



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

**Opening Address, Virgo Solar Festival**

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Dear Friends, Good afternoon and Welcome! Thank you for being here. It's a Joy to welcome you back for this month's Solar Festival Webinar, and I look forward to working together in this healing, redemptive work of the Ages as we labor to nurture and grow the seeds of the New Age.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact moment of the Virgo Solar Festival is tomorrow morning August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:56 a.m. Thus, we're meeting on the second and last day of Preparation—a day of dedication and service, as we seek to assume an attitude of receptivity to that which our soul will impart, which will make us of use to the Hierarchy.

With the intention of helping to meet the needs of our times, let us open our hearts and minds, recognizing ourselves to be part of the world-wide group through which these spiritual energies are poured forth for the benefit of the whole of humanity. As much as possible, let us identify with the Purpose that seeks to “guide the little wills of men”, thus becoming a living, vital bridge, bringing humanity ever-closer to the ideas and energies held in trust within the Council Chamber of Shamballa and radiated outward by the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom.

As is our monthly practice, 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 image on your screen is entitled, *M86 in the Central Virgo Cluster*. M86 on the upper left side of your screen is a giant elliptical galaxy near the center of the nearby Virgo Cluster of galaxies. In its description of this photo, which, by the way, will accompany the September quote of the month on our website, NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day informs us that our Milky Way Galaxy is falling toward the Virgo Cluster, which is located about 50 million light years away.

Here, I would like to mention that although we may find such scientific information complex and complicated, and perhaps even dry; we can however, also be inspired and moved by the sheer mesmerizing beauty and vitality of these images, which also offer an exhilarating glimpse into the infinite, creative universe of which each of us are a part.

In preparing for this month's work I came across a poetic, and to my mind, a surprising and most interesting sutra that caught my attention, which seemed to me to be reflected in this photo. The

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Sutra can be found in the second volume of *Fiery World* and therein the Agni Yoga Wisdom states that “the Fabric of the Mother of the World” is a “fluid network of psychic energy woven by co-workers throughout the world.”(309)

Let me repeat that: “The Fabric of the Mother of the World”, also known as “Materia Lucida” or Cosmic Love, is a “fluid network of psychic energy woven by co-workers throughout the world.”

This sutra continues, “Likewise each traveler can fill space with useful ties....Such an outspreading fluid network has an enormous salutary significance. One must send not only thoughts, but also psychic energy over great distances. The ancients called such a fluid network the fabric of the Mother of the World.”

Dear friends, the life-essence of Cosmos binds all that exists (*Infinity I*, 50) and our thoughts within that matrix count more than we know.

The Agni Yoga wisdom encourages as it reassures us, “the higher consciousness knows the Truth and We [the Elder Brothers] are ready to proclaim this Truth to humanity; but for this, humanity must ascend the higher step.” (*Infinity I*, 201)

By the Will of Cosmos all things are attracted to each other and we are called to participate in this joyous work:

“How great is the play of the Mother of the World!” States the Agni Yoga Wisdom. “She beckons to her children from far-distant fields: ‘Hasten, children! I wish to teach you. I have keen eyes and alert ears ready for you. Sit ye down upon My garment. Let us learn to soar!’” (*Agni Yoga*, 60)

As we absorb this thought, can we pause for a moment and then together sound 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.” **[PAUSE]**

“I am the Mother and the Child. I, God, I matter am.” Such is the esoteric keynote, the song of the Soul for this important and ancient sign of Virgo that, if we but work with it, can help us better understand God Imminent and God Transcendent, as it seeks to redress the ancient imbalance between the forces of materialism and the energies of light.

Throughout humanity's long history, it is, as we know, the ever-burning inner fire that has provided the impetus towards the path of growth and realization. Experienced first as desire, then as aspiration and eventually as identification with Life, it is the "Divine Flame" or the inner spark of consciousness that propels the individual into ever ascending and ever more inclusive states of consciousness.

Drawing attention to this soul aspect within every human being as the force of evolution itself and referring to it as the "Mystery that has been kept hidden for ages", St. Paul draws on the esoteric tradition of his day, as he refers to "the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

“The key to the Hierarchy and Its reappearance on earth in physical form, and the consequent materialisation of the kingdom of God among men, is the simple truth of God Immanent.” So states the Tibetan Master in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*. He continues, “It is the clue to

the evolutionary process, and the eternal hope of all forms in all kingdoms in nature. This is the central truth, the convincing truth, and the revealing truth which will underlie all information anent the Hierarchy, and this the coming generation of disciples will distribute. If this truth is factual and possible of demonstration, then the fact of the Hierarchy is proved.” (p. 591)

The manifestation of this kingdom on Earth, the preparing of the way for its great Inaugurator, the Christ, the making possible the externalisation of the Hierarchy upon Earth and the eventual Restoration of the Mysteries, give us each and all a fully adequate task and something for which to live and work, to dream and to aspire. (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 738)

Who makes up this Kingdom of God and who are its citizens?

This Kingdom of course belongs to no one religion nor to any one esoteric organization. Rather, it is simply and solely what it claims to be—a vast and integrated group of soul-infused individuals, radiating love and spiritual intention, motivated by goodwill, expressing the will-to-good and rooted within humanity itself, just as humanity itself is an outgrowth and a “break-away” from the animal kingdom. (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, pp. 407-408)

The secret hid by the inverted lotus—an esoteric way of referring to the world, is to be revealed by the opened lotus of the 5<sup>th</sup> kingdom of souls. The secret of the body, which is the prison of the soul, is revealed by the perfume of the unfolding lotus of the soul, and the mystery of the so called “devil” will eventually be seen to be that of the light of God's countenance revealing what is undesirable from the point of view of progress, and must be changed and renounced, thus transforming life by the light that God's nature pours forth. (*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. II*, p. 271)

It is here helpful to recollect that humanity occupies a midway point between the subhuman and the superhuman kingdoms, and each of these groups of evolving lives has its own important destiny—important to all contained within that particular ring-pass-not. They have their own chosen and differing modes, methods and ways of achievement. Just as each individual human being has to learn the art or science of relationship to others and to his and her environment, so humanity as a whole has to learn its relationship to the kingdoms which lie above and beyond the human center and those which lie below and have been left behind.

This develops then a sense of perspective and proportion which can be attained only by those who are beginning to be mentally polarized. This sense of proportion will reveal to humanity—the fourth kingdom in nature, their place upon the ladder of evolution, while it leads them to the recognition of the peculiar destiny and unique goals of other kingdoms in nature, including the fifth and next kingdom, the Kingdom of God, the spiritual Hierarchy to which humanity aspires and for which it is seeking to fit itself. (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 333)

Dear friends, how can the sign of Virgo and its attendant energies aid us in this transformative work?

*Esoteric Astrology* informs us that this sign of Virgo is one of the most significant in the zodiac for its symbology concerns the whole goal of the evolutionary process which is to shield, nurture and finally to reveal the hidden spiritual reality—which every form veils, but the human form is especially equipped and fitted to manifest it in a manner different to any other expression of divinity and so make tangible and objective the intention and purpose for the whole creative process in which we are engaged. (pp. 251-252)

In Virgo, the pairs of opposites—soul and body are blended and of great and supreme importance to each other; the mother protects the germ of the Christ life; matter guards, cherishes and nurtures the hidden soul and that hidden soul awakens, stimulates and enriches the matter in which it is encased.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” is the keynote which most accurately embodies the mission of Virgo. The Tibetan Master tells us that “there is no clearer or more adequate definition of this sign than that.” (Ibid., p. 252)

“I am the Mother and the Child. I, God, I matter am.”

The age-old and universal recognition of the task of Virgo has been fostered since antiquity. The idea of the Mother embodying the symbolism of the entire form nature, which when integrated can then be recognized as a personality has been presented in successive ages in a variety of forms, three of which include the Mother as Eve, Isis and Mary.

Let us keep in mind the importance of this personality, which is the developed, qualified and ultimate expression of the third aspect of divinity, that of God as the Holy Spirit—the active intelligent and nurturing principle of the universe. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 253)

In these three Virgins and these three archetypes of the Mother we have the history of the formation and the function of the three aspects of the personality through which the Christ must find expression. (Ibid, p. 254)

The sign of Virgo itself stands for a synthesis of these three feminine aspects. She is the Virgin Mother, providing that which is needed for the full development of the mental, emotional and physical expression of the hidden but ever present divinity.

It is in the form of Mary that this Mother of the World carries the process down to the plane or place of incarnation, the physical plane, and there, after due gestation, gives birth to the Christ child.

Virgo is the cosmic mother because she represents cosmically the negative pole to positive spirit; she is the receptive agent where the Father aspect is concerned. In a previous solar system, this matter aspect was the supreme controlling factor, just as in this solar system, it is the soul, the Christ principle, or the consciousness aspect, which is of paramount importance.

In that first system, the life of the third divine aspect played upon the ocean of quiescent matter and, over untold aeons, prepared that substance for its work in this solar system.

This truth is preserved for us in the words that “the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary.” It is in today’s second ray system that the Christ Child, the expression of the divine consciousness and the result of the relationship between Father-Spirit and Mother-Matter, must be brought to birth and manifest within the daily life.

As an earth sign and part of the earthly triplicity, including Taurus and Capricorn, Virgo represents the Hidden Light of God. And here I quote from *Esoteric Astrology*:

“The purpose for which form life exists begins to be realised and the desire for personality satisfaction begins to [shift and] change and the desire of man for interior recognition of the indwelling Christ begins to assume increasing control until the inner spiritual reality is eventually released from the thralldom of matter and becomes manifest in its own true nature in the world.” (pp. 259-260)

Thus, Virgo stands for the "womb of time" wherein God's plan—the mystery and the secret of the ages, is slowly matured and, with pain and discomfort and through struggle and conflict is brought into manifestation.

Today, we are entering into the eighth month of the gestation period, preparing to give birth to the new age, with its new consciousness and new civilisation and culture.

Through its three rulers, Mercury, the exoteric, orthodox ruler, the Moon ([veiling] Vulcan), the esoteric ruler and Jupiter, the hierarchical ruler, the energies of the fourth, first and second rays pour through into manifestation.

Will, love and harmony through conflict—the controlling forces, the governing and directing energies which use the mind, the emotional nature, or love and the physical body, or the esoteric will for purposes of divine expression and manifestation.

We are told that the task of Mercury in connection with humanity has gone forward most satisfactorily, that the energy of Vulcan is potently making its presence felt, and hence the struggles going on upon the planet between the men of will—selfish and ambitious—and the men of good-will who are desirous of the good of the whole.

Then, when the human Hierarchy is fully awakened to spiritual and not simply material possibilities, then the work of Jupiter will immediately intensify and this beneficent ruler will lead the human family into the ways of peace and progress. Friends, there *is* a Plan.

Herein lies our challenge and our field of work.

At this point, it will be helpful to recollect that the conflict to which all disciples are subjected can be traced to the fact that the form life of the disciple is influenced in one way by the rotating wheel of life, and the consciousness aspect is influenced in the reverse direction. When this conflict is experienced, it is Saturn who [and here I am quoting] “offers the opportunity to suffer and, through suffering, to learn to choose rightly, to analyse correctly and to decide upon the higher values.” (Ibid., p. 283)

The difficult this is that while we are in the midst of this suffering and struggle, we are often blind to the higher values, seeking entrance into the daily life.

On the ordinary wheel, the command goes forth in the following words which institute the activity of Virgo: "And the Word said, Let Matter reign." Later, upon the wheel of the disciple, the voice emerges from the Virgin Herself: "I am the mother and the child. I, God, I, matter am."

The Tibetan Master encourages us to ponder upon the beauty of this synthesis and teaching and know that each of us have said the first word as the soul, descending into the womb of time and space in a far and distant past. And, the time has now come when each of us can, if we so choose, proclaim our identity with both divine aspects—matter and Spirit, the mother and the Christ.

I'd like to end my thoughts with the following encouragement from the Agni Yoga wisdom:

“When I advise you to develop intensesness and vigilance,” this wisdom affirms, “I do not speak for the purpose of burdening you. My counsels foresee exultation as a final result... Know how to foresee the jubilation!” (*New Era Community*, 155)

With this thought in mind, can we now take up our meditation?