



**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 thank you for being here. Welcome to this month's work in the redemptive, salvaging and compassionate sign of Pisces – with all its attendant energies.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the actual time of this Festival occurs early tomorrow morning, Saturday, February 27 at 3:17 a.m. Thus, we are meeting on the second and last day of Preparation, a day of Dedication and upward striving, wherein our intention is to become recipients and custodians of as much of the inflowing spiritual force as we are capable of holding on behalf of humanity.

Finding inspiration from the increasingly revealed possibilities of this evolving New Year, can we work with all the tension of our forces to more effectively serve the Plan of Light and Love and Power, as we bring healing and loving uplift to a suffering humanity and to our planet?

Can we 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, the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom?

As most of you know, 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 *Pluto Resolved*. It comes to us via NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD). It was taken in 2015 with NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, the first such spacecraft whose sole mission was to explore Pluto up close – a remarkable goal and achievement because Pluto is one of the largest members within the Kuiper belt, a region of the outer solar system, beyond the orbit of Neptune.

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The investigating scientists report that they were quite surprised at what they discovered, claiming that they could not have explored a more fascinating or scientifically important planet at the edge of our solar system.

The New Horizons team worked for 25 years to plan and execute this mission to Pluto. They reported that they were paid back in spades for their efforts. For example, the spacecraft transformed Pluto from what used to look like a fuzzy telescopic dot, into a living world with stunning diversity and surprising complexity. One of their many fascinating findings is that Pluto, in their words, has a beating “heart” that controls its atmosphere and climate, which you can see in this photo on your screen.

Dear Friends, I share these details with you because it seems to me that the experience of these scientists is not unlike the experience of the esotericist who finds that wisdom is revealed and gives birth to loving understanding only as a result of deep probing and years of loving, dedicated and steadfast study, experiment and service. The process of penetration, polarization and precipitation here comes to mind.

The knowers are as yet few, states one of the *Letters on Occult Meditation*, yet to know is fully possible and is subject only to the diligence, the sincerity and the capacity of the pupil on the path to strive, to effort and to sacrifice.

Can you sense through this stark photo, with its iconic heart, the dynamic potency and cohering nature of the first ray of Will and Power, which expresses itself through this planet? Can we use this photo as a portal allowing us to sense the pulsation of the infinite grandeur of the cosmos?

Pluto is both the esoteric and hierarchical ruler of this culminating sign of Pisces, which is playing a most significant role in the current planetary crises, bringing about the powerful breakdowns/destruction and the breakthroughs/emergence of the day.

Let us recollect here that crises have the beneficent and constructive capacity to intensify either our aspiration or illumination, depending on the level of consciousness. These new added energies then lead to the establishment of a more stabilized attitude of detachment, based on conscious renunciations, and a right orientation to the new emerging reality. The effect then is increased spiritual realizations, bringing us closer to divine purpose.

The fact that the first Ray of Will or Power is focused through Pluto is important for us to note because the first indication of the true spiritual will only begins to manifest upon the Path of Discipleship and this first ray energy has only lately been experienced by humanity as a whole — as it neared the stage of world discipleship, as a result of the increasing numbers who today stand upon the Path of Discipleship and Probation.

Understandably, Pluto affects the soul life far more than the personality life and thus, we have the reason for the late discovery of this planet, which occurred on February 18 in 1930. By way of contrast, Neptune was discovered in 1846.

To be clear, Pluto has always been revolving around our sun and producing its effects. However, because it governs the death or cessation of old ideas and emotions, and its influence is therefore

largely cerebral, we have another clue to its late discovery. Humanity, as we recognize, is only on the verge of becoming mental and the influence and effects of this planet are felt first in the mental body.

It is for this reason that Pluto becomes active in the life of the individual who, in the words of the esoteric wisdom, is "becoming alive in the higher sense." It begins to exert its influence towards the end of the evolutionary process wherein it drags to the surface and produces the death of the hindering factors that would prevent synthesis.

Pluto thus governs the lesser burning ground, leading to the dissolution of the forms that can no longer contain the spiritual life, allowing the individual then to "live in truth in the higher land of light." (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 78)

Pluto, comes into full force and expression in order to stage the testing of the world disciple. Under its influences the death of constricting and inhibiting forms must come to pass, thus, leaving the disciple free to express and manifest the new inflowing spiritual life. The dissolution of old group structures of thought, embodying worn-out ideas and ideals must necessarily supervene; crystallized old forms must dissolve and disappear, and in their place, the undying spirit – impressed by revelation and sensitive to the emerging new concepts of truth – *will* create the needed new forms of appropriate expression. (*Ibid.*, p. 547)

Thus, death in Pisces through the energy of Pluto is transformative. It brings about a transformation so vital and so basic that [quote]

"...[the] Ancient One is no longer seen. He sinks to the depth of the ocean of life; he descends into hell, but the gates of hell hold him not. He, the new and living One leaves below that which has held him down throughout the ages and rises from the depths unto the heights, close to the throne of God." [end quote] (*Ibid.*, p. 214)

It is the propelling, expulsive force and the clarifying, purifying energy of the first ray of Will and Power that brings about the vital transformation; this liberation from the binding form.

Keeping these thoughts in mind, can we pause for a moment, as we normally do, and together sound the Noon-time recollection? Can we recollect that it is the free and unimpeded circulation of energy among the three planetary centres of Shamballa, Hierarchy and humanity - *that through this monthly work, we are striving to achieve* - which *is* the underlying motive behind this mantric thought?

"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, the keywords of this sign are obvious in their implications. Where the personality is concerned and the wheel rotates in the involutory manner, the keywords are "And the Word said, Go forth into matter." Upon the command of the soul to its instrument, as the esoteric wisdom expresses it, the response comes immediately from the one who [quote] "blinds the soul to truth, holding it in durance vile." [end quote]

For the disciple on the evolutionary path, the note of loving service motivates his and her footsteps as he and she declare: "I leave the Fathers Home and turning back, I save."

Pisces is a dual sign, wherein we have the fusion or blending of soul and form, as far as humanity is concerned, producing thus, the eventual manifestation of the Incarnated Christ life, the perfected individual soul, the completed manifestation of the microcosm. The greater and the lesser polar opposites – God and the human being; the Macrocosm and the microcosm – both are finally brought to their destined expression and manifestation.

In this culminating sign, the unfoldment of the human consciousness ultimately brings the individual to that stage of consciousness wherein *identification*, governing liberation and Divine consciousness is achieved. As the Christ of 2,000 years ago, enunciated, “I and the Father are one” – the culminating, completed point of view.

*Esoteric Astrology* (pp. 116-117) delineates this evolutionary process that brings the Disciple/Initiate and eventually the whole of humanity to this realized liberation:

“In the first cycle of experience upon the wheel, the soul itself is in captivity to substance; it has come down into the prison house of matter and linked itself to form. Hence the symbol of Pisces, of 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, the personality 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 brought to an end by what is called the final death, when the complete release of the life aspect from the life of form takes place. It should be borne in mind also that the soul itself is of the nature of form from the standpoint of the Monad, though it is a form far subtler than any that we know in the three worlds of human evolution.

Additionally,

“There is also a dual renunciation referred to in these key words, for first, of all the soul renounces the life and light of the Monad...(symbolized by the words "the Father's home"), and descends into the ocean of matter; then, *reversing* itself, the soul renounces the life of form, the personality centre. The soul detaches itself (in consciousness) from the Monad, the One, and functions from its own centre, making its own new and material attachments.

“Then, upon the reversal of the wheel, it proceeds to detach itself from the personality and re-attach itself in consciousness to the One Who sent it forth. Such is the climaxing story of Pisces.”

“I leave the Father’s Home and turning back, I save.” Identification, Divine consciousness and Liberation.

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, to raise the lives by which it is informed and to thus bring redemption and salvage to a suffering and captive humanity.

Pisces is one of the four arms of the Mutable Cross. The individual’s experience upon this Cross lasts a long time, and carries the individual always back again and again into the sphere of influence of Aries

which, through the ruling activity of the first ray, both strengthens the will of the individual — no matter what his or her ray may be and ends, cycle after cycle, with the "word of destruction."

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 carry his and her consciousness from the instinctual and intellectual stages to the faint beginnings of the intuitive process until the imprisoned life enters new forms and new cycles of the divine Adventure.

Always, the individual has within the self the energies and the characteristics of the indwelling Christ, the Soul consciousness, but while the form nature and the environment are in control, these spiritual powers are not manifesting and are only latent possibilities.

Through Jupiter, the orthodox or exoteric ruler of Pisces, the second Ray of Love-Wisdom also expresses itself in this sign. Jupiter thus provides that force which "brings all together." In this instance relating the two fishes, binding them together in a functioning relationship, relating soul and form in a magnetic potency that is uniquely descriptive of Pisces.

In connection with the dualities found in every human being of head and heart, mind and love, and will and wisdom, the uniting energy of Jupiter develops these qualities and brings them into a synthetic interplay.

Eventually, there has to be the complete fusion of love and mind before a world savior can manifest and function effectively, and this is pre-eminently the final result of all the forces of the Mutable Cross, as they work out the qualities released by the planets active in the four signs of Pisces, Sagittarius, Virgo and Gemini.

Love, Mind, Experience, Form, Human Understanding, and Death — these are the keynotes of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human kingdom and they are embodied in the planetary influences which pour through the planets ruling the signs of the Mutable Cross, which interestingly and understandably, also govern the processes undergone upon the Path of Discipleship and of Probation.

The quest and labor of the disciple is to understand their significance in a practical and effective manner and to deal with the energies which these planets release, subordinating them to the energies released by the Fixed Cross upon which he and she stand, and thus increase their power through occult combination.

"I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save." Dear Friends, this divine labor in Pisces is not a mission for the faint of heart; is it? Let us remember that Joy is a special wisdom and in the memorable lyrics of Beethoven's Choral Fantasia, "man is native to the sky."

The Agni Yoga wisdom provides us with encouraging strength in the following thought:

"While crossing into the Supermundane World, one will value the liberation from the dark burden that impedes one's flight. Truly, why torment oneself with small leaps when one can fly beautifully? Why remain behind when one can advance? The Thinker advised, 'Love the beautiful feeling of self-liberation!'" (*Supermundane*, 890)

As we know, Pisces governs the feet and hence the whole thought of progress, of attaining the goal, and the treading of the Path of Return is the underlying spiritual revelation of the great cycle through which we are passing.

In this work, we are striving to bring the matter of higher substance into our world. The esoteric wisdom affirms that all activity of every kind is the result of thought forms built consciously or unconsciously; of self-initiated thought forms or of the effect of the thought forms of others; of responsiveness to one's own inner impulses or of the responsiveness to the impulses of others and therefore, to group thought forms.

Let us then, take up our meditation with the recognition that every unifying thought and deed of every person—however grand or humble, if sincere, can be of tremendous aid and uplift.