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Humanity—the Beneficiary of Planetary and Cosmic Manas

In that the Solar Logos is the embodiment of cosmic manas—the sum total of all manifestation, from the lowest and densest physical atom up to the most radiant and cosmic ethereal Dhyān Chohan, manas underlies all manifestation.

The esoteric wisdom teaches that humanity is currently in the fifth of the seven major phases of its intended evolutionary unfoldment. Over the millennia, as it demonstrated readiness, humanity has been initiated into succeeding phases of divine and more inclusive consciousness through applied stimulation. Each phase has brought the original divine purpose of our planetary logos closer into manifestation. Thus, the evolution of Life proceeds, moving ever forward reasonably, regularly, and in good order, whether recognized as such by humanity or not. Our planet Earth is not fully a sacred planet and it is intended that this shall come to pass on all levels of existence and not just on the mental level, as is currently the case. Humanity intuits the Good, the Beautiful and the True but, as yet, it cannot fully manifest its vision.

It is the august Council Chamber within Shamballa that directs and causes the turning of the great Wheel of Life, as experienced on planet Earth. This exalted Council wields the universal Laws, regulating these according to the nature of planetary karma and Their awareness (from Their exalted perspective) of the impermanent and relatively short-lived planetary indications. Their creative meditation impresses the needed inspiration—what the esoteric wisdom refers to as “the breath of life itself”—upon the other planetary kingdoms. Their vital link to all planetary groupings, and the universal centrality of humanity to all those groupings, is described in the following key statement:

"All Lives upon or within the aura of the planetary Logos and of His manifested Body, the Earth, have been, are or will be in the future, a human being, thereby establishing and demonstrating their past, present or future identity with humanity, the fourth kingdom in nature."¹

It is for this reason that the esoteric teachings refer to humanity as the “keynote” of the Lord of the World². Humanity is the basis, the goal and the essential inner structure of all being. Humanity itself is the key to all evolutionary processes and to all correct understanding of the divine Plan, expressing in time and space the divine Purpose of Sanat Kumara. All the planetary centres are comprised of lives progressing towards the human stage, and those who have left that stage far behind are yet endowed with all the faculties and all the knowledge wrought

out into human expression in earlier planetary schemes or through our own planetary life.

Because They share a common humanity, the great and omnipotent Lives in Shamballa can impress the omniscient Lives and all the other lesser lives constituting the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom. Because of shared experience and understanding, the Hierarchical Masters and Initiates can consequently impress humanity. And, in turn, because of shared instinctual tendencies and the potential assets in the three subhuman groups, humanity can and does impress these other planetary kingdoms.

The turning of the greater Wheel of Life causes all the lesser wheels also to turn and in the process, the emergence of that which is new and better and progressively Good, brings greater light into the consciousness of humanity, increasingly stimulating and awakening its universally shared manasic principle, gradually revealing to humanity, the splendor and glory of the greater Whole of which it is a part.

Here, it's significant to note that throughout humanity's history, manas has been principally applied to understanding the objective, physical plane environment. However, in the Aquarian Age, the trend of activity will be towards an understanding of the subjective side of manifestation and towards the comprehension of the esoteric spiritual principles. The primary focus will be the achievement of causal consciousness and the scientific construction of the Antahkarana, which will unite the causal vehicle (the soul) and the permanent manasic atom on the inner abstract levels of the mental plane.

Humanity will then consciously invoke that “raincloud of knowable things”—that overshadowing and revelatory storehouse of energy formed through the joint action of the Central Spiritual Sun, working through Shamballa.³ The first stanza of the Great Invocation is here most illuminating: “From the point of Light within the Mind of God, Let light stream forth into the minds of men.” ♦

1 *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol. II, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1983 by Lucis Trust, p. 209.

2 *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed ©1978 by Lucis Trust, p. 126,

3 *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol. II, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1983 by Lucis Trust, pp. 160-161.

Reconciliation: Bringing Spiritual Energies into the Daily Life

The necessity of a great group participation in a Day of Forgiveness and of Forgetting....This is a forgiveness which is based upon a recognition of the universality of human error in the past, and the fact that there is no blame to be apportioned to this or that group, nation or church, but that we have all made mistakes, have all failed to understand, and have all been guilty of lack of love and of tolerance. It is not, therefore, a forgiveness which is based on a spirit of magnanimity or a sense of expediency or superiority, but upon a desire to forget the past, and to push forward into the New Age and participate in the new social order, free from the ancient hatreds, relinquishing the memory of the old mistakes in policy, judgment and method, and ignoring the habitual barriers and our normal separative instincts.¹

Among the dictionary definitions for the word reconciliation are “a reunion,” and “a bringing together.” A related word is “balancing” and as a verb, “to reconcile” is to make compatible. As a theological concept, reconciliation describes the end of the estrangement between God and humanity and the purpose for the Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation, or the Sacrament of Penance is to find God’s unconditional forgiveness, which then calls on us to forgive others in the same way in which we have been forgiven.

Einstein proved to the scientific community what the esoteric wisdom had long taught: energy and matter or spirit and form are interchangeable and inexorably connected to each other. According to this esoteric wisdom, reconciliation is the act of bringing about an unimpeded circulatory flow and relationship between Spirit-Matter or Life-appearance. Within this Wisdom the true Heart is the Soul, the Atman, or the Higher Self—that electrical spark of consciousness—created at the point of intersect where energy and matter or spirit and form meet. This bridge between the two realms of spirit and matter is a component of the Cosmic Magnet.

Just as the heart within our bodies sustains our physical life, so the systolic and diastolic pulsation of the Cosmic Magnet irradiates our solar system and planet with energies that are as electro-magnetic waves constantly and eternally circulating within and around us, calling on us to engage in the act of reconciliation: bringing Universal Spiritual Energies into the Day-to-Day Life, bringing spirit into matter, or Heaven to Earth.

Here, it is interesting to consider that with regard to the relationship with humanity the greatest problem faced by the Hierarchy of Love-wisdom is articulated through the following two questions: “How can the consciousness of humanity be expanded?” And, “How can the ascending energy of humanity be brought into rapport with the descending energy of spirit, so that another great expression of deity can emerge through humanity into manifestation?”²

We are told that these questions are not easily answered due to the fact that the astral or emotional bodies of human beings (which constitute the astral body of humanity as a whole) are today in a state of chaos, and are swept by ancient desires, ancient and deep-seated selfish attitudes and by ancient hatreds. The task is also complicated by the activity of the mental processes of man which are characterized by pronounced and developed illusions, by separative attitudes and by specious arguments! However, it is pointed out, there are, at the same time, enough people in the world who are responsive to the spirit of goodwill and who are animated by a desire for permanent right human relations.

To this point, it is heartening to realize that the United Nations proclaimed the year 2009 as the “International Year of Reconciliation.”

In a press release about this resolution it was said that this Year can become a vehicle for creating a fraternal human society, based on values such as truth and justice and for restoring the unity of mankind now separated by ethnic, religious and other kinds of conflicts. [GA/10536, 20 November 2006, Sixty-first General Assembly Plenary, 56th Meeting (AM)]

This is an indication that humanity is beginning to forge a reconciliation—a bringing together, a reunion, a compatibility of the inner subjective energies with the outer objective manifestation, affirming thus, the fourth stanza of the Great Invocation: “From the centre which we call the race of men, Let the Plan of Love and Light work out, And may it seal the door where evil dwells”! ♦

1 *Esoteric Psychology*, Vol. II, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed ©1970 by Lucis Trust, pp. 647-648.

2 *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed ©1985 by Lucis Trust, p. 139.

The Healing Art of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

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*May forgiveness on the part of all men be the keynote at this time.*¹

*Man prays for forgiveness, yet fails to alter his manner of living. Man bewails his misfortune but does not abandon a single habit which brought him into his state of sorrow. Just praying for forgiveness has no meaning if it is not accompanied by reformation of life.*²

At the opening of the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference this past August, Representative Mr. Gerald Casey, Founder of MBA's Across America, had this to say about the intention and purpose of the NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) and the United Nations: "That program is nothing less than the spiritual healing of the world." He went on to say that our common enemy is one of moral and spiritual slumber that has blinded us. "Our real task", he said, "is to find the courage to *forgive*, and to *love*, and to *heal* the wounds within ourselves that might prevent us from becoming more perfect vessels." He also asked that we "put spiritual awakening at the core" of all our activities.

We know from the Ancient Wisdom teachings and from the life of the Master Jesus that true forgiveness is an act of love and sacrifice. Forgiveness is a state of grace. It is a choice of the soul aligned personality to recognize with understanding and compassion the ignorance of past mistakes and Karma. This choice allows for a new pattern of right relationship and reconciliation to occur. The word forgiveness could be hyphenated as for-giveness-sake, for we know that as our spiritual perception expands, we will recognize that the nature of the group soul—that is Humanity, is to give freely and to serve. It is interesting to note that the meaning of the word reconcile is "to bring into harmony." Truly, we cannot live the life of discipleship without reflecting on the healing art of forgiveness and then taking the next step towards the handshake of reconciliation and brotherhood.

Right forgiveness does not mean to condone; and, with this in mind we can acknowledge with gratitude the work being done within The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), where it is clearly stipulated that the objective of justice is *not* "judgment." In Alice A. Bailey's book "*From Bethlehem to Calvary*" (p. 216), she writes, "Justice can be forgiveness when the facts of the case are rightly understood and in the demand of the crucified Saviour we have the recognition of the Law of Justice and not that of retribution, in which the whole world stands aghast." She also states that forgiveness as the ultimate sacrifice is "the very essence of life itself" and that "forgiveness is the result of

life." (p. 215) These are hard truths for the western mind to grasp; however, as we move through forgiveness, we are paving the way for the indwelling Christ—the indwelling Love-Wisdom of the Soul to manifest.

In his book *The Wisdom of Forgiveness* co-authored with Victor Chan, H.H. The Dalai Lama writes that to him the reality of life is like Indra's Net of Ancient Mythology. The universe is looked upon as one enormous net of interconnected strands. At each juncture there is a diamond that reflects and has an effect on all the other diamonds. Nothing exists independently. Therefore, love, forgiveness and compassion must be cultivated.

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) published *The United Nations Reconciliation after Violent Conflict Handbook* in 2003. The foreword had this to say: "There is no handy roadmap for reconciliation. There is no shortcut or simple prescription for healing the wounds and divisions of a society in the aftermath of sustained violence. Creating trust and understanding between former enemies is a supremely difficult challenge. It is, however, an essential one to address in the process of building a lasting peace. Examining the painful past, acknowledging it, and understanding it and above all, transcending it together, is the best way to guarantee it does not—and cannot—happen again."

As in the words of the great Initiate St. Paul, "Forgetting the things of the past; press forward." The healing art of forgiveness and reconciliation allows us to do this and to "Restore the Plan on Earth." ♦

1 Master Djwhal Khul in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed ©1985 by Lucis Trust, p. 165.

2 *Aum*, par. 47 Agni Yoga Society, NY.

3 *From Bethlehem to Calvary*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed ©1965 by Lucis Trust, pp 215-216.

4 *The Wisdom of Forgiveness* by H.H. The Dalai Lama and Victor Chan, Riverhead Trade, 2005, p 108.

Diamond Light Make hard thy Soul against the snares of self; deserve for it the name of Diamond-Soul. For as the diamond buried deep within the throbbing heart of earth can never mirror back the earthly lights, so are thy mind and Soul; plunged in Jnana-marga, these must mirror naught of Maya's realm illusive.

The Voice of the Silence, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky



The *Diamond Light Newsletter* is dedicated to the recognition and expression of the indwelling Soul, the Inner Christos at the heart of all life. As the above quotation from *The Voice of the Silence* indicates, "diamond" throughout the ages has been one of the terms by which the Soul is known. The Alchemists of past ages often interchanged the terms Philosophers' Stone, *lapis* and diamond. In the book, *The Light of the Soul* authored by Alice A. Bailey, two words are used to convey the idea of compact cohering force. One is the diamond, the other the thunderbolt. The diamond reflects the pure white light and yet reflects equally all the colors of the rainbow, the seven colors of the chromatic scale. In the esoteric wisdom the diamond is also considered the initiate within the mineral kingdom: "The best known example of the effect of the initiation of the mineral by fire can be seen in the great transition and transformation, allotropically brought about, from the carbon stage to that of the perfect diamond." (*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I* by Alice A. Bailey, p. 224)

We therefore named our newsletter *Diamond Light* as a reminder of the indwelling Soul within each of us, which is ever Initiate. As we awaken to that pure white light and consciously seek its unfoldment and expression, so we note, link with and exponentially augment the resplendent light within our brother and sister. The Soul is ever group conscious. Its cohering, attractive quality irradiates and imbues all planes and states of planetary consciousness with the triple energy of light, love and the will-to-good. Yet the Soul does not impose itself. Like the diamond buried deep within the earth, the Soul must be sought with a singleness of purpose. The techniques by which it is "mined" and then honed and polished to a brilliant purity are known to the esotericists of the ages as a definite science. Much information on this science is included within the Ageless Wisdom Teachings referred to in this newsletter. Within these few pages, we can but spark an interest in the reader and encourage exploration—an exploration we think is not only necessary but also more rewarding than any upon which humanity has thus far embarked! As the well-known parable tells us, the stolen jewel of humanity's divinity lies deep within each individual. It is now time to bring it forth. ◆

The Great Invocation

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.

Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.

May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—

The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out

And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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The Great Invocation is distinctive to our unfolding Aquarian Age. Its appeal is neither personal nor temporal and unlike past invocations, it is a world prayer, belonging to no one group, but to all of humanity.

According to the Ageless Wisdom, the Christ, "The Anointed One," is the office or title of The World Teacher – the Teacher alike of angels and of humanity. Many religions believe in a World Teacher, knowing this great Being under such names as the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi and the Bodhisattva.

The word "man" is a derivative of the Sanskrit term *Manas* which refers to the mental principle – the positive element that characterizes humanity, the fourth, masculine kingdom relative to the fifth, feminine and therefore receptive, spiritual kingdom of the Soul.

Will you join the millions who daily use this prayer to invoke the needed light and love on earth?

Should someone you know also be receiving *Diamond Light*? Send us names and addresses, as well as comments, suggestions, questions, favorite quotes and other contributions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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