



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

**Opening Address, Virgo Solar Festival**

**Tuesday, 1 September 2020; Noon – 1:00 p.m.**

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Dear Friends, Good Afternoon and thank you for being here. Welcome to this month's work in the receptive, feminine sign of Virgo – the cosmic mother that guards, protects, and nurtures the hidden spiritual reality; the germ of the Christ Life, the hidden Soul at the heart of all.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the actual time of this Festival occurs shortly after the new day dawns, tomorrow morning, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:22 a.m. Thus, in the five day cycle that makes up our observance of these monthly Festivals, we are meeting on the second and last day of Preparation—a time of dedication and upward striving—a time for us to hold the intention of becoming recipients and custodians of as much of the inflowing spiritual force as we are capable of holding on behalf of humanity.

As a reminder, let us recollect that no matter where we may be placed or what is the nature of our environment, no matter how isolated we may feel or apart from those who share our spiritual vision, during this five day period, each of us can work and think, recognizing ourselves as part of the greater group who function as silent distributors of force.

Our world continues to be in turmoil. In the words of the opening keynote quote of this month's newsletter, the forces of cupidity, aggression, glamour, and greed are fanatically and stridently battling the energies of light, love and the will-to-good. As you are well aware, the energies and forces from all sides are intensifying, bringing much pain and suffering, but also presenting continued opportunities for creative breakthroughs and transformation.

Thus, once again, as last month, at this most consequential and critical time on our planet, let us work together with all those who serve the Plan of Light and Love and Power, throughout the world, to ensure the tipping of the planetary balance, in the direction of the freedom of the human soul and the expression of brotherhood and right human relations.

Let us strive with all the tension of our forces to become custodians of as much of the inflowing force as we are capable of holding on behalf of humanity, identifying, as best we can, with the Purpose that seeks to “guide the little wills of men,” affirming our intention to lift humanity's load by acting as a living, vital bridge, bringing humanity ever-closer to the ideas and energies held in trust within the

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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 and ideas you might like to share.

The image on your screen is entitled, "Auroras and the Magnetosphere of Jupiter." In this Astronomy Picture of the Day, NASA explains that the planet Jupiter has auroras. Like near the Earth, the magnetic field of our Solar System's largest planet compresses when impacted by a gust of charged particles from the Sun. This magnetic compression funnels charged particles towards Jupiter's poles and down into the atmosphere. Depicted in false-colored purples, the illustration on your screens portrays the magnificent magnetosphere around Jupiter in action.

This image, I think, serves as a good reminder, in the words of *Esoteric Astrology* that "the ether of space is the field in and through which the energies from the many originating Sources play" – a field, which provides the medium of transmission for all the energies which play upon and through our solar system, our planetary spheres and all forms of life, forming one unbroken field of activity in constant ceaseless motion – an eternal medium for the exchange and transmission of energies.

The goal of evolution for humanity, the Tibetan Master teaches, is for us to become consciously and livingly aware of the nature of these energies, to begin to know them and to use them. (pp. 9-22)

The sacred planet Jupiter – the embodiment of the second ray of Love-Wisdom, is the hierarchical ruler of Virgo, thus suffusing humanity as a whole, with this energy. Through Jupiter, this second ray energy sweeps throughout the solar system, just as the life impulses of a human being sweep throughout the body, bringing the various organs into activity and enabling the individual to fulfill the objective for which he/she created his and her body of manifestation. (*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I, p. 62*)

As a second ray planet, Jupiter gives an inherent tendency to fusion, which nothing can impede. Thus, it is this second ray energy, through Jupiter – the ruler and conveyer of EXPANSION that this evolving Age of Aquarius is destined to bring to fulfillment and realization, the experience of brotherhood.

This, because, under the influence of this planet, the Soul within each human form will be recognized and known for what it essentially is, thus bringing in the reign of divine law to our earth – without friction and without rebellion. This beneficent reaction will come about when the thinkers of the race will be blended together through their awareness of the soul and the consequent group consciousness will then allow them to see the purpose underlying the remarkable Plan of Light and Love and Power. (ibid., p. 94)

As a result, the prophecy of the Aquarian Age will be realized: the Soul will be known as the motivating impulse and the spiritual center back of all manifested form, affirming and validating the great *Mantram of Unification* – that great instrument of thought, wherein we intone, "Let the soul control the outer form, and life and all events; And bring to light the love that underlies the happenings of the time."

The central idea of occultism that even the smallest atom of substance has in it the germ of that which can respond to spiritual energy is preserved for us in the teaching about the influence of Jupiter, the second ray agent of the Christ spirit.

With these thoughts in mind, can we here pause for a moment and together sound the noontime 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]

On the ordinary or involutory wheel of life, the activity of Virgo begins with the command that goes forth in the following words: "And the Word said, Let Matter reign."

Later, upon the evolutionary wheel of life, the wheel of the disciple, the voice emerges from the Virgin Herself as she says: "I am the mother and the child. I, God, I, matter am."

Dear Friends, the Tibetan Master enjoins us to ponder upon the beauty of this synthesis and teaching, knowing, as he states, that each of us has said the first word as the soul, as we descended into the womb of time and space in a far and distant past. And to realize too, that 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 life: "I am the mother and the child. I, God, I, matter am."

We know that the human soul is a synthesis of material energy, qualified by intelligent consciousness, plus the spiritual energy which is qualified by one of the seven rays. Thus, the human being emerges, a son of God incarnate in form, as the *Old Commentary* poetically expresses it, with one hand holding firmly to the rock of matter and with the other hand plunged into a sea of love. (*Esoteric Psychology I*, p. 61)

*Esoteric Astrology* teaches that from certain angles, Virgo is quite the oldest of all the signs. As the cosmic mother, she represents cosmically the negative pole of matter to positive spirit. Whereas, in the previous third ray solar system, this matter aspect was the supreme controlling factor, in this second ray solar system it's the consciousness, soul or Christ principle which is of paramount importance.

In that first system, the faint indications, of the duality which is a proven fact in our current system are to be found. This truth is preserved for us in the familiar Christian concept that "the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary."

The life of the third divine aspect played then upon the ocean of quiescent matter, preparing it, over untold eons for its work in this solar system, wherein the Christ Child, the expression of the divine consciousness and the result of the relationship of Father-Spirit and Mother-Matter, must be brought to birth.

Virgo is one of the four arms of the Mutable Cross, also referred to as “the Cross of Rebirth” and the “Cross of Changing Lives,” emphasizing thus, the constant mutation, of which it is the symbol.

The four energies, which make up this Cross (Gemini\*, Virgo, Sagittarius\* and Pisces) represent the four critical points or movements in the span of existence, of the soul in manifestation. Virgo rules the stage of “Probation or Awakening,” encompassing first the period of the *hidden* germ of the

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\*Gemini represents the stage of Humanity, Sagittarius represents the stage of Discipleship and Pisces represents the stage of Initiation.

spiritual life, then the period of the *active* germ of the spiritual life, first in its gestation phase and then in the stage of the so-called “quickenened life.”

Within the Mutable Cross, as a result of the steady unfoldment of the soul principle, the theme of service prevails. In Gemini, the relation between the great duality of soul and body emerges in which, at this stage, the body or form serves the soul. In Virgo, matter or substance exchange or interchange their service and each serves the other. In Sagittarius, we find emerging the service of the One Life in terms of the service of the Hierarchy, and in Pisces, there appears—as a result of the entire evolutionary process—the dedicated, trained and tested world Server or Saviour.

Virgo belongs to the earthy triplicity of Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn. An understanding of this triplicity is illuminating. All three signs express desire as it eventually merges into aspiration and, in the process, brings light and life to humanity. Virgo provides the incentive behind discipleship. Here, the “Hidden Light of God” motivates a spiritual desire for expression.

As a result, the purpose for which form life exists begins to be realized and the desire for personality satisfaction begins to shift into the desire for interior recognition of the indwelling Christ, which 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.

The light of knowledge of which Taurus is the custodian gives place to the light of wisdom of which Virgo is the guardian, and yields finally to the light of initiation in Capricorn.

And all of this must take place upon what is esoterically called "the radiant surface of the earth," the plane of form. As Helena Roerich reminds us in one of her Letters, nowhere but on earth can we experience the transmutation and sublimation of our energies. “We need our earthly, physical laboratory,” she states, wherein “are united and transmuted the elements of all worlds.” (*Letters II*, 13 August 1938)

Virgo symbolizes depths, darkness, quiet and warmth; it is the valley of deep experience wherein secrets are discovered and eventually "brought to light"; it's the place of slow, gentle and yet powerful crises and periodic developments, which take place in the dark but lead to light.

In Virgo, God's plan — “the mystery and the secret of the ages,” is slowly matured and — with pain and discomfort and through struggle and conflict, brought into manifestation at the end of the appointed time. And here we have the guarantee for the birth of the new age, the new consciousness and the new civilization.

Through Virgo's three planetary rulers — Mercury, the Moon veiling Vulcan and Jupiter — the exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical rulers, respectively, the energies of the fourth ray pour, governing the mind through Mercury and the physical form through the Moon; the energies of the first ray, expressing the will of God, begin their control of the self-conscious individual, unfolded in Leo, and the energies of the second ray, embodying the love of God, pour through into manifestation.

The energies of will, love, and harmony through conflict — the controlling forces which make each individual what he and she is — all are manifested in this sign. The governing and directing energies which use the mind (Mercury), the love of the emotional nature, (Jupiter) and the physical body (the Moon, or esoteric will) — all are used for the purpose of divine expression and manifestation.

As a result of Mercury's success, humanity has been brought to its present point of evolution upon the probationary path and the energy of Vulcan is powerfully making its presence felt, as exemplified today in the ongoing struggles between the mostly men of selfish and ambitious will and the men and women of *good-will* who ever seek the good of the whole.

When humanity becomes 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. Do we not see this already beginning to occur in, for example, the global movements springing up everywhere and through, the leaders of the various UN bodies who continuously affirm the need for global solidarity and the need to leave no one behind?

Through the medium of its planetary rulers, Virgo is related to eight other signs of the zodiac, producing thus, a powerful and productive inter-related synthesis of *nine* signs!

*Esoteric Astrology* (p. 264) teaches that "In this inter-related numerical synthesis and fruitful inter-relation lies hid the entire history of human progress and the secret of the process of divine manifestation." All nine signs play their powerful part in developing the Christ life in the individual and in humanity.

Keeping in mind the fact that any individual or humanity at large can only benefit from recognized energies, that which this sign veils and hides is *potentially* responsive to an amazing nine streams of energy which — playing upon the life within the form and evoking response from the soul — produce those "points of crisis" and those "moments of demonstrated development" provided by the three signs of Leo, Libra and Capricorn which make up the Triangle of the Father or the Will aspect.

In summary, when Mercury, the divine Messenger, the principle of illusion and the expression of the active higher mind, has performed his mission and "led humanity into the light" and the Christ-child out of the womb of time and of the flesh into the light of day and of manifestation, then the task of that great center we call humanity will be accomplished. (pp. 272-273)

In the words of the Agni Yoga wisdom, "Within man is contained all that exists. He can evoke anything in himself, from the beginnings of all illnesses to the highest transcendental possibilities. ....Man needs only to understand that he is an inseparable part of the Universe...No narrow reasoning can replace a true understanding of man's role. Man is the uniting bridge between the worlds. He must not forget his mission....He cannot withdraw from preordained possibilities. (*Supermundane*, 554)

And, he must remember that "one may transform earthy life only through the bond with the Higher World, otherwise, suffering will not diminish. (*Aum*, 43)

And now, dear Friends, can we together forge that bond, and, in the words of *A Catechism* from the monthly newsletter, can we "turn on the light with will and power and fierce desire" as we move forward to work with our meditation?