

Diamond Light

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The Laws of the Soul And The Great Fellowship of the Universe

The spirit of man is undying; it forever endures, progressing from point to point and stage to stage upon the Path of Evolution, unfolding steadily and sequentially the divine attributes and aspects.¹

Established many long eons ago at the first dawn of manifestation, the *Laws of Nature* were known to be the highest phase of the divine life possible in the first solar system. In that system, the Humanity of today was prepared and the principle of intelligence became manifest. Having been cultivated for millennia and brought to maturity in that previous system, this energy of active intelligence is fundamentally the most powerful in the planet.

By Contrast, the *Laws of the Soul* are expected to be realized in this, our current second ray solar system of Love-Wisdom. Today, these laws are slowly beginning to subordinate and render negative the previously supreme *Laws of Nature*. It is in this system that the Hierarchy of Love made its appearance and it is in this system that, ultimately, the nature of love-wisdom will come into full manifestation upon the physical plane. When these laws are fulfilled, the purpose of our second ray solar system will conclude and the *Laws of Life* or *Spirit*, denoting a higher frequency, unimaginable to anyone below the status of a third degree initiate, will supersede the *Laws of the Soul*.

Humanity is thus governed by three divinely ruled groups of laws — all of which govern the expression of today's living purpose: one Law is fully developed and realized, another one is developing, and a third, is latent and relatively quiescent. The *Laws of Nature* are the separative laws of the form nature; the *Laws of the Soul* are the blending laws of group integrity; and, the *Laws of Life*, which are the dynamic laws of Being (Spirit), will be fully realized in the next solar system, once the *Laws of the Soul* have sufficiently awakened, purified and refined the humanity of today.

These three stages in the unfoldment of God's plan for our planet, constitute the three major planetary centers of Head, Heart and Throat — in the body of the Planetary Logos — the One in Whom we live and move and have our being. These are the three planetary centers of consciousness known as Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity — all radiating their forces and energies, in accordance with the Plan of Love and Light and the Purpose of Divine Will.

Whereas the lower concrete mind was unfolded in the first solar system, it is the higher abstract intuitional mind of love as pure reason that is unfolding in our current system. In that first solar system,

emphasis was laid upon intelligent materiality. The marked attainment and high achievement of the most advanced of that time was to attain complete control over matter, unfold the mind principle and evidence an appreciation of the material world.

Inclusive of all the planets along with our Earth, humanity must today achieve a different goal. The second divine aspect, that of love, must be manifested through the medium of matter permeated with the qualities developed in the first solar system. What was perfection in that distant time must now be subordinated as it presents a destructive impediment to the experience and expression of Love.

If we consider this broader context in which today's humanity lives and moves and has its being, we can perhaps better understand the cause of the conflict, confusion, hostilities and chaos that is currently inherent to life in the three worlds. Whereas a very few ("the flower of the race"²) who have attained a high spiritual status can respond to the *Laws of Being*, others are beginning to respond to the *Laws of Love* and are attempting in all ways possible to live accordingly, and then there are those unwilling to move forward, who yet resonate and respond only to the separative *Laws of Nature*.

It is only when the *Laws of Nature* are fully realized that the individual becomes the aspirant and can then respond to the *Laws of the Soul*, which will eventually establish the destined great Fellowship of the Universe.³ The Agni Yoga wisdom encourages humanity in this striving: "Think of what happiness it is to walk on the crust of the planet, imbuing it with awareness of the spirit. Think of what happiness it is to pass under the rays of the constellations, being a focus for rays that are tens of thousands of years old."⁴ ♦

1 *Education in the New Age*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed, ©1982 by Lucis Trust, p. 1.

2 *Esoteric Astrology*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © renewed 1979 by Lucis Trust, p. 257.

3 *The Rays and the Initiations*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1988 by Lucis Trust, p. 157

4 *Leaves of Morya's Garden II* (297), Agni Yoga Society, NY.

Fulfilling the Laws of the Soul

*In Thee is hidden the knowledge of the universe.
In Thee is born the striving to behold the mysteries.*¹

Throughout the ages, the Scriptures of all world religions and those who have attempted to elucidate them, have been occupied with imparting to humanity an understanding of the nature of those qualities and characteristics which should distinguish all true believers, all true aspirants and all sincere disciples. These teachings have always been given in terms of good behavior and right action, and therefore given in terms of *effects* and not by the inner *causes* which have produced them. All such virtues, good inclinations and attempted sound qualities represent the emergence into expression upon the physical plane of certain energies and tendencies, inherent to Soul Consciousness.

These are governed by energies and laws which are different from those governing the life of the personality. In this way, humanity has continued to evolve and planetary life has progressed. The discoveries of science, the adaptation of the laws governing matter and directing material energy to the service and the growing needs of humanity — all these and more have led to a steadily increasing sensitivity of the human mechanism. As a result, the evolving world consciousness — in spite of its glaring defects, all based on the separative and selfish attitudes of the personalities through which the soul has yet to work — is a guarantee of the innate divinity of all human beings.

What has not yet been understood is that these emerging spiritual qualities, these beneficent characteristics, and the slowly appearing virtues of humanity are only indications of the latent potentialities. Today, these emerging spiritual qualities are beginning to be scientifically studied. For example, leading universities such as Yale, Harvard and Oxford to name but a few, are engaged in research and exploration into such fields as neuroscience, the “extended mind,” transpersonal psychology, altruism and consciousness. The advances being made are probing what Abraham Maslow, the late 20th century psychologist termed, “the farther reaches of human nature.” What esotericists have long prophesied is today upon us: the age of Soul Knowledge and Soul Realization is emerging and will continue to flourish as we advance into the Age of Aquarius.

The esoteric wisdom explains that “the qualities of goodness are so called because they are, in essence, the energies controlling group relations; the powers, called superhuman [or supermundane], are fundamentally the powers which express group activity, and the virtues are only effects of group life, rightly handled, which are attempting to express themselves on the physical plane. The growing science of social relations, of social responsibility, or coordinated civic life, of scientific economics and of human inter-relations, the steadily developing

sense of internationalism, of religious unity, and of economic interdependence, are all of them indications of the energies of soul life upon the physical plane, and within the human family.”²

As is today obvious, two sets of principles control human and planetary life — the selfish or the unselfish, the individual good or the group good, the objective goal or the subjective goal, the material incentive or spiritual motivation, nationalism or the ideal of world unity and world cooperation, separative religious beliefs or Interfaith collaboration — and all the many massed dualities which are expressions of people who are personalities (integrated and separative) or souls (aligned and group-conscious).

This is the major divergence in today’s world, with the weight of the power on the side of separation and critical differentiations, as this is the line of least resistance. A balancing of the two is gradually taking place, with the weight of world idealism, as exemplified so clearly by the work of the United Nations, gradually shifting towards soul expression.

As increasing numbers within humanity undergo the experience of the preparatory Probationary Path (the Path of Purification), so more human beings are living a dedicated spiritual life wherein the rapport between the soul and its triple instrument becomes steadily closer and the resulting vibration ever more powerful. As a result, a conscious relation is established between the Soul and its shadow, the individual, on the physical plane, leading to a reorientation of the personal self to the greater Light of the Soul:

“The heart no longer beats in tune with low desire, nor wastes its love upon the things that group and hide the Real. It beats with rhythm new; it pours its love upon the Real, and Maya fades away. Kama and heart are close allied; love and desire form one whole....The fires unite, and great the light that shines: the three merge with the One and through the blaze, a four-fold fire is seen.”³

Thus, the emphasis of world thought will increasingly shift to the fulfillment of the *Laws of the Soul*, leading to a more rapid spiritual unfoldment and the transformation of planetary consciousness. ♦

1 *Leaves of Morya’s Garden I* (327), Agni Yoga, NY.

2 *Esoteric Psychology, Vol.II*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1970 by Lucis Trust, p. 86.

3 *A Treatise on White Magic*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1979 by Lucis Trust, pp. 75-76

From Fear to Harmlessness

By Susan MacNeil, Ph.D.

It is the harmlessness that springs from true understanding and control of the personality by the soul, that leads inevitably to spiritual expression in every-day life. It emanates from a capacity to enter into the consciousness and to penetrate into the realization of one's brother, and when this has been accomplished – all is forgiven and all is lost sight of in the desire to aid and to help. (A Treatise on White Magic)¹

From fear to harmlessness, from the individual or separate consciousness of the past age to a unified or group consciousness is a way of framing the crisis which humanity faces as it transitions into the Aquarian Age. The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul suggests fear and evil stem from “an inherent part of duality.” He further suggests that harmlessness is a resulting spiritual expression of balance influencing how we live and engage the world of relationships. The “middle path” or “middle way” are other common expressions of this territory between these pairs of opposites. As to the origin of these fears, he characterizes: “thus the fears which beset humanity, having their roots in instincts, seem nevertheless to be divine characteristics, misapplied and misused. When, however, they are rightly understood and used, and transmuted by the knowing soul, they produce awareness and are the source of growth and that which conveys to the dormant soul...the needed impulse, impetus and urge to progress. . .” (*Ibid.*, p.629)

The long arc of the moral universe brings fierce winds to us to cultivate harmlessness and condition the personality to the soul. If harmlessness becomes the keynote of our lives, we will do more to serve humanity than any other discipline as instructed by the Tibetan Teacher. Practicing harmlessness seems an impossible task unless we're able to process an awareness of what we're afraid of. Awareness of, and processing of fear requires developing a relationship with witnessing, through self-reflection and meditative practices and a deeper intimacy with the Self or Soul. Dr. Carl Jung, as a pioneer of depth psychology and the classic model of the Universal Archetypes, spoke of expanding our evolutionary awareness through a concept he refers to as the “collective unconscious.” He speaks to the need for change, especially changing our consciousness from individualism to the unforgotten wisdom that lies at the core of the human psyche.

Maintaining the filaments of relatedness, as in “I'm One with the Whole World,” is not an easy task, and we can easily despair as we recognize how entangled we are with everything. Our species has the curse and the gift for the capacity to anticipate, which can cause fear of the future and a fear of failure with our efforts. However, if we can adopt an attitude of apprenticeship with the pairs of opposites, joy and sorrow and

fear and harmlessness, then there is less a dynamic of avoiding a negative and more a relationship to the whole. Beginning with the notion of fear, the Tibetan Master gives us a protocol in achieving fearlessness (*Ibid.*, pp. 344-374). He presents a powerful description with respect to fear, of how to “Force it out by the dynamic power of substitution.” He employs visualization and flooding ourselves with love and light. He recognizes our humanness and reminds us that repetition is essential as we “cleanse away all that hinders.”

He additionally offers the simplicity that practicing “...harmlessness with zest and understanding...is the destroyer of all limitation,” (*ibid.*, p. 102). Our Evening Review is one way that awakens us to harmlessness in speech, thought and action throughout each day. The practice of harmlessness evokes empathy, compassion and synthesis, and influences how we witness others and ourselves, making us more sensitive to the fact that these qualities are what the world is in desperate need of in these trying times. Community and group integration provide internal and external regulation for a fragmented sense of self.

As we witness human hearts opening to the suffering of the world, our collective grieving turns to gratitude, for we are living in a time of endings. This ambient pool of sadness and fear usher in the energy of love through the will-to-good, and we have appreciation for bearing the unbearable through the geologic speed of change. Change is our initiation, our persistence, our truthfulness towards new humble beginnings and coaxing the Soul to shine through our community and group activities and actions. It is with love and gratitude, fearlessness and harmlessness that we persevere. Silence turns to sharing, sharing to breaking through the barriers that separate and divide. We are informed by our level of initiation and join the world while remaining relationally connected to the present moment. “I ache that the world aches,” broadcasts with the simple yet profound principle, “do no harm.” ♦

¹ *Ibid.*, p 318.

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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.
OM OM OM

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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