



Transforming Planetary Consciousness
The Spiritual Work of the United Nations

Opening Address—Aquarius Solar Festival Webinar¹

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Dear Friends, Good afternoon and Welcome!

Thank you for being here today on this day of Safeguarding within the five day period of the Solar Festival of Aquarius. How wonderful and how fortunate we are to have this opportunity to work together!

Here, in the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact time of the Festival occurs this evening at 6:09 p.m. And, if possible to you, it would be helpful at this time to sound the Great Invocation out loud.

As is our practice, at the outset of our meeting, let us re-dedicate ourselves to our shared purpose of electrifying, strengthening and deepening the planetary Antahkarana—that rainbow bridge of Light, connecting humanity, the Hierarchy and Shamballa—thus, intensifying the streaming energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good for the whole of humanity and for all life on our planet.

As we begin our inward and upward journey by sounding the Noon-time recollection, let us recognize our sacred relationship to that great and blessed chain of Hierarchy that is eternally pointing the way and radiating the loving energies of our second ray solar system and thus strive to be receptive to the energies emanating from all aspects of the sun—the physical sun, the heart of the sun and the central spiritual sun, this month, aligning with the sign of Aquarius and all its attendant energies:

“I know oh Lord of Life and Love about the need. Touch my heart anew with love that I too may love and give.”

Thank you, friends!

“Water of life am I poured forth for thirsty men²”—such is the keynote for this Aquarius Solar Festival *and* for this evolving New Age of Aquarius, the Satya Yuga or Golden Age which is now unfolding and which will continue to do so over the next 2500 years.

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“Aquarius is a force centre from which the adept draws the ‘water of life’ and carries it to the multitude”—so states the Tibetan Master in a *Treatise on Cosmic Fire* (p. 1263). This force emanating from the Pole Star and reaching our planet via Aquarius is of special power and importance at this time and our opportunity to help bring about a transformation of consciousness is therefore most propitious.

Aquarius presents “the Light that shines on Earth, across the sea.” It “is the light which ever shines within the dark...[It cleanses] with its healing rays that which must be purified until the dark has gone.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 330)

In tracing the unfolding of the human consciousness through the influence of the various zodiacal signs, we find that Aquarius stands for inspiration, governing service. The energies of Aquarius engender Group consciousness and a going forth in service to the whole.

In its highest expression and in this evolving Age of Aquarius, this sign is equated with brotherhood. Its symbol depicts the individual, carrying on his and her shoulders a jar of water so full that it pours over to all and sundry, and yet it diminishes not.

Aquarius, the water-carrier, “purifies” the astral body of humanity so that, for example, the material world ceases to hold such a powerful attraction. It stimulates the astral bodies of humanity into a new coherency, which ignores all racial and national differences and carries the life forward into synthesis and unity.

We are told that hundreds of years into the future, the powerful tide of this unifying life force will have welded the whole of humanity into a perfect brotherhood. Can we let our imagination take wing and envision this perfect brotherhood of humanity—a lighted, harmonious, integrated center of pure, creative intelligence, able to look above for inspiration and to help below with loving wisdom and understanding?

The very reasonable, scientific explanation behind the Aquarian potential to engender brotherhood is that this sign is connected with the physical permanent atom existing upon the etheric level. And, as we know, it is this individual etheric web which is the medium of relationship to the whole.

The universal consciousness of Aquarius becomes possible and expressive just in so far as the individual etheric body is in *conscious* relation with the etheric body of humanity, the planet, the solar system and eventually, when the stage of High Initiate has been attained, the stupendous constellation of the Great Bear. (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 303, 349, 495)

² In *The Secret Doctrine*, the “water of life” is equated with electricity—the ONE Life at the upper rung of Being, which is described as the sacred generator of fire, light, heat, adhesion and sound as well as the foundation of all manifestations which lies back of all evolution.

It is anticipated that this evolving Age of Aquarius will be predominantly an age of worldwide discipleship—an age, wherein increasingly, people will recognize the *fact* of the soul and understand the true significance of the Law of Loving Understanding, eventuating in the development of an international spirit which many of us today envision and towards which so many are today working. (*Esoteric Psychology*, Vol. I, pp. xxiv, 380)

The spiritually awakened individual influenced by the energies of Aquarius will be capable of manifesting the great ideals many of us hold dear. The reason is that the channel of contact between soul and brain—via the mind, is becoming steadily established through right understanding, and the mind can then increasingly act in its dual capacity to penetrate into the world of ideas, while it becomes the illuminator of life upon the physical plane.

(*Education in the New Age*, p. 122)

In offering us a glimpse into the astrology of the future, the Tibetan Master informs us in his treatise on *Esoteric Astrology* that he wishes to provide us with a truer and more accurate picture of the greater life in which we live, *and* the work that we are called upon to accomplish.

He explains, “the personality, which is individual, separative and self-centred” will need to recede increasingly into the background, “and the soul—non-separative, group conscious and inclusive,” will need to come more and more to the fore. Interest, therefore, in the individual horoscope will gradually die out, and increasingly, the planetary, the systemic and the universal picture will stand out in the awareness of the individual, who will then perceive himself and herself as an integral part of the whole!

Universal relationships, the interplay of energies, the nature of what lies behind the Great Illusion, the destiny of our planet, the kingdoms in nature and humanity as a centre of consciousness—these will constitute the future fields of exploration, research and study. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 6)

The seeds of this unifying trend in human consciousness are clearly evident today within the many offices and agencies of the United Nations.

Whether it is the Secretary-General himself, or the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, or one of the 15 specialized agencies such as the World Health Organization, which, by the way, just gave us the good news about the near-end of the Ebola epidemic, UNICEF, UNEP, the World Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) or UNESCO, among others—the data collected, the perspective held, the solutions sought—the work of these various bodies focuses on the welfare of the whole of humanity and the planet. (See, for example, the [UN Organizational Chart](#).)

The fusion of the individual with the whole, while at the same time retaining his and her unique individuality; that is, the value of the individual and the fact of the One Humanity—is this worldview not beginning to dawn in the consciousness of the more spiritually aware?

Is it not this vision, for example, that informs our lives and inspires us also, to meet and work at these monthly meditation meetings?

How then, does our planetary society move from its many and seemingly intractable world problems to this envisioned possibility? How do we solve what one *New York Times* article referred to as the “cauldron of corruption”? How do we address what UNICEF has reported to be the systematic violation of children’s rights without impunity, limited accountability and a limited set of international institutions? How do we help the reported 62 million children in 71 countries—wherein one in 10 of them are living in areas affected by war and armed conflict?

How do we address what Kofi Annan, the past Secretary-General, has recently referred to as our modern challenges, including tax avoidance, organized crime, cyber-insecurity, terrorism, climate change, international migration and licit and illicit financial flows—problems, which he says, the traditional instruments of a sovereign state have become inadequate to manage?! (“Saving Global Order” in *Project Syndicate*)

In the short video celebrating the upcoming 70 year anniversary of the UN’s work, included in this month’s newsletter, the late Nelson Mandela compellingly intones, “Enough Is Enough!”—does this sentiment not reverberate within the minds and hearts of each one of us—and all world disciples today?! [[The UN Turns 70; Strong UN for a Better World \(1:12\)](#)]

The solution to these problems and more lies in the purifying, cleansing waters of Aquarius—the dual rivers of Life more abundant and loving understanding.

The nature of this solution is well depicted for us in the 11th labour of Hercules—that struggling Soul, described in the ancient annals as the one “who, on the *Way* of life, experiences and seeks the clear light which shines from the High Place.”

The 12 tests to which Hercules willingly subjected himself and into which he sometimes thoughtlessly rushed are those of disciples of all times. As Alice Bailey wrote, in *The Labours of Hercules*, “each one of us is an embryo Hercules, and each one of us faces the identical labors; each of us has the same goal to achieve, and the same circle of the zodiac to encompass.

In his eleventh labour in Aquarius, Hercules was instructed to cleanse the Augean stables where King Augeas kept herds of animals. For thirty years the stables had not been cleared so that the filth had accumulated: “a horrid stench arose that made Hercules faint and weak as it assailed his nostrils.” No crops could grow and a blighting pestilence was sweeping through the land, wreaking havoc with human lives. Does this ring familiar?

Having arrived at the mountain-top of Capricorn, having passed all the great tests which allowed him entrance into the spiritual kingdom, where he knew somewhat the experience of mystical ecstasy, Hercules was asked to go back down the mountain and clean the stables—no glorified world work, but rather, the necessary cleansing of the stables.

This, Hercules accomplished by diverting two rivers from the course they had followed for decades, making the rushing torrents sweep away the long-accumulated filth.

By the right direction of the two streams of Life and Love, Hercules became a world server.

And so, we now enter on *our* work of meditation, keeping in mind the Agni Yoga wisdom that states, "when humanity fills the space with its quests, space responds by sending the higher energies." (*Infinity, Vol. II, 441*)

Throughout the meditation, if possible, where you are, please do sound the mantras that are part of the meditation, out loud—keeping in mind that in doing so, you are engaging in the exacting occult science of speech and sound, which includes the occult laws of vibration and of electricity. (*Initiation Human and Solar, p. 10*)