

## THE SERVICE OF PLANETARY LIVES

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Lesley will be sharing a few thoughts on the important topic of education after the meditation. Education stems from the root words educere and educare. These two words give the two main perspectives on educational methods – the first meaning to mold or to teach while the second means to draw forth from within. Both are needed along the way and on the spiritual path as we move into a more scientific age.

We need the academic approach of studying the technicalities of the inner realms of consciousness but we are charged in our subjective work to move beyond the approach of the mystic and to learn to appropriate the technicalities to the inner realms. Through this means we become the planetary bridge builders – and this is essential in the service work of Triangles.

This inner bridge building eventually will expand to include a growing ability, perhaps a demand, for humanity to build bridges that unite not only the three planetary centers but also to begin to extend our alignment to outside our planetary life and, one day to extra-systemic realms. In this month when the sun is in Gemini we have a real opportunity to do this work. This is because this constellational Life and its corresponding sign has for its rulers the three planetary energies that form perhaps the most important Triangle for our planet and its evolution.

As all astrologers know, all planets have different roles to play. From the perspective of esoteric astrology, all planets exist upon different levels of evolutionary development and stand as distributors of widely different ray and constellational energies. Some planets, therefore, we might say serve as wise teachers to their younger siblings. “Astrology is concerned with the effect produced in the substance of the sheaths by the influences, vibrations, etc., of the various planets. These are, esoterically, the influences of the solar centres. The forces, emanating from the solar centres, play upon the planetary centres”...and effect changes.

But as of yet we know little of these impacts and are simply learning the abc’s of this stupendous subject or, as the Tibetan describes, we are approaching “the exoteric fringes of that great veil which has been thrown wisely over planetary force” (*A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 1051). In other words, we are simply taking baby steps along the long path of freeing ourselves from the Great Illusion in which we live.

Astrology which is related to the flow of energies (vibrations) which are stepped down through a vast chain of Being. In the case of a solar system the Great ensouling Life, embodied in the central Sun, is the primary receiver of the incoming energies and the planets stand as centers or chakras within that Life. In *The Secret Doctrine* the planets are understood as brothers to the Sun and not his children. The sun is therefore esoterically understood as the eldest in a great family of brothers, a family wherein each has its particular part or role to play within the larger framework of the collective. Each planet is an externalization of these energy centers, transmitting life to the different “organs” or points within the Logos’s body of expression which is the solar system.

All forms mutate as they move forward upon the evolutionary path, assuming different roles. So while within our system our Sun or Solar Logos stands as the central point, he will move on to other roles. In a distant time, he will move into the role of a planet within a system of far greater magnitude than ours. And our planetary Logos, for example, is said to be in training to become a Sun or Solar Logos at some distant point in time. So we can see the general fluidity which governs life within all stages of development. In like manner, a disciple who moves onto a higher stage of initiation must learn to integrate into different groups—in one group he or she might hold a leadership position while in another he will be a student. But essentially all are students on this never-ending path of discipleship—disciple being defined as “a learning boy.”

In the case of our planet, for example, we receive help specifically from Mercury and Venus each of whom take in extra light and share a portion of it with us. And so, macrocosmically understood, this little “chela,” the planet Earth, is being held in the light by his elder brothers, the sacred Mercury and Venus, who stand as little suns to our non-sacred planet. Venus is Earth’s complementary planet and stands to us as the soul stands to the personality. Venus takes in a triple supply of light and shines one-third of it on Earth, Mercury is closely related to the sun and is said to take in seven times the light of the other planets and also shares part of it with Earth. And particularly when we are within the stream of energy of the Gemini – Sagittarius axis wherein our planet is highlighted.

It’s said that moving forward the month of June will, as the new world religion begins to manifest, become a time when the planet Venus will be highlighted. Venus rules esoterically in Gemini and this is critical because Venus functions as the soul to the Earth’s personality. As such, it’s said that during June humanity, under the alignment possible with the planet Venus and with this soul stimulation which it confers, humanity be able to be drawn closer to the spiritual realms. It’s said that during June, “Appeal will be made to the Forces which can utilise this planetary potency in order to work out the divine plan upon Earth.” It’s interesting to note that this year during the entire month of June the planet Venus is found transiting through the sign of Leo and will remain in this sign until October 10<sup>th</sup> – making its retrograde motion in Leo and its subsequent alignment with the Sun in August—another special opportunity.

Earth is in the midst of a critical transition period in its evolutionary development, having achieved the status of a sacred planet subjectively. Earth is now moving through the long process of precipitating that sacredness onto the physical plane. Earth is being aided in this transition through the mediation of other planetary Lives that have already achieved a sacred status. We might say this situation parallels the relationship that develops on the spiritual path between a young chela or seeker on the way and an older, more experienced seeker. This more experienced individual aids the chela through the radiation of energy, through a vibratory influence that can enhance soul unfoldment. Eventually, as Earth achieves a higher stage in its evolutionary development and takes its next step upon the initiatory path, it’s said we will assume a similar role as “Light-Bearer” to Mars.

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