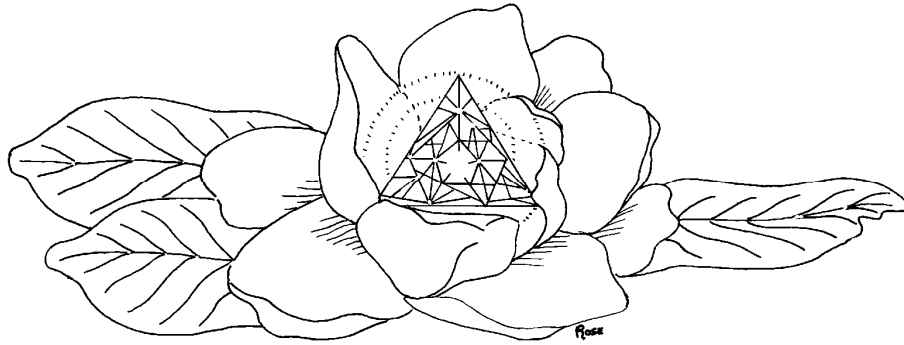


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Opening The Heart

As the Bible says: "The love of God is shed abroad" in the human heart, and its transforming, magnetic and radiatory power is essential for the reconstruction of the world and for the establishment of the new world order. Upon the unfoldment of the heart centre, and on an intelligent relation of mankind to the Hierarchy, with the consequent response of man to the energy of love, all disciples are asked at this time to ponder and reflect, for as a "man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Esoteric Healing P. 157

It is interesting to contemplate the role of the heart. For many, it is simply a four chambered blood pump. As long as it beats, one lives. If it stops, well, we do what is called die. This is the view of the heart if one is looking exclusively at existence in the dense physical world. But for those of us who reach a bit wider in our understanding of Life, the heart is a symbol for many things, and beyond that, the heart is a deep abstract concept rich in meaning and significance.

In the Western World, the heart as a symbol is as ubiquitous as the cross. Its most frequent symbolic use is for love or affection. I find that the use of this symbol in this fashion is growing. I correspond with people who sign their e-mails, "I heart you.", or "I am hearting you." And they add a little heart symbol.

The other day, my wife said I was pestering her. I thought about that. When I think of a pest, I think of a little bug thing, like a mosquito or a fly that is buzzing around. So, if pests pester people, then I suppose that hearts can heart other hearts. There is a song about that. "Hearts can inspire other hearts with their fire." Could it be that when a noun like heart begins to be used as a verb, it indicates that people are beginning to get in touch with the deeper meanings of the concept.

Well, one could go on indefinitely here. The use of the heart to symbolize how one is feeling extends over the entire scope of human emotion. Besides love, passion, desire, hope, happiness, gratitude,

appreciation, we will find loneliness, sorrow and pity including self pity. Also, any number of darker kinds of emotion have a home in the heart, like anger, jealousy and one thinks of Marianne Moore's line. "Hate hardened heart, oh heart of iron...."

We know, being esotericists that the proper home for most of these feelings including much of what goes under the name of love is not the heart but the solar plexus or, to be consistent in the naming of organs, the stomach. Usually, when someone says I love you, what they mean is that I have great feelings of passion or desire for you. Nothing wrong with this. It is a thoroughly human thing to do.

I Love You

However, in many cases, saying I love you indicates that there is more, much more than just some kind of physical desire being expressed. There is much of a mental nature in the "feelings" that human's have toward one another. Thoughts, conceptions, beliefs regarding value and worth and general concern for and appreciation of the other person are integral parts of the many extensions of the "feelings" of love we might have toward one another.

Having such considerations is something that animals can not do, and it is these thoughts or conceptions or hopes or wills that, being present when the strictly instinctual and physical aspects of the feelings or desires began to cool as they frequently do— well, not entirely we hope, but at least they begin to play a different if

not lesser role in the relationship— it is these kinds of mental constructs that will lift the inclinations of the lovers up out of the solar plexus, into the heart and sustain the relationship over the many remaining years of the partner's lives.

Now, it is exactly within the depths of these kinds of long term relationships that the heart begins to perform its true heart function. This is a function that is not possible for the solar plexus or the stomach to perform. This function is also beyond the power or ability of the brain or lower mind, to perform. If we can understand this, we will understand that this function is what heart *means*, and *doing it* is what the heart signifies.

This heart function begins in a psycho-chemical evolutionary process we call transmutation. From there it moves into a process which equally involves the evolutionary psychic aspects of human nature called transfiguration. This stage of the heart process ends with something we call initiation and a condition in which the man or woman is no longer just a man or woman but has become the heart. Thus we have the expression, "He or she is a great heart."

Mother Theresa, comes to mind. Albert Schweitzer comes to mind. Martin King and Eleanor Roosevelt come to mind. And again, this condition is not confined to the well known personalities on the world stage. I had a grandmother who was a great heart. My wife's father was a great heart. I am sure that many of you have had parents, relatives, friends who were Great Hearts.

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Well, these concepts move us into a whole new dimension where the heart is concerned, and it is about this dimension of the heart that I wish to share some thoughts with you this evening.

Let me go back a moment to the notion that to generate the necessary psychic field for any true or higher heart function to take place one must have an established and functioning long term, in depth relationship. We understand that the heart is not fickle. The heart does not tremble. The heart does not hesitate. Sitting on the fence trying to make up its mind is not a heart function. The heart does not change with the weather or the mind. Rather the heart changes minds and the weather. These other reactions, these aberrations and

hesitations are all problems or fluctuations of the lower mental or emotional equipment. The higher heart functions occur instantly

with 100% accuracy.

So, when I made that remark about long term relationships a moment ago, it may have sounded as if I were referring to 20, 30 or 50 year long marriages. It is true. I was thinking of marriages in the conventional sense, but I was also thinking of a disciple's marriage to the Path. In all true marriages, paramount among the things that matter, are these two: fidelity and perseverance.

It is my view that most of the time when we encounter a co-worker who has such an established relationship with the Path, we are very probably dealing with one of the New Kids on the block. These men and women, friends and co-workers of ours, and some times, as one's current incarnational age goes, very young men and women, are actually returning

disciples. They have achieved, during previous incarnations, a relatively high point of advancement on the Path. However, before they will generate the psychic field in which the heart, the engine of straight knowledge will function even a tiny bit, even these relatively advanced brothers and sisters must have re-established their previous link with the Soul and or the Ashram and maintained it for a sufficient length of time to indicate to the watching Great Ones their dependability and courage.

It seems obvious to me that the vast majority of disciples who are truly disciples will have been Path walkers for a number of lives. So, these New Kids are really Old Souls. What we see in each other's behavior indicates the kinds of issues that we have been trying to transmute for any number of incarnations. Very little of what we see in a brother or sister is a currently generated issue.

And we must remember, that disciples do not deal with "personal" problems. Disciples have come to realize that there are no personal problems. That's what makes them disciples. This point of view is truly what is meant, or should be meant by the much abused and misunderstood concept called group consciousness.

The problems or issues disciples are facing in their daily lives are not their personal problems. They are the bits and pieces of humanity's problems and issues for which they have accepted the responsibility of transmuting. The transmutation will go forward within one's own heart, one's own life. True. However, the objective and

understanding is that if one can transmute some specific issue, if one can lift some bit of human living up into the light, one is lifting all of humanity with it.

It is this, I think that Christ meant when he said, "I, if I be lifted up, will lift all men with me." This is a very different attitude than working on one's personal problems. This is group consciousness.

Occasionally we encounter brothers or sisters who are having trouble just staying focused on the path. They are not able to establish a meditative rhythm or a steady service dependability. In such a relationship we are probably dealing with an Old Kid, a well developed personality, but a brother or sister who is relatively young in the relationship with the soul, a relatively recent discoverer of the Endless Way.

This soul will be working on transformation on trying to move from a solar plexus focus to a heart focus. These folks are very much dealing with personal problems. In these cases, loving understanding, patience, and compassion work. Criticism and or compulsion will fail every time.

Today, especially in the Western countries, where we have spent the past 2500 plus years developing the lower mental equipment, a lot of these beginner type folks will be very smart. Strange as it seems, we will be dealing with very intelligent solar plexus focused people. It is harder for these folks to make the move to the heart than it is for the not so intellectual type because of the kind of separative mental attitudes that need to undergo transformation.

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However, once the highly developed mental equipment really discovers the power of the heart, transmutation can be exceedingly rapid. Once seen, the way of the heart becomes common sense to the truly intelligent person.

So, what exactly is the role of the heart in the case of the disciple who has demonstrated through living that he or she is indeed a Path Walker. Well, quite bluntly, the heart provides the psychic energy field we call intuition. The heart sits between principle and need, and when it is open and functioning, the heart relates these fields automatically and instantly.

This is true Thinking, "Thinking in the Heart". Its product is what Master M calls straight knowledge. It requires no commentary, processing, organizing, categorizing, weighing, measuring and so forth. There is nothing to "work on". The heart, doing nothing, becomes a link or a channel through which Principle in its purest state can move into a relationship with substance, or to put that in another way, the heart is the field of Spirit through which Divinity passes on its way into Matter. The heart is Spirit. The heart is Love. This process is instantaneous. It takes awhile for the disciple to even register that it is happening.

Finally, what does all of this have to do with us now, in Cancer. Well, what we are dealing with now is a significant release of The Will To Good, a gift wave of the First Principle. In Gemini, this wave came in from deep space like a giant Tsunami crashing into the planet.

Excuse me a minute while I talk a little esoterically, but I find the Ray make up of

Cancer quite interesting. We have Rays 3 and 7 coming through the sign. And we have Ray 6 coming in via Neptune, through the Exoteric, Esoteric and Hierarchical Rulers. So, we have Active Intelligence flowing through Ceremonial Magic and Order accompanied by an exceedingly healthy dose of the 6th Ray's one pointed Devotion and abstract idealism.

To me this indicates that the world discipleship community has the opportunity to dominate the kind of embodiments through which the inflowing Life Principle released in Gemini will manifest. The world discipleship community has the opportunity to build forms of appropriateness, forms that work to meet immediate need. The massive in flow of the one pointed 6th Ray— which we, due to our misunderstanding of the nature and purpose of the dense physical plane, have been taught to think of as always **flowing out** of this hated life in incarnation toward some fantasized ideal life after death— The massive **in flow** of the one pointed 6th Ray could guarantee the creative fidelity to the Archetype in the 7th Ray embodiments of the Will To Good.

Of course, the world discipleship community has to "step up to the plate" here, has to take some initiative to do this. We all, I am sure, realize that the forces of retrogression will not be sleeping through the coming cycle.

So, in closing, let me make just one more rather important point. Just now, in the unfolding of the Plan, The United States happens to be the most powerful nation in the world, probably the most powerful nation that has ever been on the planet. It is my opinion, and the opinion of many,

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many others that this country is not being led by the heart. It is being led by the solar plexus controlled lower mind. It appears that the forces of greed, avarice, gluttony, and hubris, just to name a few, are determining this country's interface with humanity. So, the United States is not only the most powerful nation on the planet, but, quite probably, the most dangerous too.

As I see it, the opportunity that faces the modern disciple, at least in this country, is to transmute or lift our misguided personality into the Light. To do this we need to bring about an opening of the heart in this nation.

Los Angeles, as we know, is the undisputed heart center of the United States. It would seem, therefore that we who live and work in the city of the Angels are tasked with a major role in this effort.

I am an esotericist, which means that I work with energy. Therefore, the ways that I suggest to facilitate this task will deal with using our skills as meditators, as skilled invokers and directors of energy.

It is quite possible that the city of Los Angeles was not named by accident. So, one of the first things that we can all do in this work is to adjust the relationship we have with the Angelic forces of the Heart Center. Starting this evening, I think that it would be of great benefit for those of us who can, that is those of us who know how, to invoke the aid of the Devas of Los Angeles. These Beings build what we direct. In this sense, they embody the city. We can work with them. We can ask that they build only in fidelity with the Archetype,

with the Plan. Try it, you will like it, if you're an esotericist anyway.

I would also suggest that all who are able try to focus some meditative time on Los Angeles. For example spend a few minutes on simply seeing, not visualizing, but seeing, Los Angeles, the heart center of the nation, opening, unfolding petal by petal like a giant rose. Then see the aroma of the heart as a magical Light substance flowing out into the fabric of the national mental body, bringing the frequency of goodwill and joy into the lower mental and emotional planes and forcing out or transmuting the selfishness, the greed and so forth. This will stimulate, influence and encourage those who are working in the day to day struggle of national Life.

One more point. When we sound the Great Invocation, let us do so as a clear directing consciousness rather than as a supplicant for aid.

This work is very much like being Mary who goes about our rose garden searching out these little green worms, these thoughts and feelings of ill-will and separative desire, which are feeding on the rose leaves and removing them, one by one. Only in this case, the garden is the national mental and emotional life and we are the gardeners.

You all know of course that diligent gardening leads to glorious full blooms, blooms of promise and more abundant Life for all beings. And, of course, we all know that the Jewel in the Lotus lies in the center of the heart.

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