

# Diamond Light

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## The Livingness that Enables

*The Teaching is but the lifting of the curtain of the theater. How wonderful it is to be an actor in the world's mystery! Walk in joy! ....I teach not to dream but to harken to the flow of events.<sup>1</sup>*

The promise of the New Age of Aquarius is that the concepts of death, substitution, vicarious at-one-ment and sacrifice, are being superseded by the experience of resurrection or *livingness*, spiritual unity, transference and service. In this manner, a new note is entering into human life, bringing hope and joy and power and freedom.

Livingness equates with Synthesis, with Will, Life, Power, Energy and Direction. It supersedes while at the same time encompassing the experience of unity/polarization, and appearance/action. The path of ascent into higher consciousness is the path of Livingness — the path of Resurrection.

In His public work, over two thousand years ago, the Christ proclaimed that He had come so that humanity might have life and that they might have it more abundantly (John X.10). This “life more abundant” is the livingness that enables. It reflects the heightened vibration of the energies of the physical plane life and those of the spiritual life of the disciple, who is becoming aware of the immense universal life of which he/she is intended to become a responsible, cooperative, contributing unit.

It is through the process of initiation that the individual disciple brings into activity those registering and recording cells within the brain substance which have hitherto not been susceptible to the higher impression. Through this expanding area of registration, which could also be described as the development of a finer recording instrument or responsive apparatus, the mind is enabled to become the transmitter of higher values and spiritual understanding. The individual then becomes aware of areas of divine existence and states of consciousness which are always eternally present, but which the individual was previously unable to contact or register.

When the searchlight of the mind is able to penetrate into hitherto unrecognized aspects of the divine mind and when the magnetic qualities of the heart are awakening and becoming sensitively responsive, the individual is then able to function in the new unfolding realms of light, love and service. S/he is then initiate. That is, the energies, which animate the physical body, the sensitive emotional states, and the intelligent mind have been blended with, and transmuted into the energies which animate the soul. The spiritual mind is then conveying illumination and the intuitive nature is then conferring spiritual perception.

All life is intended to take the form of a progressive series of awakenings. Progress, movement, awakening, expansion, enlightenment, evolution, growth — these are but some of the described effects, both within and without, of the creative process that is the livingness that enables — a process that continuously works out into progressive demonstration of the divine intention as it assumes form.

It is this livingness, this heightened vibration that today, in our evolving Age of Aquarius, is producing momentous changes in human consciousness, awakening the race and completely altering humanity's attitude to life and to its grasp of the spiritual, esoteric and subjective essentials of living. It is this force which is bringing about a tremendous crisis — the second crisis<sup>2</sup> of the initiation of the race into the Mystery of the Ages, into that which has been hidden from the beginning.

The crux of the issue is ever in the field of consciousness. The delineation is between form and the life within the form; between progress, leading to the liberation of the human spirit, and reactionary activity, leading to the imprisonment of the human consciousness and the restrictions of its free expression.

The Livingness that enables is the Way of Resurrection; it is the “Radiant Way” that leads straight and directly from one great planetary center of consciousness to another: from Humanity to the Hierarchy of Love-Wisdom and from the Hierarchy to Shamballa — the planetary center of Will and Purpose. It is a Way which is composed of the light of intelligent substance, of the radiant attractive substance of love, infused with the essence of the Will of God — the inexorable and exacting Cosmic Laws of Being intended to ennoble the whole of humanity via the process of livingness, loving understanding, and intelligent activity.<sup>3</sup> ♦

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1 *Leaves of Morya's Garden II, Illumination*, 204, Agni Yoga Society, New York City.

2 The first crisis of individualization occurred when the human being became a living Soul, indicating thus, the appearance of the three divine aspects in a unit of life in form bringing about an entire reorganization within the animal form. See, for example, *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I*, Copyright Renewed © 1990 by Lucis Trust, p. 258.

3 *The Rays and the Initiations*, Copyright © Renewed 1988 by Lucis Trust, p. 318.

# Creative Living through the 4<sup>th</sup> Ray of Harmony, Beauty and Art

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*Seven great rays exist in the cosmos. In our solar system only one of these seven great rays is in operation. The seven sub-divisions constitute the "seven rays" which, wielded by our solar Logos, form the basis of endless variations in His system of worlds. These seven rays may be described as the seven channels through which all being in His solar system flows, the seven predominant characteristics or modifications of life, for it is not to humanity only that these rays apply, but to the seven kingdoms as well.*<sup>2</sup>

Circulating throughout all planetary life, seven centers of logoc Force, referred to as the Seven Rays, embody and express the totality of energies of all planetary forms. These seven energies unitedly compose the primary Second Ray of Love-Wisdom — the Ray of our solar system and the dominating ray in every planetary expression within the solar system. The seven rays are, all of them, subsidiary rays of this great Cosmic Ray. One of these, the fourth ray of Harmony through Conflict, also known as the Ray of Harmony, Beauty and Art, is the ray par excellence which governs the fourth creative kingdom (humanity); it is always active and it might be regarded as forming the basic personality of the whole of humanity.

As we consider the arts and creative living through this 4<sup>th</sup> Ray, we recognize that all is relationship, unity and synthesis. The Tibetan Master explains how the 4<sup>th</sup> Ray will be coming into direct activation again in the year 2025 and that an unimaginable synthesis of beauty in the arts of color, sound, movement and form will be unlike anything we have ever seen before.

On the nature of beauty, author John O'Donahue in his book, *Beauty the Invisible Embrace*<sup>3</sup> has this to say, "Beauty does not linger, it only visits. Yet Beauty's visitation affects us and invites us into its rhythm, it allows us to feel, think and act beautifully in the world; to create and live a life that awakens the beautiful."

In *The Symposium*, Plato writes about the idea of love, goodness and beauty as a basic human drive to embody the Good, the True and the Beautiful — a constant urge towards the creative life and our capacity of birthing the new as a result of our struggles and pain. In *The Phaedrus*, he also describes how the soul awakens through beauty and grows Her Eternal Wings. We recognize this experience in our current world cycle as the birth pains of humanity moving into the New Era of Aquarius, preparing for the Reappearance of the Christ and seeing the need for greater co-creativity with God.

In my profession in the arts, the ballet, we experience at a very early age how difficult it is to train the dense physical body to be able to precipitate the higher energies of inspiration and beauty. Through hard work, pain and repetition — most definitely a meditative practice, we learn to build the antahkarana for revelation in performance.

The founding Director/Choreographer of the New York City Ballet, George Balanchine, along with 20<sup>th</sup> century composer Igor Stravinsky, created a ground breaking ballet in 1957 called *Agon* (the ancient Greek concept of conflict, struggle or contest in public festivals of athletics, music or literature, which includes mutual respect and honor). It was performed as a stark visual of the newer contemporary body movements and the discordant music played out in the choreography, reflecting the physical exchange of an Olympic contest. At times there is a courtly bow, signifying reverence and showing right human relations through dance.

In Cyrill Scott's book, *Music its Secret Influence throughout the Ages*, he writes of the Hierarchical intent of the discordant composers in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century like Stravinsky and Schoenberg whose music was not the sweet conventional melodic tones of the Victorian era. Their music had an occult purpose, to break up the old thought forms of wrong thinking and crystallization: "Dissonance possesses the power to alter the hard outlines of mental bodies...and so render them more pliant and receptive to new ideas."

In the ballet art form, we can see the continuation of the ancient ritual of the Mysteries of invoking the divine energies for healing purposes. When performing, one has a distinct awareness of the triangular alignment created among the dancers/musicians, the audience, and the higher spiritual energies. We can imagine and visualize the evocative response coming from the realms of the Devic Kingdoms and beyond.

The circulating flow of Beauty, Sound and Movement creates waves of healing light and love that flow out into the greater community. As in the ballet *Agon*, we recognize we are participants in this Grand Dance aided by both the 4<sup>th</sup> Ray of Harmony through Conflict in relationship with the 7<sup>th</sup> Ray of Ceremonial Order, Magic and Ritual. Where there is synthesis, the true creative artist begins to function. ♦

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1 Adapted from a presentation for the Lucis Trust Webinar, [Ray of Hope](#), 19 December 2020.

2 *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I*, Copyright Renewed © 1990 by Lucis Trust, p. 163.

3 Originally published in 1933, © 2004, HarperCollins Publishers, p. 136.

# Human Rights Are Our Lifeline

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres \*

Excellencies, our Human Rights Call to Action is a comprehensive framework to advance our most important work — from sustainable development to climate action, from protecting fundamental freedoms to gender equality, the preservation of civic space and ensuring that digital technology is a force for good. Today, I come before you with a sense of urgency to do even more to bring our Human Rights Call to Action to life. I want to focus on two areas where the imperative for action is great — and the scale of the challenge looms large. First, *the blight of racism, discrimination and xenophobia*. And, second, the most pervasive human rights violation of all: *gender inequality*. These evils are fed by two of the deepest wells of injustice in our world: the legacy of centuries of colonialism; and the persistence, across the millennia, of patriarchy. The linkages between racism and gender inequality are also unmistakable. Some of the worst impacts of both are in the overlaps and intersections of discrimination suffered by women from racial and ethnic minority groups.

*The Blight of Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia*: Stoking the fires of racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bigotry, violence against some minority Christian communities, homophobia, xenophobia and misogyny is nothing new. It has just become more overt, easier to achieve, and globalized. When we allow the denigration of any one of us, we set the precedent for the demonization of all of us. Excellencies, the rot of racism eats away at institutions, social structures and everyday life — sometimes invisibly and insidiously. I welcome the new awakening in the global fight for racial justice, a surge of resistance against being reduced or ignored — often led by women and young people. As they have highlighted, we have a long way to go.

I commend the Human Rights Council decision to report on systemic racism, accountability and redress, and responses to peaceful anti-racism protests — and look forward to concrete action. We must also step up the fight against resurgent neo-Nazism, white supremacy and racially and ethnically motivated terrorism. The danger of these hate-driven movements is growing by the day. Let us call them what they are: White supremacy and neo-Nazi movements are more than domestic terror threats. They are becoming a transnational threat...Today, these extremist movements represent the number one internal security threat in several countries.

We need global coordinated action to defeat this grave and growing danger. Excellencies, we must also place a special focus on safeguarding the rights of minority communities, many of whom are under threat around the world. Minority communities are part of the richness of our cultural and social fabric. Just as biodiversity is fundamental to human well-being, the diversity of communities is fundamental to

humanity. Yet we see not only forms of discrimination but also policies of assimilation that seek to wipe out the cultural and religious identity of minority communities. When a minority community's culture, language or faith are under attack, all of us are diminished. When authorities cast suspicion on entire groups under the guise of security, all of us are threatened.

*Gender Inequality*: Excellencies, No human rights scourge is more prevalent than gender inequality. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated entrenched discrimination against women and girls. The crisis has a woman's face. Most essential frontline workers are women — many from racially and ethnically marginalized groups and at the bottom of the economic ladder. Most of the increased burden of care in the home is taken on by women. Violence against women and girls in all forms has skyrocketed, from online abuse to domestic violence, trafficking, sexual exploitation and child marriage. Women have suffered higher job losses and been pushed into poverty in greater numbers. This is on top of already fragile socio-economic conditions due to lower incomes, the wage gap, and a lifetime of less access to opportunities, resources and protections. None of this happened by accident. It is the result of generations of exclusion. It comes down to a question of power.

A male-dominated world and a male-dominated culture will yield male-dominated results. At the same time, the COVID-19 response has highlighted the power and effectiveness of women's leadership. The lives of women are perhaps one of the most accurate barometers of the health of society as a whole. How a society treats half its own population is a significant indicator of how it will treat others. Our rights are inextricably bound...Realizing this right will benefit all of us. The opportunity of man-made problems — and I choose these words deliberately — is that they have human-led solutions. But these solutions can only be found through shared leadership and decision-making and the right to equal participation.

Excellencies, every corner of the globe is suffering from the sickness of violations of human rights....With the pandemic shining a spotlight on human rights, recovery gives us an opportunity to generate momentum for transformation. Now is the time to reset. To reshape. To rebuild. To recover better, guided by human rights and human dignity for all. ♦

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\* Excerpted, from 2/22/21 message at opening of Human Rights Council. Link to [TEXT](#) of Full Address and [Webcast Video](#) (15:42).

## *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.  
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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