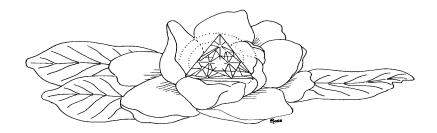
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The Approaching Opportunity

hen we were children and some adult, parent, or teacher, said to one of us that he or she was going to give us an opportunity, we thought, "Oh Boy, a present!" However, after some time, we learned. We learned that when someone said opportunity it was usually going to lead, at best, to a lot of work and probably a good portion of pain as well.

Now, we stand. We are time tested and experienced. We have been faced with and lived through many opportunities. We bear the evidence of our experience in the scars of the wounds we earned in the quest to fulfill the opportunity. I am not thinking of just physical dense wounds, but of the broken hearts and anguished days, the pain of seeing brothers and sisters die, watching the children slowly starving. These wounds are much more grievous and they never really heal.

You would think that this experience would make us wary of opportunity. But NO! For we also have experienced the joy of triumph and the sound of victory. We have rejoiced with those whom we have served, saved or rescued and these experiences sustain us and help us to bear the others. And then, there is the great gift of wisdom and the ever deepening understanding of Cosmos with which we were gifted by each opportunity.

Agni Yoga, 257. How should one understand the benefits of obstacles when one is told that psychic energy, acting as a magnet, attracts all possible advantages? Truly, when a large ship increases its speed the resistance of the waves increases too. Similarly, many

obstacles are brought about by our own striving. It is this process that attracts to us unexpected actions by an opposing will. If they are very strong, our own counterstroke will develop accordingly. Most important, the currents opposing us should be strong, because then our flame is ignited....

So, actually, we are more willing, more joyful, and we are better equipped to deal with the obstacles of opportunity than ever before on this very, very long trail upon which we embarked so many lives ago.

We are living here and now, both as individuals and as an incarnating group of long related brothers and sisters because this is where we are needed. This is where we found our next opportunity in the unfolding Plan. And the NOW in which most of us have been living the past say 90 years or so has been filled with one opportunity after another.

The years have come and gone. Each cycle has presented us as individuals, as groups and as Humanity at large with a flood of different, and increasingly more difficult challenges or opportunities. As individuals, we each can enumerate our own list of opportunities. Those of us who have been pioneering the work of building group conscious groups are familiar with a whole other set of opportunities. For us as Humanity, I will list a just a few of the highlights:

 The first and second World Wars: These were actually one big opportunity in two packages separated by a few years. During these few years, we had another significant opportunity called the Great Depression.

After these three huge opportunities, we had:

· The Korean War,

some success.

- And just ten years later, there was the enormous Opportunity called the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- This was followed quickly by the Vietnam War.

At this point, most of us are quite familiar with the opportunities with which we have been presented. That we are still here indicates that we handled these opportunities with

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So, why, you might wonder, am I doing the laundry list of struggle and pain and triumph? Well, mainly to illustrate that this is the kind of stuff that we came into incarnation to deal with, that we have met and to some degree eventually achieved triumph.

Agni Yoga, 257. When someone is said to be depressed by circumstances, be assured that he lives unignited, and that any encounter with an obstacle confuses his consciousness.... But when the step is firm, the counterforces are beneficial. They generate lightning, and the thunder shakes distant mountains.

These days, I am in contact with coworkers all over the world, and the consensus is that the energies are ramping up. We are being stretched. For some this feels like being sick with colds, and congestion and such. For others it is heat in the head, swelling and burning in the hands and feet and tendons, headaches.

Well, to me, this all indicates that there is an opportunity of enormous significance approaching. To better cope with this incoming, we are receiving equipment upgrades. You might think of this upgrade as going from a dial up modem to a fiber optic cable. We will see, know, and be able to implement in service to humanity a significantly broader bandwidth of higher voltage energy.

And, we need to realize that what we are experiencing now is just the beginning.

I am pretty sure that most of us and our coworkers around the world are well aware of

> the present world situation. We are all well grounded in the present realities. We are also aware of the

opportunity these realities present to all those whose life mission is to serve the Common Good and General Welfare. We know, if we are serious about the science of service, that although grounded and aware, we cannot live either in the past or in the world of occurring events.

Opportunity lies in the world of causes. Our work is there. If we expect to generate true change in the world of events, we must have at least one foot in the future or the world of causes. We work with consciousness, with energy, with cause before it becomes an event.

By the time we see an event on TV or read about on the internet or newspapers, forget it. It's all over. We cannot wait for the news to let us know what is happening. We already know. Only the walking dead and

those made blind by the drugs of material comfort and illusory exclusivity are not aware of the approach of what promises to be a horrendous struggle for the Soul of the U.S. and by extension, Humanity.

However, there is value in keeping abreast of the news or, as I think of it, "the olds". What most television and news programs do reveal is the depth and extent of the worldwide attack on humanity and the Planet. The lengths to which the Retrogressors will go to destroy free will, liberty, justice, and the simple human dignity of the individual, needs to be understood.

No code of morality or decency inhibits the Retrogressors in their determination to achieve their dark ends. We know, we have been told over and over, that these forces have access to unlimited levels of money and have already amassed hundreds of

millions of dollars for the upcoming elections in the U.S.

What is preparing

to happen now is akin to the Nazi's Blitzkrieg, or the United States 21st century equivalent which we called "Shock and Awe". Rather than dense physical targets like Iraq or Poland, the emotional and mental planes are the primary target.

is what Soul does.

What we have to oppose those, who would bring about a second long night for humanity, is our love for humanity. If this love is something dreamed about, or clutched close in a nice warm feeling of righteousness; it may feel good, but it is not love. Love cannot stand idly by when disaster approaches. Love cannot not be

involved when souls are at the stake. The core of Love is Action.

In more ways than one, this whole thing or opportunity, as I have been calling it, is about initiation. It's about soul expression. It's about service. We need to act. Now! No one within whom there is even a spark of solar fire needs to wait to get instructions from someone or somewhere else. The It is not about feeling righteous and good. Action to save, liberate, heal, lift: this is Solar Fire.

Agni Yoga, 257. The future is constructed by lightning-bolts of realization. The power of these great sparks depends upon the strength of the counterforce. Clearly then, success will not come from embarking on a voyage in a tub across a stagnant pool.

These are hard times. People do not like to even think about the realities of what is at stake. It is so easy to slip into the cemetery

we call the comfort zone and forget about the reality of all of this. We need to

Soul knows what to do in any given situation. However, one must act. Soul

work on vigilance. We need to keep the reality of this situation in the forefront of our minds, and to act, not out of fear or anger or hate, but out of love, out of the perceived need. This is what the Age of Aquarius is all about.

I was in Peets the other day to get some coffee. I had a little conversation with a young man, (23 years old; I asked him.) who was helping me. I asked how it was going. He said it was going O.K. for a Monday. After a few more comments/questions, he indicated that he just liked to get through the week no fuss, "I'm OK, you're OK. Just cruise". I asked

him if he voted. He said he did not like politics and did not involve himself in them. I asked him if he planned to work at an \$8 an hour job for the rest of his life. He said he did not. I suggested that he might consider becoming involved in avoiding that fate. He was a bit startled.

Friends, if life for us and or our friends is going along in a nice warm cloud of no concern, Wake Up! Something is happening that needs our Solar Fire.

As I mentioned, this present opportunity is being faced mainly on the lower four planes of the mental dimension and the entire astral dimension. The Retrogressors have amassed a huge force in the form of hundreds of millions of dollars. What we are seeing in terms of advertising and propaganda now is trivial to what is coming.

They will be using this power in an effort to totally dominate the astral and mental planes. Just now, they are working mainly through "the voices of lying propaganda, and the Word of death". *The Rays and the Initiations, P.192* Their strategy is to so dominate the mediums of communication on the planet with their sophistry and lies that the voice of Reason and Truth cannot be heard.

They are literally filling the lower subplane of the mental dimension with thoughtforms of dung. These thoughtforms run amok on the lower 5 sub planes of the emotional dimensions, moving in and through the mass of humanity's emotional bodies creating phantoms of fear and hate, superiority and exclusivity. These phantoms are then manipulated by the fanatic, mostly unconscious, puppets and sophists of the Retrogressors and manifest

in the freedom stripping laws and police state atmosphere of fear which we are experiencing today.

Friends, if we expect to move in to this New Age, the stables are in dire need of cleaning, today!

Tom Carney

Pisces, 2012

Agni Yoga, 257. When we say, "Set sail," We mean that you must try the ocean; the grandeur of its waves will give you joy. Does not the testing of one's strength lead to a growth of power? It may seem impossible to cross an abyss, but you have already crossed many an abyss and smiled. You see, I do not speak of fantasies, but of that which has already been tested and for which there are witnesses.

Courage comes from knowing one's path. Otherwise, each one who tries a closed door would already be seen as a hero. What awaits behind the threshold? The Agni Yogi smiles at this.