



**Transforming Planetary Consciousness
The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity
Opening Address, Aquarius Solar Festival*
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Good afternoon, friends! Welcome and thank you for being here.

We are here to celebrate and work with the Solar Festival of Aquarius, the exact time which, in the U.S. Eastern time zone, will be tomorrow morning, January 31st at 8:26 a.m..

Today, therefore is the second and last day of preparation—a day of dedication and upward striving—as we seek to become recipients and custodians of as much of the inflowing spiritual force as we are capable of holding on behalf of humanity.

Striving to identify with the Purpose that seeks to “guide the little wills of men,” our intention at these Webinars is to become as a living bridge, bringing humanity ever-closer to the ideas and energies radiated by the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom, while recognizing ourselves as an integral part of the world-wide group through which these spiritual energies are poured throughout the whole body of humanity.

As is our monthly practice, we’ll use this opportunity for group meditation to improve our ability to be receptive to spiritual impression as we hold the mind, “steady in the light.”

Following the Group Meditation, you will have an opportunity to voice any thoughts and ideas you would like to share.

The photo on your screen is that of the Nicholas Roerich painting, entitled Zvenigorod (1933). The city of Zvenigorod is located just outside of Moscow and it was here in the 14th-15th century that the monk who later became Saint Savva, founded the Nativity of the Mother of God monastery, which was later given the name of Saint Savvino-Storozhevsky Monastery that became the inspiration for this painting.

To me it speaks of The Brotherhood—all working serenely, purposefully, cooperatively and in loving unity, ever aware of the presence of the “Mother of the World.”

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This photo also reminds me of the biblical story of the last supper within the upper chamber, retold with its esoteric explanation within the book, *The Destiny of the Nations*. As we may recall, it was in the upper chamber that the disciples met and arrived at a true recognition of the Risen Christ and at a perfect and complete understanding of each other—in spite of the symbolic diversity of tongues.

Under that inspiration, the Tibetan Master tells us that they had a touch of prevision, of prophetic insight, and they foresaw a little of the wonder of the coming Aquarian Age, in which it is expected that goodwill towards all, right relationships, true communion and the sharing of all things will come to pass.

This meeting in the “upper chamber” also held the seed idea or the embryonic vision of the time when all nations are to be united in complete understanding with the diversity of languages being symbolic of differing traditions, cultures, civilizations and points of view. At the centre of this vision or picture, of course, is the Christ—whose current role, among many, is that of the Teacher of Love and Unity. (*The Destiny of the Nations*, p. 151-152)

As we know, in this evolving Age of Aquarius, it is God Immanent—the Soul in form, that will increasingly be recognized, celebrated and called forth. Identifying with every form in every kingdom, the Aquarian energies will help humanity recognize the underlying bond which holds all together.

Working with others in a subjective, telepathic and synthetic manner, at this time, the goal of disciples is to consecrate themselves to the welfare of humanity and the planet, ever seeking the good of the whole.

It follows then that the powerful rhythm which animates the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom—the inner Brotherhood, will eventually make itself felt everywhere on our planet and that small groups seeking to practice true brotherhood will be regarded as the first step towards the externalization of the Hierarchy.

Seeking to bring clarity to this idea, the Tibetan Master emphasizes the fact that the keynote of the Lodge is neither attainment nor degree. It is rather, one of stable relationship, unity of thought, plus diversity of method. It is one of effort and of function and its quality is friendship in its purest sense.

He teaches that the Brotherhood is “a community of souls who are swept by the desire to serve, urged by a spontaneous impulse to love, illumined by one pure Light, devotedly fused and blended into groups of serving Minds, [and] energized by one Life.” (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I*, p. 23)

“Can you not see,” he asks, “how a miniature replica of the Brotherhood can be established on earth and how in decades to come the working disciples of the world, the isolated initiates in the many world organisations and the personnel of the New Group of World Servers will automatically respond to the telepathic sensitivity of such groups as will be found working in the many Ashrams of the Masters?” (Ibid., pp. 24-25)

He continues,

“The result of this success will not be the recognition of any *particular group* but it will lead to the recognition of a universal power and the state of mind of disciples of all degrees....[It is] the revelation of unity through the power of thought [that] is the glorious consummation of the work of the Brotherhood and to this”, he assures us, “you do, as do all disciples, respond in your highest moments.” (ibid., p. 25)

“Harkening to all the songs about Brotherhood one perceives a wondrous poem of the dreams of humanity.” So the Agni Yoga Wisdom affirms; and, further, “If one assembles all the customs which have been accumulated around the concept of Brotherhood one arrives at an extraordinarily touching testimony about the aspirations of peoples.” (*Brotherhood*, 2)

Do we need to be reminded that “in the Brotherhood each one works as much as he [and she] can”? And, that “each one helps in accordance with the measure of his [and her] forces”? And that “each one does not condemn in his [and her] heart?”

Rather, states this Wisdom, “each one affirms knowledge according to his [and her] experience; each one lets no time escape, for it is irrecoverable; each one is ready to lend [his and her] strength to a Brother; each one displays his [and her] best quality; [and] each one rejoices at the success of a Brother.”

Are these principles too difficult to attain?—we are asked. (*Brotherhood*, 282)

Although I think we all would like to respond that these behaviors and qualities are within the range of our abilities, we know that replicating such a manifested level of consciousness in truth is most difficult to achieve.

Yet, eventually, just as humanity will arrive at a recognition of the necessity for cooperation, so, in the same way will we eventually all arrive at the reality of the existence of the Brotherhood and the need to follow in Their enlightened footsteps.

“Brotherhood is conceived in the depths of the consciousness”, explains the Agni Yoga Wisdom. “Brothers may not be working together outwardly, but their thinking will be strongly knit together. They will be united *freely*; their unity will not be a burdensome yoke or a bondage. But precisely these brothers will understand unity as a powerful motive force for the good of the world. It is impossible to place limits upon such unity, for its basis will be love....No one compels collaboration [but, eventually,] people themselves arrive at the necessity for cooperation. In the same way will they arrive at the reality of Brotherhood.” (*Brotherhood*, 166)

With these thoughts in mind, can we pause and together sound the Noon-time recollection?

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

“Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men”—such is the magnanimous and joyous song of the Soul in this sign of Aquarius.

Dear Friends, the *Affirmation of the Disciple* ever reminds us, that not only each one of us, but also all groups—whether in objective or subjective existence, all form but a relative *point* of light within a greater Light; all are but a relative *strand* of loving energy within the stream of love divine and all are but a relative *point* of fire within the fiery will of God.

The energies of Aquarius are here to awaken us to the existence of life more abundant and to the fact that our planet exists within the body or stream of our current second ray solar system of Love-Wisdom—to be distinguished from the past third ray solar system of creative intelligence or the future first ray solar system of pure Will.

Whereas the lower concrete mind was unfolded in the first solar system, in the current solar system, it is the higher abstract intuitional mind—the faculty of love as pure reason—that is today being stimulated and unfolded.

“Aquarius”, the esoteric wisdom explains, “expresses the activity of the mind which has been initiated into the purposes of the Universal Mind. It is the sign which brings the soul into active cooperation with the inner plan of God.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, 495)

The disciples and initiates of the world are therefore in the process of learning the technique through meditation whereby the Mind of God, the Universal Mind, or the “thinking process of the planetary Logos, can be recorded and registered.”

As we know, the constantly active mind can respond to the lower vibration, emanating from the objective outer world *and* to the higher impulse, issuing from the soul, as the intermediary between spirit and matter. The soul is ever aware of this condition; however, the individual on the physical plane is blind to it or just awakening to the dual possibility.

The work of the aspirant then is to swing the mind stuff gradually and increasingly under the higher impulse and away from the lower vibration, until the responsiveness to the higher becomes a stable condition and the vibratory activity of the lower self is subordinated and then integrated into the life of the soul-aligned personality. (*Light of the Soul*, p. 411)

In our current time, the Hierarchy is conditioned by three great constellations, one of which is Aquarius—“The Custodian of that ‘life more abundantly’ of which the Christ spoke and which He can draw upon at this time in a new and dynamic manner. This energy is referred to as the “implementing force of universality,” which will increasingly affect our planet.

As these constellations pour their energies into the great Ashram of Sanat Kumara, the Hierarchy, they are there concentrated and retained until they can be released into the field of human consciousness. The effect of this release is to awaken the intuition and to enlighten advanced humanity.

We arrive therefore at the fact of the “over-shadowing raincloud of knowable things” hovering over humanity—just as the Hierarchy overshadows the New Group and just as the soul overshadows the personal self. In this way, Light and illumination reach humanity.

Here, it is important to recollect that at this time, the main teaching technique of the Hierarchy is to convey inspiration, while they continue to work within what is referred to as “the silence of the universal Ashram,” and from there, They inspire Their disciples and initiates, who in turn inspire the New Group of World Servers.

“I would have all disciples begin to train themselves to respond to the Aquarian energy now pouring into the Hierarchy” requests the Tibetan Master, explaining that this inflow of Aquarian energy is one of the factors which will enable the Christ to complete His task as World Saviour and World Teacher and enable Him to take the initiation which lies immediately ahead of Him and for which He has been preparing for close upon three thousand years.” (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 185)

In this anticipated attainment, the New Group of World Servers are tasked with the goal of providing a centre of light within the world and of holding up the vision for all to see, while acting as an intermediate group between the Hierarchy and humanity, receiving light and power and then using both of these under the inspiration of love, to build the needed new world.

Friends, as the Tibetan Master indicates, the selfish, wicked past must give way to a future of understanding, of cooperation, of right human relations and of good. Separativeness must be superseded by unity. The combination of totalitarian aggressors, of allied democracies and of anxious neutral nations must be changed into a world which is characterised by one endeavour—the establishing of those relations which will produce the happiness and peace of the whole of humanity, and not only of the few.

Have not these very same ideas been sounded clearly and powerfully by the many who labor at the United Nations?

The energies of Aquarius will transform the individual, inspiring him and her to become universally oriented. *Esoteric Astrology* teaches that “Man, alone and separative, becomes mankind in his reactions and awareness and yet, at the same time, preserves his individuality; he is no longer just a human being, individually self-centred and separative, but becomes humanity itself, losing his personal identity in the good of the whole yet retaining his spiritual Identity. From self-service, he proceeds to world service and yet is always the individualised Son of God until after the third initiation.” (pp. 135-136)

The rulers of Aquarius are of special interest. Uranus gives innate spontaneous activity which produces evolutionary development—both natural and spiritual, as it provides the urge and impetus to better conditions; Jupiter gives an inherent tendency to fusion which nothing can arrest, insuring the achievement of ultimate synthesis; while the Moon, veiling Uranus brings about the inclination to create the conditions which lead to the great and critical transformations from intellectual perception to intuitive knowledge.

Aquarius is one of the four arms of the Fixed Cross, which is outstandingly the Cross of Discipleship. It is in this signs that the long effort of the soul is consummated and concludes the experience of the disciple who then takes the third initiation and becomes free from personality control, taking the next two initiations upon the Cardinal Cross.

Friends, do we now better understand why the Tibetan Master tells us that “*The living organism of aspirants and disciples can provide a centre of peace, power and love, of practical help and spiritual uplift such as the world has not hitherto seen*”? Of course, our free will necessitates his next comment that, “*Such is the hope.*” [And, he adds] “*See you to it.*” (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p. 516)

With these thoughts in mind, can we now take up our meditation?