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The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity

Opening Addresses, Christ/Gemini Solar Festival

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What Are the Different Names of this Festival and What Do They Prophecy for Humanity?

By Ida Urso

Dear Friends, Good afternoon and Welcome! It's a joy to be here with you today. We're meeting to observe and work with the essential energies of the Sacred Festival of the Christ, at this time of the Gemini Solar Festival—the last of the three Major Spiritual Festivals.

Thank you for being here. I look forward to the good work we can together accomplish, as we offer ourselves in service to the work of reconstruction, resurrection and transformation!

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact moment of the Festival is tomorrow morning at 10:19 a.m. Thus, we're meeting on the second day of preparation, dedication and upward striving.

Our format is slightly different this month and I am pleased to welcome four panelists who will each address a chosen aspect of this multi-faceted and auspicious Festival.

I'll begin by addressing the theme of *What Are the Different Names of this Festival and What Do They Prophecy for Humanity?* My address will be followed by Merwyn's, who will speak to the theme of "*Who is the Christ and What Does His Reappearance Portend for Humanity?*" Merwyn will introduce the theme and panelist who will follow her, and so on.

As usual, we'll then move to the focus of the meeting, which is group meditation; afterwards, you'll have an opportunity to share any thoughts or questions.

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We have much joyous work ahead of us, so let's begin, as we normally do, by opening our hearts and minds, as we unite in loving cooperation with all co-workers, similarly working everywhere throughout planet and affirm 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."

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You're all familiar with the photo on your screen, which of course, is the majestic and impressive General Assembly Hall of the United Nations—the one that is overshadowed by the Avatar of Synthesis, who we know to be working in close cooperation with the Christ.

Because of the stupendous task confronting Him, it is the Avatar of Synthesis along with the Buddha and the Spirit of Peace who create a Triangle of outpouring energies buttressing the Christ who takes His stand at the center of that Triangle as He completes the Great Work of Reconstruction and Resurrection that he began over two thousand years ago.

I ask you to view this photo with fresh eyes and new thinking—imagining the possibilities that can be forged within this sacred space for humanity and the planet.

The Festival of the Christ, Christ's Unique Occasion, World Invocation Day, the Festival of Unification, the Festival of Goodwill and the Festival of Humanity—indeed, a synthesizing, culminating Festival, occurring within the synthesizing sign of Gemini.

As its esoteric keynote indicates, in this sign the power of the personality lessens and wanes while that of the soul waxes and grows, as we affirm: "I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow."

The Festival of the Christ calls attention to the fact that on this day for over two thousand years, the Christ has represented humanity and has stood before the Hierarchy and Shamballa as the leader of His people and "the Eldest in a great family of brothers" (Romans VIII.29). (*The Reappearance of the Christ*, pp. 155-156)

It was in Gemini, in 1945 that the Christ consciously took over His duties and responsibilities as the Teacher and Leader during the Aquarian solar cycle, thus being the first of the great world Teachers to cover two zodiacal cycles.

His Great opportunity today is that of unifying and synthesizing all the forces and energies released during the Easter and Wesak Festivals, integrating these into one great, powerful down pouring of spiritual energy, accomplishing thus, his main objective of bringing "to an end the separateness which exists between man and man, family and family, community and community, and nation and nation." (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 648)

The uniqueness of His mission is that He is able to express the magnetic potency of love *and* the dynamic effectiveness of the divine will. Never before, has such a revelation been possible.

Standing in His Own place at a central point in Asia...He will bless the world at the exact moment of the Gemini Solar Festival, sounding the Buddha's last sermon, the Beatitudes and since 1945, He has added the Great Invocation.

World Invocation Day reminds us that the will-to-invoke that which is needed is the hallmark of the New Civilization and culture—and the Great Invocation, is here key. We're told that its correct use results, as far as humanity is concerned, in an evolutionary acceleration.

The Festival of Unification brings attention to the fact that it is the good of the One Humanity and the entire family of nations that must be substituted for the good of the one nation or group. From the highest spiritual

Being, through the graded spiritual groups who work upon the inner side of life, out into the world of daily living, a new alignment and synthesis are being forged.

The Festival of Goodwill calls attention to the fact that:

"The heart centre of humanity is created by the sum total of the hearts (symbolically speaking) of all those men and women of goodwill...who are...working for the establishing of right human relations, and constantly offsetting the separativeness of the human mind through the inclusiveness of ...[divine love]."
(*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 619)

The Festival of Humanity brings focus to humanity's irrevocable responsibility to firstly, break an ancient rhythm and establish a new and better one; and secondly, to create a vibrant, open channel between the New Group of World Servers, and men and women good will, who can respond to the inner subjective energies.

What do these various names prophesy? Much can here be said; however, simply stated, it's through the work accomplished at this Festival that the true resurrection is taking place: Humanity is emerging from the imprisoning cave of materialism, recognizing its divine heritage and consciously aiding the Christ and the Hierarchy in the work of reconstruction and transformation.

Friends, True it is indeed that "the whole creation travaileth in pain until now, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Who is the Christ and What Does His Reappearance Portend for Humanity?

By Merwyn Claire Johnston

The name Christ is that of the office¹ of the World Teacher known variously as the Christ, the Bodhisattva, the Lord Maitreya, and as the Imam Mahdi. As the World Teacher, He is the Master of all the Masters, and the Instructor of the Angels, "and to Him is committed the guidance of the spiritual destinies of men, and the development of the realisation within each human being that he is a child of God and a son of the Most High."²

The Buddha and the Christ belong to a great group of beings known as transmitting Avatars who appear at 'great cyclic moments of revelation when humanity needs the expression of a new truth or the expansion of an old one in order to progress still higher on the evolutionary ladder.' They acted as transmitters of certain cosmic principles—from the very Heart of God to the heart of man. The Buddha demonstrated in His Own life the fact of God Immanent as well as God Transcendent and stimulated the light in the world, in humanity and in all forms. The Christ transmitted to humanity, for the first time in human history, an aspect and a potency of the nature of God Himself, the Love principle of the Deity.³

But Christ's greatest achievement has yet to be recognized, and that is "the revelation of the Way of the Higher Evolution."⁴ Christ, representing humanity, succeeded in anchoring the first thread of the Will of God on Earth from the highest Center, Shamballa, to humanity, thus the will-to-good of Shamballa can become the goodwill of the Kingdom of God and be transformed into right human relations by humanity.⁵

It is the teaching given by the Christ which saves humanity. Humanity must save itself by its self-initiated application of the teaching and living example given by the Christ."⁶

Christ will reappear with members of the Hierarchy and He will restore the ancient Mysteries which contain the entire clue to the evolutionary process; these ancient mysteries veil the secret of humanity's origin and destiny, and picture to us, the long, long path which we must tread, back into the light.⁷

When Christ came before, He emphasized two major truths: the fact of the existence of the human soul and secondly, the system of service as a mode of establishing right human relations—to God and to one's fellowmen. He also taught that all human beings are the Sons of God in the same sense that He was and that we can do even greater things than He did because we are divine as He was. He taught that service was the key to liberation and the life of every day is a divine sphere of spiritual livingness.⁸

When Christ came before, He taught us the true meaning of Renunciation or the Crucifixion; this time His message will be concerned with *the resurrection life*.⁹

“It is light and—above all else—“life more abundantly” which Christ will bring, and until He brings it we cannot realise the revelation which this will entail and the new possibilities which will open before us. But through Him, light and life are on their way, to be interpreted and applied in terms of goodwill and of right human relations” and worldwide cooperation for the good of all will be the universal keynote.¹⁰

¹ *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p 298

² *Initiation, Human and Solar*, pp 43-44

³ *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, pp 299-300

⁴ *The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 527-528

⁵ *The Reappearance of the Christ*, pp. 52-53

⁶ *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p. 635

⁷ *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p. 122

⁸ *Ibid.*, pp. 107-108

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 23

¹⁰ *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p. 610

How Can the Global Group Prepare the Way for the Reappearance of the Christ?

By Maria Cristina Donnadieu

“Right doing is the result of being. If your awareness of being is of a personality nature, so will be your activity. If your consciousness is focused in spiritual being, your spontaneous, creative and active service will be consequently by radiation.” (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I*, p. 135)

Entering into spiritual being, we enter into the life of the soul on its own plane, a group conscious entity. As a soul-infused group personality, we become the planetary Antahkarana, a lighted path of energy circulation between the inner realms of Light and Life and the outer world of seeming.

The global group stands within the very heart of the New Group of World Servers. Here we invocatively create that lighted relationship of consciousness between the heavens and the earth.

This vibrant lighted rainbow bridge not only includes the NGWS linking Humanity and Hierarchy, but extends through to the Nirmanakayas, or ‘inspired Contemplatives’ on the Atmic plane, mediating twixt Hierarchy and Shamballa, and those Agents who correspond to the Nirmanakayas and work with the building of the rainbow bridge between our Planetary Logos and Venus. We read in *The Rays and the Initiations* that the Avatar of Synthesis “will charge or galvanise the three groups—the directing Agents in Shamballa, the Nirmanakayas and the New Group of World Servers—with dynamic energy and, in a mysterious way, relate them to each other so that a new synthesis and alignment will be present upon the Earth.” (pp. 734-735)

It is only fitting that this potent Presence, whose focus is on evoking the soul of nations, be sensed within the Halls of the United Nations. He approaches our Earth in order to further “the manifestation of unity, of oneness and of inter-relation...”

At this time of the Gemini Solar Festival, we sound the words of the Great Invocation, reverberating with the chorus being focalized by the Christ, the Lord Maitreya. We work invocatively, within the divine circulatory flow. We work evocatively through radiation, transforming the underlying etheric grid of our physical worlds, enlivening the work of the NGWS, contributing to the creation of the pathway of Light for the reappearance of the Christ:

“Forgetting the things which lie behind we strive towards our higher spiritual possibilities. We dedicate ourselves anew to the work of the coming One and will do all we can to prepare men’s minds and hearts for this event.”

An event of redemptive Love. We have no other life intention.

How Can Invocation/Evocation lead to a New World Order of Light and Love?

By Maria Calegari

As we prepare for World Invocation Day tomorrow, when women and men of goodwill all across our globe sound the Great Invocation, this cry of Humanity will be heard. Heard by the Christ, Hierarchy and Shamballa and in return their love and light will be rendered through evocation.

Humanity’s cry is for a “new heaven and a new earth.” We cry for consciousness and liberation and for the Reappearance of the Christ. Humanity has at this turbulent period of time become “spiritually invocative” and we are assured by the Ageless Wisdom Teachings that our invocation produces evocative results.

We already see these results in the collective ideas of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. The SDG’s are an invocation of love, light and the will-to-good on behalf of all peoples and our Mother Earth, including the animal kingdom. These 17 Goals are being steadily worked out by the many co-workers of goodwill, showing a belief in the science of Invocation/Evocation which is steadily bringing Hierarchy and Humanity towards a point of fusion and integration.

UN Women documents how the voices of women are being heard and we know that as of this year, the United Nations has achieved gender parity in its governing bodies. Sustainable Goal #5, Gender Equality, is also being supported by the “me too” movement which is a call for balance, respect and right relationship between men and women. This is a shining example of how Invocation/Evocation is helping to “Restore the Plan on Earth.”

The following quote from Alice A. Bailey’s *“The Reappearance of the Christ”* (p. 22) sheds more light on the science of invocation in relationship to the Reappearance of the Christ:

“It is the invocative appeal of the many groups working on behalf of humanity (consciously or unconsciously made) which will bring Him forth. Those who carry out this great act of invocation are the spiritually minded people, the enlightened statesmen, the religious leaders and the men and women whose hearts are full of goodwill. They will evoke Him if they can stand with massed intent, with hope and with expectancy.”

Such is our shared service at this time as we continue to work subjectively within the Ashram and with all our beloved brothers and sisters.

How Can an Understanding of Harmony through Conflict Help the Global Group More Fully Prepare the Way for the Reappearance of the Christ?

By Susan MacNeil

Hello dearest friends and co-workers. It was a joy to hear the wonderful talks and I’ll simply be spring boarding from your ideas.

The first thing I think of when I hear Harmony through Conflict is an energetic sensitivity towards cooperation. The group galvanizes as a result of conflict, creating a tension that is only contained, or tolerated, within the refuge and multifaceted skills of the group cooperation. The alarm of conflict sounds the call of need to each group member; activating the formal command, “to the battle stations.” As 4th Ray humanity prepares the path, the essential quality for this preparation is Love in Action. Experiencing, expressing, and experimenting with harmony through our chaotic and conflicted lives is not easy. Correcting conflict is separative in its nature. It’s the conflict between Spirit and matter.

How does our group remain in harmony and show the way? Are we cooperating with the Plan? Do we find ourselves living more in the material world than the spiritual world? The Tibetan tells us that the 2nd Ray of Love-Wisdom controls Ray 4 of Harmony through Conflict, and implements the return of the Christ. This is where the heart center and Love in Action represents the whole of the human condition.

We are challenged in these times to throw the weight of public opinion on the side of spiritual values. The present conflicts and crises seem to be awakening a spiritual necessity. Our group is showing the way, through our persistent labor, toiling personally, and as a group, to emerge out of the control of matter while bringing in harmony and a point of balance each time we shift our awareness.

The principle of conflict is also related to death; death as our culture perceives it. Death symbolizes the focus on the physical body, astral glamour, and mental illusion. While we are in the process of the rejection of Maya, the truth is that the only way to overcome this is from the Soul angle.

There is a planned synthesis, and this final quote from *Rays & the Initiations* remains a hopeful reminder as we move into the Aquarian Age of renunciation and the esoteric principle of Decision.

“There could, however, be no disaster more serious than a too abrupt ending of this clash of the emotional reactions of humanity and of the current ideologies. It is essential that the issues become still clearer in the minds of men, prior to any final choice or decision. This must be remembered, and students would do well to avoid discouragement and train themselves to wait with spiritual optimism for the way of humanity to clear. Too prompt a choice at this time might prove only a makeshift decision and one based on expediency and impatience. The Hierarchy is in no way discouraged...” (*The Rays and the Initiations*, Section II, Part 3, pg. 610)

****Ida: Friends, let us now turn to our meditation, using the opportunity to contribute lighted thoughtforms that are monthly and yearly becoming increasingly invocative and evocative.