



**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 a heartfelt welcome to each of you as we meet today to work with the momentous and potentially life-altering energies of this year's third and culminating Major Spiritual Festival of Spring – the synthesizing Festival of the Christ, the Magnetic Point of Love for our entire planet and thus, the Festival of Unification, in the all-important, mutable and sensitively responsive sign of Gemini. Buckle your seatbelts Friends as we prepare for much good work – and a glimpse into infinity!

Forming the high point in the annual cycle, this month's Festival in Gemini, along with the Aries and Taurus Solar Festivals of the past two months, establish the three "divine aspects," reflecting the underlying trinity of the God-head: will and purpose, love and wisdom, and light and intelligent activity.

Dear Friends, let us take our stand within the spiritual line of succession on our planet, from the throne of the Ancient of Days down to the humblest disciple, gathered with others, at the feet of the Christ. Touching, in the words of the *New Testament*, the "hem of His garment," we focus on the task of helping humanity. From Shamballa, the Father's House – the "centre where the will of God is known" the fiat has gone forth: The hour will soon be here.

From the Hierarchy, the Kingdom of God, the Center of Love and Wisdom, where the Christ reigns, the answer has been flung back: "Father, Thy will be done." Within our struggling, bewildered, unhappy world, the cry ceaselessly rises: "May Christ return to Earth."

For the three great spiritual centres: Shamballa, the Hierarchy, and awakening Humanity, there is but one purpose, one idea and one united expectancy.

Something new, yet planned for from the very depth of time, happened over two thousand years ago in that quiet garden of Gethsemane. Christ, representing humanity, anchored or established the Will of Shamballa on our planet Earth, making it therefore possible for intelligent humanity to carry it out.

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Previous to that time, that Will had been known only within Shamballa; it had been recognized and adapted to world need by the Spiritual Hierarchy, working under the Christ, becoming thus, the divine Plan. Today, because of what Christ accomplished in His moment of crisis hundreds of years ago; because of His great effort and His agony in that garden, humanity can today add its efforts to the working out of that Plan. The will-to-good of Shamballa is becoming the goodwill which now must be transformed into right human relations by intelligent humanity.

Thus, the direct line or thread of God's will now reaches from the highest place to the lowest point; it is the cable of ascension for the “sons of men who know not yet they are the Sons of God” and it is the line of descent for the loving, living spirit of God.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the actual time of this Festival occurs early tomorrow morning, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:13 a.m. At this time, standing in His Own place at a central point in Asia, remote from the throngs and the impact of humanity, Christ will bless the world. He will repeat the Buddha's last sermon, as well as the Beatitudes which He voiced in the Sermon on the Mount and which, we are told, have been so inadequately and misleadingly translated. To these two messages, He will add the Great Invocation, which He was given permission to release to humanity in 1945.

Behind the Christ, focusing with intensity and preparing for this great act of spiritual cooperation stands the Hierarchy and together with Him, They will invoke the *Forces of Reconstruction* Who will precipitate and bring into manifestation that which the work of the Forces of Restoration and of Enlightenment have made subjectively possible, while embodying and making declarative the “new materialism,” which is bringing about the spiritualization of matter.

Today, dear Friends, we are meeting on the second day of preparation for this immense opportunity; let us make it a day of dedication and upward striving, realizing our responsibility to become recipients/custodians of as much of the inflowing spiritual force as we are capable of holding on behalf of humanity. Let us open our hearts and minds to the possibilities in front of us as we take our place within the world-wide esoteric group to actively and cooperatively serve the Plan of *Light* and *Love* and *Power*.

With the fortifying and vital support of the extraordinary energies of this Christ Festival, now available to us and relating us in a unique way to each other and to all life – planetary, systemic and cosmic, let us strive to identify, as best we can, with the highest planetary center of Purpose that eternally 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 transformative energies held in trust within the Council Chamber of Shamballa, and radiated into our planet by the Great Brotherhood 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 and ideas you might like to share.

The photo on your screen, is entitled Venus Unveiled. It comes to us courtesy of NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD). As we face the screen, Venus is on the left and our Earth is on the right, respectively these two are the esoteric and the hierarchical rulers of Gemini.

The coming of the Lords of Flame to planet Earth is deeply involved in the relationship existing between the Heavenly Man of the Earth scheme and the Lord of the Venus scheme. Although you and I cannot fully comprehend this process, which took place in the ancient civilization of Lemuria,

as described in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* and in *The Secret Doctrine*, we are told that the radiatory magnetism of the Venus Scheme is far wider than that of Earth.

The Venus radiation is such that on the buddhic plane it swept within its magnetic radius that chain in our scheme which is composed predominantly of buddhic matter. Then, via that chain, it magnetized the corresponding globe, which resulted in a specific vitalization of the dense nature of our planet Earth. As a result, humanity, which first appeared in Lemurian days is said to be under the direct, radiatory influence of Venus. (*S.D. II. in Esoteric Astrology Appendix*)

And it was dear Friends, the activity of Venus – under the influence of Gemini – which, in that far distant time, produced the great crisis of the individualisation when the two kingdoms of spirit and form "approached" each other.

The three rulers of Gemini – Mercury, Venus and the Earth then set up a magnetic field, which made the intervention of the Great Lodge on Sirius and the dual stimulation of Gemini effective in producing significant results of which, humanity, the fourth kingdom in nature is today the expression and beneficiary. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 355)

As humanity continues on its evolutionary journey, awakening more fully to its own heart and mind potentialities, it will better understand its unique relationship to this sign of Gemini and the whole month of this Solar Festival, which is usually in June, will be more clearly recognized as an opportunity for humanity to come closer to the spiritual realities, which of course, is why World Invocation Day is an important evolutionary aspect of the Christ Festival when the energies of the Gemini sun are reaching our planet in the fullest measure possible.

Just as Venus was powerful in producing the relation of such pairs of opposites as the fifth kingdom of souls and the third kingdom – the synthesis, in those ancient times, of the sub-human kingdoms, leading then to a Great Approach between soul and form, so in the evolving new world religion, appeal can be made to the Forces which can avail themselves of this planetary opportunity in order to work out the divine plan on Earth.

As one of the seven sacred planets, Venus expresses soul and spirit, while subordinating the personality ray, which is also the characteristic of the individual initiate after the third initiation. Therefore, it's understandable that Venus is the Earth's alter ego and the entire relationship between these two planets can be encapsulated by the succinct statement that "The planet Venus is to the planet Earth what the higher Self [the Soul] is to the Personality."

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

Esoterically, Venus is recognized as that mysterious force, which is a blend of love and knowledge, of intelligence and synthesis, and of understanding and brotherhood. Within the Hierarchy itself, the two great Messengers who have embodied the dual Venusian energy are the Buddha and the Christ. (*The Destiny of the Nations*, pp. 140-141)

Additionally and finally, for our purposes here, Venus also establishes an interplay between the signs of Taurus, Gemini, Libra and Capricorn, which – because the Earth is one of the rulers of Gemini – produces the "desperate conflict of the imprisoned soul upon the astral plane" that characterizes our planetary life.

*Esoteric Astrology* (pp. 362-363) describes these interactive and consequential relationships in the following way:

“These four-fold influences and relationships produce the minor initiations of the astral plane which ever precede the major initiations in Capricorn, in their turn prepared for in Scorpio. Taurus pours the energy stimulating desire, via Venus, onto our Earth; Gemini, [also] via Venus, awakens in humanity (the focal point of our planetary effort) the sense of duality which is the basic factor in the conflict between desire and spiritual will; in Libra this [conflict] reaches a point of balance wherein the one who struggles sees the issues clearly and achieves a desirable point of equilibrium through the wise use of the Mercury-Venus mind, ensuring [thus,] the success of its final efforts in Capricorn.” (pp. 362-363)

Dear Friends, is it any wonder then, and is it an understatement when we refer to the energies of this Christ Festival in Gemini, as being momentous, synthesizing and potentially life-altering?!

Keeping these thoughts in mind, can we here pause for a moment, as we normally do, and together sound the Noon-time recollection? Let us also keep in mind that it is the free and unimpeded circulation of energy among the three planetary centers of Shamballa, Hierarchy and humanity - *that through this monthly work, we are striving to achieve* - which is the underlying motive behind this mantra.

“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]

The keynotes of this sign are clear in their implications. On the involutory path, the Word goes forth "Let instability do its work;" while, for the disciple on the evolutionary path, the Word is uttered by the soul itself: "I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow."

*Esoteric Astrology* teaches that in this world cycle, Gemini, Taurus and Aries are the three conditioning signs, the three subjective energies which lie behind manifestation, underlying the form-taking experience in Cancer. Their cause-initiating nature and the fact that they have a more specifically psychic effect and subjective influence than strictly phenomenal and physical effects is important to keep in mind. (p. 344)

In each of the three Crosses of the Heavens (the Mutable, the Fixed and the Cardinal) there is one sign and influence which, in any world cycle, dominates the other three. For the present cycle, Gemini determines the paramount influence of the four signs of the Mutable Cross.

The main objective of the four energies of 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 consciousness. This is the case cosmically speaking, and also from the standpoint of a solar system, a planet and a human being. The field of development for the lower three kingdoms is dependent upon the status and energy-distributing power of humanity as a whole.

As a result, this Cross is significantly connected with the Christ life and with the unfoldment of a world savior, and it is the sign of Gemini, with all its attendant rulers and relationships that produces the changes needed for the evolution of the Christ consciousness.

The importance of this sign and its dominant power within the Mutable Cross is due to the fact that Gemini is the major symbol of duality in the entire zodiac. Remarkably, it's this sign and its inherent

second ray influence, which control every one of the pairs of opposites in the Great Wheel. Gemini, therefore, forms with each of the pairs of opposites in the Zodiac a third factor, powerfully influencing the other two signs, thus forming with them, certain great zodiacal triangles.

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 must finally become the One; the twelve opposite signs must become the blended six, and this is brought about by the fusion in consciousness of the polar opposites. Interestingly, the opposites eternally remain from the vantage of human reason, but to the initiate consciousness these become the six great energies because the initiate has achieved the freedom of the two, able to apply their energies as needed.

Because the second Ray of Love-Wisdom pours through Gemini, it becomes apparent how true is the occult teaching that love underlies the entire universe. God is love, we are assured – both exoterically and esoterically. This underlying love of Deity reaches our solar system primarily through Gemini, which forms, with the constellation of the Great Bear and the Pleiades, a cosmic triangle. This is the triangle of the cosmic Christ, the esoteric symbol lying behind the cosmic Cross.

The mystery of this sign is in reality concerned with the secret of the response which should and eventually will exist between the two brothers, between the two poles of soul and form, and between the mortal self or personality and the immortal self or soul; between the brother whose light is waning and the brother, whose light is waxing. This is the history *and* the story of humanity who is at the mid-point, who looks above and helps below, knowing that light must ever enter vertically and be diffused or radiated horizontally.

Dear Friends, there is so much to understand about this sign – the pivotal and causative impact of its rulers as well as its cosmic, solar and planetary relationships, its relationship to humanity and to this momentous Christ Festival that provides for us a window into the New World of our becoming. I therefore highly encourage an in-depth study of the Gemini chapter in *Esoteric Astrology*.

Because of our time limit, I will leave you with the following thoughts from the Tibetan Master:

Each year at the time of the Gemini Solar Festival [which usually occurs during the month of June], “the love of God, the spiritual essence of solar fire, reaches its highest point of expression. This it achieves through the instrumentality of the Hierarchy, that great group of souls which has ever been the custodian of the principle of light, of enlightened love, and which always – down the ages – focusses its attention upon the race of men when the spiritual influence is at its height. This it does through one of the great Sons of God. The Full Moon of June of 1943 saw this outpouring of divine love reach its highest expression for all time, and at the point of attainment which is, for that particular Son of God, His highest also. Such is the Law. When an embodied Christ in time and space reaches His goal of achievement, recognition of this comes to Him at the time of the June Full Moon, for in that sign of Gemini the complete victory of life over form, and of spirit over matter, is consummated and celebrated. (*The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 88-89)

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 Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 362)

And, dear Friends, I would humbly add, that this *is* happening.

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