



Transforming Planetary Consciousness
The Spiritual Work of the United Nations

Solar Festival Webinar Address—Wesak/Taurus 2015¹

Friday, May 1st, 2015; Noon-1:00 p.m.

Dear Friends, Namasté.

Welcome to today's meditation meeting, as we observe this holy and blessed Festival of Wesak, the Solar Festival of Taurus.

I greet you in this sacred way, acknowledging the seed of the spirit, the spark of consciousness, the seat of divine and compassionate wisdom within each one of you.

At this very special and sacred time of the year, at the outset of our meeting, I would also like to share with you a beautiful thought from the Agni Yoga wisdom, which encourages the following:

“Bring the realization of the great current to your work bench, and give wings to your labor.”
(*New Era Community*, 135)

In truth and indeed, may we do this, as we work together throughout this hour of service to the Plan, to humanity and to our planet—approaching, as we are, the Festival of Wesak, the Festival of the Buddha, the Festival of Light and Enlightenment.

Here, in the U.S. Eastern Time Zone, the exact time of Wesak occurs in the evening of Sunday, May 3rd at 11:42 p.m. We're therefore meeting on the first day of preparation, upward striving and dedication that will help us be of use at this time of great planetary need and opportunity.

Let's then begin that process of upward striving, as we usually do, by dedicating ourselves to the eternal work of the Ages as we sound, with heart-felt intention, the noon-time recollection.

Using the “as if” technique, we can imagine ourselves as part of that notable band of world servers—the symbolic 9,000 Initiates working, under the influence of the Christ and His disciples.

“I know oh Lord of Life and Love about the need. Touch my heart anew with love that I too may love and give.”

“I see and when the eye is opened, all is Light.” Such is the esoteric keynote for the sign of Taurus and Light, in the form of enlightenment and illumination is the theme of the Festival of Wesak.

¹ Opening Address for the Wesak/Taurus Solar Festival Webinar Meditation Meeting, Friday, May 1, 2015 by Ida Urso, Ph.D.

The Tibetan Master enjoins our participation at this highest spiritual point of the year, saying that "No cost is too great to pay in order to be of use to the Hierarchy at this time....no price is too high in order to gain the spiritual illumination which can be possible at [this]...time. *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I, p. 62*

As we know, this Festival uniquely observes both a historical occurrence and a *present living event*. Both in the East and in the West, increasing numbers are observing this spiritual pinnacle in the annual cycle, recognizing that over 2600 years ago, as a student of the *Vedas* and *Upanishads*, Siddhartha Gautama was moved by compassion to search by every means imaginable for a cause and a cure to human misery and suffering.

As a result of the scope and sincerity of his austere and selfless strivings, He attained buddhic consciousness; He achieved enlightenment and He earned the title of Buddha—the Enlightened One.

Currently, in our time, “He with the Name we mention not, save in utter adoration; the Youth of Endless Summers, the Light of Life itself, the Wondrous One, the Ancient One, the Lord of Venusian Love, the great Kumara with the Flaming Sword, the peace of all the Earth,” the Representative and the focal point on earth of the “Silent Watcher”—that great Entity Who is the informing life of our planet—He is a part of this Festival. (*Initiation Human and Solar, p. 211*)

It is the energy of this great Kumara, the Lord of the World Himself that is uniquely available once a year at the Festival of Wesak. It is at this time that the Lord Buddha carries to the assembled servers of humanity and to humanity itself a dual stream of force—the one emanating from the Silent Watcher and supplemented by the more focalized energy of Sanat Kumara.

It is this dual energy that the Buddha pours out in blessing over the people gathered at the ceremony in the Himalayas, and from them, in turn, it flows out to all the peoples of the earth. (*Initiation Human and Solar, p. 105*)

Year after year, ever since His great achievement, at the exact time of Wesak, through an act of great sacrifice, He returns to bring Light and Blessings to a yet suffering planet. Stepped down by the Lighted Beings Who cooperate with this sacred transmission of energies, His brief return is ever a testament to the unalterable compassion at the heart of the universe. In cooperation with other Guides and Watchers of the Earth, He seeks to increase the flow of Light into our world and “to throw the light of wisdom, experience and understanding...into the minds of men”, inspiring humanity to move forward into greater Light and a broadened consciousness. (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, p. 464*)

Because He achieved full enlightenment, entirely by his own merit, and owing to his own individual exertions, He indicates the Way for those who yet suffer and are aggrieved. His message is eternal and just as applicable today as it was when He first enunciated His Four Noble Truths—Truths which when practiced will lead to an enlightenment of the mind, resulting in the cessation of suffering and a world of stability and tranquility.

It might here be helpful to recollect that the Sanskrit word *Veda* translates as “knowledge” and in the Theosophical Glossary the Sanskrit term, *Upanishad*, is translated as "esoteric doctrine." It is explained that *Upanishad* is "that which destroys ignorance, and thus produces liberation of the spirit, through the knowledge of the supreme though *hidden truth*," the "*Brahma-knowledge by which ignorance is loosened or destroyed*."

This same truth is also expressed in the Biblical statement: “You will know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” (John 8:32)

As we avail ourselves of the sacred teachings that have been given for the benefit of humanity’s evolution, and as we strive to understand and implement these teachings into our daily lives, so shall we be able to destroy and loosen the ignorance that oppresses the spirit and defines our planet as a non-sacred planet.

The keynote of this month's newsletter, which I'd like to repeat here, comes from the *Tenth Great Joyful Realization* wherein it is taught that "It is a great joy to realize that the Path to Freedom which all the [Enlightened Ones]... have trodden is ever-existent, ever unchanged, and ever open to those who are ready to enter upon it." (*A Buddhist Bible*)

"Each man has within himself a potential force that can bring him into direct contact with the Highest World"—so states the Agni Yoga wisdom. "This force builds the essence of his consciousness and enables Us [the Teachers on the inner side] to transmit information into its core." (*Supermundane I*, par. 200)

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

The ancient Grecian myth recounts how it was only by means of unwinding the gleaming ball of golden thread, (the teachings of the Ageless Wisdom) held firmly throughout his terrifying journey that Theseus, the personality, was able to make his way through the tortuously winding paths of the gloomy labyrinth of Crete—the darkest stage of descent, and return safely out of the dark and tangled maze—after slaying the Minotaur (a symbol for ignorance, greed and selfishness).

In *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* (p. 405), the Tibetan Master tells us that "In every race and nation, in every climate and part of the world, and throughout the endless reaches of time itself, back into the limitless past, men have found the Path to God; they have trodden it and accepted its conditions, endured its disciplines, rested back in confidence upon its realities, received its rewards and found their goal.

"Arrived there, they have 'entered into the joy of the Lord,' participated in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, dwelt in the glory of the divine Presence, and then returned to the ways of men, to serve.

"The testimony to the existence of this Path is the priceless treasure of all the great religions and its witnesses are those who have transcended all forms and all theologies, and have penetrated into the world of meaning which all symbols veil."

In writing about the curriculum of the mystery schools of the past, the Theosophist, Grace Knoche noted that "However fascinating to the imagination and of whatever degree of intellectual and psychic stimulation" these studies may have provided the neophyte, they "were not the major aim of the Mysteries."

Rather, she wrote, "behind all training of the mind was the impelling urge for *soul purification* through discipline and contemplation... There, within the Sanctuary, gestated generations of Bodhisattvas," among whose esoteric purpose is the enlightenment of humanity.

"Through all the heartache and sorrow of the world, this strong network of occult vitality flows in unceasing rhythm along the invisible arteries and veins of the body spiritual of our earth. So profound is the compassion of the Brotherhood, so untiring its labor that not until the heartbeat of every human being shall pulsate in harmony with the heartbeat of the Great Brotherhood will it lay down its task."

(*The Mystery Schools* by Grace Knoche)

Friends, as we know, "The Spiritual Values are the only values which can salvage humanity." (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 54)

The "restoration of the Mysteries and the rehabilitation of the peoples of the earth"—the two are interdependent; they are related and they go together. " (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 135)

Why is that? In order for humanity to arise out of its prison house of darkness, suffering and limitation, it must attain the broadened consciousness; it must find and attain the Way of Light. And so we end where we began.

The Word of the Soul sounds forth, “I see and when the Eye is opened, 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 must likewise open in response to this cosmic light. Hence victory is inevitable for the potency of cosmic energy will unfailingly and in time subdue and re-orient the energy of humanity.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 403)

And so, dear Friends, in preparing for our meditation, may we take to heart the following additional words from our Tibetan Friend and Master, who calls 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.”

“I would ask you,” he states, “to request and expect the needed enlightenment for those who have to make decision on behalf of men 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...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.” (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 467)

And, with that thought in mind, let us now move into our work of meditation.