



Transforming Planetary Consciousness
The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity

Opening Address, Capricorn Solar Festival

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Dear Friends, Good afternoon, Welcome to each of you! I greet you with wishes for Joy, Light, Warmth and Love on this one day after the Winter Solstice and on this Day of the Capricorn Solar Festival.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact moment of the Solar Festival is 12:49 p.m. today. Thus, we're meeting on the sacred day of Safeguarding in the five day cycle of the Capricorn Solar Festival.

We have the opportunity to observe together this day of *inner* silence and solemnity, a day of service carried forward entirely on esoteric levels and of complete self-forgetfulness, fully mindful of humanity and its need. Regardless of what is going on around us or what we may be outwardly engaged in. With expectancy, dedication and loving courage, let us hold ourselves steadily in the stream of Light divine, recognizing this opportunity of contact between the inner and the outer groups.

In opening our hearts and minds to the possibilities in front of us, we recognize ourselves to be part of the world-wide group through which the spiritual energies now available on our planet are being poured forth for the benefit of the whole of humanity.

Identifying with the Purpose that seeks to "guide the little wills of men", let us become as a living, vital bridge, bringing humanity ever-closer to the ideas and energies held in trust within the Council Chamber of Shamballa and radiated into our planet by the Great Brotherhood of Love-Wisdom.

As is our monthly practice, after this opening address, we'll move to the focus of our meeting, which is group meditation. Following this, you'll have the opportunity to voice any thoughts and ideas you might like to share.

The photo on your screen is called "Camera's Orion." It comes to us courtesy of NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD). NASA's description of the photo explains that although Orion is one of the most recognizable star groupings in the sky, it does not look as colorful to the eye as it does to a camera. As you see here, this is spectacular and stunning.

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The three stars of Orion's Belt, quite prominent in the northern sky, are associated with a number of stories and myths that come to us from the ancient Babylonians, Egyptians and Greeks, who alternatively named these star, for example, the Three Kings, the Three Wise Men, and the Three Sisters.

In *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, the Tibetan Master makes reference to the giant star Betelgeuse (pronunciation: beetle juice) in the constellation of Orion. He indicates that the interest awakened in the public mind by this giant star within Orion, is due to the fact that at this particular time, there has been an interplay of force between what he calls "our tiny system" and "this giant one," reflective of "communication between the two informing Existences." (p. 1086)

This photo will accompany the upcoming January quote of the month that will be posted in our website on the first of the month and I encourage you to visit and study it, as the names of the various stars are also provided.

For our purposes now, I hope you find this beautiful display adequately uplifting and inspiring for our work here today.

Before moving forward in that work, can we pause for a moment and sound the noon time recollection, changing the personal I to "We?"

"We know oh Lord of Life and Love about the need. Touch our hearts anew with love that we too may love and give."

[PAUSE]

"*Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.*" Such is the esoteric keynote, the song of the Soul in this complicated sign of Capricorn—one of the most difficult of the 12 zodiacal signs to fully comprehend.

Even the glyph or symbol for this sign is most mysterious. We are told that it is constructed in an inaccurate and definitely misleading manner and should be regarded as a mystery to be revealed only when humanity has adequately accomplished. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 57)

Spiritually, as described in *Esoteric Astrology*, Capricorn is the sign of the Unicorn which is the "fighting and triumphant creature" of the ancient myths. Additionally, the symbolism of this sign, includes the goat and the crocodiles, which gives us a rather complete picture of humanity with its feet upon the earth, yet running free and climbing to the heights of worldly ambition or of spiritual aspiration in search of what is realized, at any particular time, to be one's major need.

The wide possibilities are well reflected in the contrast between the above-mentioned esoteric keynote of this sign and the keynote for the individual on the ordinary wheel of life: "And the Word said: Let ambition rule and let the door stand wide."

In this sign, then, we have the key to humanity's evolutionary urge, to the secret of rebirth, and to the word which reverberates from Cancer to Capricorn. The door of initiation in Capricorn stands ever open; however, for aeons of time, humanity prefers the open door in Cancer. Ambition urges the individual on from life to life until the transitory and superficial nature—what the Tibetan Master refers to as the "worthlessness," of all earthly gratification is discovered.

Gradually, spiritual ambition and a desire for liberation become such an impelling impulse that these replace worldly ambition, until finally the moment arrives when a true sense of reality supersedes both earthly and spiritual ambition.

And, dear Friends, it is at this point that the spiritual seeker can finally affirm in fact and in truth, "Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back." Now, there remains no goal but service. The Initiate passes back through the gate of Cancer, but this time, with his and her consciousness held steadily in the sign of Aquarius.

From being the world initiate in Capricorn, the initiate becomes an incarnated world server in Aquarius, and later a world Saviour in Pisces.

Such, we are told, was the experience of the Christ Who "was born in Capricorn, fulfilled the law under Saturn, initiated the era of intelligent brotherhood under Venus and is the perfect example of the Capricornian initiate who becomes the world Server in Aquarius, and the world Saviour in Pisces, thus completing the round of the zodiac and able to say triumphantly in Pisces, 'It is finished.'" (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 168)

And, this, we are given to understand, is the indwelling potential of each and every human being.

That is, firstly, we have the spiritual soul, reflecting the Monad. Then, there is the human soul, reflecting the divine Soul and finally, there is the form nature, which, eventually, as the consciousness expands, will reveal the two higher aspects.

The second volume of *Esoteric Psychology* expresses this process in the following way: (pp.7-8), there is "man, the average human being," who is a sum total of separative tendencies, of uncontrolled forces and of disunited energies, which slowly and gradually become coordinated, fused, and blended in the separative personality.

Then, there is "man, the Solar Angel"—the sum total of those energies and forces which are unified, blended and controlled by that "tendency to harmony" which is the effect of love and the outstanding quality of divinity.

And, thirdly, we have "man the living Monad"—the veiled reality, hidden by the Angel of the Presence.

Each individual is thus the synthetic expression of the purpose of God-- appearance, quality and life, latent and slowly blossoming within each human being.

All that concerns humanity at this time, states this esoteric treatise, is the necessity for a revelation and a gradual apprehension of the Plan which will enable humanity to:

- 1) Work consciously and intelligently;
- 2) Realize the existing relationship between the three aspects of form, quality, and life; and,
- 3) Produce that inner transmutation which will bring into manifestation, the fifth kingdom in nature—the Kingdom of Souls.

In this way, the work of evolution and the task of revelation are accomplished through Individualisation, which brings forth the expression of the Personality, through Initiation, which brings forth the full flowering of the Soul and through Identification, which reveals the indwelling Monad.

How do the energies of Capricorn facilitate this process?

Here, it's interesting to note that if we trace the unfolding human consciousness through the various zodiacal signs, we find that Capricorn represents Soul consciousness in its later stages, this results in the illumination, which governs the intuition and allows the initiate to become aware of these three realms of consciousness, able to proclaim, "I realize" and, thus finally achieve the long-sought and long-awaited liberation of the Soul.

As one of the "Guardians of the Four Secrets," Capricorn guards the secret of the Soul itself—the "secret of the hidden glory," revealed to the initiate only at the third initiation. (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 164-165)

Within this configuration, The Complexity of Capricorn is reflected in the fact that this most material of all the signs is actually the battleground of the old established order and habits—and the new and higher inclinations and tendencies.

The triumph of matter reaches its most dense and most concrete expression; however, this triumph is then followed by the triumph of Spirit. And, thus, we have the full expression of the earthly nature in Capricorn but we also have immense spiritual possibilities.

In Capricorn, the initiate learns to realize the meaning of the growing light which greets his and her progress as s/he climbs upward to the mountain top of spiritual possibilities. The flashes of intuition with which s/he is becoming familiar change into the blazing and constant light of the Soul—irradiating and illuminating the mind, and thus providing that point of fusion which must ever be the "fusion of the two lights, the greater and the lesser light"—the blending of the light of the personality and the light of the soul. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 181)

And thus, it is in this sign that the Transfiguration of the personality can take place. Capricorn makes it possible for the spiritual knower to become aware of "the interlocking forces of all the twelve constellations, as they pour into and through all the kingdoms in nature, carrying with them also not only their own individual potencies but also those of the seven rays, focussed through the sacred and non-sacred planets—the discovered and undiscovered planetary Lives.

"It has been occultly said that a vision of these powers and their many weaving lines (seen as rivers and streams of light) is given to the initiate from the mountain top of Capricorn, once that summit has been reached. It is at the Transfiguration initiation that this vision appears before the eyes of the astounded disciple." (Ibid., p. 167)

Dear friends, can we imagine this? Can we pause for a moment as we fully try to take this in?

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Indeed, "Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back."

The Agni Yoga wisdom indicates that "at all times the Teaching of Life is being poured forth upon the Earth without interruption." And, further, "it is impossible to imagine earthly existence without this link to the Invisible World. As an anchor of salvation and a guiding light, the Teaching strengthens one's advance through the darkness." (*Heart*, 17)

The promise of this evolving Age of Aquarius is that for the first time in human history, all the three spiritual centres or groups through which God works are unitedly focussed on the same objective. Shamballa—the Center of Will and Purpose, the Spiritual Hierarchy—the Center of Love-Wisdom, and Humanity—the Center of Creative Intelligence—all three centers, all three levels of consciousness, all are striving in one vast movement for an intensification of the Light on planet Earth.

From the Introduction to the Emerald Tablets of Thoth—that body of teaching attributed to Thoth, the God of Wisdom in the days of Atlantis, we are given to understand that humanity's search for understanding of the laws which regulate earthly life has been unending, yet always just beyond the veil which shields the higher planes from material man's vision the truth has existed, ready to be assimilated by those who enlarge their vision by turning inward, not outward, in their search.

In a *Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, the Tibetan Master teaches that when the Christ-child has been born in the cave of the heart, then that divine guest can consciously control the lower material bodies by means of the consecrated mind. Only when buddhi—the pure reason and intuition of the higher abstract mind, has assumed an ever-increasing control of the personality, via the mental plane, will the personality respond to that which is above, and the lower fires mount and blend with the two higher.

Only when Spirit, by the power of thought, controls the material vehicles, does the subjective, inner life assume its rightful place; only then, does the God within shine and blaze forth till the form is lost from sight, and "The path of the just shine ever more and more until the day be with us." (pp. 139-140)

"All who—in quiet reflection, focussed appeal and with a true background of knowledge—are able to 'think through' into a higher state of consciousness than the one of which they are normally aware; in that higher state they arrive at those intuitional and spiritual 'discoveries' which can produce the seed of a new creation, or which can open up (for those unable thus to meditate) a new field of *possible* awareness." (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p. 200)

And, dear Friends, herein is an apt description of our monthly, weekly and daily work.

As we know, the primary objective of the New Group of World Servers is to facilitate the entrance of soul energy into the life of daily living. It is the union between the inner essence and the outer tangible form that is the dire necessity of our times. Only in this way can we break the ancient and evil rhythms of the past and establish a new and better one.

Let us remember that the power to act as transmitters of that spiritual energy we call Love is the promised reward of the triumphant solar Angels and the prized goal of the meditation work.
(*A Treatise on White Magic, p. 90*)

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