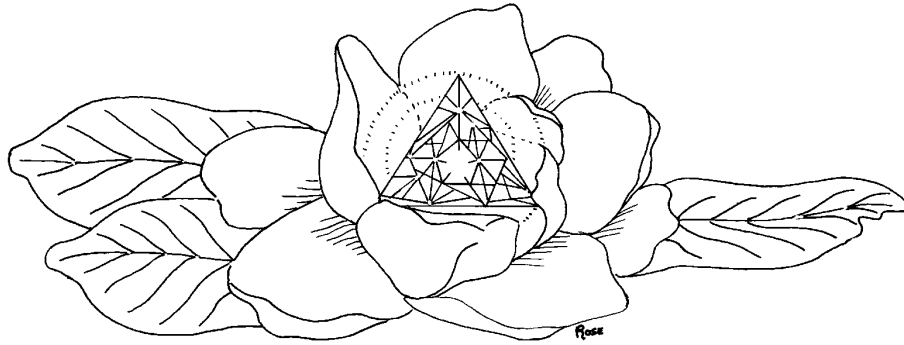


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The Power of Humanity

Good Morning !
 Since it is, actually 8:00 PM or so, you might be wondering, why I am saying Good Morning. It is because I am thinking in a macro, big picture sense. In the BIG picture perspective, the sun is definitely rising. Humanity is spiraling into the dawn of a new age. So, I say to you, **GOOD MORNING!**

When I say the sun is rising, I am thinking of, oh, a lot of things: The Satya Yuga, the Golden Age, the SUN, that big ball of fire in the sky, but I am also thinking of the Christ, the Son of God, who, by the way, is, although a little harder to see, another rather impressive ball of fire.

Like many of you, I have done the Thursday morning meditation on the reappearance of the Christ for years. From the very first time I did this meditation, I had assumed that we were meditating on something that was immanent, like the next day, but after 7 or 8 years, I had come to moderate my conception of immanent to, “one of these days,” and I thought of “preparing men’s minds and hearts” for something that was going to happen “someday.”

Then one early November morning, many years ago now, I happened to be on a beach called Refugio, 20 miles or so north of Santa Barbara, watching the sun rise. The sun, at that time of year is way into the South, and because of the curve of the coastline, the sun appeared to be rising right out of the ocean.

As I watched what was a really spectacular sunrise, I thought about that paragraph in *The Rays and Initiations*, that speaks about the

ceremonial ritual of the daily life of Sanat Kumara. You know the one I mean, It goes, “the ceremonial ritual of the daily life of Sanat Kumara, implemented by music and sound and carried on the waves of color which break upon the shores of the three worlds of human evolution, reveal—in the clearest notes and tones and shades—the deepest secret behind His purpose?” *The Rays and Initiations P. 246* As I watched the sunrise that morning, it was like I was watching the opening movement in this gigantic daily symphonic hologram. It was one of *those* moments, you know, one of those moments that come to us from time to time, one of those *visitations from the inner world* that somehow manage to slip into our busy minds and bring us a moment of clarity and light.

It was a very powerful, very vivid experience, one that stayed with me for days. All I had to do was look within, at that inner screen, and there it was. Just a comment about this kind of psychic experience: What is occurring when we have one of these visitations is that we are suddenly able *to hook up the inner significance* of what we are registering on the dense physical plane, with our brain awareness. If, or rather when, we have that connection—what we call the intuition—really well established, why then we will be walking around, not in the now, but in the WOW, at least until we get used to it.

The Sun Rose, Finally

Anyway, one morning, about a week later just out of the blue, the image of that sunrise suddenly welled up in my mind. The words about revealing the deepest secret came to me, and I realized that I had actually been witnessing the reappearance of the Christ, “...

implemented by music and sound and carried on the waves of color which break upon the shores of the three worlds of human evolution... ."

It was another one of those moments, and I finally got it. You know what I mean here. I knew this. I knew it beyond any doubt or question. Rather late in the game, it seems now, but I knew right then that the reappearance of the Christ and, of course, the externalization of the Hierarchy were unfolding processes, unfolding cosmic events.

Even as we sit here this evening, the Christ is appearing and the Hierarchy is externalizing.

They were, I realized, not something that was going to happen someday—and maybe I would live long enough to see them—but events that were in process. They were events that were happening right then,

that morning on the beach, and that are happening right here, right now. Even as we sit here this evening, the Christ is appearing and the Hierarchy is externalizing.

So, a day or so later, I wrote a little poem in which I was explaining this realization to my still, somewhat amazed self:

“No”, it starts out,

No, I doubt it.
He won't pop in-
Or up
Like some well-done piece of
Morning toast
Ready for buttering or jellying.

Roses reveal themselves
Petal by petal,
A process of fluid motion.

No--I really do doubt it.
There won't be any news flash
Announcing an incredible event-
Or a freak-
Occurring at some unexpected moment
Like a train wreck or skyjack.

I watched the sun rise
From a dark November sea.
It slipped up-gradually,
Turning blacks
To burning oranges,
Palest blues and deepest pinks.
Gently it came,
But irresistibly-
Until it dominated the sky
And was the only Star.

Even then it caught one or two by surprise.

Well, you might be wondering, what does all of this business about a sunrise have to do with the Power of Humanity?

Simply this:

It is quite evident that the reappearance of the Christ as well as the externalization of the Hierarchy are events in process of unfolding. The notion that Christ and his Ashram, the Hierarchy, are going to pop into existence and “save” humanity from the evil clutches of the Dark Forces, actually cuts humanity out of the process. This childish, wish life notion makes of humanity a passive, sort of will-less entity in the Great Unfolding. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. The fact is that these two centers, Hierarchy and Humanity, the 5th and 4th Kingdoms are and have always been,

like everything else in Universe, inextricably intertwined. Nothing under *any* Sun acts or functions independently..., not even nothing.

These two events, the externalizing Hierarchy and the reappearing Christ are going to continue to happen. They are Divinely Willed. Their genesis is on planes that lie far above our cosmic physical plane. They are, "... in effect points of energy, outward moving in order eventually to express some "intention" of the divine creating Logos." *The Rays and Initiations P. 51* I think that there is simply no way that these two events cannot happen, and it is precisely here that the power of humanity comes into the picture. Nothing can stop these two events from *eventually* occurring, but we, humanity, can definitely either accelerate or retard their appearance in time and space.

As the Great Invocation clearly indicates, Christ can only reappear through humanity. "From the point of Love within the heart of God, let love stream forth into the hearts of men. May Christ return to earth." And so it is with Light and Purpose. In order for Light, Love and Power to restore the Plan on earth, these mighty cosmic forces must move through humanity. "From the center which we call the race of man, let the plan of light and love work out." This fact is a significant aspect of the Divine Will that is driving evolution.

Thus, humanity becomes the lynch pin for the entire evolution of the planet. This fact must give us pause. This fact brings home to us the importance of our individual lives, the crucial significance of our individual thinking and our individual actions. This fact helps us to finally understand the deep significance of our pledge to do all that we can to help prepare men's

minds and hearts for the reappearance of the Christ. Also, this is the fact which lies at the core of D.K.'s comment, "...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." *Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 539*

As we know, one's ability to perceive these unfolding events is relative to the level of one's consciousness. The Christ will come and the Hierarchy will externalize itself, planet wide, and *humanity* will know this to be a fact when the consciousness of enough human beings is open enough to reality, to the basic spiritual facts of the ageless wisdom to submerge their little personal wills into the stream of Life, into the stream of Divine Will, and *to consciously and freely choose to have these events occur*. Preparing the hearts and minds of men to be able to consciously and freely choose this course is what D.K. calls the "interim work of salvage."

"From the center which we call the race of man, let the plan of light and love work out."

In his letter of June 1947 concerning the preparation of members of the New Group of World Servers

and disciples for the reappearance of the Christ, D.K. says, "*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*. And in a letter written in June of 1948 he indicates some of the specifics of that job, when he says, "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*

We need to keep in mind that the externalization and the reappearance are unfolding processes, and that the Masters and the Christ act in the three worlds only through the agency of humanity (Christ in you the hope of Glory!). D.K. indicates just how the already existent Kingdom of God is being made public and just how the separateness which exists between man and man, family and family, community and community and nation and nation is being ended. The Ashrams have set up, "...groups of disciples whose quality is oriented towards mankind and whose potency of thought will act magnetically upon aspirants and humanitarians and, through them and their goodwill activities, will reach and impress men everywhere." *The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 539*

So, dear friends, I am not addressing you this evening as a group of computer programmers, or city planners or politicians, or medical practitioners, or lawyers and so forth, although I am sure that all of those occupations are represented. I am addressing you this evening as a group of women and men who are meditators. I am addressing you as a group of externalized hierarchs. These two facts: the fact that we are meditators and the fact of our essential brotherhood, are our common ground, and it is precisely this ability, the ability to meditate that includes us in the ranks of the externalizing Hierarchy and makes us part of that group of hierarchical workers to whom the call has gone out to reveal with greater emphasis the *fact* of the Hierarchy.

This is our work, friends. We are members of the Ashrams. We are trained and practiced in the art of revelation, in the art of moving the

principles and laws upon which the New World Order will be constructed from the formless planes that lie beyond the "sea of knowable things" precisely into that sea, precisely into that space where these principles and laws can be registered and appropriated by the planners, politicians, programmers and so forth. Thus does our work "...act magnetically upon aspirants and humanitarians and, through them and their goodwill activities, ...reach and impress men everywhere." *Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 539*

It is sometimes difficult for disciples to actually move into the ranks of hierarchical service because the service that we are requested to do as hierarchical workers usually does not have a lot of flare. It usually does not have a very big "performance component," and being very much the personalities we still are, we do love the performance aspect, the doing of things that are seen and commented on. I am sure you know what I mean.

The future of Humanity is in the balance, friends, and our meditation work has a very great deal to do with how that balance will tip.

But I am speaking with you all this evening just as a fellow disciple, as a co-worker of yours. I am trying to share with you the utter importance of our subjective work, of our meditation on and for the externalization of the Hierarchy, the reappearance of the Christ, and the principles and laws of Truth upon which the new age will be built. Nothing else that we do is even one tenth as important as those 30 or 40 minutes we spend daily in our meditation ... nothing.

The future of Humanity is in the balance, friends, and our meditation work has a very great deal to do with how that balance will tip. Will it go toward the boot heel of an authoritarian imposed rule that stamps out

human freedom and self-determination? Or will it go toward the appearance of a maturing Humanity, one that can freely choose the path of light and love and right human relations?

At this time, the Hierarchy does not need performers nearly as much as it needs meditators. I suspect that we can all, without exception, increase, at least a little, the time and effort that we put into our meditation. We realize, of course, that as we move deeper into the Ashramic life, we will be spending more and more of our time in meditation. Meditating costs us nothing except perhaps a little time from our other pursuits. We can do it almost anywhere, anytime. Meditating is absolutely the most powerful thing we can do. We know that energy follows thought, and as D.K. as pointed out, our meditative efforts will “act magnetically upon aspirants and humanitarians and through them and their goodwill activities, will reach and impress men everywhere.” *Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 539*

So this evening friends, I would like to express the hope that we will all continue and deepen our daily meditation, “the interim work of salvage.” I would also encourage all of us to participate in the full moon meditation work in the coming year. And those of us who already schedule our lives around these very significant events need to hang in there. These monthly gatherings are more important and more powerful than we can realize. There are also, by the way, groups of disciples who meditate during the exact time of each of the full moons. If you can, try to participate in this work, too.

And now, I closing, I would like to share a brief passage from Master Morya with you. We know that all who take on the dangerous service of revealing the already existent Kingdom of God are protected by the shields of the Great Ones, and have, ever at their backs, Their love and blessings. We expect success in this adventure because the degree of necessity is so great. As the Master said:

“The measure of success is the degree of necessity. You may be sure that one would not leap across an abyss without absolute necessity. The more unavoidable the necessity, the nearer is the step of victory. Let the most dire necessity arise!”

The measure of understanding is the degree of love. One can memorize lines word by word, yet one remains dead if the knowledge has not been warmed by love.

Truly, when one learns to discern the emanations of feeling in others, one will perceive that precisely love above all attracts the Fire of Space. He who said, “Love one another,” was a true Yogi. Therefore We welcome each outburst of love and self-sacrifice. Just as a lever sets the wheels in motion, so does love inspire powerful responses. Compared with the radiance of love, hatred is only a hideous blot. For love is the true reality and treasure.

I do not speak about love abstractly but as a physiologist. I consider that as necessity is the impetus, so love is the enlightener.” Agni Yoga, #424.

Tom Carney, June 2004



PONDERING

By my mind's eye, my heart aches for the memories of glories long past, Lifetime's haunting apparitions, future thermoplast.

Light, . . . oh . . . Light, rescue the drifting mind, a Consciousness in a dreamy midst. Reality, in fleshy robes, yet beyond the dictates of glands and hormones.

Magnetic, pathetic is such glue, let the heart felt be blessed; foundation founded and true. Glory be! . . . in Life's God given present! . . . Soulful Spirit abounding, joy resounding, a foundry in the realm most pleasant.

Stop . . . quietly now, it's in the silence "thought whispers," keeping reverence for the times. For all good is transcendent, leaving the darkness and flesh far behind. Yearn not for past nor future, for all is in the Present bound. All else is for the mind displayed; existence but illusion's parade.

Travel in the essence of Mind, all else is elemental, for the Monad is ever trans-mental. Thus let the thoughts and the words ring true, around a Holy Vortex one must construe, raising a pathway to the heights to enter the Presence of the Light of Lights.

Ray Barlow, April 2004