



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

Opening Address, Pisces Solar Festival

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Dear Friends, Good afternoon and Welcome to each of you. Welcome to this month's work under the sign of imaginative, receptive and Compassionate Pisces!

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact moment of the Solar Festival is tomorrow morning at 10:53 a.m. Thus, we're meeting on the second and last day of preparation in the five day cycle of the Pisces Solar Festival.

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 affirm our intention, as we do every month 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 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, *From the Northern to the Southern Cross*. According to the information in the NASA picture of the day (APOD), we find that "there is a road that connects the Northern to the Southern Cross, but you have to be at the right place and time to see it." The road, as pictured here, is actually the central band of our Milky Way Galaxy; the right place, in this instance, is a specific spot in Northern Chile. Here you can see depicted many wonders of the night sky, including the bright Moon, inside the Milky Way arch; Venus, just above the Moon; Saturn and Mercury, just below the Moon and much more. Also, you can see the lights of small towns at several locations across the horizon.

To my mind, this photo portrays a visual display of the interplay between our planet and our solar system—heaven merging with earth, if you will—a most beautiful, serene yet powerful image, worthy of our work in Pisces, I think, and I hope you agree.

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Before moving forward in this work, can we pause for a moment and, as a group, 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]

“I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save.” Such is the esoteric keynote, the song of the Soul, in this 12th, universal and responsive sign of Pisces.

As was mentioned in this month's newsletter, Pisces symbolizes “identification, governing liberation.” It represents Divine consciousness and eventually, when the goal has been attained, at the end of the Path, Pisces allows the disciple/initiate who by then has become the world savior, to finally and fully understand and affirm the fact that “I and the Father are one.”

In the dual sign of Pisces, as far as humanity is concerned, we have the fusion or blending of soul and form, producing thus, the manifestation of the Incarnated Christ, the perfected individual soul, the completed manifestation of the microcosm. The human being and God—the microcosm and the Macrocosm—are brought to their destined expression and manifestation.

Of course, for most of us this is but a truth that must be accepted in faith, for until the disciple is nearing the goal of attaining higher consciousness, these words mean but little.

“The goal of Deity,” we are told, is “the emergence of God's plan and the nature of His eternal purpose is for most of us only a subject of interested speculation.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 115)

Although some day the human family will develop the mechanism for divine perception, this is not yet the case and today, this faculty is only achieving some measure of usefulness in the initiate of the third degree.

Dear Friends, is it here helpful to recollect the Agni Yoga wisdom that tells us that it is the lever of faith that permits penetration into the spirit of man, and that it is only through this lever of faith that one can adhere to the Infinite? (*Infinity I*, 46)

With regard to Pisces, we are reminded that in the first cycle of experience upon the wheel of life, the soul itself is in captivity to substance; it has come down into the prison house of matter and linked itself to form.

Thus, we have the symbol of Pisces—the two fishes linked together by a band. One fish stands for the soul and the other for the personality or form nature, and between them is to be found the “thread or sutratma,” the silver cord which keeps them bound to each other throughout the cycle of manifested life.

Later on, upon the reversed wheel, it is the personality who is brought into captivity by the soul, but for long aeons the situation is reversed and the soul is the prisoner of the personality. This dual bondage is eventually brought to an end by what is called the final death—this, when the complete release of the life aspect from form takes place.

It is here helpful to recollect that the soul itself, from the standpoint of the Monad, the higher triplicity and direct overseer of the Soul, is also a form; however, it is a far more subtle form than any that we know in the three worlds of human evolution.

Thus, firstly, the soul renounces the life and light of the Monad—its guiding source, symbolized by the words, “the Father’s home” and descends into the ocean of matter. Then, eventually, upon the reversal of the wheel, the soul itself renounces the life of form—the personality centre, and re-attaches itself in consciousness to the One Who sent it forth.

And, *such* is the climaxing story of Pisces.

The Lords of Will and Sacrifice come down into manifestation, sacrificing their high position and opportunities upon the higher planes of manifestation in order to redeem matter and raise the lives by which it is informed to the status of Themselves.

This, then, is the subjective purpose, underlying the sacrifice of these divine Lives Who are ourselves essentially, Who are qualified by knowledge, love and will, and animated by ceaseless persevering devotion. They seek to bring about the death of the form in its occult significance; that is, in its ability to eclipse the soul, and bring about the consequent *release* of the indwelling lives into a higher state of consciousness.

“I leave the Father’s Home and turning back, I save.”

Of this process, we are reminded, all the world Saviours—past, present and to come—are the manifested symbols and the eternal guarantees. The final sacrifice in Pisces, as the Old Commentary expresses it, “absorbs them back into their originating Motive.”

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire further describes this process in the following way (pp.1157/8):

At first it is the force of the plane substance, which directs him, causing him to identify himself with the grosser substance and to consider himself a man, a member of the fourth Kingdom, and to be convinced, therefore, that he is the Not-self. Later, as force from the Ego [the Soul] pours in...he begins to consider himself as the Ego, the Thinker, the One who *uses* the form. Finally, energy from the Monad begins to be responded to and he knows himself to be neither the man nor the Angel, but a divine essence or Spirit...A man is then seen as he is truly—a network of fire with flaming focal points, transmitting and circulating fiery energy.

The *Upanishads* (*Part 2*, by Max Müller, [1879], on-line at sacred-texts.com), poetically declare that “He, the highest Person, who is awake in us while we are asleep, shaping one lovely sight after another, *that* indeed is the Bright, that is Brahman, that alone is called the Immortal. All worlds are contained in it.”

As we know, Pisces makes up one of the four arms of the Mutable Cross. The experience upon this Cross lasts a long time. Again and again the individual enters into the sign of Pisces and finds his and her way around the great wheel until the experience of change and of mutability and the establishing of the transmutation process lead to successive and continuous expansions, carrying the consciousness from the instinctual and intellectual stages to the faint beginnings of the intuitive processes.

At the beginning stages of the Path, under the influence of Pisces, the individual is negative, fluid and endowed with an instinctual consciousness, which contains within itself, the potentiality of the intuition. But, at this stage, the seed of the intuition is dormant because the mind, which is the instrument of reception from the intuition, is not yet awakened. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 118)

In the final stages of the Path, Pisces stands for the death of the personality and the release of the soul from captivity and its return into the task of world Saviour. The great achievement is finished and the final death is undergone. "There is no more sea" says the ancient book, which means inevitably the "death of the fishes" and the release of the imprisoned life into new forms or new cycles of the divine Adventure.

Pisces is the sign of what the Tibetan Master terms, "mediatorship." He tells us that mediumship in its true meaning is expressive of the mass consciousness, which is impressionable, negative and receptive. And, it is in this role that Pisces is of such great importance.

That is, on the involutory arc, the influence of Pisces is felt largely in the anima mundi and in the hidden, incarnated and imprisoned Christ. The germ of the Christ life is psychically impressed, becoming constantly more sensitive to such impressions, swept by desire which ever changes, constantly aware of all impinging contacts, but unable as yet to interpret them correctly, for the mind has not been adequately awakened in Virgo.

At this stage, this hidden Christ is unable to free itself from "contact with the Water." However, that point is eventually reached and, we can see that it is being reached with great swiftness in our current world period when another and major change is deemed necessary and this is the result of the many lesser changes that have over time been taking place in the life of our planet. (*Ibid.*, pp. 122-123)

The Ageless Wisdom tells us that change is ever needed but the method by which change is brought about itself changes—from the constant variability and mutability of the Mutable Cross, to certain changes of a major kind which are brought about by a more permanent and directed life tendency.

That is, the desire of the personality leads to aspiration, which in turn, leads to the intentional direction/will of the disciple/initiate.

Thus, it is under the influences of Pisces that the imprisoned soul and the personality enter upon that process which will transmute among other things, 1)The lower nature into the higher manifestation; 2)The lower psychical powers into the higher spiritual faculties, transforming Self-preservation into selfless world service and Self-pity into compassion, sympathy and divine understanding; 3) Spiritual and mental inhibition evolves into soul expression and mental sensitivity; 4) Devotion to the needs of the self leads to developed devotion and response to the needs of humanity; and, 5) Attachment to the environment and personality conditions (identification with form) changes into the ability to identify with the soul. (*Ibid.*, pp. 123-124)

We can see from this, cannot we not, how very significant and powerful is this sign of Pisces?

Through the second ray nature of Jupiter, its orthodox ruler, force is brought to bear which "brings all together," relating, for example, soul and form, bringing these two together through a magnetic potency that is peculiarly descriptive of the activity of Pisces.

Additionally, the lesser duality of head and heart—of mind, love, will and wisdom, are brought into synthetic interplay.

Eventually, before a world Saviour can manifest and function efficiently, there must be a complete fusion of *love* and *mind*, and this is pre-eminently the final result of the forces of the Mutable Cross, as they work out the qualities released by the planets active in the four signs of this Cross. [Pisces, Sagittarius, Virgo and Gemini, ruled by the two exoteric planets of Jupiter and Mercury; and the four esoteric planets of Pluto, Earth, Moon (hiding Vulcan) and Venus.]

Love—Mind—Experience—Form—Human Understanding—Death: these are the keynotes of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human kingdom, and they are embodied in the planetary influences which pour through this Mutable Cross. As a result, humanity is brought to a great Crisis of Polarization and to a point of basic change for which all the earlier and lesser levels of changes have prepared us.

Is this not where we find ourselves today? As we look out on the world stage do we not recognize how the many necessary changes in all aspects of our planetary life are bringing us to this Crisis point of Polarization?

We can take great hope and encouragement from the fact that Pisces governs the feet and thus, the whole thought of progress, of attaining the goal, and the treading of the Path of Return has been the underlying spiritual revelation of the great cycle of the Piscean Age through which we have been passing.

One final point, that I would like to bring up in reference to this universal, penetrating sign is to note the role of Neptune, which it is explained, focuses the influence of Pisces as it concerns humanity as whole—a happening that occurs towards the final stages of the Path of Discipleship, towards which humanity is rapidly progressing.

Dear Friends, can we here appreciate how it is that, “all true esoteric activity produces light and illumination”; and, how in the case of a humanity consciously functioning this results in the inherited light of substance being intensified and qualified by the higher light of the soul? (*Education in the New Age*, p. 68)

As we know, the objective of the new world order is to bring about the unfoldment of the human consciousness, to institute and bring to humanity’s attention the higher values, and to end the reign of materialism, greed and violent aggression. We are working for the manifestation of a culture that will facilitate the establishing of right human relations, based on justice, on the recognition of inherited rights, on opportunity for all—irrespective of race, colour or creed—on the suppression of crime and selfishness through right education, and on the recognition of the divine potentialities within every human being, as well as the recognition of a divine directing Intelligence in Whom humanity lives, and moves and has its being.

Do we not see this mightily being attempted in and around the United Nations?

If we study the “Steps Towards the New World Order” that have been indicated by the Tibetan Master within *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, we will recognize that many of these are the visionary objectives and work currently being attempted at the United Nations.

The Christ proclaimed, “What you do for the least among you, you also do for me.” The clarion call at the UN is to “leave no one behind.”

Dear Friends, the world structure emerges from and is built upon certain inner thought patterns. The Agni Yoga Wisdom points out that “It is difficult to reveal to the earthly consciousness that the Subtle World is the true source of events in the earthly world.” (Supermundane 703) and that “Each hour can bring transformation for the advent of the New World.” (Agni Yoga, 357)

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