

A Deep Esoteric Look into Rebuilding the Shrine of Human Living
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Welcome to everyone here both in this room and via live streaming. At Lucis Trust we are seeing a rise in the numbers of people who are joining in via live audio streaming, which could have something to do with improving technology and the improved quality of the streaming, but it could also have something to do with the growing desire of thousands perhaps millions of people to be a force for good, to help move humanity in a better direction. The keynote for disciples in Cancer, the energy we are working with tonight, is “I build a lighted house and therein I dwell.” As individual souls we have the responsibility for building lighted personality vehicles capable of becoming the divine server. As a group, humanity has the responsibility for building a culture and civilization that reflects its highest divine capacity to express and manifest the soul qualities of love, unity, compassion and goodwill. This can only happen through a uniting of purpose and the will to do so of the many.

This fall Lucis Trust will be holding Goodwill Seminars simultaneously at three key locations around the globe—New York, London, and Geneva. The theme for the Seminar this year is “Rebuilding the Shrine of Human Living.” In New York we are envisioning the seminar this year as a much more participatory event. The event will be on November 14th, there will be live streaming of it and you can find more information on the website as we post it. There are also flyers at the front table. Rebuilding the shrine of human living requires a united vision. A united vision is one that is developed with the participation of many individuals as a group.

Let us pause now for a moment of silence and then a rededication of ourselves to this process of serving the whole by saying together the mantram of unification. We will then sound the word of power, the Om, one time.

It is entirely possible that we have reached or are fast approaching a tipping point in which not only has humanity become satiated and fed up with conflict, divisiveness and violence, but has turned a corner and is moving from a sense of learned or conditioned helplessness and confusion to a more active and empowered attitude in which it is no longer willing to tolerate depravity, injustice, oppression, and attacks; in short, no longer willing to tolerate a lack of cooperation and violence by any particular organization, faith based group, political group, or nation. Over the past several decades in particular, the human psyche has become saturated and satiated with its own capacity for violence, hate, and greed. Much like the individual on the spiritual path in which the light of the soul pouring in to the psyche reveals the shadow aspects and complexes, at first there is shock and concern, then discouragement and inertia, and finally the spiritual seeker gains the strength, insight, and discipline that is needed to work intentionally and skillfully at focusing on creating a more lighted and uplifted selfless way of being and living.

Though it's usually at the lower interlude that we direct our attention to how the higher spiritual energies should be distributed into human living and expression, this energy of cancer lends itself to a focus on the mass of humanity as a whole living organism. The crab, the symbol for cancer, is filled with meaning, much of which most of you may be familiar with.

Cancer is a sign of mass instinct and mass consciousness. It embodies a third ray energy having to do with the slow movement of creative intelligence inherent in human nature. In this solar system, spiritual purpose is to bring love wisdom into the already well-developed creative intelligence. For example, we see creative and active intelligence demonstrated everywhere in the world, but what motivates that creativity and activity? Love wisdom must become the subtle under-current of all human creative expression. The energy of Cancer has to do with the slow subtle spiritual under-currents that continually move human living and consciousness forward in the right direction.

Cancer is one of the signs comprising the cardinal cross and as such has a subtle life that is sometimes difficult to fully discern. To quote from *Esoteric Astrology: This sign, Cancer, being concerned primarily with the world of causes, has about its inner meaning much indefiniteness and an apparently vague subtlety which proves most elusive to the ordinary thinker. This also is true of all the signs which go to the forming of the Cardinal Cross of the Heavens. In the last analysis, it is only the initiated disciple who can fathom the true meaning of these zodiacal influences as they pulsate throughout the manifested universe, because they are primarily the expression of spirit or life more than of soul or body. Therefore, until after the third initiation—as you have oft been told—there is little to be known or said about that "mysterious essence which is divinity in motion." When you, for instance, read that the keynotes of this sign can be expressed in the Biblical phrase "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" does it, in reality, mean anything specific to you? You might reply by saying that it means, God moved in substance and produced by moving the outer tangible forms. But does that truly convey to you an intelligible truth? In Cancer, God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. In these words, you have established the relation which exists in the mind of God between spirit (the breath of life) the soul (consciousness) and man (the form). However, does that statement convey an intelligible concept to your mind? I think not, because the synthesis of the final relation is beyond the average grasp and its 'linking' or essential unity (lying as it does outside of consciousness and known reality) takes place first of all in this sign—one of the most ancient of the signs and one of the first to be recognised and established as an influencing factor by ancient humanity. (pp. 313-4)*

It couldn't be stated more clearly that we likely won't understand the full implications of the energy of this sign and its import for humanity, but that shouldn't stop us from trying. One statement especially, "the synthesis of the final relation and its linking or essential unity takes place first of all in this sign", stands out. It is similar to the statement that the effects of the will flowing directly from Shamballa into humanity will first of all be manifested through the masses. There can be no doubt that the spirit or life of God is already within humanity, is what gives it life, and moves it from deep within. Like the strong currents deep within the oceans it has vast effects on the surface of life that are often difficult to discern at first. But if we look

deeply we find the primary reason it is so difficult to discern is because we are focused in the wrong place. Because the surface movements appear to be so much more active, the diversity of the many waves, the heights and speed they reach as they crash upon various other forms such as rocks, beaches and against each other, all that activity is clearly apparent and draws the perceptual attention more readily, especially with the media shouting about every wave and every clash. But, the more significant movement is what is occurring deep under the waves within the ocean as a whole. This is what the esotericist should seek to discern. It requires the use of esoteric senses, wrought out through persistent effort to seek, to know, and to assist. So first of all there must be a turning of focus to seek deeper within the under-currents and energies that lie within humanity as a whole. Then there must be the persistence required to develop the esoteric senses needed to become aware of this deep, deep spiritual level of humanity vs. the soul and body levels of humanity which are merely the relative expression of spirit through humanity at one point in time.

These currents have everything to do with the “house” humanity creates for itself. The symbol of Cancer is the crab. The crab carries its house on its back. Humanity is the soul living within its own house, which is form, but is also the racial consciousness contained and circumscribed within the group mind of humanity. During this year with our focus on rebuilding the shrine of humanity it’s appropriate to take a deep drink into this sign as one that enables the activation of the third ray of intelligence through love-wisdom, tapping into the instinctual mass consciousness of humanity and helping to renew and rebuild the shrine of living consciousness. Also of significance this year is the United Nations Year of Light and Light based technologies. Consciousness is the literal reflection and outer expression of the light, the soul, of humanity.

The renewal and rebuilding must be done with a long view of a sustainable future in mind and utilizing the correct building blocks. Though the past has provided the foundation upon which we must build, it is time to permeate all ideas, thoughts, and aspirations with the new ethics of the living Christ, of love wisdom, from which the future must be built. It is only through the recognition of the energy of the living Christ consciousness that the human mind, the house of the human psyche, can be illumined and the dross of the past ferreted out and transformed once and for all.

Humanity is on a slow steady crawl forward on the evolutionary path, but the time may have come to scuttle that process a bit, to bring more light to it, and give ye old crab nudges and pushes where appropriate. Who does the nudging, pushing and guiding as well as providing the building blocks for the new shell for our crab that is the mass consciousness is the NGWS and why and where it is carried out is evoked through the call of humanity itself.

The instinctual mass consciousness of humanity through the partially spiritually aware and self-aware indwelling soul cries out for right living, just living, and right values. What those specific values are that are needed for right and just living isn’t always clear to many people. It’s a mass instinct and these are confusing times. Caught between an idealized idea of some beatific past and an uncertain future, the mind of humanity is split and confused. There are

opposing groups who know how to use the media, who know how to influence the lonely, the disenfranchised and the hopeless by giving them a greater purpose, a way to get outside themselves and a way in which they can feel their own significance. The mass instinct moves toward right living, towards more light, towards a happiness that indicates the satisfaction of the desire life that is the lower correspondence of the spiritual will. That mass instinct and desire life of humanity is being gradually moved in a different direction, a direction that is oriented towards a group life, a group desire, and a group purpose as the energy of Aquarius seeps into human nature.

Right timing is an esoteric skill. With right timing, everything becomes possible. So is the change needed moving too slow, or too fast? Should the needed change encompass everything at once, just a few things at a time? Is economics the best place to start? Certainly, the idea of sharing is going to be fundamental to the needed changes. There is no doubt that the masses of disenfranchised peoples have found the will to speak out and often to speak out with power and violence. We may not agree with their ideals or their methods, but one wonders if there was more sharing if there would be less violence. If human civilization were a more equal and just place would there be less violence? But, we don't really know that, we think that is probably true, but we don't know.

Over one hundred years ago Richard Bucke, in his book *Cosmic Consciousness*, wrote that evolution into the state of consciousness that is cosmic—that is illumined, that encompasses the cosmos, and most of all embodies a living lighted energy of love—is the savior of the planet. It is certainly clear to many people today that a change in consciousness with entirely new ways of thinking and perceiving is needed if humanity is to create a better future for itself and the planet; the old state of consciousness which is self-aware but focused on an illusion of a separated self, driven by fear and selfish desire, is no longer sustainable. Change within humanity typically is slow moving, but perhaps the ground has been prepared and the seeds sown over the last one hundred years so that now the time is ripe for the flowering, the early spring, of the new age to occur. For over eighty years we have been looking towards and working for this new age. It is perhaps helpful to think not in terms of years but in terms of centuries. Is this century different from the last century? In what ways? Do we see hopeful signs? Can we look deeply without pulling ourselves up by the roots to see where the new growth is occurring? As we look for the plants beginning to bear fruit, it will serve us well to take on the attitude of the farmer—patient, loving, nurturing, plodding day by day to care for the delicate new plants and watching the gradual progress of the garden that is humanity.

Perhaps it is also wise to remember that the real ground of growth is the psyche of humanity and the effects of changes within the psyche on the culture take decades and centuries to manifest... Perhaps this lag in time between new ideas and expansions of consciousness and their reflection in human culture and civilization is an example of the slow moving energies of spirit deep within the life that is humanity. We can take several examples as illustration of this lag in time. It is common knowledge among researchers and academicians that new ideas and discoveries take decades to be included in school curricula even though they are often being made by the very faculty that teach the curricula. It is wise for these

findings to be corroborated, to be replicated, and to be understood more fully before they can be absorbed and incorporated into the existing knowledge.

We make haste slowly, methodically, validating everything as we go and finding the most skillful means to include new knowledge. In these days of rapid growth of knowledge the dangers of proceeding too quickly are all too apparent. Just because we have the technological capability to do something doesn't mean we should. Our moral sensibilities and faculties need time to catch up to our intellectual and creative capacities and here is where love wisdom is called for.

The revelation that has moved physics from the conception of a mechanical linear universe to a quantum universe composed of relationship and energy began almost a century ago and yet its implications have not even really begun to permeate the thinking and psyche of humanity. We still act and behave as if the world were composed of discrete solid objects with predictable patterns of behavior when in fact at the fundamental level this is not the case at all. This is the world of esotericism, a world comprised of energy, of ideas, and thoughts. What will change, what will happen when this idea permeates human living? What will happen when humanity really acts as if the world is composed of ideas and energy? Will behavior change? This is the great experiment and the esotericists along with the scientists and all those who are learning to work with energy are the great experimenters. As experimenters and divine assistants to the slow moving spiritual evolutionary life forces within humanity our tools are the energies of light or consciousness, love or heart, and ideas or thought. We are called to live within that world that we know to exist, to move within that world, and to be the cause of the future from within that world despite the contrary world of appearances that we must also navigate through on a daily basis.

Perhaps it will help if we begin with the small step of thinking not of discrete groups, faith traditions, or nations, but of the interconnected web that is the whole of humanity and how each group, every idea and thought, affects the whole. The NGWS are at the heart of this new world of energies and relationship, forging the way with new ideas and creative energies motivated by love. Maybe we can always keep this in mind and hold an intention for each conscious moment to become a moment lived consciously within the whole, a moment filled with the realization of the vast interconnecting relationship into which we can radiate the energy of love wisdom, knowing the source of that love wisdom is our own real identity as a soul, an integral part of the soul of the world, the Christ--that great conscious energy and entity that is the savior of the planet.

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