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Bringing the Esoteric Point of View to World Affairs

The "door where evil dwells" is kept open by humanity through its selfish desire, its hatreds and its separateness, by its greed and its racial and national barriers, its low personal ambitions and its love of power and cruelty. As goodwill and light stream forth into the minds and hearts of men, these evil qualities and these directed energies which keep the door of evil open will give place to a longing for right human relations, to a determination to create a better and more peaceful world and to a worldwide expression of the will-to-good. As these qualities supersede the old and undesirable ones, the door where evil dwells will symbolically slowly close through the sheer weight of public opinion and through right human desire. Nothing can possibly stop it.¹

In this evolving Age of Aquarius, the spiritual precepts that have given birth to the religions of the world and later adopted by their practitioners into accepted doctrine are increasingly being recognized as common sense dictums to be applied to our everyday lives. What in the past were seen to be abstract, ethereal or otherworldly, revered and sacred ideas around which religions were formed, today these ideas are unceasingly being formulated into plans that will impact world affairs and the education of the general public.

The Sanatana Dharma ("the eternal order" or "the everlasting, righteous way of life"), first brought forth by Hinduism thousands of years ago and often attributed to the Buddha who promulgated the teaching that hatred does not cease by hatred, but by love, is a concept that has been embraced not only by Professor Albert Einstein (a problem can never be solved at the level at which it was created), but also by the UN second Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (1953-1961) who famously brought the understanding into world affairs that there will be no peace on our planet unless there is first a spiritual renaissance.

From the esoteric perspective, whether we are conscious of it or not, Earth Humanity is an inherent part of Solar and Cosmic Existence. Within this perspective, the current world situation is an effect and a *consequence* of the various energies and forces at play behind outer appearance. It is recognized that there are certain great streams of energy working powerfully in the world at this time—all of which are determining the trend of world affairs. Although the magnitude and calibre of these energies is not yet fully recognized or understood by humanity, they are nonetheless precipitating pivotal changes that impact human evolution.²

The first and most powerful of these impelling energies are emanating from Shamballa—the planetary centre where the Will of God is known. The first time that this energy was directly experienced on the planet was at the time of human individualisation, occurring in ancient Lemuria. The second time occurred in Atlantean days, as recounted by Plato to describe the

hubris of nations, during the great struggle between the Lords of Light and the Lords of Material Form, also called the Dark Forces.

Today, this energy of Planetary Will and Purpose, streaming forth from this Holy Centre, is impacting life on our planet in two most significant ways: It is destroying forms which are considered undesirable and which are hindering the expression of that greater Will and Purpose, and at the same time, this energy, which is a synthesizing force, is binding together that which has hitherto been separated.

This demonstration of the beneficent Will of God is new to humanity and carries with it, when understood and assimilated, the potency of greater livingness, enabling identification with the Greater Whole of which humanity is an innate and fundamental constituent.

At some point in humanity's evolutionary journey, the entire lower nature becomes subject to the Will of God—the purifying and releasing fire. As the ancient and ageless *Mantram of Fire* proclaims, the dross must be burnt: "...Behind the Portal, on the other side, lies that which I call home....let all the dross be burnt; and let me enter through that Gate, and tread the Way of Fire."³

In response to the disciple's aspiration, the breath of God cleanses, while inspiring and widening the vistas of the lower personal self. What cannot respond to the divine energies is destroyed, making way for a form that is more responsive, sensitive and resilient to the heightened consciousness. "New wine requires new wineskins." (Mark 2:22)

1 *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1983 by Lucis Trust, pp. 173-174.

2 See, for example, this *Diamond Light* article on "[The Inexorable Cosmic Laws, Free Will & the Age of Aquarius](#)."

3 *The Light of the Soul*, Book II: The Steps to Union, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1955 by Lucis Trust, p. 209.

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Bringing the Esoteric Point of View to World Affairs (Continued)

*The sons of men are one, and I am one with them. I seek to love, not hate; I seek to serve and not exact due service; I seek to heal, not hurt. Let pain bring due reward of light and love. Let the soul control the outer form, And life, and all events, And bring to light the Love That underlies the happenings of the time.*⁴

A second major force which is powerfully making itself felt today in world affairs is that of the spiritual Hierarchy, the planetary centre where the Love of God holds sway—as it swings into one of its major cyclic approaches to our planet Earth. It is within this Planetary Center that the second aspect of life—that of love-wisdom comes to its consummation. It is to this all-pervasive and yet misunderstood energy of Love that the Christ by His Living Example introduced humanity over 2,000 years ago.

The Spiritual Hierarchy, the fifth Planetary Kingdom, superseding the 4th Human Kingdom is the planetary spiritual centre of Love and Light. It is also known as the Great White Lodge where the Masters of the Wisdom are to be found. Here, the spiritual Guides of the race, those Who have achieved the 5th Initiation of Revelation, the spiritual Executives of God's plans live and work and oversee human and planetary affairs.

All the world Scriptures bear witness to the existence of this centre of spiritual energy, referring to these Masters of the Wisdom as Christ and His Church, the Elder Brothers of Humanity, the Hierarchy of Knowers, the Hierarchy of Angels and of Saints, of Rishis and Initiates. Always, They are recognized as the Helpers of humanity, ever ready to assist the weary traveler upon the chain of ascent.

This spiritual Hierarchy has been steadily drawing nearer to humanity as men and women have become more conscious of divinity and more fitted for contact with the divine.

A third form of energy obviously influencing world affairs is that of Humanity itself. It is through Humanity that one of the three divine aspects—that of Active Intelligence—is being expressed and perfected.

At a subjective level, these three centres of energy are closely interrelated and interdependent. Esoterically, they are recognized as “expressions of divine livingness,” embodying three stages in the unfoldment of God's Plan, and constituting the three major planetary centres of Head, Heart and Throat—in the body of the One in Whom we all live and move and have our being.

However, as evidenced by current circumstances, to date, the spiritual energies of the Planetary Head and Heart, have not yet been anchored on Earth as intended and it is Earth Humanity who cumulatively, over the millennia, through their

thoughts of hate, deeds of cruelty, selfish intentions, the coarsest kind of ambitious selfishness, and habitually yielding to expediency, has created a major stumbling block:

Men do not live up to what they already know; they fail to make practical their information; they short-circuit the light; they do not discipline themselves; greedy desire and unlawful ambition control and not the inner knowledge. To put it scientifically and from the esoteric angle: Spiritual impression has been interrupted and there has been interference with the divine circulatory flow.⁵

However, Humanity also holds within its capabilities, the promise of a brighter future. As the *Great Invocation* asserts, it is after all, “from the centre which we call the race of men” that the “Plan of Love and Light” is to work out; and it is humanity who is destined and tasked to “seal the door where evil dwells.”

As the Tibetan Master explains, the focus of Hierarchical work is to liberate the good, to free the beautiful; to release the true and “immure in prison under seal” that which is *not* good; that which breeds ugliness and hate, and that which distorts the truth and lies about the future.⁶

Because of its long evolutionary history and its innate spiritual potential, there is that within humanity, built up over the millennia, which can engage in redemptive activity, transmuting and transforming conditions. This fact offers humanity the opportunity—through the Light of its developing Intelligence, coupled with its strivings to cooperate with the other two planetary centers to which it is related, the ability to someday replace the Ancient Law of Evil Sharing with the Law of Ancient Dominating Good.⁷ For this we work. ♦

4 An excerpt from the *Mantram of Unification in Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1972 by Lucis Trust, p. 790.

5 *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1983 by Lucis Trust, p. 48.

6 *The Rays and the Initiations*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1988 by Lucis Trust, p. 752.

7 See, for example, the articles in *Diamond Light*, 2016 No.2 on “Achieving the New World Order.”

Inclusive Social Action*

This period of transition from the Piscean Age (with its emphasis on materialism, paternalism and hierarchy, and growth through suffering) to the Aquarian Age (with its emphasis on spirituality and collaboration, and joyous growth) brings with it conflict and deepening separatism. Any change of this magnitude always involves the breakdown of old forms in order to make way for new ways of being. Unfortunately, such upheaval precipitates backlash, accompanied by violence as people resist the changes.

In this growing instability and incivility, right action can be difficult to determine. Those of us committed to a spiritual path recognize that meditation is essential in several ways. First, it helps us become centered so that we are able to hear the “still small voice” of Soul guidance. Second, it trains us to access and channel the energy of the One Life without distortion. Third, it provides us with a methodology for taking action on the inner planes, to focus energy for the common good, to transmute negative thoughtforms and cleanse our shared energy field of glimmers and illusions. This action on the inner planes is absolutely critical, but is it enough?

Action on the inner planes needs to prepare us for action in the outer world. The Tibetan has been highly critical of those who do not engage actively in confronting evil and destructive cleavages. “I tell you that your prayers and your wishes are unavailing when divorced from right and potent action.”ⁱ He reminds us that “the Spiritual Hierarchy is not neutral. It is one with the right element in every nation and set against all separative, isolationist and materialistic attitudes.”ⁱⁱ “Esoteric knowledge is not intended to drive [our] spiritual life into greater and increasing subjectivity..... Exactly the reverse is intended; all that the disciple essentially is upon the inner planes has to become objective; thus spiritual livingness becomes an everyday affair.”ⁱⁱⁱ

So how are we to oppose separatism and harmfulness in all its forms without in turn adding to existing divisiveness? Simply thinking kind thoughts and projecting loving energy is not enough and can actually be unhelpful since sending energy that can be transmuted into destructive force usually invites further and more intense conflict. Hence the necessity for being extremely intentional and mindful in the invocation of energy.

In the broadest sense, our spiritual mandate is to remember and live out the reality that we are all part of the One Life, interconnected and interdependent components of the life of the Soul. We are related to the rest of humanity, whether we agree with the philosophies or actions of others, or not. We are called on to evoke goodwill in order to engender right relations and end the heresy of separativeness.

The same energetic Life pours through the planetary centers, into and through the three periodical vehicles of the incarnated Monad, and finally into and through the

three centers in the human etheric body that correspond to the three major centers of the Planetary Logos. There is, therefore, nowhere to be found any basis for separation or any possible point of separation or of essential division....Unity is attainable because unity exists and the sense of separateness is simply the Great Illusion.^{iv}

In living as part of the Soul that encompasses us all, there are three qualities that we are to express: (a) harmlessness, including the active refraining from those acts and that speech that might hurt or cause any misunderstanding; (b) a willingness to let others serve as seems best to them; and (c) joyfulness rather than criticism.^v Most particularly, we are to be non-partisan and non-divisive so as not to contribute to partisan divides.

But let us be clear. We are also called to “seal the door where evil dwells” rather than to send loving energy to that evil. We face the challenging task of condemning hateful and harmful actions while administering “tough love” to the perpetrators. We cannot distance ourselves from those perpetrators because they are, in a very real sense, a part of us. But we can shield others from the effects of their thoughts and actions, and we can exercise our skill with directing energy in order to contain their disparagement and destruction so that they do no further damage. The harmlessness to which we are called “is not negative, or sweet or kindly activity, as so many believe; it is a *state of mind* and one that in no way negates firm or even drastic action. It concerns motive and involves the determination that the motive behind all activity is goodwill. That motive might lead to positive and sometimes disagreeable action or speech, but as harmlessness and goodwill condition the mental approach, nothing can eventuate but good.”^{vi} ♦

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i Alice A. Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1957), 233.

ii Alice A. Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations* (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1949), 65.

iii Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. 2* (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1955), 185.

iv Alice A. Bailey, *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle* (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1950), 137-138.

v Taken from Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. 2* (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1942), 131-133.

vi Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Healing* (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1953), 670

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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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