*, then we have, for all intents and purposes, a more or less eternal process of awakening.

Within this eternal awakening, there are numerous smaller awakenings of relative significance. This evening I am going to be talking about a couple of lesser awakenings. However, even in the great scheme of Sanat Kumara’s vision, these two awakenings are of tremendous significance.

The first awakening I have in mind commenced about 2000 years ago and has been continuing

ever since. It is difficult to say just when the second awakening commenced; however, the success of the first awakening has made the second possible, and, although difficult for most people to see, the second great awakening, somewhat overlapping the first, is occurring right now.

Over the past hundred years or so, this second awakening has received a lot of attention. A great deal of this attention came from emotionally polarized and fanatical individuals. When seen through a fanatical, fundamentalist vision, events have a way of being turned upside down or practically inside out. Such was often the case when the reappearance of the

Christ was the subject of the vision.

So, to get oriented, and bring ourselves up to date, let us start

with a brief recap of the first of these two awakenings.

2000 years, or so, ago an avatar made an appearance upon this planet. “An avatar is a Being Who...is capable of reflecting some Cosmic Principle or divine quality and energy which will produce the desired effect upon humanity evoking a reaction, producing a needed stimulation and, as it is esoterically called, ‘leading to the rending of a veil and the permeation of light.’” *The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 291*

Another way to look at an Avatar is to think in terms of a software upgrade. An avatar is the Programmer’s, in this case Sanat Kumara’s, vehicle for introducing the next version of the program. Many upgrades are of a minor nature,

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sort of like Windows 5.4 or 5.5. the appearance of a Galileo or a Newton or a Shakespeare or a Monet. However the two upgrades we are talking about were/are of very great significance. In these cases they actually affect the motherboard's bios enabling the system to run a completely new program... if you get the idea.

So, 2000 years ago, that avatar was the Christ. The Cosmic Principle which The Christ brought in and reflected through his Living presence and finally anchored in humanity's basic operating system through the crucifixion was Love.

In those ancient days, not everyone was interested in this upgrade since it would result in major changes in the way they did business or, to use the language of esoterica, it would result in "the rending of veils and the permeation of light." There were then powers and forces behind the economic and political infrastructures of the day, both in Rome and Palestine, and indeed the whole, so called, "civilized world", who were not even remotely interested in having transparency, and open programs.

We can, of course, easily see that we have a similar case today.

Another interesting aspect of the appearance of a program upgrade is the process by which an Avatar upgrade is loaded into the system. Although similar, it is somewhat more complex than simply putting a CD into the CD drive and writing the new files onto the hard drive. The cosmic Principle or divine quality and energy that the Avatar program "reflects" actually gets into the system through radiation.

The Avatar's appearance is more like a slow motion but stupendous atomic explosion than a read/write process. You might say that avatar upgrades explode slowly, kind of like the way a Jacaranda blooms or a rose unfolds. The avatar comes in and, over the course of his life, releases the new Principle into the System. The Christ-1 release took 33 years to complete, and was of such great power that its radiatory effect is just now reaching its peak.

The radioactive effect of the release of Love into the system bios of Humanity works in essentially the same way that the radioactive effect of our relatively puny atomic bombs work on the physical systems of people. When an atomic bomb explodes, it releases vast amounts of radiation into the planet's atmosphere.

The radiation penetrates everything including the bodies of the people who are unfortunate enough to

be within the radius of its poisonous reach.

The difference, of course, is that Love's radiation works through the planetary mental, emotional and etheric bodies. It is world wide and unavoidable. Its half life is eternal, and its effect rather than killing people is to bring life and understanding, harmony and Joy to humanity.

So, we do need to be clear about the way these Avataric appearances work. Although it may appear so to many, I doubt that they happen in some sudden flash. From humanity's point of view, they take a significant amount of time.

In addition, we need to understand that we are dealing with the appearance of a Cosmic Principle and not simply with the appearance of an individual person. So far the attention of

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humanity has been mainly focused on the *person* of the Christ, his form existence. For example, there has been a great deal of loud discussion lately about the brutality which Christ went through. The point is not that this literally happened to him, and that it was probably every bit as bad as Mel Gibson's movie shows, but that he endured it with out slipping into hate or revenge or self pity. His comment was, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." The message was that He understood us, and He loved us. His whole life, including these last hours were a model of living love.

During the 2000 years since the explosive release of the Cosmic Principle of Love, a large portion of humanity, enabled by the power of that release, has managed to drag itself out of a great deal of darkness and into that gradually but inevitably permeating Light. I think that the anchoring of the Principle of Love in the DNA of Humanity has been a success. The rending of the veil of darkness and the permeation of the light is assured. There is an abundance of evidence of this success: For example, "...today we have a lighted world; everywhere lights are to be seen and the pitch dark nights of olden times are fast disappearing. Light has also descended on the earth in the form of the "light of knowledge." Today, education whose objective is to lead all men on to a "lighted way," is the keynote of our civilization and is a major pre-occupation in all countries. The removal of illiteracy, the development of a true culture and the ascertaining of truth in all fields of thought and of research are of paramount importance in all lands." *The Destiny of the Nations* P. 147

Also most notable, on a more esoteric note, are the three recent releases of the Shamballa force.

It is my thinking that if the release of the Cosmic Principle of Love had not succeeded, if humanity were not ready for it, Shamballa would not have acted. These three gift waves from Shamballa were the harbingers of the Will-to-Good, "the seed of the future", which is the Cosmic Principle, the quality and energy the Christ is reflecting and anchoring during this current appearance.

It seems, friends, that the Christ-2 upgrade has already been released. The Will-to-Good has already exploded amongst us. Its initial impact was probably a major factor in causing the Great War and defining, in global terms, the difference between the Light and the darkness. Its radiatory effects, including the spread of democracy and the demand by billions for freedom and equality, are growing everyday.

It is interesting to note that the age 2000 years ago into which the Christ emerged as the Avatar of Love had reached an extreme point of darkness and decadence. Today, in spite of the triumphs and gains of humanity about which I have been talking, it seems we have a parallel condition. The present world situation, anyone with an open mind will readily agree, is really gruesome. Evil is abroad. It is very powerful, foreboding and very, very dark.

We recall the words of Shri Krishna from the *Bhagavad Gita*, "Whenever there is a withering of the Law and an uprising of lawlessness on all sides, then I manifest Myself. For the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of such as do evil, for the firm establishing of the Law, I come to birth in age after age." This statement, however comforting it may seem to be, does not indicate a big daddy trip where some awesome

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dude comes in and blows away all the bad guys. The thing about Avatars is that, given the inviolate factor of human free will, they always act through humanity. "...it is intended, as you have been told, that Humanity itself will be the world-savior, working with the aid of the Hierarchy—as yet invisibly behind the scenes.” *The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 539*

At this point, I want to share something with you, something that may seem a bit fanciful and far out, and yet... Well, let me tell you about it. Everyone has heard, I assume, about this notion that is popular just now among many of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters called the rapture. Un-like the long expected reappearance of the Avatar, this notion is an interpretation of some passages in the Bible that tells of God calling home all of his “chosen people.” One day, the chosen ones all suddenly disappear from the physical plane. Only those who are not saved or chosen remain. As I am given to understand, the occurrence of this phenomenon is considered to be a very good thing, and many people are waiting for it to happen.

With all do respect, this scenario does not make a lot of sense to me. It seems sort of like bugging out. And, the Ageless Wisdom, including the Bible, of course, indicates a different solution to the present world problem. After all, Krishna said that when there was a big problem He would “manifest Himself”. That does not sound like, “I will pull all the good guys out and leave the rest of you sinners to stew.”

Anyway, the somewhat fanciful notion I have in mind is sort of the opposite of the rapture thing. You might call it a reverse rapture. It involves all of the people who can operate to a fair

degree from the mental plane, and who under the relentless impact of the radioactive effects of the Principle of Love have developed at least a beginning sense of selflessness. These folks are becoming aware of and concerned for the welfare of others. Suddenly it occurs to these people that they are indeed immortal souls. They are then swept with the single mindedness of the soul to serve and do whatever one can to save ones brothers and sisters.

This probably sounds as far fetched as the rapture thing, but consider the following:

In the *Reappearance of the Christ*, D.K. tells us that, “It must be remembered that the main objective of the Christ will not be to demonstrate power but to make public the already existent Kingdom of God.” *The Reappearance of the Christ P. 163* One wonders how Christ plans to accomplish this.

It must be remembered that the main objective of the Christ will not be to demonstrate power but to make public the already existent Kingdom of God.

Well, recall for a moment the statement about what an Avatar does. An Avatar is, “...capable of reflecting some Cosmic Principle or divine quality and energy which will produce the desired effect upon humanity ... `leading to the rending of a veil and the permeation of light.” *The Externalization of The Hierarchy P. 291* We have already indicated that the new Cosmic Principle that the current Avatar program is releasing into the system is the Will-to-Good.

Also, consider that since the last appearance 2000 years have gone by, and in spite of the present world situation, mankind has, under the influence of the Cosmic Principle of Love, made very considerable progress. Also let us not forget the factor of reincarnation. This is not our first time in incarnation during the past 2000 years. Most of us have been here before.

In addition, many of the reincarnating souls have, over the past 2000 years, reached a point of actually stepping onto the Path of return. Many of our brothers and sisters have achieved certain levels of consciousness, certain alignments and awakening in their centers and a certain capacity for selfless action motivated by Love.

Wouldn't it interesting if there were— as a result of the ages long impact of the Cosmic Principle of Love on the Human BIOS— resident within our DNA or gene make up some string of code, some previously conditioned set of receptors that would respond to, that would be turned on or actuated by the frequency of the Spiritual Will, the new "Principle or divine quality and energy" as it is being released by the returning Avatar? It is conceivable that

people might gradually or even spontaneously realize that they are indeed divine Souls, Sons of God.

Would it not be interesting if there were resident within our DNA or gene makeup some string of code that would be turned on or actuated by the frequency of the Spiritual Will, the new Principle or divine quality and energy as it is being released by the returning Avatar?

Thus they would respond to the released principle; and— since we know that service is the spontaneous effect of soul contact, a soul urge, an evolutionary impetus of the soul, a soul instinct and in fact, the outstanding characteristic of the soul, *Esoteric Psychology Volume II p. 125*— we could expect that these folks would become servers, light bearers, agents of freedom and expressions of human free will. They would become, in a word, Avatars.

Yes, it is a rather fanciful notion. But after all, the word was, "Christ in you, the hope of Glory."

Well, as we all know a very great deal depends upon meditation. Tonight we are concerned with the theme "Light streaming through all." So, in closing let us very briefly review just how this phenomenon actually occurs:

There is to begin with the alignment:

We align our three bodies, physical emotional and mental and make of them a unit dedicated to the service of humanity. We next link and fuse this unit of service with the Solar Angel. Usually then we link with our group brothers and sisters, and together we cross the rainbow bridge into the Triadal Light where we link with our Ashrams and through them with the Christ. In the company of the Christ and his Brothers we make our approach to Shamballa. Invoking the aid of the Monad, we project across the

Bridge of Spirit our deepest intent to serve the Higher Will.

After this alignment and invocation we

hold our selves in the Silence and await the answering inflow of Monadic Light.

This Light will flow back down our alignments. In many cases it will flow down these "T-1 or DSL" lines directly into the soul-infused personality. From that point it will flow through the lower mental body energizing and purifying it. Then it flows through the quiescent emotional body raising its frequency to a state of perfect clarity, and thence into the meditator's etheric vehicle where it finds its way into the head and heart centers and finally, through the blood stream and the central nervous system, into every cell in his or her body.

Thus, as the scriptures say, “When thine eye be single, thy whole body will be full of light.” This however, is not the end nor even the purpose of our meditation. The light which we have brought into our lives does not belong to us, it belongs to the world. Thus the Christ in

concert with all avatars said, “I am the Light of the world.” This light will continue to flow through us into our environments into everyone we meet and everyplace we go. How it flows, how it is shaped is our service.

Tom Carney
Aries 2004

Overlooking the Familiar

The Tibetan says that things most familiar to us, that concern us most, are also often the things that are most overlooked. *Letters on Occult Meditation, P. 259* What is it that concerns us most? What is it that we should understand, or have as fully developed as possible an understanding of?

The way I understand it, as disciples the task is to prepare the minds and hearts of humanity for the externalization of the Hierarchy, which will precede the reappearance of the Christ and set the stage here on earth for the manifestation of the Kingdom of God. There is a Divine Plan for all of this. Persistent meditation and service lead one and all to an ever expanding consciousness and ever increasing understanding of their role in the Divine Plan. Meditation and service purifies the threefold personality through which the Soul is then able to more fully express and demonstrate. This understanding is what guides us in regard to the next step to take along the path.

Disciple, Hierarchy, Christ, Divine Plan, meditation, service, Kingdom of God. These are terms that are familiar to us, things that

concern us most. Are any of them unclear, vague or indefinite? Obviously these terms can't be covered completely here tonight or in one lifetime. I'm going to offer some words on these terms and encourage us all to become more clear and definite in our understanding of them.

Now listen to a couple of sentences, the first is from D.K. in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*. “In the use of words comes limitation, and a clouding of the idea; words literally veil or hide thoughts, detract from their clarity, and confuse them by expression.” *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, P. 150*

And from Alice Bailey in *Consciousness of the Atom*: “No one man's expression of the truth is the whole expression, and the sole purpose of thought is to enable us to build constructively for ourselves, and to work in mental matter.” *The Consciousness of the Atom, p. 18*

So, if you believe D.K. and Alice Bailey to be true and correct, that makes my task easy tonight because you should expect nothing more than to receive partial truth that is veiled and confused. One of the main points being emphasized here is that the purpose of thought

is to enable us to build constructively for ourselves.

A Subjective Synthesis

In *A Treatise on White Magic*, D.K. describes the Divine Plan as: “a subjective synthesis in humanity and a telepathic interplay which will eventually annihilate time. It will make available to humanity all past achievements and knowledge, it will reveal to man the true significance of his mind and brain, and make him the master of that equipment, and will make him eventually omnipresent and eventually open the door to omniscience.” *A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 404

So, at some point in what we now call time, the veil will be lifted and we will experience reality as originally intended. The best part about this Plan is that it is inclusive of all forms of life and relationships.

At that point the Kingdom of God is. We can all, we should all, imagine what that will look like. We are involved. We are co-creators. We have free will. We have infinite potential and the opportunity to use that free will in the creative process to do our part in bringing the Kingdom of God into the present.

We have help. To talk about the Reappearance of the Christ presupposes that what is meant by “The Christ” is understood. The Christ is the Great Lord of Love and Compassion. The Christ, or World Teacher, known in the East as the Bodhisattva and Maitreya, known to Islam as Imam Mahdi, is that Great Being Who has come out before humanity before and will come out again. Upon reappearance, the Christ will finish what was started in ministry 2000 years ago: the guiding of the spiritual destiny of humanity toward the realization that it- we- are also divine. The Tibetan asked Alice Bailey to make it clear that one need not be a member of the Christian Church in order to be affiliated

with the Christ. The requirements, we are told are: love your fellow humans, lead a disciplined life, recognize the divinity in all beings and faiths, and to rule your daily life with love.

When Christ appears again, disciples of the world will be overshadowed. This, we are told will take place primarily on the mental plane. The mass of humanity will respond to the outpouring release and distribution of the energy of goodwill by the overshadowed disciples. The response to the Christ's presence will be that of right human relations. For, quoting D.K. “it is this establishing of right relations which is the major objective of his coming triple activity.”—the triple activity being the overshadowing of disciples by the Christ, the outpouring upon the masses of the Christ consciousness and the World Teacher's physical appearance among men. *The Rays and Initiations*, pp. 615-616 Remember: Christ has never left. The place of Christ's activity will be disclosed depending upon the response from disciples and the masses.

This activity is at the center of a group of Beings Whom we call Hierarchy. Though it was not always the case, today all members of Hierarchy come from the ranks of humanity. Hierarchy is formed of seven major Ashrams, each expressing one of the seven Ray Type qualities, and forty-two secondary Ashrams which are gradually forming. This is happening now! Hierarchy's structure is unlike any hierarchical system that we know. The love, brotherhood, spirit of cooperation and compassion that Those Beings possess is beyond the need for any structure with which we are familiar. The org charts that we see in the Bailey Books are an attempt to give us some representation in terms that are familiar to us, as are the terms “brotherhood” and “hierarchy”. The Hierarchy consists of Those who have put forth the effort, have struggled and have sacrificed to triumph over matter and achieve

mastery upon the physical plane. They have walked where we walk, have experienced what we experience. They have failed, yet they have endured to fully embody the principles that were demonstrated by the One at the center. They are in rapport with the Center Where the Will of God is known. They are able to receive energies from Shamballa and transmit forces for the uplifting of all the lower kingdoms. In *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, we are told to “Forget not that the method of work of the Hierarchy is that of impression upon the minds of their disciples.” ***Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, p. 40**

A disciple is one who seeks to learn a new rhythm, to enter a new field of experience. After lifetimes of lessons, the one on the verge of discipleship realizes that the path of desire is endless and void of lasting happiness. A new path is then sought. In Initiation, *Human and Solar*, a disciple is described “as one who above all else, is pledged to do three things:

- a. To serve humanity.
- b. To co-operate with the plan of the Great Ones as he sees it and as best he may.
- c. To develop the powers of the Ego, to expand his consciousness until he can function on the three planes in the three worlds, and in the causal body, and to follow the guidance of the higher self and not the dictates of his three-fold lower manifestation.” ***Initiation Human and Solar*, p. 71**

And just to keep-up with the veiled and confused motif, we are repeatedly reminded in the “Extract of a Statement by the Tibetan”, that to say disciple “tells you but little, for all are disciples from the humblest aspirant up to,

and beyond, the Christ Himself.” We will do well to remember that a disciple: develops the power of the Ego, co-operates with the plan as best as he can understand it, and serves humanity. (Remember “ego” as it is used in D.K.'s teaching is synonymous with “higher self” and not with the personality aspect that is usually referred to in common vernacular.)

Obviously there are many types of service, both objective and subjective. Service involves rightly assessing one's capabilities, rightly assessing situations and then rightly matching situations and capabilities. It is the Law of Service, we are told, that is intended to govern all Soul activity. ***Esoteric Psychology Volume II*, p. 118**

The spiritual human will tend to accept that which will benefit the group as a whole and reject that which is purely selfish. According to Alice Bailey, one of the best ways of defining evolution is: “The unfolding of a continually increasing power to respond.” ***The Consciousness of the Atom*, p. 20** In the spiritual being this response demonstrates as service. Service is a response to need. After sensing the need, there is an accepting of responsibility to fill that need by the disciple who knows his place in the Plan.

In White Magic we are told that “True service is the spontaneous outflow of a loving heart and an intelligent mind; it is the result of being in the right place and staying there...it is the effect of one human becoming what they truly are, a divine Child of God.” ***A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 188**

How does meditation fit into this plan? We are all meditators here. Continue to meditate. Learn more. Deepen our practice. Never, ever make it routine. Meditation transports the meditator from the sea of believing to the shores of knowing. Meditation plays reveille to the

sleeping cells in our brains. More awake, we recognize more of the interrelatedness of things. For our purposes tonight it will suffice for me to quote what Alice Bailey says in *From Intellect to Intuition*: “The whole object of the science of meditation is, therefore, to enable man to become in outer manifestation what he is in inner reality, and to make him identify himself with his soul aspect and not simply his lower characteristics. It is a quick process for the unfolding of the reasoning consciousness, but in this instance must be self-applied and self-initiated. Through meditation, the mind is used as an instrument for observing the eternal states, and becomes in time an instrument for illumination, and through it the soul or Self transmits knowledge to the physical brain.”
From Intellect to Intuition, p. 87

So, in trying to more fully understand some of these basic and most familiar terms, what seems to me to be the greatest factor prerequisite for real progress and evolution to take place is to know your Self. The First Master, we are told is in fact the self. ***Discipleship in the New Age VII P. 53*** This should not be considered in a separative or selfish idea. It is quite the opposite. In developing and trusting one’s own

alignment, correspondences in the world become evident. That one's thoughts and actions have effects and consequences becomes apparent in all areas of life. To use an example, as one leaves the busyness of the city to take a mountain hike, observations made from increasingly higher positions allow one to realize the interrelationship of land marks and upon return be able to navigate with better skill. Maps are also helpful, but you will never truly know by looking at a map. Maps, books, teachers, in varying degrees can “set ajar the door” and guide us, but we must each find our own way to the Great Ones.

This is an urging to us all to continue to meditate, continue to serve. Be open to impression, open to being inspired. Experiment. Experience. And then inspire others by expressing what we know.

And now, let's lift the veil and dissolve confusion as best we can by opening our hearts and minds to reality in meditation, as we invoke impression from Hierarchy.

Jay Pietrzak,
Pisces 2004