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The Law of Equilibrium in the Age of Aquarius

The imbalance has so greatly increased that the time has come when humanity must investigate its nature. Every appraisal of life and its levers has been so distorted that man lives in his own engenderings. But no one knows about the true levers, beginning with the fundamentals of Existence, and extending to each lever of life in the World created by men. The True World differs as greatly from the one which has been engendered as does Light from darkness. Verily, space is in need of the unification of the existing great Foundations. Therefore, the World cannot be reborn without the affirmation of Equilibrium and the eradication of the essence of imbalance. And in this determination is the wavering of the Cosmic Scales. The Fiery World is being affirmed on this great law.¹

The Ageless Wisdom that is referred to in these pages is based on what is termed the hylozoistic theory which posits a living substance, composed of a multiplicity of sentient lives, which are continuously swept into expression by “the breath of the divine Life,” the “Indweller in all forms,” the Creator of the tangible and the intangible worlds and the “Pure Being” Who is also called “the One About whom Naught May Be Said.”

Within this aggregate of complex, intelligent, diverse energies and forces, humanity is eternally subject to the impact and influence of powerful energies emanating from Cosmic laws, founded upon the Cosmic Will—all of which are both transcendent and imminent, within every atom: “Having pervaded this whole universe with a fragment of Myself, I remain.”

Here, is the eternal hope and challenge for humanity. The Breath of Life is here, present among us and in all forms of expression, including, pervading and yet, remaining transcendent. It is greater than all appearance and it reveals Itself progressively and cyclically, in response to humanity’s increase in knowledge and understanding.

It is the pull of that overshadowing “remaining Self” that draws the little fragment back to its originating source. Eternally present, the divine seed—the spiritual potential within humanity, must be awakened so that it can grow and flourish, bringing Light and spreading enlightenment to the entire planet.

Before the beginning of each great Epoch, states the Agni Yoga wisdom, space is filled with the fiery energies that are made available to humanity—as an aid in erecting the future evolution. “Thus, is fierily affirmed each great beginning.”²

We are at such a juncture today. Called for in this New Epoch of Equilibrium, the Epoch of the Beauty of Existence, the time of the world-wide manifestation of the Golden Mean, the Middle Way and the Way of Balance is the harmonization of matter with spirit—an equilibrium that can only be brought about through humanity’s spiritual development and attainment.

Fiery thinking results when the descent of knowledge from the Supermundane world is increasingly and cyclically absorbed and integrated into the daily life of the humanity of any age. Such a descent and response has marked the great epochs of the past.

For example, we can look to the enlightened Golden Age of the Old Kingdom in ancient Egypt when reverence of Universal Order resulted in adherence to the concepts of truth, justice, harmony, order and balance—personified in the winged woman known as Ma’at whose spirit of harmony and balance was worshipped as the model for human behavior—conforming to the will of the gods and replicating on earth, the celestial balance of order and beauty.

As we attempt to imagine the vast sweep of humanity’s history as seen from the vantage point of the Watchful Eye of the One Initiator, we can observe that menacing epochs have been displaced by creative ones and destructive epochs by constructive ones: “One may study the map of the World in different epochs and perceive how the Cosmic Scales have manifested great Equilibrium.”³

Our current time is one in which humanity’s cooperation must be fully engaged in order to bring the Subtle, Spiritual World closer to Earth. A great effort must now be put forth to arrest and alter the ugly chaos of the present in order to produce the ordered beauty of the future. Spirit and matter—the inner esoteric and the outer exoteric, the seen and the unseen, the tangible and the spiritual—the dual attributes of the universe must become harmoniously balanced in this evolving Epoch of the Great Equilibrium.

Just as the soul in far off days acquiesced to the demands of the personality, so now the personality must reverse the process and acquiesce to the demands of the soul. For this we work. ♦

1 *Fiery World III*, Agni Yoga Society, NY, par. 243.

2 *Ibid.*, par. 162.

3 *Ibid.*, par. 231.

The Whole of the Universe Is Built upon the Interplay of the Masculine and Feminine Principles of Life

According to the Eastern philosophy, there are in the head of man two great energy centres. One of them, the centre between the eyebrows, blends and fuses the five types of energy which are transmitted to it and blended with it,—the energy of the three centres below the diaphragm and of the throat and heart centres. The other, the head centre, is awakened through meditation, service and aspiration, and it is through this centre that the soul makes its contact with the personality. This head centre is the symbol of the spirit or positive masculine aspect, just as the centre between the eyebrows is the symbol of matter, of the negative feminine aspect.¹

The whole of the universe is built upon the interplay between male and female energies, eternally dancing, fusing and creating. From the greatest planet to the tiniest atom, this interactive process sustains, uplifts, enriches and beautifies life. Positive spirit manifesting in matter, lifts matter to a higher vibration and function and, in turn, receptive matter is impelled towards beautiful creativeness.

As in the macrocosm, so in the microcosm. In that living organism, which is the human being, at a certain point in his/her evolution, the drama is enacted whereby s/he merges with the higher divine energy and is thereby transformed. The great final drama of the mystical union between the divine and the human, between the soul and the personality are there enacted within the confines of the individual human form.

Two vortices of force; two physical plane organs, the pituitary body and the pineal gland—the first is negative and the second is positive—both play their part in this transforming and transformative event. As the soul becomes increasingly potent in the mental and emotional life of the aspirant, it pours in with greater power into the head centre.

As the individual works with his/her personality, purifying, refining and intensifying it while bending it to the service of the spiritual will, s/he automatically raises the energies of the centres in the body up to the centre between the eyebrows.

Eventually, the influence of each of the two centres increases, until they make a contact with each other's vibratory or magnetic field, and instantly, the light flashes out. Father-spirit and mother-matter unite and are at-one and the Christ, the spiritual son, is born. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," said the Christ.²

Only as the fourth Creative Hierarchy—the human Monads, learn to vibrate positively, so they evolve through a graded series of initiations. This they achieve through a union with the order next to them, the fifth Hierarchy of the Soul. It is for this reason that the fourth hierarchy of humanity is regarded as masculine and the fifth as feminine.

However, it must be noted that in the evolutionary process, each of the kingdoms of nature acts as a "mother" to the succeeding one. From the third (animal) kingdom springs

the fourth (human), and from this fourth emerges the fifth (Soul), achieving thus, the ultimate goal of individual and planetary transformation.

Certainly in Cosmos everything is interwoven and in their origin, both Elements, Male and Female, are united and one cannot exist without the other. However, at a certain point in the evolutionary journey, humanity transgressed the laws of the higher reason, resulting in the abasement of the Feminine Principle, resulting in the destruction, imbalance and chaos of the day.

"Humanity should realize the majestic cosmic law of equivalency", states the Agni Yoga wisdom. The law of the dual Origin is the foundation of existence. It is the predominance of one Origin over the other that has created a lack of balance and destruction, which is now obvious in all of life.³

Today the need for Equilibrium is imperative. Essential is a balance of mind and heart; of masculine and feminine. The Feminine Principle requires an environment that will allow woman the freedom for heart expression. Whereas the passing epoch rejected the Mother of the World, today it becomes indispensable to affirm this Principle. Because man does not willingly give full rights to woman, it is she herself who must fight for the right that was taken away from her and that she did voluntarily give up.

The Agni Yoga wisdom asks, "Why is this time called the Era of the Mother of the World?" And, then responds, "Truly, it must be so named. Woman will bring great help, not only by bringing enlightenment, but also by affirming equilibrium. At times of confusion, the magnet of equilibrium is disturbed, and free will is needed to reunite the broken whole."⁴ ♦

1 *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1990 by Lucis Trust, p. 290.

2 *Ibid.*, pp. 290-291.

3 *Letters of Helena Roerich, Vol. I*, 7 October 1930, Agni Yoga Society, NY.

4 *Supermundane*, Agni Yoga Society, NY, par. 772.

The New Age of Balance within the United Nations

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The approaching great epoch is closely connected with the ascendancy of woman. As in the best days of humanity, the future epoch will again offer woman her rightful place alongside her eternal fellow traveler and co-worker man. You must remember that the grandeur of the Cosmos is built by the dual Origin. Is it possible therefore to belittle one Element of it?¹

The world of humanity is possessed of two wings, the male and the female. So long as these two wings are not equivalent in strength, the bird will not fly.²

On International Women's Day, 8 March 2017, the UN Secretary-General Mr. António Guterres echoed the above thoughts: "Women's rights are human rights...Historic imbalances in power relations between men and women exacerbated by growing inequalities within and between societies and countries are leading to greater discrimination against women and girls...Denying the rights of women and girls is not only wrong in itself; it has serious social and economic impact that holds us all back...Gender equality has a transformational effect that is essential to fully functioning communities, societies, and economies."

"Gender Equality" (Sustainable Development Goal #5) is leading the way. There has never been a stronger message on behalf of the need for balance between women and men at the UN. As an example, we can look to the highest levels of office with the appointment of Deputy Secretary-General Ms. Amina J. Mohammed. Before joining the UN Ms. Mohammed served as a special advisor on the Millennium Development Goals and as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 2013-2016.

Taking on another high level leadership role is UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. In July 2010, the UN General Assembly created UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment for Women, whose slogan is, "Empower Women, Change the World". In a statement on 6 April 2017, Ms. Ngcuka emphasized the importance of this Goal, stating that building gender equality is "a shared responsibility, needing action in all sectors and by everyone: public and private sectors, men and women alike."

The fine work of many countries and individuals on behalf of women's rights is well represented in the UN Women website. From diverse countries one can see all the good work that is being achieved. Ms. Ani Jilozian is a research and data specialist at the Women's Support center in Armenia, which has been supported by the UN Trust Fund to end violence against women. Ms. Jilozian notes that "ultimately this violence stems from patriarchy."

And so we need to understand that we are working towards transforming widespread and entrenched imbalances that were created throughout the centuries of a patriarchal society. Systems in which women were relegated to only their natural divine roles as mothers and care givers. One hundred years ago here in the

United States, American women stood up for their rights as citizens through the Suffragette Movement, and demanded equality with men in all areas of work and government. Women eagerly took on many traditional male roles leading to new views of women's potentialities.

When considering gender equality within the UN we might also look towards gender bias that has been attributed to the nations themselves throughout history. France has been considered feminine, Germany masculine. But we know from the Ageless Wisdom Teachings and the writings of Alice Bailey that nations are in fact gender neutral possessing a soul ray that guides and protects. If we can reflect on this idea, of the recognition of the soul destiny of nations, we too are aiding in creating right balance.

When UN Goodwill Ambassador Emma Watson delivered her iconic speech for the HeForShe campaign, she stated that if we live in a world where men occupy the majority positions of power, we then need the men to believe in the necessity of change. On the HeForShe website we can see many men, leaders of countries and CEOs that have pledged to be champions of women's equality. The most recent (1 May 2017) was the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Peter Thompson, who became an International Gender Champion and reaffirmed his own commitment to equality within his own office and in senior management levels.

We can close by reflecting on Ms. Watson's words to stop violence of all forms against women: "Both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong...It is time that we all perceive gender on a broader spectrum, not as two opposing sets of ideals...If we stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining each other by what we are—[then,] we can all be free."

The New Age of Balance is here. Aided by the Aquarian Age ideas of sisterhood and brotherhood and freedom in all forms, the bird with two equal wings can fly. Let us all do our part and have our voices heard. ♦

1 *Letters of Helena Roerich Vol. I*, 1 March 1929, Agni Yoga Society, NY.

2 *The Promulgation of Universal Peace: Talks Delivered by 'Abdu'l-Bahá...1912'*, p. 375 [39].

Diamond Light Make hard thy Soul against the snares of self; deserve for it the name of Diamond-Soul. For as the diamond buried deep within the throbbing heart of earth can never mirror back the earthly lights, so are thy mind and Soul; plunged in Jnana-marga, these must mirror naught of Maya's realm illusive.

The Voice of the Silence, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky



The *Diamond Light Newsletter* is dedicated to the recognition and expression of the indwelling Soul, the Inner Christos at the heart of all life. As the above quotation from *The Voice of the Silence* indicates, "diamond" throughout the ages has been one of the terms by which the Soul is known. The Alchemists of past ages often interchanged the terms Philosophers' Stone, *lapis* and diamond. In the book, *The Light of the Soul* authored by Alice A. Bailey, two words are used to convey the idea of compact cohering force. One is the diamond, the other the thunderbolt. The diamond reflects the pure white light and yet reflects equally all the colors of the rainbow, the seven colors of the chromatic scale. In the esoteric wisdom the diamond is also considered the initiate within the mineral kingdom: "The best known example of the effect of the initiation of the mineral by fire can be seen in the great transition and transformation, allotropically brought about, from the carbon stage to that of the perfect diamond." (*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I* by Alice A. Bailey, p. 224)

We therefore named our newsletter *Diamond Light* as a reminder of the indwelling Soul within each of us, which is ever Initiate. As we awaken to that pure white light and consciously seek its unfoldment and expression, so we note, link with and exponentially augment the resplendent light within our brother and sister. The Soul is ever group conscious. Its cohering, attractive quality irradiates and imbues all planes and states of planetary consciousness with the triple energy of light, love and the will-to-good. Yet the Soul does not impose itself. Like the diamond buried deep within the earth, the Soul must be sought with a singleness of purpose. The techniques by which it is "mined" and then honed and polished to a brilliant purity are known to the esotericists of the ages as a definite science. Much information on this science is included within the Ageless Wisdom Teachings referred to in this newsletter. Within these few pages, we can but spark an interest in the reader and encourage exploration—an exploration we think is not only necessary but also more rewarding than any upon which humanity has thus far embarked! As the well-known parable tells us, the stolen jewel of humanity's divinity lies deep within each individual. It is now time to bring it forth. ◆

The Great Invocation

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.
OM OM OM

The Great Invocation is distinctive to our unfolding Aquarian Age. Its appeal is neither personal nor temporal and unlike past invocations, it is a world prayer, belonging to no one group, but to all of humanity.

According to the Ageless Wisdom, the Christ, "The Anointed One," is the office or title of The World Teacher – the Teacher alike of angels and of humanity. Many religions believe in a World Teacher, knowing this great Being under such names as the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi and the Bodhisattva.

The word "man" is a derivative of the Sanskrit term *Manas* which refers to the mental principle – the positive element that characterizes humanity, the fourth, masculine kingdom relative to the fifth, feminine and therefore receptive, spiritual kingdom of the Soul.

Will you join the millions who daily use this prayer to invoke the needed light and love on earth?

Should someone you know also be receiving *Diamond Light*? Send us names and addresses, as well as comments, suggestions, questions, favorite quotes and other contributions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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