



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

**Opening Address, Wesak/Taurus Solar Festival'**

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**Wesak/Taurus Solar Festival Webinar 2021**

Dear Friends and Co-workers of our beloved and encumbered Mother Earth, I greet each of you with welcome good wishes to this month's work at this highest pinnacle of the yearly Solar Festival cycle! Today, we joyously celebrate the second of the three Major Spiritual Festivals of Spring – the sacred and Holy Festival of the Buddha, the Festival of Light and Illumination, in the sign of Taurus – the “Mother of Illumination,” as the esoteric wisdom refers to this sign. Dear Friends, Earth's burdens must be lifted. In shared responsibility, I know you will join me in resoundingly affirming, “Let Light descend on Earth!”

In the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the actual time of this Festival occurs this evening at 11:31 p.m. Thus, we are auspiciously meeting on the Day of Safeguarding, a day of inner peace and silent solemnity—one in which we hold ourselves steadily in the light as we focus on the needs of humanity.

At this most opportune time, aware of the new energies streaming into our planet, including, for example, the Forces of Enlightenment, let us respond by opening *our* hearts and minds to the possibilities in front of us as we take our place within the world-wide esoteric group to actively and cooperatively serve the Plan of *Light* and *Love* and *Power*.

With the electrifying and vital support of the extraordinary Wesak energies now available to us and relating us in a unique way to that highest planetary center of Purpose that eternally seeks to “guide the little wills of men,” let us intensify our intention to act as a living, vital bridge, bringing humanity ever-closer to the transformative and transfiguring energies held in trust within the Council Chamber of Shamballa.

May we keep in mind the recognition that when the searchlight of the mind is able to penetrate into previously unrecognized aspects of the divine mind and when the magnetic qualities of the heart are awakening and becoming sensitively responsive, the individual and the group is then able to function in the new unfolding realms of light, love and service.

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.

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The photo on your screen, is entitled, M45 The Pleiades. It comes to us courtesy of the European Space Agency and the Hubble Space Telescope (ESA/Hubble). The lovely Pleiades, as they are often called, or the wives of the Seven Rishis of the Great Bear, or the Seven Sisters – the star cluster that is well known for its striking blue reflection nebulae, are located toward the constellation of Taurus and of the Orion Arm of our Milky Way Galaxy. Catalogued as M45, the Pleiades contains over 3,000 stars and at about 400 light years away, it is one of the brightest and most easily visible open clusters in the sky.

*Esoteric Astrology* tells us that the entire secret of divine purpose and planning is hidden in the sign of Taurus, owing fundamentally to the relation of the Pleiades to the constellation of the Great Bear and to our solar system. This constitutes one of the most important triangles in our entire cosmic series of relationships and this importance is also enhanced by the fact that the “eye of the Bull,” which is the star Aldebaran, is occultly, the eye of revelation.

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 – and this is the subject which light reveals. (p.376)

The Pleiades are the feminine opposite of Brahma. References in *The Secret Doctrine* indicate that the Pleiades and one of its stars, Alcyone, in particular, is considered as the central point around which our entire universe of fixed stars revolves.

It is the seven Sisters or the seven Pleiades that are expressions of the dualism of manifestation in their relation to the seven Rishis of the Great Bear. They provide the negative pole to the positive aspect of the seven Rishis. They fuse with the positive energies of the Great Bear and, unitedly work through several of the zodiacal signs. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 270)

Forming a unique, consequential and revelatory Triangle with the sun Sirius, which directs akashic energies, and the Great Bear, which directs pranic energies, the Pleiades direct electrical energies into our solar system.

Additionally, the energy of will – newly released by Sanat Kumara upon our planet – emanates, via Shamballa, the planetary head centre. Entering our solar system from the constellation of the Great Bear; it is stepped down in vibration via one of the Pleiades and thus, its influence upon matter and also its pronounced Taurian effects upon humanity. (*Ibid.*, p. 376)

There is much to understand about the Pleiades; however, for now, keeping these thoughts in mind, can we here pause for a moment, as we normally do, and together sound the Noon-time recollection? Let us also keep in mind that it is the free and unimpeded circulation of energy among the three planetary centers of Shamballa, Hierarchy and humanity - *that through this monthly work, we are striving to achieve* - which *is* the underlying motive behind this mantra.

“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 Keynotes of this sign are clear in their implications. On the involutory path, the keynote for the personality or the form nature indicates "Let struggle be undismayed." The Word to the individual, beginning his and her earth journey, is to take, to grasp and to go courageously after that which is desired.

On the evolutionary path, the Word of the Soul is, "I see and when the Eye is opened, all is illumined; all is light." The eye of the cosmic Bull of God is open and from it light pours radiantly forth upon the sons of men. The eye of vision of the individual man and woman must likewise open in response to this cosmic light. Therefore, victory is inevitable for the power of cosmic energy will unfailingly, in time, subdue and re-orient the energy of humanity.

In the esoteric wisdom, this sign of Taurus is called "the sign of the major life incentive," because Taurus is the symbol of desire in *all* its phases. Whether it is the individual who is impelled by desire, or the disciple who is driven forth upon the path of return by the urge of aspiration, or whether it is the initiate, controlled by the will to cooperate with the Plan, he and she are, nevertheless, being responsive to the most powerful manifestation of a little known and understood aspect of divinity, to which, according to *Esoteric Astrology*, we give the inadequate name of the Will of God. (pp. 370-371)

Will, power, desire, aspiration, ambition, motive, purpose, impulse, incentive, plan—all these are words which attempt to express one of the major underlying attributes and fundamental causes of manifestation, of the evolutionary processes and of the will-to-be or the will-to-live. The great triplicity of *desire – aspiration – direction*, or *will* are three words which endeavor to describe the progress and bias of the individual personality, the individual soul, and the channel for spirit or life. All three words point imperfectly to the cause of the threefold expression which underlies all events, all progress and all happenings in time and space.

Very succinctly, the Agni Yoga wisdom affirms that “desires are like sparks igniting motion....[however] desire can be worms and chains, or sparks and wings.” (*Agni Yoga*, 259)

As we know, it was the Buddha, in the sign of Taurus, who clarified for humanity the nature of desire and its results, with the unhappy effects which desire produces when persistent and unenlightened. Based on His work, His Great Brother, the Christ then taught the transmutation of desire into aspiration which, from the expression given to it in The New Testament, was the effort of the human will (previously animated by, or expressed only through, desire) to conform itself to the will of God – this without understanding but with conformity – in perfect trust and with the inner assurance that the will of God must be all that is good, both in the individual and in the whole.

Today, as the Shamballa force is beginning to pour into our world, humanity is seeking another interpretation of God's will which will not involve the previously blind acquiescence and unavoidable acceptance of the inscrutable dictates of a powerful and inescapable Providence, but which will produce an understanding cooperation with the divine Plan and an enlightened fusion of the individual will with the great, divine will and this for the Common Good - the greater good of the whole. (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 371-372)

Through the medium of the most enlightened and sensitive people on our planet, we can note the gradual, but obvious actuation and expression of the will-to-good on every hand. The demand increasingly grows for human conditions to be more truly enlightened, more just and beneficial for the whole and more definitely subordinated to the innate divine urge for beauty, synthesis and the free expression of the hidden mystery which is to be found at the heart of all forms.

Do we not find encouragement, for example, in the increasing global demand for human rights, for racial justice and equality and the pleas to mark “International Mother Earth Day” by taking serious steps to safeguard our planet – “our only home”?!

On the other hand, we cannot help but despair at the ongoing horrific wars in such countries as Syria, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, the Ukraine and many more, as well as the recent alarming and unprecedented attack on the U.S. Capitol – examples of the aggressive and destructive nature of a powerful self-will.

The result of this dual effect of the Shamballa force at the present time is the precipitation of that cleansing but terrible process which is removing the existing undesirable conditions by their emergence into prominence and by the consequent removal of their originating sources and also by the definite effects produced upon the emotional body of humanity by collective and shared suffering and pain.

This suffering, deprivation, anxiety and distress is leading to a reversal of human orientation upon the wheel of life, just as it does in the case of the individual aspirant. It is leading to deepened reflection and insights about the nature of life and the truer values, moving us towards the new and better civilization and culture which we envision and for which we work.

The esoteric wisdom points out that just as the Aquarian Age is coming into manifestation for our planet as a whole, bringing in its wake the awakening of the universal values of cooperation, unity and world synthesis, so humanity, the world disciple, is beginning to come under the influence of Taurus. It is this influence which will bring about at this time the reversal of the wheel of life for those in the human family who are ready – and we are assured that their numbers are now great.

Dear Friends, the consequential question for each of us and for humanity as a whole is to decide, if this Taurian influence, increased as it is by the incoming Shamballa forces, will produce the floodlight of illumination of which Taurus is the custodian, or will it simply foment desire, increase selfishness and bring humanity to the "fiery heights of self-interest" instead of to the mountain of vision and initiation?

As both the esoteric and the hierarchical ruler of Taurus, Vulcan controls the anvil-like processes of time and strikes the blow, which shapes the metal into that which is desired. Taurus thus forges the instruments of constructive living or of destruction; it forges the chains which bind or creates the key which unlocks the mystery of life.

It was this very same pivotal choice to which Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations referred when he described the purpose of the huge block of iron ore he had imported for the UN Meditation Room. With great spiritual insight he pointed to the material of the stone which he said leads to “the necessity for choice between destruction and construction, between war and peace.” As he said, “Of iron man has forged his swords, of iron he has also made his ploughshares. Of iron he has constructed tanks, but of iron he has likewise built homes...The block of iron ore is part of the wealth we have inherited on this earth of ours. How are we to use it?” Indeed, dear Friends, how *will* humanity use it?!

When *will* the words of Isaiah (2:4) be realized on our planet? When will humanity beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and neither shall they learn war anymore?

In the last analysis, we come back to the eternal dualities, leading as they ever do to the interplay of the polar opposites, to the cyclic ebb and flow of the inner life and the outer periphery of expression – the subjective and the objective worlds – and to that attraction and repulsion which leads to a steady shift of the attracting force to an ever higher and more inclusive consciousness.

It is the secret of eventual synthesis, which is the final illumination, seen through the eye of Taurus and it is for this reason that this sign is regarded as being one of universal movement, of great and constant activity under the impulse of material desire or the urge of the divine will, when recognized and sensed. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 381)

As subjective signs of aspect, both Aries and Taurus are most difficult to fully understand. They are concerned with the initial impact of energy upon form or of energies upon the Soul. The Tibetan Master explains that the subjective energies refer to the forces pouring from the soul (on soul levels) into the form nature upon its own level of awareness. He points out that desire is not (from the angle of reality) a subjective quality except in so far as it is a distortion or a glamorous use of the energy of will. “Desire,” he states, “is the force of the form nature;” whereas, “will is the energy of the soul expressing itself as direction, progress, and conformity to the Plan. This Plan, from the standpoint of the individual,” he continues, is as much of the sensed will of God as he and she can, at any particular stage in his and her experience, grasp and understand.

He further clarifies these important distinctions by pointing out that the average human being may consider desire as subjective because he and she is so completely identified with form life upon the outer planes that the impulses and incentives coming to him and her along the stream of consciousness are viewed as intangible and mystical. Yet, they are in reality but form radiations and reactions and are not truly and technically subjective at all.

The high call of duty, the sense of responsibility – these are truly subjective in nature for they come from the soul and are the response of the soul to the pull of the form. Gradually, the disciple learns to distinguish between these distinctive aspects of energy and force which impinge ceaselessly upon his and her consciousness. As time goes on, the disciple’s analysis becomes ever more acute and more discriminating until he and she knows finally which is an expression of force – coming from the form – and which are energy contacts – coming from the soul. (*Ibid.*, pp. 387-388)

This process is clearly summarized in the following passage from *Esoteric Astrology*:

“Forget not,” states this esoteric wisdom, “that the first thrill or response of the Christ life is to the pull, urge or suggestion of the form nature wherein it finds itself. Then later, when all the resources of the form nature (drawn out through desire), are exhausted and the Christ life is exceedingly strong and ready to reveal itself through the death of the Mother, the form, then and not till then is the progress of the wheel arrested and "revolution" takes place with the life aspect reversing itself upon the wheel. Then the disciple (an expression of the Christ life in its early manifested stages), having transmuted desire into aspiration, begins his [and her] career – objectively and in full consciousness – in the sign [of] Taurus and ‘on the wings of aspiration’ proceeds towards Virgo and [at that time] ‘being both the Mother and the Child enters into the House of Labour." From that house, the disciple in due time arrives at Capricorn where he [and she] finally subdues matter, form or concrete expression to divine uses and purposes, and thus demonstrates the triumph and the potency of the Christ life.” (pp. 379-380)

Everything dear friends, depends upon our ability to grasp the inner meaning of all events. Progress upon the Path rests upon our ability to make the teaching our own. It is only as we transmute the lessons on the inner planes into practical knowledge that they become part of our own experience and are no longer theoretical. Expansion of consciousness is an ever increasing *practical* experience. Theories are of no value until we have changed them into fact. Herein, is the value of meditating on an ideal. In meditation our thoughts vibrate temporarily to the measure of the concept, the vision, and in time, that vibration becomes permanent.

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