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LETTING IN THE LIGHT

Spiritual philosophy teaches that “the great theme of LIGHT underlies our entire planetary purpose.” Such is the allure and majesty of light — spiritual and physical — that it has attracted the attention of thinkers in philosophy, the arts, science, religion and the like for countless aeons. In the last hundred years or so, remarkable developments in science have opened up new vistas of research and discovery. Artificial light illumines our cities, towns, villages and thoroughfares. The use of light-based technologies — gamma rays, x-rays and ultraviolet rays — in particular are used in the field of medicine. And, with the resources, skills and incisive focus of the scientific establishment who can say what the years ahead will unfold in the exploration of light and light-based technologies in the noble pursuit of human welfare?

There is the contribution of great artists, too, who through their works of art, have demonstrated the power and significance of light and colour in evoking a sense of awe and wonder of the natural world. Indeed, William Turner, the great British landscape artist known as the ‘painter of light’ found inspiration in the writings of Goethe, especially in his book, the *Theory of Colours*. Such was Turner’s fascination with light that his final words before departing this earth were reputed to have been “the sun is God”.

The physical light of the sun, 93 million miles away, sustains all life upon earth in a myriad of ways. Its prophylactic rays (of light and heat) vitalise the physical-etheric form which are indispensable in maintaining health and well-being. Its presence, too, draws tiny seeds through the darkness of matter into the full light of day to display their effulgent offerings. On a higher turn of the spiral, the light of the inner spiritual sun eternally shines, ever seeking to reveal its pearls of wisdom and the glory of Deity that underlies the manifested worlds.

In the esoteric sciences, light, it is suggested, is an effect of the impulse of Life itself. What this means, in essence, is almost impossible to fathom. Nonetheless, spiritual philosophy goes on to say that when life and form (spirit and matter) are brought together light appears. In like measure, the loosing of the Shamballa energy (embodying the energy of Life) over the last few decades, and its direct interaction with the human family, is bringing about an intensification of light that is revealing, as never before, the momentous underlying spiritual, psychological and structural challenges that confront us all today. These revelations are working out in and through consciousness, the domain of human life and experience.

It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to suggest that humanity is awakening from its long slumber in darkness. A light dawns that is illuminating human thinking and dispelling the ever present shadows of separateness and division. The light of consciousness is revealing the grandeur of the impending and progressive ideas that are working their way through into the outer world and awaiting anchorage. So, let us work hard to ensure that light perpetually penetrates the weary vales of earth and carries in its wake the transformative power of goodwill.

REFLECTIONS ON LIGHT

It must ever be borne in mind that the great theme of LIGHT underlies our entire planetary purpose.

Alice Bailey

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

Albert Schweitzer

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

Abraham Lincoln

The fact of the soul will eventually be proved through the study of light and of radiation and through a coming evolution in particles of light.

Alice Bailey

Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtue appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and the guidance of virtue.

Buddha

In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present.

Francis Bacon

Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher.

William Wordsworth

As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being.

Carl Jung

Truly, it is in darkness that one finds the light, so when we are in sorrow, then this light is nearest of all to us.

Meister Eckhart

Both the Winter and the Summer Solstices are expressions of love. They show us the opposition of light and dark, expansion and contraction, that characterize our experiences in the Earth school so that we can recognize our options as we move through our lives.

Gary Zukav

Music is the arithmetic of sounds as optics is the geometry of light.

Claude Debussy

Only when the light of reason is dimmed by the radiant sun of wisdom will all things be seen in their just proportions....

Alice Bailey

If there be light, then there is darkness; if cold, heat; if height, depth; if solid, fluid; if hard, soft; if rough, smooth; if calm, tempest; if prosperity, adversity; if life, death.

Pythagoras

How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world.

William Shakespeare

Ideas are to literature what light is to painting.

Paul Bourget

Light is the best bridge between the visible and the Invisible.

Agni Yoga

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The planetary network of light, love and service is transforming the mental climate of the planet, reorientating humanity to spiritual attitudes and values. The groups and activities reported in the Bulletin reflect different aspects of the network.

International Year of Light

This year the UN in conjunction with UNESCO and a consortium of scientific bodies has declared 2015 as the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies.

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The Charter for Compassion

In 2008, Karen Armstrong, a British author and commentator won the TED Prize (a global community which seeks a deeper understanding of life) for her initiative to create a 'Charter for Compassion'. Many thousands of people contributed towards this initiative and it was launched in November 2009.

The Charter for Compassion calls upon all of us to make compassion "a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world". It goes on to say, "compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community."

The Charter for Compassion is dedicated to building a worldwide network of Compassionate Communities where people from every sector — business, healthcare, education, government, faith and interfaith, peace and non-violence, the arts, and those working to preserve the environment —

can bring compassion to everything they do, and who will take responsibility for igniting the compassion of the general community to care for each other and for the well-being of all members of the community from birth through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood to old age and death.

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Cultural Integration Fellowship

The Fellowship was founded in 1951, inspired by Sri Aurobindo's philosophy of integral living, as a center of universal religion and spiritual practice.

The three main tenets of the Fellowship are: intercultural understanding and harmony; nonsectarian universal religion; and creative self-development and self-fulfillment.

Since 1951, the Fellowship has hosted a number of special events on culture, religion, music and dance and it continues to offer lectures reflecting the universal values and teachings of the world's great religious, spiritual and wisdom traditions. The Fellowship explains: "Honoring the spiritual traditions of diverse cultures and religions, CIF promotes the interchange of ideas between the cultures of east and west, creating a greater sense of cross cultural harmony and world peace."

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THREE SPIRITUAL FESTIVALS

There are three major spiritual Festivals which form the high point in the annual cycle – **the Festival of Easter, the Festival of Wesak, and the Festival of Goodwill**. Through the steady, persistent meditation work of many individuals and groups in all parts of the world, these Festivals are now achieving a subjective anchorage in the consciousness of the human family.

In the future all people of spiritual inclination will keep the same holy days. This will bring about a pooling of spiritual resources and a united spiritual effort, plus a simultaneous invocation. The potency of this will be apparent. The three major Festivals each year are concentrated in three consecutive months and lead to a prolonged annual spiritual effort which affects the remainder of the year. These are:

The Festival of Easter: This is the Festival of the risen living Christ, the teacher of humanity and the head of the spiritual Hierarchy. He is the expression of the love of God. On this day the spiritual Hierarchy, which he guides and directs, is recognised and the nature of God's love is emphasised.

The Festival of Wesak: This is the Festival of the Buddha, the spiritual intermediary between the highest spiritual centre, Shamballa, and the Hierarchy. The Buddha is the expression of the wisdom of God, the embodiment of light and the indicator of divine purpose.

The Festival of Goodwill: This is the Festival of

the spirit of humanity aspiring towards God, seeking conformity with the will of God and dedicated to the expression of right human relations. On this Festival for two thousand years the Christ has represented humanity and has stood before the Hierarchy and in the sight of Shamballa as the God-man, the leader of his people and "the eldest in a great family of brothers" (Romans VIII: 29). Each year at this time he has preached the last sermon of the Buddha before the assembled Hierarchy. This is, therefore, a Festival of deep invocation and appeal, of a basic aspiration towards fellowship, of human and spiritual unity; it represents the effect in human consciousness of the work of the Buddha and of the Christ. This Festival is also observed as **World Invocation Day**.

Although they are not yet sufficiently related to each other, these three Festivals are a part of the unified spiritual approach of humanity. The time is coming when all three Festivals will be kept throughout the world and by their means a great spiritual unity will be achieved and the effects of the Great Approach, so close to us at this time, will be stabilised by the united invocation of humanity throughout the planet.

(For more information write for a folder on 'The Three Spiritual Festivals'.)

2015:

Easter Festival: 4 April

Wesak Festival: 3 May

Christ's Festival/World Invocation Day: 2 June

Triangles is a world service activity in which people link in thought in groups of three to create a planetary network of Triangles of light and goodwill. Using a world prayer, the Great Invocation, they invoke light and love as a service to humanity. Further information is available on request from Triangles.

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