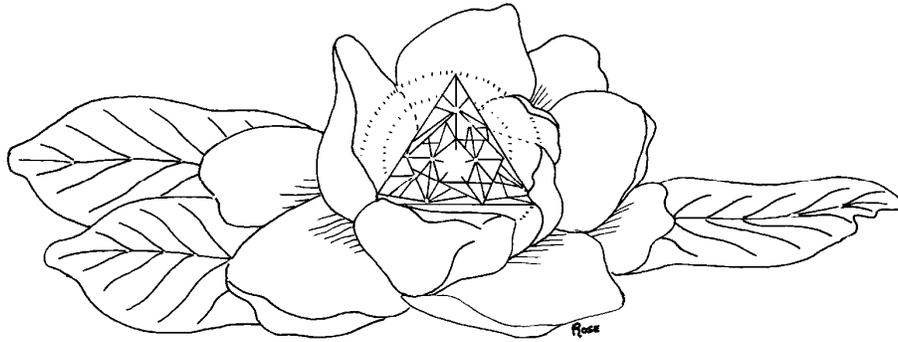


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In fulfilling My Will, thou givest Me the possibility to fulfill thy will. Where is the boundary line between the wills that strive toward Light? One should remember that We lead those who have entrusted themselves to Us along the ways of tested Magnets. One may trust the helmsman who has crossed oceans. Let fear not touch the tested heart! *Hierarchy*, 40.

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The exclamation of the Christ, "Father, not my will, but Thine be done," indicated His monadic and realized "destiny." The meaning of these words...is an exclamation evoked by the realization of monadic awareness and the focusing of the life aspect within the Whole. *The Rays And The Initiations* P. 314

The End of Isims: The Beginning of Unity

Friends, this moment which comprises our lifetime is but a tiny fraction of the Endless Path of countless kalpas over which humanity has been traveling toward its destiny. We know that, as on any trail, there come moments of great significance. There are places, turns, swamps, crevasses on the trail, even places where the trail seems to disappear.

These are the places where human history is made. They are places of high danger, points of extreme crisis and opportunities for great growth. They are places where Principle is in the balance, where The Forces of the Light and the Forces of Retrogression meet. The free choices we make as we face these challenges determines how the Great Unfolding we call evolution will proceed.

For example, we have Elizabeth's response to the Spanish Armada, The Founding Fathers' response to the tyranny of England and George the 3rd, Abraham Lincoln's response to slavery and the threat to the Union, The Free World's response to the rise of Fascism in Nazi Germany, America's response to the terrorist attack which destroyed the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Thus Humanity moves relentlessly, if not always directly, toward its destiny. We make the Path, as it is said in the Ageless Wisdom, by becoming The Path. In these moments of deep significance we define ourselves. We always choose our own way along the Endless Path.

This time, friends, this time right now, the time in which we are living today is one of those moments of great significance.

Most, if not all, of my immediate, and not so immediate acquaintances are old warriors, acompañantes. We are veteranos of many campaigns in many previous incarnations during the ages long struggle between the Forces of Light and the Forces of Darkness. I think that, as always in the past, we have once again incarnated as a group.

We seem to know one another instinctively. We have a particular, if somewhat peculiar, point of view. We share a number convictions with one another and the Masters who lead us all. For example, Master M's comments regarding our work: "The new must be seen as urgent and useful. Inapplicable abstractions have no place. We are weary of air castles." Also, we tend to be a "hands on group." In this we follow the examples of our

leaders down the ages, it is our special lineage, the lineage of the warrior. As Helena Roerich observes in her letters, "In their earthly lives, all the Great

Teachers applied their thoughts expressly to action, expressly to construction. Not one of Them tried to withdraw into anchoretic life. All of Them labored with human hands and human feet toward new achievements. Therefore, one must insist upon action, for air castles have no place. And at the present time this is more necessary than ever before, as humanity struggles against the gigantic attacks of the dark forces." *Letters of Helena Roerich I, 18 October, 1934*

Time Perspective

One of the hardest issues that we have to work with as we face these challenges is the myopic view of people in general and even with some of our co-workers. This is not a criticism. It is just a fact that we humans tend to have very short attention spans and as far as history goes, extremely short time perspectives. For example, the remark above,

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“And at the present time this is more necessary than ever before, as humanity struggles against the gigantic attacks of the dark forces.” was published in 1934. People will dismiss this remark as no longer applicable because it was made “last century”, but the warriors all know that it is more pertinent now than then.

As you know constant vigilance is an essential of the warrior, and the question always at the forefront of our minds is “Why this, and why now?” Why is Humanity standing on this brink of change just now. I think that those of us who are warriors who incarnated at this time, are really beginning to get a handle on this question.

The Warrior

The assault—and friends there is no other word to describe the intentions of those who would derail the evolution of consciousness, than assault—the assault about which Helena Roerich speaks has been ongoing from the beginning. “It would not be correct for a battle to disrupt the current of life. ***Battle is our destiny, and one must simply include it in the daily plan.***” *Agni Yoga* 179 It is not important to argue or to try to pin down dates about when this present escalation started. It is very important for us to realize that it has been ongoing and getting more ferocious over the years. The battle is raging right now at an unprecedented level. This is not the time for “Inapplicable abstractions”, and air castles, truly, are a disservice to our efforts.

While it is not important to try to give a start time to the present escalation of the Ages long struggle it is of some value to realize the motivation driving the Forces of Retrogression. They are simply re-acting to the growing power of the Forces of Light. They are reacting to the emerging Hierarchy and the reappearing Christ.

When we speak of the externalization of the 5th Kingdom, and the reappearance of the

Christ, we tend to think in forms. Thus we scan the skies looking for the Christ to pop in or some of the Masters to get elected president. This is form focused data processing, creating self conscious wish castles in the air.

The Evolution of Consciousness

It is not this kind of wishful thinking to which the Forces of Darkness are reacting. They are reacting to the actual documentable evolution of consciousness which is occurring everywhere in the world. It is the unfolding of group consciousness that is driving the present upheavals on all planes in the Three Worlds, and it is the evolution of consciousness that is motivating the reactive ferocity of the Dark side.

What dearly needs to be understood is that group consciousness is the quality of Life in the 5th Kingdom. The growing appearance and manifestation of group consciousness within humanity is literally the reappearing Christ. The externalizing Hierarchy is the Christ’s Ashram.

This is not an idle statement. It is not a wish or an air castle. The interplay between Humanity and Hierarchy, the rapidly expanding group consciousness, the awakening of many, many millions to their own dignity and the fact of the One Humanity are indicators of an all out effort to “restore the Plan on Earth.” These are the facts of the Great Unfolding. And the Forces of Retrogression which depend for their very existence on the maintenance of the status quo of the separative self conscious humanity are doing everything of which they are capable in the effort to arrest the Restoration of the Plan.

***From the center which we call the race of man,
Let the Plan of Light and Love work out.
Let Light Love and Power Restore the Plan on Earth.***

It is humanity's job "To Restore the Plan on Earth."

I know that when we think about things like this, struggles, battles, warriors, we tend to think in terms of arms and the man, of swords, guns, barbwire and hand grenades and air strikes and so forth. These are all a real and gruesome part of the battle, but not the most significant part, and, truth be told, not the most gruesome part either. Today, even as many people are dying as a result of dense physical shooting wars, many, many more are dying as a result of starvation, disease and exposure.

The Children's War

For example, there is a war being waged against the children of men by the forces of retrogression. It is estimated that over 5.6 million children die of hunger-related causes each year. We need to understand that this is a war, a struggle, a battle for the lives of children. I could go on and make a list of conditions on the planet that would make all of us cry, literally, and that would make what is going on in the actual shooting wars seem insignificant.

The Interconnectedness of War

We need to realize that all war is interconnected and that what we euphemistically call social injustices are a major part of the struggle we are fighting on the dense physical plane.

These battles are occurring on the dense physical plane, and we need to confront the dark forces and defeat them on the dense physical plane. However, what we, as esotericists, need to understand is that all of these dense physical wars are interconnected effects of the real battle which is being waged on the plane of mind, in the global struggle for humanity's consciousness.

Strength That Strengthens Others

This struggle appears quite bleak. To actually look at it is frightening. The Dark side expends enormous resources to make it bleak and terrible so that we will not look. We need all of our love and courage, all of the training and experience we have gathered over the incarnations in countless battles. We realize of course that in all of these battles we eventually triumphed, or we would not be here today. As you know, I often recall the Masters words: "Twilight will end. Do you not see that the Cosmic Consciousness is in convulsion? We know the course of the battle—the Plan of the Creator cannot be altered. From the Beginning the dark ones struggled. From the Beginning We conquered." *The Call #231*

Well, friends in what may be the darkest hour humanity has ever faced, we can realize that nothing has changed in the Plan of the Creator. Huge shifts are occurring in consciousness, and these shifts will ultimately and utterly destroy the Forces of Retrogression as they are presently constituted.

The Great Unfolding

The shift to which I am referring and, which is really an aspect of the Great Unfolding is the shift in consciousness from self to group. Let me give one example of how this shift is working to defeat the Forces of Retrogression. The phenomenon we call "global warming" is a direct result of a separative self consciousness view of reality and the world within which we live. The realization of the perils of this condition by many of our scientific intelligentsia is a direct documentable result of the unfolding group conscious view of life. A self conscious point of view is literally incapable of registering these perils.

Qualitative Shifts

One could list many other specific events, but what I want to do in this little article is to indicate the qualities and kinds of shifts that are resulting and are going to continue to result as group consciousness continues to move through humanity. There are areas where we can observe the unfolding power of the Light. These are the shifts in consciousness which are causing and will continue to cause even greater upheavals and corresponding changes in human life.

It is shifts of this quality and kind to which the Master D.K refers when he says “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. An increase of pressure on the part of all who recognize the factual nature of the inner subjective kingdom of God will produce amazing results.”

An Aquarian Armageddon

When most people think in terms of such massive shifts, Armageddon, as it is called, they imagine huge dense physical disasters: continents sinking, volcanoes erupting and wiping out huge population centers, or today’s favorite horror vision, atomic warfare. All of these things are, I suppose, possible; however they are not necessary. They are very avoidable. Armageddon does not have to happen on the dense physical plane. Remember that the disaster in Atlantis was caused by the ruling classes refusal to shift.

Today, the very nature of the shift which is presently occurring—from self to group consciousness—seems to be finding a very fertile soil in which to grow. This is our best hope that most such disasters at least those, like global warming, or religious warfare which would be a direct result of self conscious

insanity, greed and ignorance, are avoidable. It seems eminently possible that Humanity can shift its focus from greed to love without killing off half of the world.

The type of consciousness determines, among other things, a point of view. It is a point of identification and focus which in many respects determines what we see. Most of the detrimental, inefficient and even destructive problems we are dealing with these days are simply products or implementations of a self identified or self conscious separated point of view.

From the perspective of the self conscious individual, life is seen as a separated reality. Self consciousness is in reality non-conscious or unconscious. It sees nothing but itself. Nothing is joined with anything else. The common ground of our human being is not visible to a self conscious person. Self consciousness does not get Essential Divinity. It rather sees a battlefield in which every one is struggling for his or her own separate existence. And that humanity is connected as intimately to the world of nature as we are to one another is not conceivable to the self conscious individual.

Such a consciousness built the world in which we are now living. The systems, educational, economic, governmental, religious and much of our basic attitudes about life have been generated from this materialistic, separative point of view. The shift that is unfolding in the world is the outworking of new systems and attitudes that are being generated by the new consciousness, group consciousness. This point of view sees in terms of light rather than form. It sees the light in every form and in itself, and it understands intrinsically that it is one with the light that inhabits all forms. This point of view completely shifts the focus of all systems and attitudes 180°.

D.K. speaks of this new consciousness which is actually the externalization of the Spiritual

Hierarchy, or the appearance of the innate quality of the 5th Kingdom within the 4th, as destroying, "...on a large scale the present world structure in the field of religion, of economics, and of politics." The notion of destroying world structures conjures up all kinds of horror scenarios: The crash of the Market in the 1920's when people were supposed to have been jumping out of windows in squads, Religious warfare on a global scale which is something the Forces of Retrogression are actually trying to get going, and the crumbling structures of our self serving and corrupt political systems leading to some kind of anarchy, the attempt by the Nazis is an example.

Religion, Economics and Politics

It is important, very important to realize that the destruction of "the present world structure in the field of religion, of economics, and of politics," does not mean the destruction of religion, economics and politics. The present structures of these systems was primarily envisioned, designed and built by self conscious individuals. The problems lie not with the principles of government, economics, and religion. They lie with the consciousness that embodied them.

Religion

Imagine for a moment what the world's religions will look when they have been transformed through a group consciousness which is actually able to understand Essential Divinity, Goodwill and Unanimity. This is going on now. All over the world men and women of goodwill and relative group consciousness are meeting and working. A key indicator of a group consciousness at work is that it is much more interested in building bridges than walls. Only an understanding of Essential Divinity will allow this.

Economics

Imagine what will happen to capitalism when it is embodied by an enlightened group

conscious people. Business will still be business, but the bottom line will be the general welfare of the people and the planet rather than the exclusive wealth of a separative few. A businessman named Gary Hirshberg, president and CEO of Stonyfield Farm Yogurt, a successful and profitable company put it this way, "I realized that only the power of enlightened business could save the world—that until commerce is harnessed for the benefit of the planet, the planet doesn't stand a chance."

The Good News

This attitude is possible only from a group conscious perspective. The good news is that this attitude is growing under the influence of the power of synthesis at a very rapid rate. Huge self serving corporations are very much like dinosaurs. In the light of the new consciousness people everywhere are realizing how the self serving nature of these corporations is detrimental to the common good. These corporations will not necessarily disappear, but their bottom line focus will absolutely change from the separative greed driven goals of the present to a primary concern for the common welfare and the common good.

This will be a great change indeed. Those in power will resist it tremendously. But they have been resisting for eons and, as in bygone eons, they are failing now.

The New Enlightened Politics

As for the political system consider D.K.'s remark, circa 1945 or so, from ***The Rays and Initiations***, a book which D.K. says was written for this time. "True Democracy is as yet unknown; it awaits the time when an educated and enlightened public opinion will bring it to power; towards that spiritual event, mankind is hastening. The battle of Democracy will be fought out in the United States. There the people at present vote and organize their government on a personality basis and not from any spiritual or intelligent

conviction. There is a material, selfish aspect to Democracy (rampant today), and there is a spiritual aspect, little sought after..." *The Rays and the Initiations* P. 746

In the current elections in this country, we are seeing what to me appears to be an extraordinary display of a meeting between the forces of self consciousness and group consciousness. It is to me quite exhilarating to watch this unfolding phenomenon. It is one of the most dynamic examples of the ever growing presence and proliferation and of the power of this new consciousness we have.

Other "isms" to, will go the way of structural disintegration. For example, consider all of the "isms" like race, sex, age, class, national origin. Without exception these "isms" are aspects of self consciousness. To a group conscious person it would be inconceivable that a brother's or sister's race, sex, age, class, national origin would indicate either inferiority or superiority. These are self consciously generated aberrations.

Seeing The Light

Group consciousness is enlightened. Enlightened doesn't mean smart. Plenty of self conscious people are very smart. Enlightenment is the result of love merging with intelligence. It has much more to do with wisdom than intellect. Master M points out that "The measure of understanding is the degree of love."

Enlightenment means that one can see and understand the Principle of Essential Divinity, and that one will act, live one's life in accordance with this reality, be, as D.K. says a "loving synthesis in action." One can see the light in one's self and that very same light in every other person. An enlightened person realizes that in the Light he will see Light, and that that Light is at the heart of every atom of substance in the universe.

Creative Salvage

One could go on here for pages. But the point is for all of us to review this self conscious world in which we have been unfolding from this group conscious perspective. This will make you happy, even joyful. We will see that the world is well. We will see that the world is beautiful, and quite creatively salvageable.

We will see that we are awake at last, and that more of us are awakening everyday. We need to transform or reformulate from a group conscious perspective a number of our systems, adjust a number of our opinions and attitudes about the nature of the real and the unreal. And we have the warriors of Light here now, "their name is legion." Individuals who know who they are and why they incarnated. More join the ranks of the enlightened everyday.

Synthesis

It remains to make a small remark about the energy we call Synthesis. Esotericists are aware of the presence on the world scene of the Avatar of Synthesis. At this time, this Avatar brings to us the synthesis energy. The presence of this particular kind of energy is largely responsible for the speed of the unfolding of group consciousness on the planet. Synthesis acts by absorbing the Light or Life from the outworn forms and systems and transferring that light into the new systems. Hence the destruction of the old outworn forms. This is a very powerful energy and it works very fast. And that is good because we do not have a great deal of time here.

Expect miracles, or what will look like miracles to the non-warriors.

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