



Transforming Planetary Consciousness

The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity

Opening Address, Wesak/Taurus Solar Festival

Friday, 27 April 2018; Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Good afternoon, friends! Welcome and thank you for being here.

Today we are observing the Sacred, Holy Festival of Wesak—at this time of the Taurus Solar Festival.

It is a joy to be here with you today, and I look forward to the good work we will here accomplish together.

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact moment of Wesak and the Taurus Solar Festival is Sunday, April 29, at 8:58 p.m. Thus, in the five day cycle that makes up each of the 12 Solar Festivals, we are meeting on the first day of preparation, dedication and upward striving.

Beginning today, we are embarking on five days of a most intensive effort in service, as we commit to renouncing all which could hinder our usefulness as channels of spiritual force. In this five day process, we are asked to forget our personal selves in the service of touching, containing, holding and distributing force for the rest of humanity.

As we know, at this approaching Festival, many millions everywhere will be turning their thoughts towards the Enlightened One—the Buddha. Year after year, since He left the earth, over 2600 years ago, He has come back to humanity, bringing light and blessing. Year after year, He has released this light and presented opportunity to the Forces of Enlightenment to strengthen Their hold upon the minds of humanity.

The Buddha Himself acts as the *agent* of that great Life in Whom we live and move and have our being, The One Who is Himself the Light of Life itself—the true Light of our World and the planetary Enlightener. This, is the Ancient of Days, as He is called in the Old Testament, Sanat Kumara to esoteric students, as well as the Eternal Youth and the One Who *holds* the whole of humanity and life and Who is carrying His whole creation along the path of evolution to its great consummation—a consummation, we are advised, of which we as yet don't have the faintest idea.

Ever since the Buddha achieved His goal of illumination, a cooperative effort has been made to increase the flow of enlightenment into our world and to throw the light of wisdom, experience and

*Opening Address presented by Ida Urso, Ph. D., for the 2018 WesakTaurus Solar Festival Webinar Meditation Meeting, sponsored by the Aquarian Age Community. The books cited in parentheses are copyrighted, published and available from the Lucis Trust at www.lucistrust.org and from the Agni Yoga Society at <http://www.agniyoga.org/index.php>

understanding into the minds of humanity. At each Festival of Taurus, the spiritual Forces working out the Will of God, put forth an extreme effort to impress and stimulate the minds of humanity.

During these auspicious and potentially life-altering five days, a Great Triangle of Force is formed and acts as the nucleus through which the Forces of Enlightenment will work to control the energy that can illumine the minds of humanity. The Three Lives who make us this Great Triangle are:

1. The Lord of the World, the Light of Life Itself—Sanat Kumara.
2. The Buddha, the Lord of Wisdom, bringing spiritual light to the Hierarchy and revealing what is the divine purpose.
3. The Christ, the Lord of Love, presenting the demand of humanity and acting as the distributing Agent for the Forces of Enlightenment.

We have been promised that if the demand is strong enough, mentally powerful and adequately focussed—that the Forces of Light who work entirely upon the level of the mind and with the minds of humanity, can then bring the battle between the Forces of Light and the Forces of Darkness to an end—not only physically, but through the inauguration of an era of right thinking, that would improve and uplift life on our planet for all.

This will then end the present cycle of emotional distress, agony, glamour and illusion, and of the supreme power of materialistic desires which for so long have formed and dominated the pattern of living. This will occur as a result of the application of the spiritual will, working as enlightenment upon the mental plane, demonstrating as wisdom, and skill in action, motivated by loving understanding. Friends, can we imagine such a possibility?

In cooperative participation within this divine circulatory flow, can we now identify with the world-wide group through which these spiritual energies are now being poured throughout the whole body of humanity?

Let us also endeavor to identify with the Purpose that seeks to “guide the little wills of men,” keeping in mind our intention for these Webinars, which is to become as a living 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.

Following this opening address, we’ll move into the focus of our meeting which is guided Group Meditation, after which you will have an opportunity to voice any thoughts and ideas you might like to share.

The image on your screen is a photo of the Aurora Borealis—an ethereal display of colored lights, shimmering across the night sky, courtesy of the [Earth Sky website](#).

Throughout most of history, the cause of these auroras and the reason for their colors was a great source of mystery and ancient peoples wove many myths about them. For example, in Norse mythology, the aurora was a fire bridge to the sky built by the gods—a good example of how humanity has always sought the Path of Return to its true Home.

Today, science provides us a most precise and interesting explanation, one which I think you will agree is also applicable to our esoteric work, especially at this time of Wesak.

Even though our sun is 93 million miles away, its effects extend far beyond its visible surface. Great storms on the sun send gusts of charged solar particles hurtling across space. If Earth is in the path of the particle stream, our planet's magnetic field and atmosphere react. When the charged particles from the sun strike atoms and molecules in Earth's atmosphere, they excite or *stimulate* those atoms, causing them to light up.

Atoms, as we know, consist of a central *nucleus* and a surrounding cloud of *electrons* encircling the nucleus in an orbit. When charged particles from the sun strike atoms in Earth's atmosphere, electrons move to higher-energy orbits, further away from the nucleus. Then when an electron returns to a lower-energy orbit, it releases a particle of light or a *photon*.

Science can also now explain what used to be a perplexing mystery about the cause of the wide-ranging display of brilliant colors in the auroras. Oxygen, it seems, gives off a green color; whereas, Nitrogen causes blue or red colors.

Referring to the esoteric wisdom, the Tibetan tells us in *The Reappearance of the Christ* (p. 94) that "a mystery remains a mystery only when ignorance or unbelief exist. There is no mystery where there is knowledge and faith."

Does not this photo then act as a symbol and a visual representation of the truth that all true esoteric activity produces light and illumination, resulting in the inherited light of substance being intensified and qualified by the higher light of the soul?

And, equally, does it not provide an out picturing of the esoteric truth that the whole of Cosmos is based on the law of reciprocity or mutuality, indicating that where there is no response, there is no result?

Here I hasten to add the Ageless Wisdom's teaching that each individual has within oneself a potential force—a *nucleus*, if you will, that when awakened will eventually bring him and her into direct contact with the Highest World.

It is this force which builds the essence of the consciousness and when reciprocity or mutuality exist, this enables the Guiding Teachers on the inner side of life to transmit ideas into its core.

"In Thee is hidden the knowledge of the universe", affirms the Agni Yoga wisdom. "In Thee is born the striving to behold the mysteries." (*Leaves of Morya's Garden I, The Call*, 327)

And so, dear Friends, we take our place upon the rungs of the hierarchical ladder of Light and Love and Power, as contributing participants in this sacred, living process that is the transmission of extra planetary energies, ensuring that, in ripple-like fashion, the tiniest of form life on our planet will be impacted by the stepped down form of spiritual energy, coming from far distant places, pouring through the eye of illumination in this sign of Taurus, thus, resulting eventually in the transformation of planetary consciousness.

Can we now pause, as we normally do, and together dedicate ourselves, individually and as a group, to this work of planetary redemption, by sounding 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 see and when the eye is opened all is illumined.” Such is the esoteric keynote in this sign of Taurus—a sign whose influence is exceedingly powerful today.

The entire secret of divine purpose and planning is hidden in this sign, owing fundamentally to its relationship with the Pleiades, the Great Bear and to our solar system.

Esoteric Astrology teaches that this constitutes one of the most important triangles in our entire cosmic series of relationship and this importance is also enhanced by the fact that the “eye of the Bull” is the eye of revelation. (p. 376)

The underlying goal of the evolutionary process—“the onward rush of the Bull of God,” as it is esoterically called—reveals *steadily* and *without cessation* the stupendous and sublime plan of Deity.

The eye of the cosmic Bull of God is *open* and from it light pours radiantly forth upon humanity. The eye of vision of the individual must likewise open, in response to this cosmic light. Victory is inevitable for the potency of cosmic energy, in time, will unfailingly subdue and re-orient the energy of humanity. (Ibid., p. 403)

Fittingly, Taurus rules the New Group of World Servers, who under its influence are “speeded upon the upward Way.” To this Group that divine Taurian energy brings “illumination and the attainment of the vision.”

In the book, *The Rays and the Initiations*, the Tibetan Master indicates that, figuratively speaking, this group *is* the “bull, rushing forward upon a straight line with its one eye fixed upon the goal and beaming light.” He then rhetorically asks, “But. What is that goal?”

He himself answers the question: it is not the goal of Self-illumination, for that lies far behind. Instead, he clarifies, “it is the goal of providing a centre of light within the world of men [and women] and of holding up the vision to the sons of men.” (p. 232)

What are the demands that humanity makes upon this Group? Five of them are enumerated:

1. To receive and transmit illumination from the kingdom of souls.
2. To receive inspiration from the Hierarchy and go forth, consequently, to inspire.
3. To hold the vision of the Plan before the eyes of humanity, for “where there is no vision, the people perish.”
4. To act as an intermediate group between the Hierarchy and humanity, receiving light and power and then using both of these, under the inspiration of love, to build the new world.
5. To toil in Pisces.

What does it mean that “the group toils in Pisces”? This simply means that the field wherein the New Group of World Servers works is that of humanity—conditioned and ruled for the past two thousand years by Piscean energy. And within these limitations, this New Group must bring in the new thinking and the new energies that are daily dawning in our New Age of Aquarius.

This work of materializing the Plan requires an intensive effort in two directions—one is the effort of the Hierarchy to impress that Plan upon the minds of humanity and to convey the needed power and understanding to effect the intended work, and secondly there is required an effort from all disciples and aspirants to *respond* and bring through into manifestation that which is waiting on the subjective side of life.

Our work, dear friends, is twofold. First, there is the need to break an ancient rhythm and establish a new and better one. Secondly, there is the need to fuse and blend the united aspiration of all peoples at each Wesak Festival—so that a channel can be cleared, opened and established between the New Group of World Servers and the waiting Hierarchy of the Masters of Love and Wisdom.

Once this channel is permanently established and a large enough number of thinking men and women realise its function and possibilities, it will then be easier for the Guides of humanity to impress public consciousness, and so sway public opinion.

Required, of course, is humanity's recognition of the need and the resulting beneficence that will come from conscious cooperation.

We thus enter the field of what the Tibetan Master refers to as *practical occultism*. We are no longer dealing with the field of aspiration or the sphere of a planned moving forward towards that which is higher and more desirable. Rather, we have been given a scientific programme to carry out. One which requires a strenuous mental endeavour, and involves working with certain spiritual laws which we are only now beginning to understand.

We have arrived at this stage wherein aspiration, dreaming and wishful thinking must be superseded by direction, purpose and the carefully planned use of the available forces, "swept into activity by the breath, under the direction of the inner eye and controlled by the spiritual man."

This matter of being in a position to receive, and then become the agents of enlightenment is an intensely practical matter and it is hoped, states the Tibetan Master, that the response will be so real that it will constitute a great and uniform activity which will leave no single thinking person untouched, which will put the responsibility of establishing right human relations upon the shoulders of the men and women of goodwill.

The promise is that *if* the thinking and executive people of the world can have their minds "illuminated" by the spirit of wisdom and understanding, they can then act as distributors of that light through enlightened planning and legislation, and thus affect the entire world—of this we see nascent attempts at the United Nations—do we not? (*The Externalisation, p. 466*)

I would like to end my remarks with an urgent and earnest request from our Tibetan Brother and Master: In the book *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, he makes the following appeal:

"I call you, therefore, everyone, to a great service of demand and of invocation on behalf of humanity—a demand for the inflow of light upon the decisions of men [and women]. I would ask you to request and expect the needed enlightenment for those who have to make decisions on behalf of [people]...everywhere.

"Your individual enlightenment has nothing to do with this demand. It is a selfless motive which is required and which must lie behind your individual and group demand. You are demanding enlightenment and illumined perception for those who have to guide the destiny of [humanity],...nations and world groups. On their shoulders lies the responsibility to take wise action, based on world understanding, in the interests of international cooperation, and in the establishment of right human relations." (p. 467)

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