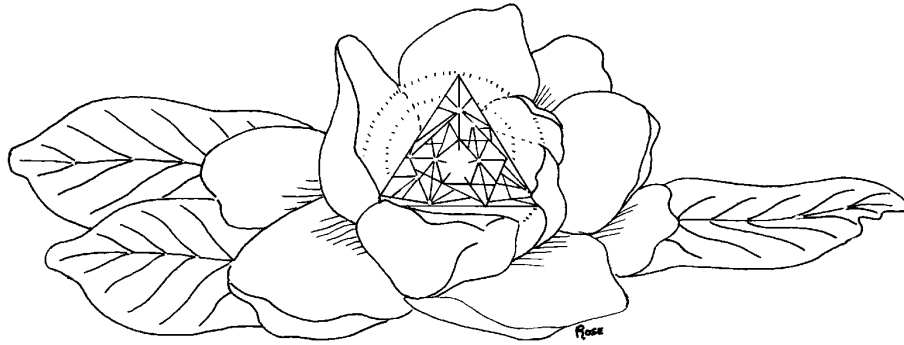


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[The Avatar of Synthesis] is closely related to the Will Aspect of divinity, and His cooperation has been made possible through Christ's Own attainment along the line of the highest, spiritual will. He works under the great natural Law of Synthesis, producing at-one-ment, unification and fusion. His function (in unison with the energy of Christ) is to generate spiritual will in humanity, the will-to-good. *The Reappearance of the Christ P. 77*

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Forget not that meditation clarifies the mind as to the fact and nature of the Plan, that understanding brings that Plan into the world of desire, and that love releases the form which will make the Plan materialize upon the physical plane. *The Externalization of the Hierarchy P.24*

Sagittarius in Aquarius A New Direction For A New Day

I know that I echo the feelings of many of you when I say that I was disappointed with the outcome of the elections in the United States. To realize that our disappointment was directly related to our attachment to the hoped for results of the election must be, I thought, the great lesson of Scorpio. And now, as we are in the process of absorbing this lesson in the need for detachment from hoped for results, we are being confronted with a still deeper lesson. We are coming to grips with the realization that right here in the “land of the free and the home of the brave” right in our own back yard, where justice and liberty for all are the watch words of our infant Democracy, we probably have been subjected to a massive voter fraud and the second actual stealing of the national elections.

Even as I write, many people are in shock and denial regarding this event. This could not happen here! Maybe in those backwards countries in the third world, but here, certainly not! However, there seems to be overwhelming evidence that it did happen here. I was reminded of how shocked people were the first time we learned that some police tell lies. And others even went so far as to actually plant guns and drugs on innocent people. We were—I, at least, was—raised to think that the police did not do such things, that one could be sure the police were protecting us from crime, not committing the crimes.

The age of innocence seems to be at an end. Was this the lesson we have learned this Scorpio? Or is there another, still deeper lesson here? How about the significance of the ancient watchwords, “The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.”?

We all know how we learn: we are, for example, doing something stupid, harmful, damaging to ourselves and our environment. Of this, one could cite many examples both large and small, either of an individual nature or a group nature. But

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whatever the example, we know from numerous direct experiences that we can count on Life to send us a

small message concerning the problem. If we hear and heed the message, we will fix the situation and move on. If we do not hear or do not heed the message, the problem gets worse and the message gets louder. Thus, for example, we start with little dust clouds, and, as a result of our greed induced deafness, we end up with the dust bowl.

During the past 40 or 50 years, as our country began to experience unprecedented economic prosperity, many, if not most of those whom we call the intelligentsia began to experience new levels of material comfort. Our best thinkers—the products of 100 years of expanding democracy through the implementation of the principles of the greatest good for the greatest number—were lulled by this wave of prosperity into a deep sleep.

Gradually, but inevitably they slipped into the cemetery of comfort and consumption. As our best and brightest became trapped in their material coffins, the growing gap between the “haves and the have nots” went unseen and undetected. Rather than sharing the wealth and spreading the fruits of our democratic way of life, they grasped what they had and aspired to move from the ranks of the “haves” into the ranks of the “have mores.”

Thus, at the same time we were experiencing this economic prosperity, we were experiencing a growing loss of interest in the spirit of sharing and service required to make a democracy work. People, becoming caught up in service to the self, “What’s in it for me?” or “You have to take care of yourself first.” became less and less interested in the bedrock of any democratic society, serving the greatest good for the greatest number. Consequently persons who were interested in pursuing their own self promotion, their own financial gains and power rather than the general welfare got into positions of power and control. Getting and holding political offices became, like any other profession, career tracks for self improvement.

As a result of the self focused agendas of these politicians, and the growing disinterest of the intelligentsia, the principles of democracy began to be eroded. Little dust storms began to appear on the horizon. Inclusive programs for the general welfare began to be blown away. Like so much topsoil, they were sacrificed to special privilege, to the self service and exclusive good of the controlling individuals. For example, according to a

recent article by Laura D’Andrea Tyson in **BusinessWeek** The top 1% of households in the U.S. owns nearly 40% of total household wealth, more than the bottom 90% of households combined.

Vigilance had long since been tossed out the window. Those who espoused concern for the common good were vilified and ridiculed as eggheads, intellectuals, humanists, liberals and even as communists. Night, undetected, and unnoticed, was falling very fast. The prosperous intelligentsia slipped ever deeper into a long night’s sleep.

Over the past 50 years, we received many messages regarding this creeping dust cloud of illusory material promise that has all but blocked the light of our democratic life. The messages concerning our foolishness were evident

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in the general decay of the standards of living for more and more of our population in all areas of our social life, in the decay of quality in our educational systems, the rise in crime, alcoholism and drug abuse, the pollution of our air and water, the desecration of our wilderness, and the growing and deepening canyon between the exclusive, privileged and possessive, the so called “haves and have mores” and the people. These messages, growing louder and louder, went largely unheard and unheeded until we found ourselves engulfed in the ravages of the Vietnam War.

50,000 dead was a message that finally but briefly caught the attention of the sleepers. There was a small moment of wakefulness, but this moment did not penetrate to those in the deepest seats of control. The illusion

that the possession of material wealth and power equaled spiritual quality and civic security continued to grow, and soon the cemetery of comfort and consumption once again engulfed the individuals who alone are capable of saving humanity...those individuals who can think, who can tell the difference between truth and lies, between health and disease, between slavery and freedom.

So, in 2000 we had another major message. It appears that our national election was hijacked by self-serving politicians in the State of Florida. The president was appointed by the Supreme Court. Amazingly, this event did not seem to disturb the sleepers in the cemeteries of comfort and consumption. Now, we find ourselves once again in the midst of a preemptive and unjust war in which we are unleashing untold misery on many thousands of innocents, for which we are going to be held karmically responsible.

This lie-based and unprecedented preemptive and unilateral war engaged in by the controllers of our nation seems to have awakened a large number of the sleepers. In the 2004 elections, a massive effort to replace these controllers with a new government was undertaken. Thus we are now in the throes of experiencing the loudest message of all. It appears that again the national elections were rigged and stolen. We are reaping what 50 years of sleeping have sown.

The Point of Balance

That the awaking sleepers were too few and became conscious too late to stop the current events from occurring is true. However, the hope is that these late awakening ones will find the courage and will to stay awake because, it does seem

that we have finally arrived at a point of balance, the point at which we will be making a great decision.

In ***The Externalization of the Hierarchy*** D.K. makes the following point: *"I would call your careful attention to one most important matter. The moment that a point of balance is reached, the moment that those who stand for separateness and materialism, for totalitarianism or for any imposed regime (and consequently an evil unity), and those who stand for the freedom of the human soul, for the rights of the individual, for brotherhood and right human relations, are equal in force, in position and in influence, then the doors of the Hierarchy (symbolically speaking) will open, and the Christ with His disciples will come."* ***The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 651***

It seems to me that the recent elections indicate that such a point of balance may well have been reached. Even though the popular vote count will be very difficult to establish with any true accuracy, it is clear that there is a virtual balance between the forces of retrogression, "those who stand for separateness and materialism, for totalitarianism or for any imposed regime (and consequently an evil unity)" and the forces of Light, "those who stand for the freedom of the human soul, for the rights of the individual, for brotherhood and right human relations". The question then is what to do.

The answer for us, for the disciples in the world, at least, is given on page 300 in ***The Rays and The Initiations*** *"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.... Therefore the call goes out at this time for hierarchical workers to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the Hierarchy.” **The Rays and The Initiations P. 300***

This assignment has been on the table now since the late 1940s, some 55 years. And although many of us have been working on this project for many years, it does not, as yet, appear that we have made a great deal of headway. I do not, for example, know of a single venue outside of a Full Moon Meeting or esoteric gathering or workshop filled with other esotericists where anyone would give the least amount of credence to the Fact of the Hierarchy. The notion of a factual existing 5th Kingdom does not have any viability in any planning group. It is certainly not considered in the deliberations of the United State’s policy makers. If it has a voice in the United Nations, it is a muted voice, a closeted voice.

It seems that people who are conscious members of the world discipleship community and who are in positions at various levels where they can have some influence on the direction of political economic or social policy in any of its various fields bend over backwards to disguise their affiliation with the Hierarchy. They would never dream of revealing the Fact of the Hierarchy by forthrightly and simply stating that he or she thinks such a Kingdom exists and is reasonable.

In all but the actual circles of esotericism, the process that we have been following in the effort to fulfill our assignment to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy **“with greater**

emphasis” seems to be that we put forward the ideas, the bits of the Plan that we are able to contact, the directions for right human relations that we can see, and so forth. But we never indicate the origin of these ideas, or where we get these notions of right human relations and direction. We never mention the Fact of the Hierarchy. Too dangerous.

We have been trying to reveal the Hierarchy by bringing through as much of the Hierarchical Plan as we can without letting people know that it is the Hierarchy’s Plan. This is how disciples have been working for a very long time. This is a great way to inch humanity along the path of evolution, but it does not reveal the fact of the Hierarchy... never has, never will.

We need a new much more proactive approach here, one that reveals the actual connection between the Hierarchy and Humanity. But before we can reveal this connection, we must establish the Fact of the Hierarchy. Maybe this is why D.K. said that “Revelation will come when the world disciples and initiates have perfected the art of revelation.”

Unfortunately, I do not have a recently discovered flask of the ultimate revealer potion, or the magic wand or staff that can reveal the fact of the Hierarchy in a giant flash of light. However, after literally years of pondering on and discussing this issue with countless co-workers, I do have the following suggestions.

I think that it is high time for us, for anyone who thinks he or she is a disciple, to start revealing the fact of the Hierarchy by

“Revelation will come when the world disciples and initiates have perfected the art of revelation.”

saying, whenever the opportunity presents itself, right out loud in what ever venue or environment one moves, that the Hierarchy, the 5th Kingdom, the Kingdom of God is, that it is a fact of existence and that we are prepared to discuss this fact as anyone would discuss any fact. In doing this we must be prepared to be looked at askance, not so much from the general population, as from our own co-workers. I have been dismissed, when suggesting this approach to some, as hopelessly naive, even as dangerous to be around.

However, I think we have been bamboozled by the notion that if people know we think there is a Kingdom of God they will think we are nuts. We will lose our precious "credibility." I ask, in terms of revealing the fact of the Hierarchy, what good has our credibility been?

It is perfectly fine for any person of a religious community of any nature to proclaim the fact of God and to indicate that they believe in God, that a God of some dimensions actually exists. What is it about esotericists that inhibit them from doing the same thing?

I have been to many "non-esoteric" but so called "spiritual" conferences where individuals, whom I have known were D.K. students and disciples in every way, refused to reveal their discipleship. Do not think I am criticizing here. These people were servers of the highest quality and they were doing, in my opinion, a great job of what they were doing, but they were not revealing the fact of the Hierarchy. They were in a sense hiding behind the word, "spiritual." The reason they gave was that

if they spoke about their affiliation with the Hierarchy, about the fact of their discipleship, if people knew they considered themselves to be disciples, it would impair their credibility.

Although I, too, have been very reticent about my affiliation with Hierarchy when among non-esotericists, I have always had reservations about this line of argument. The argument is supposed to be based on practical considerations of one's position. One deals with high level people. One cannot let it be known that one is a disciple, that one knows that there is in fact a Kingdom of God, a spiritual Hierarchy, that the Christ actually exists and is preparing to externalize. If the people, high level or not, with whom one works gets wind of these things, one's judgment would be called into question, one's opinions would lose value,

one might even lose one's connection with these people. Very strange, indeed.

In retrospect, I really think it was fear rather than wisdom that kept me reticent in those

situations when I could have spoken. I think that if I had had real faith in my alignment, and the courage of my inner convictions, if I had, in a word, been imbued with the Lord as Master M suggests, the right words, the appropriate language for the moment would have come into my consciousness. One recalls a recent seed thought, "*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!*"

Thus I advise to accept My Shields, not in recurrence to a saving protection, but to conquer through the blending of consciousness. Hierarchy #149

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. Hierarchy #149

In a piece from *The R Archives*, Master M is talking to the students. These are his words. *“Do not be afraid to speak in terms of the Christ. Do not be afraid to speak in terms of the reappearance. Do not try to hide this event behind veiling terminology. Do not fear how you will be considered by those who know you. If you would be disciples, then prove yourselves as such for this is the word which goes forth to all disciples in the field today. You have My Peace.”* This is no different than the plea made by the Master D.K. *“Therefore the call goes out at this time for hierarchical workers to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the Hierarchy.”* ***The Rays and The Initiations P. 300***

I think that it is simply not enough to talk about the ideas of the Plan. We need to talk about the origins of the Plan, about the 5th Kingdom, about the fact of the Hierarchy. Until we actually bring this Kingdom into the public arena, into the stream of intelligent exploratory discussion, it will remain undefined, unformed, and unintelligible. It is up to us the disciples of the world who have been trained and nurtured for this work to do it. We, who would be initiates, it is up to us to initiate the discussion. I really can't

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think of any way to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy without witnessing to its existence by word and deed.

In all of my travels and all of my working life, the individual disciples with whom I am personally acquainted are among the most level headed, rational, practical, understanding, inclusive and non-prejudiced people I have ever met. In fact, I think and have been taught that the above qualities are hallmarks of discipleship. It is from these qualities of living that our creditability flows, not whether we are putting forward the possibility that the Hierarchy is a Fact. If we who know this truth, who are animated by our love for humanity and who act largely out of these qualities will not reveal the Fact of the Hierarchy, who, in God's name, will?

There is one more aspect to the situation that I think is important for us to come to grips with, not intellectually or theoretically, but actually see it as something that is real and is happening now. D.K. puts it this way, *“The consequences of attaining a point of balance are very close today. Organized evil is not in power; organized good is still quite ineffective, largely owing to the failure*

of the religions of the world to give a true picture of Christ's mission; therefore the struggle for control is with us now. If the forces of evil,

plus the groups of men who seek control of the human spirit (no matter in what country they are found, and they can be found in every single country without exception), become dominant, the doors of evil will open and the life of man will lose its meaning; death will settle down upon our

*planet—death both spiritual and mental. If the forces of good, the work of the New Group of World Servers, and the activities of men of goodwill everywhere prevail, the doors of the spiritual Hierarchy will open and—to use a Biblical phrase—the Hosts of the Lord will issue forth. The Christ Will Come. **The Externalization of the Hierarchy PP. 651-2***

I think this is the situation which we are now facing. These are desperate times. They deserve to be met with courage, optimism and what to some may seem like desperate measures. As Master R has pointed out, *“The seventh ray invokes the first ray via a ceremony of sacrifice; the old form is sacrificed to the new form. Thus you see a place is made; energy is displaced, a new place is made in the world of appearances for the new form which has been created and is waiting for its birth. This active sacrifice is the birthing process of the newly created form.* **Ashramic Projections P.74**

The seventh ray invokes the first ray via a ceremony of sacrifice

To reveal the fact of the Hierarchy we need to make a space for it to appear. Many of the current attitudes regarding the Hierarchy: the notion that we will destroy our credibility if we try to reveal the Hierarchy in any but the most esoteric ways, the visions of the Masters, the constructs, models, images and idols of Hierarchy which have been in use for these many years need to be sacrificed. They need to be let go.

Many of these methods and models have not revealed the fact of the Hierarchy to any but a very small group of persons. Others, it is quite clear, have become, over time, greatly distorted. These distortions

are a big part of the problem we have in our attempts to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy.

These distorted views of Hierarchy have tended to create in the minds of the gullible, an ideal fantasy world of special perfect beings, beings with all sorts of super and non-human powers, beings who meet in the woods with a chosen special few, or other beings who use space ships in which to get around. These, unfortunately are the images of Hierarchy to which most of the general public has been exposed.

We need to accept and own the Hierarchy ourselves. We need to counteract these misleading and distorting images with images of simple truth, images of fact from our own inner and outer experiences and from our own reasoned and intelligent understandings of how the system of the world really operates. We cannot do this by refusing or failing to speak out about what we know.

When D.K. says that we need to reveal the

fact of the Hierarchy, I do not think that he has in mind that we need to reveal it to ourselves, or to other disciples. I think that he means that we need to reveal the Fact of the Hierarchy to Humanity. I am not suggesting that we let go of the Path of Discipleship and Initiation; I am suggesting that these inner paths or ways have not revealed the Fact of the 5th Kingdom to the 4th Kingdom, the fact of the Hierarchy to Humanity.

The Hierarchy cannot be confined to a few dozen “Masters” whom very few people ever see, and those who do are considered highly suspect, even by other esotericists. The Hierarchy is the 5th Kingdom. It is as complex as the 4th Kingdom or the 3rd, 2nd,

or 1st. We need a new vision of Hierarchy, and we need to say what it is. So, I say now, for all who read and or hear this message that there is a Hierarchy, and I am willing to own it.

I think it would great if groups of disciples who are willing to put their mouths where their hearts are, who are willing to risk their creditability would start to write and publish articles, perhaps for a book, on the Fact of the Hierarchy, This would be a book, not for the secret reading of closeted esotericists wanting to be disciples and initiates, but for the people. It would be a book for our brothers and sisters, a book that proclaims, in everyway we can imagine, the Fact of the Hierarchy.

It is a great service ***an essential service*** to meditate on the emergence of the Hierarchy and the Reappearance of the Christ. But this work is, in the Aquarian age, simply not enough. We need to have the fact of the Hierarchy emerge not just in the minds of men, but in the brains of men, in the brains of the intelligentsia, the planners, the actual political, and economic leaders and perhaps most important of all, in the brains of our scientists.

Thoughtline, in which this piece was published, would be more than happy to entertain the possible publishing of any

article that reveals the Fact of the Hierarchy.

The other topic I wanted to put a very brief light on in this Sagittarian issue of ***Thoughtline*** is Peace. I think that in many ways, peace is suffering from the same sort of problem that is obscuring the idea of Hierarchy. To wit, it has become encrusted with many old and outworn thoughtforms that do more to conceal than to reveal it. I think that in the upcoming issues of ***Thoughtline***, we shall make a new exploration into this very basic idea. It is clear to me that peace really has very little to do with conditions where one is asleep, where there are no extraordinary challenges and opportunities that would tend to disturb the status quo. I know that the Prince of Peace, as the Christ has sometimes been called, when last He showed his face by overshadowing the disciple Jesus on this planet, inaugurated 2000 years of thinking that has rather constantly disturbed the status quo.

I do think it is time to discriminate between peace and sleeping. The Prince of Peace, let us recall, carries a sword, "and the effects of his activity may prove surprising to those who see only the needs of the form aspect of humanity." ***The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 252***

Tom Carney
Sagittarius 2004



Season's Greetings

Dear Friends:

First, we wish to acknowledge with our deepest gratitude the numerous gifts of love and light often in the form of money that we have received from all of you over this past year. Without this support, "the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen," we would be hard pressed indeed to keep this heart center in the Heart of the United States bright and radiant.

As, in the light of the Christ, we look toward the New Year, we are filled once again with renewed faith and fresh hope. The coming days are going to present us with opportunities to manifest those Possibilities of the Spirit about which we have been dreaming lo these many years. These coming manifestations will be the stuff of Christmas cards: Peace on Earth, a Humanity based on Goodwill and directed by the Will to Good.

We have dreamed these dreams for many years. Increasingly now we, the disciples who are presently in incarnation, with the willing help of our Elder Brothers, must focus our intent and energies on the effort to actually bring these "Visions of Truth which we call Ideas" into form.

It is our Christmas and New Year's wish for all, our hope, our will that we, the Community in manifestation, will rise to this wonderful opportunity in the coming months.

With Love and Cheer

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