



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

Opening Address, Christ/Gemini Solar Festival

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Dear Friends, Good Afternoon and thank you for being here. We are all aware, I think of the unprecedented, pervasive and all-encompassing crises on our planet – a singular collective trauma, as one journalist described it. Pain, anger, suffering, violence – it’s not happening in just one place; it’s happening *everywhere*, all at once.

As a consequence, dear Friends, we have a profound, albeit challenging spiritual opportunity ahead of us, a crucible moment that, as we are experiencing, *is* beginning to lead towards that transformation of consciousness for which we have been actively working over the past many years.

As we know, depending on the level of consciousness, crises can bring about either the intensification of aspiration, or illumination, leading then to conscious personality renunciations, and right orientation towards the ways of the Soul.

There is much good work we can accomplish, so let us move forward with as much purpose and dynamic will-to-good as we can achieve.

At this Christ Festival in the important and versatile sign of Gemini – the third and last of the three high spiritual Festivals of this year, our work is one of Love, Contact, Resurrection, Unification and Synthesis. Recognizing the oneness of humanity, let us therefore do our best to magnify and electrify the concepts of world unity, brotherhood, and loving service in the uplift of the whole of humanity.

Forming the high point in the annual cycle, each of the Three High Spiritual Festivals transmits its own unique energies and forces, all contributing cumulatively to what can be a *crescendo of revelation*. Occurring in the “cause-initiating” signs of Aries, Taurus and Gemini, they establish the divine aspects, reflecting life’s underlying trinity of Will/Purpose, Love/Wisdom, and Light/Intelligent Activity.

They provide us with the unique opportunity for an annual approach of the individual to God and of God to the individual – revealing the relationship between the microcosm and the macrocosm, between God Imminent and God Transcendent; between the esoteric and the exoteric; between the subjective and the objective.

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Together with the other nine solar Festivals of the year, these three major Festivals serve to stimulate evolutionary spiritual growth and the unfoldment of consciousness, helping humanity move out of the darkness of the past into the Light of a creative new way of loving understanding and cooperation.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the actual time of this Festival occurs in just a few hours at 3:12 p.m. Thus, in the five day cycle that makes up our observance of these monthly Festivals, we are meeting on this auspicious day of *Safeguarding*, a day of inner peace and silent solemnity—one in which we focus on the needs of humanity.

At this most consequential and critical time on our planet, let us strive as never before to become custodians of as much of the inflowing force as we are capable of holding on behalf of humanity.

Let us identify, as best we can, with the Purpose that seeks to “guide the little wills of men,” affirming and intensifying our intention to act 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, the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom.

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 you might like to share.

The image on your screen is that of the planets Venus and Earth, the esoteric and hierarchical rulers of the sign of Gemini. Together, their radiating energies intensify all experiences in this sign, leading eventually to the planned and destined unfoldment upon our planet of the consciousness of universality.

Esoterically, Venus is referred to as the Earth's alter ego — a true supplementary and complementary planet. It is to planet Earth, what the Soul is to the human being. The esoteric wisdom describes it as “that mysterious force which is a blend of love and knowledge, intelligence and synthesis, understanding and brotherhood.” (*The Destiny of the Nations*, p. 140)

In *The Secret Doctrine*, Venus is referred to as “the most occult, powerful and mysterious of all the planets.” The spirit of the Earth, it is said, is subservient to Venus, and humanity is under the direct influence of Venus. There is such a close relationship between these two planets that every offense committed on Earth is felt on Venus and every change in Venus is reflected on Earth.

Whereas the Earth is peculiarly related to the Gemini "brother whose light is waning," Venus is closely related to the "brother whose light grows stronger cycle by cycle" and thus, promisingly and encouragingly, to the soul whose nature is love.

With these thoughts in mind, can we now move forward in our work as we together sound the noon-time recollection?

“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]

Dear Friends, on the Involutionary Wheel, for the individual coming into incarnation, the Gemini keynote is to "Let instability do its work." For the disciple, proceeding along the evolutionary Path, the keynote is uttered by the soul itself: "I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow."

It is Castor and Pollux, the dual and conflicting energies which form the bright star of Gemini that are referenced in the esoteric keynote of this sign. These twins represent the dual nature of humanity. One twin represents the mortal half – the personality, and the other – the immortal half, which is of the soul, or the spiritual self. Whereas Castor owes his immortality to Pollux, Pollux sacrifices himself to Castor.

As we know, we live in a sea of universal energies that are continuously impacting our planet. The waxing and the waning light which distinguishes soul experience from the first faint move towards incarnation and Earth experience, the rise and fall of civilizations and the growth and unfoldment of all cyclic manifestations – *all* of these activities are astoundingly produced by the "interplay between the two brothers."

In each of the three Crosses of the Heavens, there is one sign and influence which, in any given world cycle, dominates the other three. Such dominating effects necessarily change when a world cycle changes, but for the present cycle, Gemini determines the paramount influence within the fourfold influence of the Mutable Cross.

The main objective of the four energies that make up this Cross is to produce that constant flux and periodic change in time and space which will provide a field of adequate experience for the unfoldment of the Christ life and Christ consciousness. This is true cosmically, as well as from the standpoint of a solar system, a planet and a human being. The field of development for the lower three kingdoms are also impacted because their development is based on the energy-distributing power of humanity as a whole.

Apart from its important influence as the dominant power in the Mutable Cross, Gemini is one of the paramount zodiacal signs because it is the major symbol of duality. Remarkably, Gemini and its inherent second ray influence controls every one of the pairs of opposites in the Great Zodiacal Wheel of life and thus, it forms, with each of the pairs of opposites, a third factor, powerfully influencing the other two constellations, creating therefore certain triangles, which become important in the life of spiritually advanced individuals or esoteric groups.

It is for this reason that Gemini is sometimes called the "constellation of the resolution of duality into a fluid synthesis." Governing as it does all the pairs of opposites in the zodiac, it preserves the magnetic interplay between them, keeping them fluid in their relations, in order eventually to facilitate their transmutation into unity, for the two opposites must finally become One. Eventually, the twelve zodiacal "potencies" – the twelve opposite signs, must become the blended six, and this is brought about by the fusion in consciousness of the polar opposites.

Interestingly, from the point of view of the individual, human perspective, the opposites eternally remain; however, for the initiated disciple, whose intuition is developed and functioning, there are only six great potencies, because the Initiate has achieved "the freedom of the two" and can identify with and call upon the energies of either one. Understandably then, Gemini is one of the most important of the twelve signs and its influence lies behind every one of them.

Because the second Ray of Love-Wisdom pours through Gemini, the truth of the esoteric teaching that love underlies the entire universe then becomes apparent. It is at the time of the Gemini Festival each year that the love of God, the spiritual essence of solar fire, reaches its highest point of expression.

Along with the constellation of the Great Bear and the Pleiades, Gemini also forms the important triangle of the cosmic Christ, the esoteric symbol lying behind the cosmic Cross.

Dear Friends, from just this brief consideration of Gemini, can we better understand the corresponding relationship between this sign and the Christ Festival?

As we know, it was the agony of the second world war and the distress of the entire human family coupled with its ability to spiritually use the crisis to unitedly create the United Nations that led the Christ in June 1945 to come to a great decision – a decision, we are told which found expression in two most important statements.

It was at that time that He announced to the assembled spiritual Hierarchy and to all His disciples on Earth that He had decided to emerge again into physical contact with humanity, if they would bring about the initial stages of establishing right human relations. Additionally, as we know, it was at this time that He was given permission to give to humanity for the use of the "man in the street" one of the oldest prayers ever known, but one which hitherto had not been permitted to be used except by the most exalted, spiritual Beings. He Himself used this Great Invocation, for the first time, at the Full Moon of June in 1945.

It was also in 1945 that the Christ set in motion the Forces of Reconstruction – energies which are related to the Will aspect of divinity and which remain as yet the least powerful of the three streams of energy, released during the three High Spiritual Festivals in 1945.

As we note in the example of the intention to achieve the seventeen sustainable development goals, these Forces of Reconstruction are ushering in an era of pronounced creative activity, bringing about the rebuilding of the tangible world upon the new lines of living, necessitating therefore the destruction of the old forms. The task of these great Forces is to precipitate and bring into manifestation that which the work of the Forces of Restoration and of Enlightenment, available during the Easter and Wesak Festivals made subjectively possible. These Forces of Reconstruction are initiating the "new materialism," thus giving humanity a fresh opportunity to build again on sounder and more constructive lines the better civilization that is the vision of the Aquarian Age.

If humanity can demonstrate a gained wisdom in the creation of forms which can house the spirit of resurrection and express the enlightenment gained by the bitter experiences of the past, then truly humanity will reap the rewards of a transformed consciousness.

Another aspect of the Forces of Reconstruction is that they are effective mainly in relation to nations and the Hierarchy is attempting to channel them into the Assembly of the United Nations.

The use made of these impersonal energies is dependent upon the quality and the nature of the recipient nation, on its measure of true enlightenment and on its point in evolution. As we are often reminded, the sun shining on a garden elicits the growth of both the weeds and the flowers and so it is with the Forces of Reconstruction and the nations of the world. If a nation is the expression of the massed self-centeredness of a people and of their instinct to self-preservation, these energies will increase that aspect of their lives. Alternatively, these Forces can also increase the potency of the objectives which the United Nations holds before the eyes of the world.

At this time of the Christ Festival, with the aid of the Hierarchy, and all the attendant spiritual Beings, aiding in this comprehensive and far-reaching Spiritual effort, the main purpose of the Hierarchy is to

distribute these constructive, synthesizing energies so that the theory of unity can be actualized and the word "United" may come to have a true significance and meaning.

Owing to the stupendous task confronting the Christ, that great Spiritual Being, the Avatar of Synthesis will fortify Him, and He will, in the words of the Tibetan Master, be buttressed by this "Silent Avatar" Who (symbolically) will "keep His eye upon Him, His hand beneath Him and His heart in unison with His."

The Avatar of Synthesis is also closely related to the Will Aspect of divinity, and His cooperation has been made possible through Christ's Own attainment along the line of the highest, spiritual will. He works under the great natural Law of Synthesis, producing at-one-ment, unification and fusion. His function (in unison with the energy of the Christ) is to generate spiritual will in humanity in the form of the will-to-good, providing a new energy referred to as "the principle of directed Purpose."

Summarizing the potential of this last of the Three Festivals, the Tibetan provides the following explanation:

When the Will of God, expressed in Shamballa and focussed in the Buddha, the Love of God, expressed in the Hierarchy and focussed through the Christ, and the intelligent desire of humanity, focussed through the world disciples, the world aspirants and the men [and women] of goodwill are all brought into line — either consciously or unconsciously — then a great reorientation can and will take place. This event is something that can happen.

The first result will be the illumination of the astral plane and the beginning of the process which will dissipate glamour; the second result will be the irradiation of the mental plane and the dispelling of all past illusions and the gradual revelation of the new truths of which all past ideals...have only been the sign-posts. (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 362)

Dear Friends, the unique opportunity which confronts the Christ as His great hour draws near is that of unifying, synthesizing and integrating the available Spiritual Forces into one great and potent downpouring of spiritual energy.

However, the intended effects are not possible without the active and vital aid of the disciples, Initiates, the New Group of World Servers and the men and women of goodwill everywhere throughout the world — all constructively and unitedly working for the establishing of that which has never yet before truly existed on our planet—*right human relations*.

Are we not witnessing the manifestation of this vision in response to the two imminent crises of our day?

The white magic of right human relations, the Tibetan tells us, cannot be stopped; it must inevitably demonstrate effectively. Nations, he says, will either stand or fall just in so far as they measure up to the vision and goal of right human relations. The era ahead of us — under evolutionary law and the will of God — is to see the establishment of right human relations. (*Problems of Humanity*, p. 27)

In summarizing the work we are called upon to accomplish, he adds these encouraging thoughts:

“Therefore, my brothers [and sisters], believe in the reality of the work to be done by these great spiritual Potencies, invoked during the three Full Moons of April, May and June. Go forth to the task of helping humanity, of establishing goodwill, of bringing about right human

relations and of restoring a true spiritual perspective, with undaunted courage, sure faith and the firm conviction that mankind is not alone.” (*The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, pp.487-8)

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