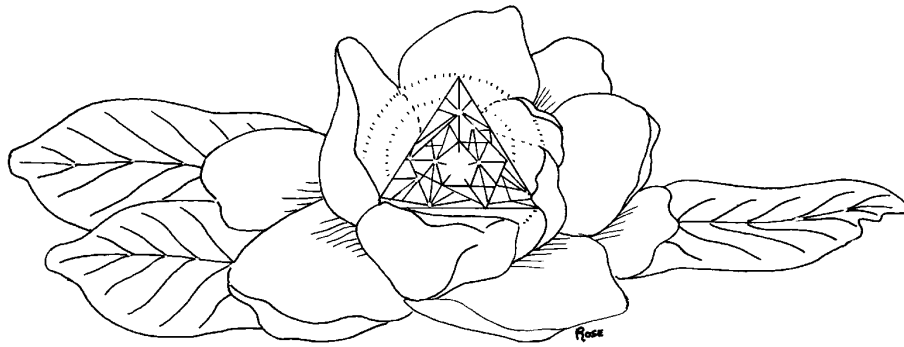


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I would have you remember that disciples learn to work with the plan by *working*; they learn to discover the inner expanding consciousness of humanity by the development of an increasing sensitivity to it; and they find their coworkers in the Plan by the old and tried method of trial and error. ***The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 332***

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The effect of one of you within and upon the human family is far greater than you can see, grasp or sense from your particular perspective. Consider that effect multiplied by many groups of you. ***From the R Archives "The Divine Plan" P.9***

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Key Notes of Taurus

As we come together here in the Los Angeles Basin on this Feast Day of St. George, and on the eve of Wesak, let us keep in focus two major keynotes of Taurus:

The Master Djwhal Khul and Alice Bailey in *The Labors of Hercules* stated "The key to the labor of Taurus is the right understanding of the law of Attraction. This is the law that governs that magnetic force and that principle of coherence which builds the forms through which God, or the soul, manifests." ***The Labors of Hercules* P. 42**

- 1) We are reminded that the soul desires or attracts the polarities that make creation or manifestation of God possible.
- 2) In Taurus, we seek "illumination" and "light." The Christ called himself "The Light of the World."

The brightest star in the constellation Taurus is Aldebaran, which is indicative of the light we shoot for as the goal, the bull's eye. Thus the seed thought for Taurus from the Soul Aspect is, "I see and when the Eye is opened, all is light." ***Esoteric Astrology* p. 403** The word "celibacy," which means "single," is usually interpreted to mean to refrain from marriage. True celibacy is more clearly understood when we ponder on the Christ's expression "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." This is the stage when the soul no longer identifies with the form, and the true marriage is the union of the soul and the persona. This union allows for the positive pole of Spirit to shine through the negative pole of Matter.

To elaborate further the dynamic quality of the law of Attraction, and the wedding of polarities, let us play with the lemniscate, which in our numerical system is represented by the symbol we use for 8. Laid horizontally, it symbolizes infinity. The oroboros, a serpent swallowing its tail, is often depicted as a lemniscate. The Egyptians used this symbol to represent the travels of the sun disk during the course of a year from the perspective on earth. When a photographer takes a photo of the sun at the same time daily, and from the same location for a year, then superimposes these photos on one frame you will see that the path of the sun creates a lemniscate in the sky. Depending on where you are standing on the earth, the lemniscate will be at a slight angle unless you are standing at the equator. The highest point and lowest point of the figure mark the summer solstice and winter solstice respectively. At the midway cross point, we experience the two equinoxes, spring and autumn.

These four points create a cross within the lemniscate and indicate a significant working relationship of the energies each festival focuses. Using this image, Rudolf Steiner imposed the Soul Calendar on the lemniscate of the year, beginning with Easter week near the time of the Spring Equinox. The Soul Calendar is composed of 52 seed thoughts to be meditated upon each week producing a "path leading from the human Soul to the living Spirit weaving through the Universe." (Rudolf Steiner, 1912; quote in *The Soul Calendar and the Lemniscate* by Barbara Betteridge, p. 8) This configuration shows the polar relationship between festivals throughout

the year, and the weaving of energies from one half of the year to the other. If you were to imagine the lemniscate as being like a pulley in motion, and the present moment being focused at the midway or equilibrium point, each festival as it passes through the midway point would bring its opposite festival standing "behind" it. Thus it becomes important to recognize the full relationship of energies we are working with.

The moebius strip gives you a physical means to play with the lemniscate and solve the riddle of how to bring opposites into a working unit; in other words, how to understand polarities. If you take a strip of paper and tape the two ends together, you have created a circle. The problem with the closed circle is that the inside (esoteric) and outside (exoteric) remains separate from one another. However, if you twist the strip of paper once before taping it, you have created a moebius strip, a circle that also looks like a figure 8. Placing the point of the pen on any place of the moebius strip, without lifting the pen, draw a continuous line until you have come back to the starting point. In one smooth stroke, you have connected the inner and outer sides of a circle - a lemniscate. In terms of Consciousness or Soul, wherever you stand on the lemniscate is the point of balance or equilibrium (the twist) that joins in and out, higher and lower worlds, esoteric and exoteric, Spirit and Matter, St. George and the Dragon.

To take this polar relationship and meaning of the lemniscate further, let us look at three other symbols. Think of the symbol used by the Rosicrucian movement of the elongated cross slightly angled and piercing the crown. The Latin inscription upon this symbol is translated as "In this

sign, ye will conquer." The cross, representing the Divine Plan and Higher Will, is impressed upon the mind or crown, thus conquering or directing the manifestation of the Soul's will through its persona instrument. Another related symbol is of St. George, earthly counterpart of the Archangel Michael, piercing the dragon of matter. In actuality, he is not killing or doing away with matter, but rather redeeming, conquering, directing the three lower worlds of the persona to be of service to The Plan. The result would be the oroboros, the serpent or kundalini purified, swallowing its tail, fully residing in the crown chakra, its rightful home. This is the serpent pierced by the sword or cross, no longer split or separative in its expressions. The disciple holds the position of St. George, piercing the lemniscate in any given time, place, situation with his will to unite the polarities of Spirit and Matter. The third and ultimate symbol carrying this meaning is the piercing of the body of Christ at the Crucifixion by Longinus with his spear. Through the release and flow of the blood and water of the Christ into the world, new life, a new dispensation was released into the Earth.

The story of Parzival depicts the path of Initiation. His name has several different translations as well as spellings, and they are related to the keynotes of the Festival of Taurus. One translation of Percival is "to pierce the veil." The law of Attraction allows us to pierce the lemniscate to bring opposites into right relationship so as to be a working unit, bringing to light "As Above So Below." Wolfram von Eschenbach's translation of Parzival is the Spiritual Force of Light that penetrates the Darkness. (Taurus: "I see and when the Eye is opened, all is light.") Keeping in mind that the octave in music is the peculiar balance

of the scale in such a way as to produce movement to the next level by sounding an harmonic note, we come to understand on a deeper level that when the disciple holds the position at the spiral twist in the lemniscate, it is a position of dynamic activity, not static passivity.

As we stand on the lemniscate of the year at this present time of the Festival of Taurus, we must also bring into relationship the energies of the past Festival of Scorpio (2004) as well as the future Festival of Scorpio (2005). The term 'Wesak' comes from 'Vaisakah,' which is the name the Hindus call the constellation Scorpio. Therefore, consider as we open the Festival of Taurus, the Soul Aspect for Scorpio, which is "Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant."

Let us open our ceremony today with an open mind, or crown, and with an open heart or cup, (Chalice as one of the Grail symbols). Let us stand collectively identified as the single Eye (I Am that I Am) - the Spiritual Soul in incarnation. From the Festival of Taurus to the Festival of

Scorpio, humanity is tested through trials and ultimately triumphs, rising as does the phoenix. We learn to see with that right understanding that produces right action. Let us focus the will, the spear of St. George, and pierce the veil as an initiatory act, holding steady in the Light that illumines the darkness of the three lower worlds: mind, emotions, body, and which transforms the darkness, the dragon, the persona, into Light, that the Divine Plan be restored.

The meditation seed thought from Rudolf Steiner's Soul Calendar for the fifth week following Easter harmonizes with the vibration of the Wesak festival:

Within the Light that out of Spirit's deeps
Is weaving fruitfully in Space
The Gods' creation manifests:
In this appears the Soul's own Being
To cosmic life and being widened
And risen now
From narrow selfhood's inner sway.

Joyce Muraoka
Taurus 2005

The Atomic Bomb

“It was inevitable that intelligence and love should be evolutionary objectives on the planet and the first two divine aspects to be developed, for they are qualities of the will; they make the manifestation of the divine will possible....” The Rays and The Initiations P. 120

Many people, especially those in the ranks of the world’s disciples, are aware of the bleakness of our present world situation. However, many of us also can see that the Sun is rising. The Age of Gold is, actually, upon us.

The simple fact, as the quote above notes, is that the Sun could not rise until the evolutionary objectives of intelligence and love had been achieved. We think that the growing appearance of group consciousness, a synthesis of intelligence and love, on the planet is the evidence of that achievement. Group consciousness makes possible the registration and the embodiment the Spiritual Will and its revelation to Humanity through Humanity. We think that this situation is underway now.

The sad and painful conditions with which humanity is truly struggling today and the precipice towards which we seem to be steadily moving are the natural products of thousands of years of a separated self consciousness. They are the natural precipitations of a thought life that exists under the illusion of the Great Lies of Separation, Mortality and Death. This set of factors, and, because energy truly does follow thought, the seeds of these kinds of problems and conditions, exist and operate on every level of human living, from the day to day interactions between individuals and groups, the interactions between individuals and the other kingdoms of nature and the interactions within the fabric of every institution or organization that this consciousness set has created.

That a problem cannot be solved on the level which it was created is a well known platitude. Thus, every effort to ameliorate, correct and adjust these conditions over the years has failed. These efforts fail because, being generated by the same consciousness that generated the problems, they ultimately produce the same kinds of conditions, frequently, with only slightly different dense physical parameters.

The Failure of War

To see this point one has only to look at the condition we call war. War is humanity’s primary method for solving the conflicts which have been naturally and unavoidably generated by the separative self focused and death fearing consciousness which permeates the vision of reality that is shared by the vast majority of humans. These conflicts exist on every level of living from the micro arguments between individuals to the macro problems which crop up between nations and result in conflicts we call world wars.

As a conflict resolution methodology, however, war simply rearranges the pieces and players. It creates a different balance of power. There may result a kind of temporary equilibrium, or what is more common, one side may end up with a position that is so powerful that no other configuration of players can challenge it. Thus there will ensue a period of time— five, ten even 50 or a hundred years, during which the power of the dominant players, the winners of the war, remains so strong that none of the subjugated others, the losers, will be able to challenge it. This period is called peace. (This scenario

works on both macro and micro levels. Thus, literally billions of examples of this situation exist.)

Eventually, however, the separative self focused, death fearing consciousness, which dominates the vision of reality of both the winners and the losers, will inexorably continue to generate the conditions which will upset this balance of power. Each time the balance is upset, humanity is presented with an opportunity to use a different kind of mind-set to generate a new and different kind of solution. However, as long as the dominate mind-set from which humans operate is that of the separated self conscious point of view, we will again, and again and again turn to war to adjust or fix or correct the problem.

The New Consciousness

In the light of the above mentioned platitude—“A problem cannot be solved on the level which it was created;”—it is, perhaps, rather obvious that to correct the problems humanity will have to move to a higher level of awareness. Although it is still not very well recognized, this movement which we call the evolution of consciousness is an ongoing and growing reality. It is this new level of consciousness which we call group consciousness.

This is this evolutionary development that is making the manifestation of divine will possible. In fact, I, and I know many other disciples, are of the opinion that a point of balance, an actual “tipping point” between the old consciousness of separation and the new consciousness of inclusion—from which a new motion may be engendered—has all but been achieved. Soon the new consciousness, group consciousness, will have gained enough momentum and power to reveal on a world scale a new perspective of life. Humanity will begin to move out of these ancient squirrel

cages of death and destruction, pain and misery. Many of us think that this evolutionary development is on-going and moving forward with gathering speed.

Many, many disciples in the past 80 or 100 years have actually managed to achieve soul contact resulting in a relative level of this state of consciousness. Today, although in many cases, rather raggedly, they are living, walking, relatively soul infused persons. In addition many, many more disciples who already have, to relative degrees, soul infused personalities have been incarnating.

The leading edge of discipleship training has, in fact, already moved beyond the efforts of individuals to make soul contact. Disciples who have achieved this goal are working now in group formations on building the bridge, the antahkarana, between the lower and higher forms of consciousness. Also, many of the incarnating disciples have already achieved this goal.

I write and speak about this situation every chance I get. I have been doing so for the past 10 or 15 years. My effort and concern has to do with revealing the fact of the existence and presence, right here, right now of the 5th Kingdom, or as it is known by its Piscean designation, The Kingdom of God.

The Fifth Dimension

Just calling this Kingdom “The Kingdom of God” makes it seem like it is so far out of reach that anyone who would dare say that he or she is a member is seen as either balmy or very deeply immersed in glamour. However, if we can approach the system of lives which exist on the cosmic physical plane in a non-emotional, non-overawed way, it doesn’t take much time to see that consciousness is the divine discriminator or frequency modulator which lets one know when one has indeed

moved from one “kingdom”—or a better, more scientific designation, would be dimension of consciousness—into another. The 5th dimension, this so called Kingdom of God, is, at least partly, characterized by group consciousness as distinct from the separative self-consciousness which currently characterizes the Kingdom of Humanity or the 4th dimension.

The differences between group and self consciousness can be outlined in an intellectual way. Group consciousness in its mature state has passed far beyond the illusory and very limiting self conscious sense of separation, of independent and separate existence from all other entities, beings or whatever.

Group consciousness experiences, sees, realizes the unavoidable truth of the interrelatedness of all life.

Entry into the 5th dimension requires the development of the intuition.

It is at one with the principle of essential divinity. Group consciousness, for example, embraces whole heartedly the fact of the One Humanity and at the same time understands and celebrates the singular importance of the individual and free will.

One could make numerous other intellectual formulations for this list; however, as it is gradually dawning on many old age disciples, intellectual discriminations such as these—exciting and informative as they often are—have not and will not lead to an understanding of group consciousness. The 5th dimension can be approached by the intellect, but it cannot be entered via that route. Entry requires the development and use of the intuition which, incidentally, requires the letting go of our much vaunted and highly treasured intellects. Intellectualizing about what the intuition is will not do it for us. The intuition does not know anything. It does, however, know nothing.

A Group Conscious Perspective

Thus, this state of conscious awareness must be experienced to be grasped. For the difference in seeing and experiencing the world and what is in and on it from a group conscious perspective compared to what is seen and experienced from the self conscious perspective is incomprehensible to a self conscious perspective. One must, and eventually will, simply evolve into this new, new for the evolving one, dimension.

While, for the most part, humanity, over the past many thousands of years, has been fixated in a self conscious examination of its self, evolution, that is the evolution of consciousness, has been steadily moving forward. Today, there are literally millions and millions of human beings who have begun to include this kind of consciousness in their conscious repertoire. These people have contacted the Soul and are beginning the move into that new dimension.

Although a long way from being anything that might resemble a god or a saint or a master of the wisdom, these disciples, these soul connected disciples, are indeed members of the 5th dimension or if you prefer the old connotation the Kingdom of God. As is pointed out in *Initiation Human and Solar*, “... therefore, a man who has taken the first initiation is one who has taken the first step into the spiritual kingdom, having passed out of the definitely human kingdom into the superhuman.” ***Initiation Human and Solar P. 10*** As I mentioned, many of these disciples are now consciously engaged in the group work of bridge building, and in the work of developing and using the intuition.

Group affiliation and the existence of the bridge into the Triad are absolute

requirements for this leading edge work. It isn't that one is denied the chance to do this work, it is simply that it is not possible to enter the Triad, contact the higher fields of awareness wherein the Spiritual Will resides **and then impress the lower mental substance with these insights** without the construction of the bridge, the use of the intuition and the presence, both revealing and protective, of the group. The bridge can only be constructed by a soul infused personality, and, "As the individual disciple builds the rainbow bridge, the antahkarana, and as a group of disciples build the group antahkarana, they make possible the 'Triadal perception'.... When the disciple has flung one strand of living light (through the power of magnetic love) across the space separating the Triad and the personality, he discovers that he is a part of a group." ***The Rays and The Initiations P. 119***

Today, those disciples who have found their groups, and established a link with the Triad through the building of the antahkarana and the development and use of the intuition are actively engaged in the next phase of the Great Unfolding Purpose of Sanat Kumara. Since it is the energy of the "sixth and seventh spheres of activity," the energy of Spiritual Will, pouring into their consciousness, these disciples are hard at work trying in every way possible to embody and thus to manifest or reveal the Spiritual Will within the conscious awareness of humanity.

The Creation Of A New Paradigm

It has become apparent that most, if not all, of the concepts that we work with are in need of a re-visioning process. The meanings and values that have been assigned to these concepts have, for the most part, been derived from the use of the intellect, specifically the lower mind and even more specifically the separated self conscious lower mind. In addition, humanity has spent countless hours

in reading, listing, organizing, memorizing, cataloguing, comparing, contrasting, organizing, dividing, joining, writing books and compiling compendiums, dictionaries, encyclopedias and otherwise processing the various statements and opinions—of which there exists an uncountable number—regarding these concepts. As a result, we invariably see reality in terms of dense physical forms rather than ideas and principles, and we identify ourselves, our existence with these forms rather than with the subjective reality, the world of principle which is their and our genesis. Thus, we need to create a new paradigm, a group conscious paradigm.

One such concept that is presently in need of re-visioning is ***embodiment***. In the old lower mental, self conscious idiom, the concept of embodiment focuses on the individual form. The form becomes the concept. The only kind of progression that can be made is to extrapolate the old form into new forms. The new form is never derived from the concept, rather it is a "new" iteration, a logical next step based on the old form. Thus we have revolution instead of evolution. The faces and names change, but the game is essentially the same, the effort to dominate and subjugate in order to assure one's self that one is.

So, although we have spent uncountable hours in revolving or processing the data concerning the concepts and the embodiments of the forms of concepts, we have spent very little time actually thinking about the concepts themselves. It is very important to understand that, while interesting and exciting, processing data and building the next logical form is not thinking. These are lower mental or intellectual activities. Our modern computers are the dense manifestations of this ability. Computers are smart, and they will

become very much smarter; however, they do not, and they never will, think.

Thinking does not involve the use of forms. Thinking is the process of synchronizing one's frequency with that of the concept. In this way, one understands the concept through one's total

resonance with it. There is no form involved in this process. One understands by becoming or, to use the term in its higher sense, embodying the

concept. Principles are living beings. When one intuitively achieves synchronicity with the frequency of one of these lives, one "knows" the life; however, one does not know any thing.

Thus, under the growing influence of the 7th Ray, the concept of embodiment as seen from a group conscious point of view is vastly different from that assumed by the old consciousness. When the 7th Ray provides the lives that will embody the Laws and Principles upon which the new culture and civilization is destined to be built, it involves, not the creation of forms or idols but an appearance.

In the group conscious paradigm the concept of embodiment becomes an active creative kind of energy distribution. So to embody means that one becomes the concept by merging with it on the buddhic plane. Only then can one give birth to the essence that one is through creative generation of an appearance that sees and meets specific needs in time.

The embodiment does not manifest as the next logical step to an old form, thus carrying the existing system through a next revolution. Nor does it manifest as an addition to the structures of dogmatic rules and prescriptions generated to ensure the permanence of the form. The appearance is generated from the concept. It is an energy field, and it will persist only so long as it fulfills its function or meets the need for which it was precipitated into an appearance.

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How we live our daily lives, how we say, "good morning", how we drive our cars, do our jobs, or otherwise use our economy, these are all appearances of our embodiment of the law of right human relations. Such an appearance may last only as long as it takes us to check out at the grocery store, but its frequency will reverberate in the etheric field of that store for some time. And, if our appearance is fortified by other appearances of the law of right human relations, eventually the store will contain a frequency of the life we call the law of right human relations. Sensitive people are able to register these frequencies wherever they exist. This is how evolution works.

Finally, I think we must at least begin to try to give a new vision of what we so lightly refer to as the Spiritual Will. I have two preliminary points to make about this concept.

First, the way in which we have seen, and still, by and large, do see, the Spiritual Will suffers from the same kind of distortions that inflict most of the concepts with which we are working. The Spiritual Will has been characterized by the self-conscious lower mental processes of the intellect. In this old

view the Spiritual Will is most often seen as a power thing. It is God's will operating through various forms on the dense physical plane and the lower three worlds. Thus, the Spiritual Will was imagined or imaged out in dense physical terms and frequently given as the explanation for massive earthquakes, volcanoes, tidal waves, plagues, explosions and so forth. God's will was seen as huge, powerful and destructive. This expression of His will was very frequently seen, and could only be seen—given the point of view of the separative self conscious observer—as God's way of punishing wayward humanity and righting the errors which humans had made and the sins which humans had committed.

All of these things, the earthquakes and so forth, are undoubtedly—in some very esoteric ways which have to do with decisions made on levels higher even than that of the Cosmic Physical Plane—effects of God's Will. However, attributing personal, mostly vindictive, motives and such to God is an example of how the personal, self conscious lower mental equipment works. Will, the Spiritual Will does not get personally involved in destruction. God does not go around declaring war and smashing stuff. It is the illusion of separation that generates wars and involves human beings in acts of personal destruction.

We have had the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb. We know from bitter experience how destructive these releases of energy were. Now, we are experiencing the Atomic Bomb, the release of the energy we call the Spiritual Will. That the release of the Spiritual Will will cause great and total destruction of many, many forms is undeniable. D.K. says as much. "Therefore the call goes out at this time for hierarchical workers to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the Hierarchy. This—if done on a

large scale and through proper organization—will destroy on a large scale the present world structure in the field of religion, of economics, and of politics; it is already doing so." *The Rays and The Initiations P. 300*

It is how this destruction occurs, and the role that we play in its release that is of moment for the Disciple of synthesis. There are some very great differences between the destruction caused by the Atomic bombs and that which is and will continue to be caused by the exploding Atomic Bomb. Also, working with the revelation of the Will is a building process. Disciples seldom are directly involved in the work of form destroying. We engage in the work of embodying and revealing the Will of God.

The time factor is a major consideration here. This is not a flash, bang thing like the atomic bomb. The revelation of the Spiritual Will will not result in the almost instant death of 75,000 to a 100,000 people or the nearly complete destruction of a city with 90% of the buildings collapsed or burned as it did in Hiroshima.

The revelation of the Spiritual Will is very much like the sunrise, a sunrise that lasts tens and hundreds of years. The aspect of the Will with which we are presently working is Synthesis. This will energy in the creation of synthesis is powerfully destructive to the forms that have imprisoned the life force that is needed to create the new synthesis.

It seems that the energy of synthesis works through a fourth dimensional, simultaneous process of radiation and absorption. As the Light grows in the positive, radiated pole, it magnetically attracts the life force from the negative pole. When the Life force leaves the negative pole the forms which imprisoned or embodied the life force, that gave it

appearance on the dense physical planes disintegrate. They decay and collapse because there is no life in them.

Those who cling to these old ways, these old institutions and customs, pass away with the forms that represented the old manifestations. They too are souls, and they too are immortal and thus will incarnate again in a new world. This is the process of evolution.

The sun is rising, but it can rise only through our efforts. Humanity must save Humanity. As the Master of the Masters said,

"Rossul M., what is a way to Us, when the whole world is awaiting Us?"

Then, taking His bamboo staff, He traced a square around the impression of His foot, saying "Verily, by human feet."

And making the impression of His palm, He surrounded it also with a square. "Verily, by human hands."

Between the squares He drew the semblance of a pillar surmounted by an arc. He said: "O how Aum shall penetrate into the human consciousness! Here I

have drawn a pistil and above it an arc, and have set the foundation in four directions. When by human feet and human hands the Temple will be built wherein will blossom the pistil laid by Me, then let the Builders pass by My Way. Why should We await the way, when it is before Us?"

Then, rising, He effaced with His cane all that He had drawn.

"When the Name of the Temple will be pronounced, then shall the inscription emerge. In remembrance of My constellation, the square and nine stars shall glow over the Temple. The sign of the foot and the hand shall be inscribed above the Cornerstone." Illumination, II:V:5

So friends, with courage and the stamina, we have the opportunity now to "pass by His Way" and build the new temple wherein the pistil laid by Him will bloom. The name of the Temple, I am very sure, is Brotherhood. This name is destined to light up the sky for the New Age, The Age of Gold or as it is known in the ancient language, The Satya Yuga.

Tom Carney
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