

## FESTIVALS AND CONFERENCE—2011

### STUDENTS' COMMENTS

***Keynote: Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the “spirit of relationship”.***

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As we realize, this higher interlude began a yearlong cycle when *Crisis* governs and provides the opportunity to be mindful of the choices we make and the effects of these on the greater whole (Letter March). The Keynote and the Preparatory Thoughts for Pondering merit frequent reading and practical application if we are to “render effective this fiery stimulation” which cultivates the spirit of relationship. There is wide reporting on the “mystical tendency and the spiritual urge” of humanity as many thousands attend meditation and instruction as they seek to awaken to the new values (Thoughts 3). Examples of this are the retreats and teaching on Bodhichitta as “an experience of our connection with all beings and with all things” (Chödrön 2001) and techniques that draw strength from the “promise of the Four Limitless Ones—*maitri* (loving-kindness), compassion, joy, and equanimity” (Chödrön 2004). Acharya Ani Pema Chödrön, a fully ordained nun in the Tibetan tradition, prepares many types of presentations to assuage the spiritual hunger of lay and ordained persons often as many as 3000 in person and 2000 online at a single event.

Disciples and aspirants realize that it is from the compassionate heart that the “steady pressures of love and harmony” eventually develop “that sense of world need and that capable usefulness” that group service requires (Thoughts 3, 6). As The Tibetan asks, let us approach the Festivals *intelligently* and think *imaginatively* to help “anchor emerging spiritual recognitions” for all seekers of truth (Letter May/June). One way to practice is by using the visual approach of spiritual reading detailed in *The Electric Bridge* to transform study into service and create “the fusion of the many ‘radiant strands’” (Thoughts 2). Such synthesis, we are told, energizes the blood and the “process of redemption – individual and planetary” is accelerated (Cosmic Bloodstream).

The significance of the inner workings of Aries, Taurus, and Gemini for individual and group manifestation continues to expand with every annual cycle as prayer, aspiration, and meditation swell throughout planetary life. At each festival the five-day cycle was observed with group meditation at the exact time of the full moon. Participation in the live talks and meditations during the conference at the local time strengthens the group effort.

The Easter Festival: on the day of safeguarding a deep, intense silence pervaded the group work; wholeness and essential love; vertical and horizontal energy flows; three circles blending; and Triangles meditation was powerful during the safeguarding time. The Orthodox Easter fell on the same day as the Western Easter and Passover began during Holy Week. An outpouring of stories and images was posted from news sources, social media, and websites that indicated the beauty of the different styles of worship from the largest congregations to small groups.

The Wesak Festival: deep stillness through the whole night; at the exact time when the Buddha gives us his blessing, even the birds cease singing and are attentive; all of creation is filled with wonder, pure joy, pure compassion; hearts aflame in consecrated service.

The Christ's Festival: On Monday, the adapted version of the Great Invocation e-card was sent to friends and several positive comments received. In this area, severe storms brought destruction from hail and wind in late afternoon on the 14<sup>th</sup>. When the clouds broke up, the light of Gemini reflected from the moon and the deep silence that penetrated heart and mind was even more precious because of the storm. The day of the festival was given over to study and meditation. The World Invocation Day 24-hour vigil set the tone to receive and distribute energy through constant use of the Great Invocation (Intuition). The live talk from London touched on many cogent points: hearing on the inner side, the cry, way of living with harmonic sound, using the Great Invocation as if deep within the soul, a clear spiritual goal brings energy into our lives, the Christ within steadily develops as the heart opens wider, and the path of fire through the heart to the head. The influences of Venus and Mercury are recognized as humanity aspires toward its divine nature and implements goodwill with hands held out in service to heal. The blessing from the Christ releases the power and joy of striving toward group fusion and integration.

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It is useful to keep in mind that the meaning of the *will-to-love* will depend upon the point of view from which it is considered. For example, to a well-intentioned aspirant, this term might relate to the forced effort to be kind, loving, and non-judgmental. The individual might recognize that love and compassion aren't flowing forth spontaneously and works hard to then adjust his or her expression. In addition, the Plan-related goal of *right human relationships* may be acknowledged in a broad sense, but the connection it has to very specific daily life details may not yet be seen; it may not yet be understood as relating to every thought, word, feeling, or action that a person entertains. Such a possible lack of personal application of the larger goal could perhaps be the result of ongoing personality identification and absorption in the details of personality-centered expression. Because of this, the manifestation of the Plan might be seen as the responsibility of other workers who supposedly have more skill or knowledge.

To the disciple, however, the *will-to-love* relates to love of the greater whole. This love is not something that is forced; personality identification is being steadily replaced by increasing soul infusion, and as a result the soul's nature—love—is becoming more deeply known. The disciple is therefore willing to do whatever is needed to support this whole, and personality self-interests are subordinated to the achieving of this objective. In addition, as the first reading in the Preparatory Thoughts material states, the disciple initially supports this whole by focusing on the close-at-hand relationships of "his family and immediate group". Because both personality decentralization and soul infusion are rapidly occurring, the Plan is seen as something that he or she has direct responsibility for helping to manifest; the goal of *right human relationships*, for example, is given regular consideration and support through purposeful, intentional behavior. As a result, the Plan isn't just a concept; rather, it is increasingly a directive energy behind what is expressed.

It would seem that in order for an individual to have a deeper understanding of the *will-to-love*, integration of the personality with the soul must strengthen and the experience of soul infusion intensify. It would also seem that there must be a growing recognition of personal responsibility for the manifestation of the Plan in order for there to be sufficient will-to-love to "fire the entire world" of, initially, one's close-at-hand circumstances. So whatever a person's vision may be of Plan-related goals and ideals, effort must be made to be true to this vision in relation to daily life experience. As this is done, a door of opportunity is then opened for the Plan to become more than just a concept.

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The high work always begins with Light. This year there was a highly potent spiritual power available to meet our keynote need of spiritual will: "Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship."

A new direct experience of communication and equality emerged as a united movement of the people was registered in many parts of the Arab world. It's as if the 360 degree circle of the human family flickered with light, and the response was like lightning, finding its most direct paths from the center to the periphery, from high to low, top to bottom, one nation to another, one language to another, a new equality of universal values was recognized. Fear disappeared. The greater Light met the many flickering lights of the awakening humanity in a new externalization of goodwill and the will-to-good. From the one heart in the center of our microcosmic being to the heart center of Hierarchy, the spirit of fiery love flashed forth in the spirit of expanding relationships, no longer separated by distance, communications, languages or interests. "The will-to-love means the love of the greater Whole" the Tibetan writes, and for our time it means the whole of the human family, interconnected and interdependent.

In the United Nations, members of all the Buddhist nations met in the General Assembly to recognize and celebrate the birth, death and enlightenment of the Buddha for the 2,600 anniversary of Vesak or Wesak. Monks of all countries chanted in one language, many different speakers told the stories of Buddhism and Buddhists in each of their countries, stressing the similarity between the teaching of the Buddha and the principles of the United Nations. It was grand. See website:

<http://www.unmutimedia.org/tv/webcast/2011/05/10<sup>th</sup>-session-of-unpermanent-forum-on-indigenous-issues-opening.html>

For us here, the last three pages of *The Rays and the Initiations* were the constant inspiration during the Wesak period. As the conference moved to Geneva, then to London, we were intrigued by the scheduled talk on Social Evolution and as we built the antahkarana bridge between lower and higher minds in meditation, we were mindful of its counterpart, the "Science of Social Evolution, which is the joint or united antahkarana of humanity as a whole" (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 470). That made the 'completed point of view' for us, as the evolution of consciousness must have its counterpart in social evolution, or it won't have succeeded. It filled out the science of invocation/evocation in a new practical way that illuminated the possible effect of the Shamballa force as it works out in manifestation.

We concluded our conference focus during the World Invocation Day period with the Tibetan's last Wesak and Gemini letters to the School, and with a new stream of energy and understanding of the five ashrams due to externalize. We saw the ashrams of the three rays of aspect as three *domains of power*; both within the microcosm and the macrocosm as the Heart/Hierarchy and Will/Shamballa centers and saw how differently, how clumsily, humanity uses force and thinks of it as power. The two remaining ashrams carrying the "energy which produces order" responsible for the organization of Labor, and the "energy of right human relations" wielded by the Tibetan himself as being on the front line, as it were, in the battle of today. The possible scenarios he sketched for the future are remarkably accurate, including the US as the controlling capitalistic nation, prone to greed, and the emergence of '*blocs of nations against other nations and peoples*' as leading to disaster (*Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, pp. 638-39). The order of Labor balanced with capital, and the suffering due to frayed human relations in bad need of healing seemed to us to be on the leading edge of human need.

So thank you, Headquarters, for creating a group atmosphere that could generate all of the spiritual power, understanding and insight that this period has produced (and will continue to).

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In order to fuse all humanity into one coherent whole in form, as it already exists in consciousness, the fire of the will-to-love mobilises the will of each unit. This itself represents an evolutionary leap from the phases of unconscious, sentient living, into conscious and group-conscious livingness. This describes the evolutionary process of spiritual evolution, spiritual livingness and invocative living. These processes produce, *de facto*, the evocative gifts of evolution and the inevitable expansions of consciousness that lie ahead of each manifested form – whether a quark, an atom or a Logos. The dialectic of invocation and evocation reflects the invocative life. This process also reveals the pairs of opposites that comprise the evolutionary struggle into greater light. Each point attained in evolution becomes its own ring-pass-not until surpassed through the process of struggle, labour, and evocative response to earlier invocation. We must call forth in order to bring forth. Yet the light, love and spiritual purpose that flood our planet are always available, in-flowing into the mechanisms of each unit. But their potencies may not be registered or utilised until they condition the quality of each mechanism and vehicle touched. Thus, the importance of merging our self-wills into the group will, and our little wills into the purpose which the Masters know and serve. And this requires conscious effort, conscious labour, conscious self-exertion, and thus conscious invocation.

Invocation and evocation define our life-dance of seeking and finding, much as Master Jesus described. Without seeking we may not register what we've "found", even when it is alive and radiating all around us! For the will-to-love to fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship, individual units must first become receptive to the inflow of higher energies and to the overshadowing higher energies as they play upon and condition each mechanism. As this will-to-love fires each unit, each is drawn into commitment to greater participation, into greater relationship and thus into greater unity. Each person must aspire and reach upward and downward, inward and outward, into greater light and frequency. Then they become ready and able to reach, touch, hold, contain and assimilate this precipitating force on behalf of a needy humanity. This force is our fire, our common language of energies ripe to transfigure in our Earthly laboratory of pain and suffering. "Let it" means that units must consciously permit themselves to evolve and "be changed". "Fire" means to infuse, imbue, enthuse and evolve in voltage. "The entire world" is our evolutionary domain, our place where service must give birth to evolutionary change. These higher frequencies through the merged little wills of the units, will fire our world by unit by unit, to overflowing capacity into greater love. These units of forged and conscious relationship will outpicture that factual inner relationship. This will forge units into more evolved families, communities, and groupings. And this eventually will be a global demonstration. Divine energies conditioning the entire planet will fire the world with the will to love from unit to unit, from unit to group, from the particular to the universal, from the part to the whole. *This spirit of integration is the spirit of relationship.* And it will manifest in order to synthesise, fulfil and restore the Plan on earth. Thus the process of invocation and evocation eventually accomplishes its planetary and systemic evolutionary purposes.

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People today are involved in a myriad of relationship networks compared to people of earlier times. In addition to family, community and work associates, we typically have relationships grounded in other, often self-chosen, identities. So the definition of an Ashram as "a place where relationships are tried out" extends today to many such "places". There's also the growth of relationships between *groups* (e.g., ecumenical relationships between different religions and, most importantly, between nations); and we're beginning to see, I think, a shift in these intergroup relationships such that they're no longer totally governed by crude self-interest. (Consider, for example, the phenomenon of response to disasters and how nations, as well as individuals, rally on such occasions and reach out to aid the victims, even across lines of ideological enmity.) Could it be that we're finally seeing signs of "the power of love replacing the love of power"?

At any rate, the state of modem communications technology (especially the Internet) allows us to look at

people all over the world and observe the full range of their commonality with us. At one end of the spectrum, we observe that those whom we thought of as "above" the rest are just as susceptible to human foibles as anyone else (*e.g.*, prominent political leaders caught in sex scandals). At the other end of the spectrum, we discover that those we may have thought of as totally different from us (in race, appearance, culture, etc.) are capable of the same heights of heroism and nobility as our "own" kind (*e.g.*, Japanese workers who stayed at a damaged nuclear power plant, jeopardizing their own lives in the effort to protect their countrymen). Today's children especially are growing up having never known anything *but* that kind of universality. And it's only one short step from seeing everyone we look at as an aspect of ourselves to seeing all people, *including* ourselves, as aspects of the One Self.

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Throughout the Higher Interlude a dynamic visualisation has occurred which combines Tabulations I and II from *Esoteric Astrology* (pp. 34-5) along with the three expressions of creative will listed later therein (on p. 615). Basically, each of the signs is also an expression of the Law of Cycles listed in *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II* (p. 452), and each is located upon the Cosmic Mental, Astral or Physical planes as follows:

**Cosmic Mental Plane:** Inhalation ... Focus ... Life Centralisation

Pisces: Overcomes death, or differentiation

**Cosmic Astral Plane:** Interlude ... Point of Tension ... Initiation of Causes

Aries: Initiates manifestation, and conditions that which it creates

Taurus: Brings about eventual fulfillment

Gemini: Overcomes death, or differentiation

**Cosmic Physical Plane:** Exhalation ... Crisis ... Production of Effects

Cancer: Initiates manifestation, and conditions that which is created

Leo: Brings about eventual fulfillment

Virgo: Overcomes death, or differentiation

With the (lower) interlude ...recognitions... prelude to refocusing and the remainder of Tabulation II completing the Cosmic Physical plane, conditioned by Cancer as it expresses "mass life veiling the Christ".

As these ascriptions to the various signs are reflected upon, the Law of Cycles is palpably experienced as it expresses the Breath of Life, especially as "exhalation ... crisis ... production of effects" is considered regarding Cancer as it conditions the entire Cosmic Physical plane on Earth. As the Tibetan tells us: "This sign [Cancer] is, as you already know, one of the two gates of the zodiac because through it souls pass into outer manifestation and to the appropriation of form, and subsequent identification with it for many long cycles.... 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)" (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 312-13).

The above dynamic visualisation gives this student a deep appreciation of the Cancer keynote "I build a lighted house and therein dwell", and it also provides a deep appreciation of the 2011 keynote "Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the 'spirit of relationship'—a relationship expressed through Cancer as God breathed (exhaled) into man's nostrils (that is, through Leo which "brings about eventual

fulfillment” and Virgo which “overcomes death or differentiation”) the Breath of Life and man became a living soul.

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Relationship is the nature of the soul as realized in the mind. The will-to-love is a divine power inherent in the soul. Although impersonal, the will-to-love works through a person or a group that is responsive, compassionate and aligned. Unlike personal love which has a smaller sphere of influence, the will-to-love is a freely-given group radiation throughout all kingdoms. The Festivals are times of opportunity that can alter the way of responding to forces, not to fear, fatigue, or stress, but to Knowledge, Love, and the sacrificial Purpose that touches Earth at this time.

The Will activates, generates, and fires the work of destroying sloth, indifference, and self-absorption. The Will burns a path straight to the truth of the unbreakable community of friends as known to the soul. The will-to-love heals, as the Christ healed the blind of their illusions, healed the lame of their crippling glammers, and healed the paralyzed of their inertia and maya. In every situation the will-to-love radiates peace. Love never fails as St. Paul declared. It cannot. It is a power so eternal coming from a plane so far above what we can imagine alone, that its fire requires the union of the group mind acting with power and confidence in its innate Wisdom. In the midst of human misery and the state of non-thinking, the group mind receives and distributes the will-to-love—actively creating and joyously releasing the saving energy of Goodwill.

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The occult perspective entails a re-conceptualizing of many concepts and words from their so-called vernacular connotations to their esoteric significance. The esoteric significance of words includes causal and macrocosmic perspectives. In the case of the conference keynote, the keyword which needs a deeper perspective is relationship. The spirit of relationship refers to the macrocosmic alignment of the three planetary Centers—Shamballa, Hierarchy, and Humanity. Ideally this alignment is also reflected in the microcosm of the human being. Right relationship between Hierarchy and Humanity is the key factor in the approaching externalization of the Hierarchy (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 551). This relationship also includes the deepening relationship between Hierarchy and Shamballa and through Hierarchy, Shamballa and Humanity. The right relationship with Shamballa matters to us as human beings because will energy is essential in bringing about the eventual resurrection of the spirit of humanity.

The intensified relationship of Shamballa with Hierarchy and Humanity was initiated by the Christ in His appearance on Earth over 2000 years ago when, we are told, He achieved a measure of synchronization of His will with the Will of Shamballa. Hierarchy's "crisis of relationship" (the subject of a past conference keynote) is also related to the decision made by Christ around the time of the Second World War to externalize again on Earth, along with other members of Hierarchy.

Considering the microcosm, the growing relationship of the three planetary Centers corresponds to the linking on the individual level of the monad, soul, and personality (which is the goal of the Third Initiation). On the individual level, the construction of the antahkarana represents the connecting instrument which makes subjective aspects of relationship possible. Our group work, considered from an esoteric perspective, consists of joining with others who are working to build their own "cables of connectivity," to build the so-called group, or joint, antahkarana. The group antahkarana has two main functions on a planetary scale: to relate the three planetary Centers and to provide a medium which can conduct the fiery Will and predetermined Purpose of Deity. In this way we, as microcosms, play our part in the Macrocosm of relationship.

Relationship is our evolutionary keynote, as individuals and for humanity as a whole. Our relationship with "above" concerns our ever-deepening subjective relationship with Hierarchy; our relationship with "below" concerns our relationship with humanity as whole, through our ever-deepening outward expression, or service. As human beings, we have the potential capability of being in relationship with the higher and the lower: with our human side by responding to human need, and with our spiritual, divine side by responding to higher energies. This dual capability of right relationship has been modeled to us by the Christ, Who demonstrated the redeemed, sublimated function of our human side, namely to be wholly and completely responsive to the needs of others. This is the esoteric meaning of service (*The Reappearance of the Christ*, p. 67).

It goes without saying that our individual interpersonal relationships should be pure re-reflections of this harmony between planetary Centers, that is, they should be based on unselfish love and goodwill. We do our part in the creation of right relationship between the three planetary Centers by taking as our guidelines for relationship the same standards or qualities used by Hierarchy in Their relations with Humanity. These guidelines include the radiation of love and spiritual intention, motivated by goodwill (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p. 408). Thus our goal is right relations based on hierarchical principles, namely relations based on a spiritual perspective and characterized by understanding, cooperation, tranquility, and renewed spiritual impulse (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 486). These principles are also reflected in the well-known guidelines for human relationship given in the mantram of the New Group of World Servers: self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech.

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The conclusion of the Gemini Festival left me with the clear inner call to deepen and intensify the Culture of the Heart within myself. This involves working in a more intentional, directed and disciplined way with the Heart qualities already expressing. And it involves that forcing process whereby I willingly submit recognized separative barriers to acts of destruction, guided by the will aspect of love. In other words, "practice relinquishment wholeheartedly" as a wise teacher has recently said.

The Arcane School keynote for the coming year is "Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship". This year's Higher Interlude inaugurates the first year of "crisis/consolidation" in the three-year cycle which governs the work of the New Group of World Servers, as well as the cycle of "emergence/impact on public consciousness" in the nine and twenty-seven year cycles. Thus, 2013-2014 will see opportunity for humanity, as the 3/9/27 year cycles all line up for emergence. It is suggested that a new possibility for human living might then open up, provided we avail ourselves of the opportunity. This depends, first of all—emphasizes the Tibetan—on the disciples of the world ensuring that they act as the channels required of them, and not block the circulation of the precipitating spiritual energies.

The planetary crisis is causing a much-heightened level of attention in humanity regarding global problems and solutions, and a one-pointed concentration in the ranks of the new group of world servers, the planetary ajna centre. There is a great readiness now, everywhere, for a new cycle of heart culture intensification, and a great readiness to receive the stimulation that the esoteric group at the heart centre of the new group can provide. Political and social ferment is everywhere; people are in motion, a trend that will increase as the crisis deepens. It is inevitable that humanity will, in part, frame its yearnings through the word "revolution". The new growth in flower and color symbolism—the rose revolution and the green/orange/jasmine/lotus revolutions, etc.—indicates beautifully the world disciple, humanity, bridging aspirationally to the future. The cry, heard just below the pain, is for a world fired by the spirit of relationship. Let us each play our part.

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I did participate following the outline using the Great Invocation two days prior and two days subsequent, as well as on the date of the actual three full moons. During the period, I became aware of the spirit of relationship on multiple levels existing throughout the world. Information came to me concerning worldwide efforts, humanitarian groups and special interest groups that were all working toward better human relations. Of course, the ongoing political turmoil and uprising in North Africa and in the near Middle East countries, including the ongoing wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and the continuing Palestinian Israeli disputes and conflicts. I became cognizant of many group efforts and once again looked at the role that I am playing concerning Greater Human Relations.

I force myself to look for the underlying cause of these relationships and felt generally uplifted, as a result of the multitude of efforts, groups, and individuals going on currently throughout the world. In fact, I have looked at it sort of like being interlaced triangles. The group spreading throughout the world distributing light and love to humanity as a whole. Realising the minds that all humanity benefits when the least of humanity benefits. I sense that my shift encompasses a broader perspective and appreciation for all humanitarian efforts.

I continue to focus on allowing each group to work in their own prescribed manner, without interjecting what I sense or think should be done differently. I am getting better at this. The path that I have chosen is my path and it's not necessarily the only path to enlightenment. I am convinced that most paths will lead to unity with the deity irrespective of what it is called. To allow each group and other paths that individuals chose to be themselves, certainly is a new aspect of the "spirit of relationship" that I find myself involved with.

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Gifts from the Arcane School Conference:

- \* Relationship — it was *all* about relationship.
- \* Renewed resolve to simplify.
- \* Social media — an unexpected instrument for the Teaching.
- \* How can I use social media to further the Plan?
- \* From our speakers: beautiful examples of the *living* ethics.
- \* The *amazing* spirit of a new generation of workers joining in this endeavor.
- \* The unceasing effort of those at Headquarters.
- \* The love of our teachers.
- \* Gratitude for the relationships.
- \* Group work and *amazing* insights.

As one of the speakers so perfectly expressed it: "It's a joy to be together!"

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In the "New Energy" generated by the new planetary magnetics, one no longer operates under the disempowering perceptual distortions of duality, which make it seem that divinity is outside of, separate from, transcendent to oneself, and has to be constantly appeased and appealed to, to get anything done. One no longer prays to God to make things happen. Instead, one reclaims one's own creative powers through identification with the whole, i.e. equating one's own essence with it, recognising oneself as an intrinsic, integral, component part of divinity — of the whole, and recognising one's own abilities to get things done, by setting things in motion with expressed intent, then following up on synchronicities that

materialise in response, from a supportive, co-operative, inter-connect whole — from the Immanence (within all things), not Transcendence (separate from all things) of divinity.

In this overall context, will-to-love translates into expressing *intent* to synthesise with one's own immediate portion of universal-divine conscious energy, the soul, by equating one's essence with it, i.e., by adopting and expressing its qualities as one's own:

- spontaneous, unconditional love
- tolerance, acceptance, harmlessness
- joy, goodwill, benevolence
- co-operation, sharing, etc.
- continuity of consciousness
- and by rooting out all lingering elements of separatism.

“Firing the whole world” translates into demonstrating the positive, spiritually empowering effects of this transmutation of oneself for others to see, thus motivating them to do likewise as individuals and as groups, in their own way, at their own pace. “Spirit of relationship” translates into expressing intent at the global level of humanity-as-a-whole, for the further synthesis with Spirit, i.e., the further recognition of the universal conscious energy as the ultimate commonality of source-of-being for all individual and group identity, for all materiality, plus the implications of this for right human relations, stewardship of planetary ecology (soon to come), interplanetary, inter-dimensional relations, and in general, co-operation harmonising with, servicing and maintenance of the ever unfolding divine Plan and evolutionary progress.

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“Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the ‘spirit of relationship’”:

1. “Let” - Who should let?
2. “Will” - Purpose and plan.
3. “Love” - Meat of life, ideas. Transforms and changes.
4. “Entire world” - Geosphere, neurosphere, consciousness, atoms.
5. “Spirit” - Intangible that affects tangible.
6. “Fire” - Adi.
7. “Relationship” - To interact with both good and bad results. We are affected as a whole.

To evolve in the spirit of God's purpose and plan involves the will-to love. I have been inspired by the potency of this theme.

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As One, we shall help with the facilitation of the Kingdoms as they make way to their next phase of awakening (consciousness). Establishing foundations that cultivate the germ seeds of Soul within all life forms. To ascertain the world of Rudolph Steiner: “Whoever strives toward the highest existence must repeat in himself, as a microcosm, the macrocosm, universal process of Osiris.” Also, paraphrasing the Tibetan, “In the strength of inner cooperation, love is the best work done.”

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When we are truly silent we can respond to everything. When we are truly empty we can contain everything. When we truly love we are related to everything. In the silence the will-to-love is available

to us. In emptiness all qualities are available to us. In love we radiate the spirit of relationship. In the will-to-love we wield the fire that inspires the entire world with the spirit of relationship.

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Throughout the world, people have grasped the concept of Freedom and now desire it for themselves. The past year has brought demonstrations and revolutions in many nations—from the widely-publicized uprisings in Egypt, the Sudan, Syria, Yemen, and Libya, to lesser-publicized demands for reform and better treatment in parts of China.

While the initial thrust is for honest government and justice for all citizens, some countries have also heard demands for economic and social and religious freedoms. There have also been substantial calls for an end to wars throughout the planet. This does not mean that peace is likely to emerge momentarily. Pressures for development within nations have fostered demands for more oil, water, and food, thus exacerbating international tensions as countries strive to provide for their citizens.

Still, the latest calls for freedom—some in nations where dictators have ruled for decades—signal a new awakening of the human heart, and a longing to participate fully in the world on an equal footing with all humanity.

As disciples, we need to foster these emergent demands, and support them in any way we can, for they prepare the way for the Four Freedoms throughout the planet. This will lay the basis for right human relations, and the ability to work together, in love, to create planetary peace and spiritual wisdom.

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In *Esoteric Astrology*, the Tibetan makes reference that in our solar system and during this world cycle, the planetary logos is “preoccupied” with the transition of our planet from the position of “non-sacred” to that of a sacred planet, and that there is indication of a growing response between the two centres, Shamballa and Humanity. We are also aware that we are beginning to receive the energy and influence of the Aquarian cycle as the sun transits from Pisces to Aquarius. This indicates an opportunity and a test for humanity to respond positively to the energy flow that is occurring at the macrocosmic level.

The keynote accentuates the will aspect of love, which identifies and encapsulates “That Fire” which is intrinsically in each one of us. The Tibetan also draws our attention to the recognition that the Christ released on earth, what was defined as “The Cosmic Principle of Love”. Through the work of the Christ this energy of the “Will to Love” was merged into the consciousness of humanity. The energy that Christ released was through the medium of the Second Ray of Love-Wisdom. This energy, according to the Tibetan, will inaugurate an era where there is increased capacity for humanity to see the vision of the “race of men whose life expression is Love-Wisdom”. The “Fire” that enhances the spirit of relationship brings with it a dynamic change in emphasis that presents The New Group of World Servers with the opportunity to become aware of the nature of this energy with its “Will” aspect. According to the Tibetan, this is the “Transmitting Will” because through its means or nature, it passes between the pair of opposites (spirit- matter) which draws them together until they form one blended whole. This in a sense encapsulates the subjective Love-Wisdom role of The New Group of World Servers, which is focussed on enhancing global group relationships through the energy of love. The integration of this energy is the corollary and possible challenge of the keynote of the conference. The fire that is in each one of us is enhanced through our awareness of the subjective unity that binds us, irrespective of our geographical separation. The “Group Fire” is like a spiritual capacitor that stores and releases energy as the invocative call is received.

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The 2011 keynote emphasises the need for 'loving relationships'. Because we are all united within the aura of the world this ought not to be very difficult; unfortunately, some people appear to find it so. However, with meditation, using thoughts for loving relationships could improve the consciousness to bring about more considerate attitudes in other people as well as bringing a wider perspective to many.

There is a strong sense of change in the world at present it has been building up for a long time, getting stronger every year. Today with so much activity connected to spiritual light energy, more optimism and loving feelings are in the air, especially over the last few months; this will improve the lives of many, with the help of the Great Invocation and determined meditation.

Once the negative elements of all workers are under control, a more spiritual energy will fill the space. This will need the united efforts of all the world's workers, and then results could increase the realisation that all human beings are spirits in physical bodies, that all have a divine nature. With the positive collective force of the New Group of World Servers and the backing of the workers of goodwill, the Plans of the Hierarchy will succeed in creating the "Pathway of Light".

There is much work to do to unite humanity, correct so many wrongs, repair so much damage, heal the wounds, and bring peace to broken hearts. We have the assurance that goodwill can overcome evil, and that a kind, loving energy will prevail to enable an expansion of consciousness throughout the world.

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We read... 'Agni is the primordial fire of spiritual evolution, expressing both the power of transformation and awakening, as well as the essence of enlightenment itself. This 'energy' permeates through all things, radiating and stimulating the field of relationship...' One might indeed be filled with awe and wonder, as slowly the truth that we live in an expanding universe somehow becomes more palpable in connection with consciousness, as recognition grows of just how vast is this 'field of relationship'.

The field of Relationship is in a critical stage of flux bringing extreme opposites into immediate juxtaposition resulting in conflict and tension. It might be said...'the once so called good and bad have been wedded into a new state, condition, or manifestation, which is neither good nor bad, but simply an evolutionary movement...and interpreted as the 'effects' of Alignment at the level of a Cosmic Ordering.'

The will-to-love- relates us to God and might perhaps be defined in terms of the highest form of reason - the 'will-to-love' is the Reality underlying all form. The personal will of the individual is a significant factor in this, for the conscious use of the 'will' governs choice and direction.... 'The 'spiritual will' must fortify the intellect in order to direct the expression of the energy of love', and in so doing, eliminate the undesirable and that which hinders the entrance of light.' Each individual is responsible for providing the space for the entry of the good, the beautiful and the true. The purification and redemption of matter lies in our hands and is the basis for 'spiritual living'. Relationship is both an art and a science. The spirit of relationship might be considered as an energy holding everything together...parts of ourselves...continents...planets....The Ageless Wisdom Teachings have been made freely available given the opportunity of the internet and world-wide web. The application of the teachings in our daily lives strikes me as 'the appliance of science' (to coin a phrase from a well known ad) '...the Science of Applied Energy is also the Science of Applied Purification. Our personal decisions and patterns of spiritual expressions continue to have increasing impact globally, when individuals change, the whole planetary consciousness also evolves-we must play our part.

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## **Easter Festival**

The full moon was peaceful and when linking up with the worldwide group, it seemed as though on an inner subjective level the spirit of relationship and interconnectedness is there and at the time of the major festival full moon it is almost tangible. For in the silence of the higher interlude, aligning with the will of God, we seem to draw closer to the Ashram and to those souls on the inner side of life. This inner connectedness, which seemed to extend to all kingdoms of nature, seems to be characterised by the quality of deep, persistent unchanging love, which the Tibetan mentions in *The Rays and Initiations*. Inwardly in all our relations on a soul level we are related in a way that is deeper than blood and goes beyond any outer personality frictions, discords or need for forgiveness. For on a soul level there is no need for forgiveness, there is no need for friction or disharmony, there is only love and the overwhelming certainty of the inner relationship. It seems as though in those moments of soul unity that the challenge, the need, is to use the will, to bring this through to the outer personality level, to let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone and let love prevail. If this could be done it would revolutionise all our relationships and it would change the world from the inside and make it more spiritual, more sacred.

The will is synthesis, the expansion of consciousness, reaching out and all-inclusive, identifying with others. An aspect of the will is forgiveness, a forgiveness which is the giving of all to all and for all. It was at the fourth initiation when the will of the Christ was perfectly aligned with the will of the father, that a great expansion of consciousness took place. In the alignment of the wills, the heart of the Christ opened up completely and reached out to all humanity and the whole cosmos, so that in his death he drew all to him and lifted and redeemed all kingdoms of nature.

## **Wesak Festival**

At this time, we aligned with the will, the peaceful, silent will and the participated in the Yoga of Synthesis meditation. The will is synthesis and the linking with and rejuvenating of all the kingdoms of nature in an all-inclusive whole, is apparent. The thought of forgiveness is an aspect of the will and synthesis, the giving of all to all and for all. Will, love, forgiveness and compassion, aspects of the will and its relationships. Forgiveness is sacrifice and is the giving of one's self even of one's very life for the sake of others and for the good of the whole group.

The spirit of sacrifice is ever found when the Shamballa force is rightly contacted, even in the smallest degree and the underlying impulse behind the loving will of God is sensed and understood, accompanied as this always is with the desire to participate in that will and its spirit of divine sacrifice.

Forgiveness is the very breath of life itself, the life giving will. The breath of God gives life to all forms in all kingdoms, the breath of forgiveness, the breath which is goodness and wholeness, which breathes new life into the world and vitalises the work.

At the Wesak festival our part in the great chain of being becomes apparent as the touch of Shamballa quickens all kingdoms to new life and seems to flow in a vast giving between all the planetary centres - Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity.

It is one, great, vast meditation - an inbreathing and outbreathing of life that pulsates throughout all nature. So the world seems to become smaller and taken over by a vast network of light and meditation, silently contributing to the plan and purpose of God. It reaches out from the individual to the universal.

## **Christ Festival**

It was a powerful full moon and I wondered whether each full moon and each major festival seems to become more powerful each year. We are told that the task of the Christ is to establish relationships and

the full moon highlighted this. The alignment between Shamballa, Hierarchy, the New Group of World Servers and Humanity seemed to provide a living breathing expression of invocation and evocation, from us to them and from them to us. It was as though we said the Great Invocation in unison with the Christ and each other as a synchronised planetary meditation. The blessing which is poured forth by the Christ highlights this spirit of relationship, the interlinking and synthesis between all the planetary centres and the need for building right human relations in all aspects of life on earth. We sound the OM in unison with each other and with groups and individuals around the planet contributing to the living, vital network of light, love and the will to good.

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We are all helping to prepare for the reappearance of the Christ and by building right human relations individually, among family, friends, the community, within the group and nationally and internationally we are transforming not only our relationships but also creating the path of light by which the Christ and the Hierarchy will be drawn to the earth. Right human relations are so important because it is the planetary keynote, it is the keynote of the Christ and it is the keynote of the Hierarchy and the Ashram, for an ashram, we are told, is a place where relationship is tried out.

However relationships can be a burning ground and a baptism of fire whereby we each must be willing to enter the transforming fire and submit to the tests and crises that this application of fire to ourselves presents. This alchemy of change is the touch of sacrificial fire that burns away all the dross and all within us that does not resonate with the soul. Our closest relationships present us with a mirror of not only our strengths and our good points, but all our faults and failings and weaknesses which stand in the way of the unimpeded flow of the light and love of the soul and which act as barriers in our relationships with others. When sunlight is directed through a lens it burns and it is the same with the light of the soul, as it streams into the personality, it burns away all the dross. However as the fire burns all this away it leaves behind what is good, what is true and what is beautiful. It is this inner transformation that renews the mind and builds right human relationships as it burns away the barriers and creates the path of light for the reappearance of the Christ.

It is this transforming fire which lies at the root of many of the conflicts and crises in the world at the present time, destroying the veils of glamour and burning the barriers within relationships between nations and this characterises the burning ground for humanity as a whole. In *Glamour A World Problem* we are told "The whole of mankind en masse is passing through the fires which precede the first initiation. Every disciple creates his own burning ground, he then takes his stand within it and eventually passes out of it to stand before the Angel of the Presence at the very door of initiation."

Individually and collectively, nationally and within humanity as a whole, we build right human relations by thinking in terms of the one world and the one humanity, by respecting the dignity and value of the individual and supporting the United Nations in their work of promoting human rights. And one of the ways in which we can each help to build right human relations in all our relationships including between nations is through the practise of forgiveness. Forgiveness is based upon a recognition of the universality of human error in the past and the fact that there is no blame to be apportioned to this or that individual, group, nation or church, but that we have all made mistakes, have all failed to understand and have all been guilty of lack of love and tolerance. It is not therefore a forgiveness which is based on a spirit of magnanimity or a sense of expediency or superiority, but upon a desire to forget the past and to push into the New Age and participate in the new social order, free from the ancient hatreds, relinquishing the memory of old mistakes in policy, judgement and method and ignoring the habitual barriers and our normal separative instincts.

The recognition of the faculty of forgiveness is, or rather should be, the expression of the relationship between unit and unit within the larger group, or of group and group within a still larger whole. Forgiveness is essentially the process whereby each gives to each along psychological lines and it is one of the rudimentary expressions of the quality of self-sacrifice which is, in turn, an aspect of the will nature of Deity. Being therefore related to the Monadic or will life, it is as yet completely misunderstood and misinterpreted. It is in reality the sense of synthesis or of identification and of 'each for all and all for each.' This sense is being developed today as never before, but is still so embryonic that words do not help in explaining it. This faculty of forgiving is not a form of magnanimous forgetting, or overlooking, neither is it a gesture of superiority whereby the slate is wiped clean. It is the very breath of life itself – the giving of all to all and for all.

Forgiveness is to forget the things which lie behind and to press forward towards our higher spiritual possibilities. Thus we work for the future reappearance of the Christ through the building of right human relations and the transforming of not only ourselves, but our planet so that it becomes a sacred planet.

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A stampede – breaking down age-old worn out barriers by humanity. Recognising within each other the quality of brotherhood and realising the futility of competition.

Humanity is now viewing their position of being controlled in a new way – with the strengthened energy of the soul and awareness of the group.

A belief in the greater power of a united whole and feeling the force of the growing energy of the Aquarian age all over the planet. Viewed from a distance there is an analogy to a Mexican wave rippling through all our consciousness, from up close and within, it can be missed, it needs a wider perspective to see it.

The will to love is changing everything. When the mind has the seed thought dropped into it, the change is registered in the lower body immediately.

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The keynote for 2011 is an urgent call to humanity, to all men and women of goodwill on our planet, to work aggressively with love for unity, cooperation and brotherhood in every department of life i.e. Economic, Social, Religious and Scientific. It is a call for all to pour forth love to others in our personal, group, national and international relationships. Love unifies, heals and reveals that which is true and beautiful. Forgiveness, compassion, sharing and cooperation are essential in all relationships if humanity is to be able to fulfil its part in sealing the door where evil dwells on earth.

If mankind does the above, then it will be able to prove the fact of the “Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.”

Certain powers are now using hatred, separatism and extreme radicalism to achieve ends contrary to the plans of God for our planet. We are told that “Evil triumphs in a society where good men do nothing.” At this time of crisis, we pray to God to help us to do our part with love. We must not be among those who do nothing, thus helping evil to triumph in our society. We must counter the fire of hatred with the fire of love. It is only as we succeed in doing this that Light, Love and Power will restore the Plan on Earth as stated in the last sentence of the Great Invocation.

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The keynote for the 2011 festivals and conference has further added more encouragement to the efforts being made by all sincere servers whose aim is to bring God's plan of his Kingdom to manifest on earth. The effects of the theme have been and will continue to be tremendous and revealing.

The will-to-love which many disciples or fellow workers have enacted have impacted on humanity to make factual the value of right human relations.

Through the application of this principle just mentioned we see that the level of consciousness of several people is soaring higher and higher. As a result of this expansion of consciousness the negative instincts of separation, exclusiveness and selfishness are being replaced by loving understanding and genuine sympathy to those in need.

We can see loving understanding and compassionate trends through the application of the will-to-love, streaming through the hearts and minds of all men and women on this our planet to build strong, positive and everlasting values to speed up the manifestation of God's Kingdom on earth.

The theme being timely should rekindle the spirit of all people of Goodwill empowered by the Great consuming Fire to bring God's perfect order on earth.

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Sustained effort is the will binds together the seemingly separated parts. It is the cohesive force which reveals the oneness and the wholeness. Fire destroys the undesirable in the individual and in all relationships leaving a homogenous world.

No man is an island and neither does he live unto himself – what affects one man, affects all. It is lack of recognition and realisation of the One Life and the Love of the One Soul which results in separateness. That is the reason why we are calling the will-to-love to pervade the universe with the spirit of relationship. When this is done in the purificatory fire of love, there will be no more “my soul and thy soul” but the One Soul – Wholeness, synthesis, one humanity – One World.

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The most significant point to come to mind over the period of the festivals and conference as a result of the group work involved has been the role of a planetary saviour to terms of karmic relationship and responsibility.

It is significant that the longest lunar eclipse for many decades occurred at the Gemini full moon as we celebrated this final main festival for the year. When a full moon occurs we have the sun, earth and moon in the same celestial longitude and we consider that the qualities from the sun are reflected back to the earth by the moon via direct alignment. Therefore we meditate at the full moon to transmit the positive qualities of the sign in question but these qualities are mixed with those from the moon.

At an eclipse, a different effect occurs because the moon and earth are also in the same celestial latitude so that there is a complete blocking of light to the moon which can only shine by reflected light from the sun. So what might an eclipse of the moon symbolise? This brings us to the consideration of the esoteric effect of the moon which we are told belongs to the past and to physical karma and by inference to material values. It is suggested that the moon is a decaying body and that its effect on humanity is therefore negative. So does this eclipse occurring at such a critical time in human history symbolise the ending of a phase of human and planetary karma? During the lunar eclipse we could not receive energy from the moon. We were therefore able to receive the full tide of the second ray energy of love as

transmitted by Gemini without any added energy from the moon. Does this mean this eclipse marks one of those times when negative energies on our planet can be wiped out?

The choice *let the will to love fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship* is therefore most appropriate leading to and following this Gemini full moon eclipse. When considering the will-to-love we are faced by the paradox that we might think that love is destroyed by will. But it is only spiritual will that can destroy the personality blockages that stand in the way of true love. Even more importantly, the will to love moves through the personality to the soul and beyond and establishes the soul of humanity as one. It is this vision of human oneness that will end the separation experienced by individuals and groups so that the present carnage in sections of the planet can end. Thus spiritual will may end self-will and the sacredness of planet Earth become manifested.

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Although I have been unable to attend the conference in person, I have been with the group in spirit. During the time and prior to the Festivals I have used the keynote with further study the books of AAB and the Tibetan Master appertaining to Love, Relationship and Synthesis. I have also revised, studied and deeply pondered the Six Laws and Principles and the first ten of the rules for probationers and aspirants and those for disciples and initiates found in *The Rays and Initiations* (AAB).

I studied the programmes which were mailed to us concerning the festivals and conference as well as the relevance of the talks and discussions planned to the teachings and the tools (science of Invocation and Evocation, Laws and Principles and Rules) of use to dedicated serving groups seeking to work with Hierarchy, the Plan and Shamballa. The will-to-good fired my imagination. The thoughts generated by those talks and discussions which would (and have) be directed along etheric channels into the higher mental levels of human thinking, only to be picked up by the world's leaders, would trigger right thinking from a spiritual sharing, caring, point of view on the present day problems of humanity. As the time progressed, the deeply sensed serving of Shamballa, Hierachy and Humanity in these times of crisis was overwhelming and every meditation brought visions of a great serving group subjectively at the core of human living, spiritually energised and dynamic - the dynamo being the great Bridge of Light. Simultaneously the core was (IS) the Spirit of God, the child, the Christ within. He comes with Right Knowledge, Pure Reason and Creative Thinking for the good of the whole. He is the will-to-love, fiery, loving.

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Relationship seems to imply relationship on many levels i.e. the relationship with one's own self, interpersonal in families, in communities, on national and international levels and with celestial beings on planetary and interplanetary levels which leads to a realisation of the interplay of energy between triangles on different levels.

Very important is our relationship with the environment and the three lower kingdoms. It is possible to see the plan emerging quite clearly as old, crystallised forms are giving way to new ideas and brotherhood on a large scale. More people are doing what they are passionate about, but at the same time benefitting others through upliftment and empowerment. The importance of education is being recognised. Things which were hidden are now coming into the open i.e. human trafficking and many forms of abuse and corruption are now coming into the open. We are becoming aware of the need to work with animals and the environment instead of exploiting them. Sustainable and non-polluting forms of energy are becoming a reality. Love will eventually dominate all religions as they celebrate their festivals at the time of the full moon. This will result in more powerful invocation and evocation as we work from soul and mental levels instead of churned up emotions. The New World Order no longer seems to be an impossible dream

as we see it implemented on many levels. I feel all this as leading to the Reappearance of Christ and Hierarchy.

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The star of Christ is light, in terms of Ray 2 synthesising the seven rays and in line with Ray 1 and the will-to-good. On the Cardinal Cross there is relation to the central spiritual Sun and Uranus is the distributing agency. Uranus is the Hierarchical ruler of Aries. Earth is the Hierarchical ruler of Gemini whose Ray 2 influence unites the opposites in the zodiac, which becomes the blended and eventual unity.

Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces sum up the other nine signs and synthesise the experience of the three crosses. Ray 2 is significant at the seventh initiation and the Hierarchical planet Jupiter, when there is synthesis of Ray and zodiacal influence, Jupiter is the Ray 2 agent of the Sun. The star of Christ is the will-to-love, synthesis through Aries, Capricorn and conjunction of planets around Jupiter in Pisces.

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It should be accepted that the virtues, like Love and Truth, and other qualities of the spirit of God should be regarded as very important. Without such qualities the achievement of enlightenment is impossible. The two qualities of Truth and Love, coupled with compassion, harmlessness and righteousness, are the ultimate keys to the doors of the Kingdom of God. For a disciple to be crowned or honoured with the infinite power to serve and help another with a problem, purification of the mind, body and soul is essential.

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The most significant point to come to mind over the period of the festivals and conference as a result of the group work involved has been the role of the planetary saviour in terms of karmic relationship and responsibility, presented to our minds in the form of Atlas bearing the weight of the world on his shoulders and more recently by the Christ in relation to humanity. What does this signify to us? Perhaps it brings home to us the factual nature of Sanat Kumara's Life Work (our example par excellence) on earth down the ages. This is exceedingly relevant to us today in relation to the further intended role of the NGWS and its growing influence in the new cycle.

As a group, daily we see and feel a small proportion of the world's current karmic burden in our own lives. Each seeking to stand together freely and willingly with complete acceptance, sustained with assured knowledge of the life renewing, lifting and redeeming power of the will-to-love, so essential to meet the present rising planetary crisis.

The implementation of the eternal loving desire to see all lesser lives move forward in the world, requires humanity's conscious growing acceptance of inherent planetary relationship.

Today we see this beginning to happen, this time in group form through the undeviating lives of the NGWS working together willingly as one, quietly striving to pave the way for Christ's return. This we come to recognise as a student group is our soul-driven task on earth, seeking to strengthen the work of the NGWS active in the world today through the freely aired transmission of those deeply arrived at ideas, so needed to help raise human consciousness towards the building of a better world for all.

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Love remains the greater force and naught can withstand its power when applied persistently for long. The will-to-love when developed and nurtured constitutes a potent force to counter all violent and negative vibrations in our world – leading to right human relationships.

The keynote – “Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship” uplifts the human spirit/consciousness to a more loving relationship with all beings in all the kingdoms. This will manifest as harmony among people and nations as well as the environment.

Though I had no chance of taking part in the conference, my work consisted in reaching out (with love) to improve/heal my relationships with my extended family and neighbours.

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### Full Moon Meditation for June 2011

The results of my meditation always result in a greater awareness in registering impressions. The idea comes to me now to begin experimenting in focusing on the master to receive his impressions. I recall I am a second ray soul working on love-wisdom precipitating money, group work and better human relationships.

Whether we look at the Gemini full moon as the festival of Christ, Goodwill or World Invocation Day, we see how the energy of love is working out. Synthesis which is the will aspect brings about recognition of the need for better human relationships. Nations are particularly active and where rights have been trampled upon, people go out in their numbers to demonstrate most peacefully except when provoked. In my part of the world, dialogue averted an imminent transporters’ nationwide strike. On the other hand many have realised how the unconscious creation of separateness has brought the nation to a state of stalemate. While some of these persons remain silent probably with shame, others yet talk without conscience. Notwithstanding this, the voice of public opinion is sounding loud and clear. This year of Presidential elections and celebration of Unification of the Cameroons will certainly face the Shamballa energy and how to handle the destructive effect will depend upon recognising the other self and in the “waning of that self grow and glow” for that is the keynote of Gemini the twins; old forms have to be broken to set up new structures.

### Reflections on the festivals and conference 2011

We must bring to mind the concept of the “Hierarchy of Relationship” which in these days of world strife should bring about right relations which present the key to the immediate aspect of the vision which must be precipitated upon our planet. This ties in with our keynote this year: “Let the will-to-love fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship.” Relationship, it could be said, is the foundation of the sense of synthesis. It must be remembered that synthesis is an aspect of the first divine characteristic, the will, or rather the will-to-good. This energy produces cohesion, a drawing together and a tendency to fusion and union. If the will-to-love as the point of tension is sustained and galvanised through group meditation it can open the doors of spiritual energy so that electrical interplay working through the Hierarchy can link the greatest to the smallest. Living consciousness of the Logos is this Relationship. During this high period I actually visualised the antahkarana bridge as a lighted path of energy communicating between the Spiritual Triad and the soul-infused group personality as the will-to-love pours through the Christ, the Buddhas of Activity, the Nirmanakayas, the Hierarchy, NGWS, men and women of goodwill, the centres of distribution right down to humanity. Let the chain be the strongest at its weakest link so that we can all affirm the “From the Point of Love within the heart of God, let love stream forth into the hearts of men, May Christ return to Earth”.

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This is a result of my work during this spiritual season.

Full Moon in Aries. The key-note of the Conference contributes greatly to my understanding on the current problems in international relationships. 'The will-to-love' can serve as a key to solution to these problems. For example, Tokyo is one of the centers of distribution of spiritual energy. The events that took place in Japan, the tsunami and the following nuclear threat to the inhabitants, are a very sensitive issue. This center of prosperity, an icon of quality in production, an example of economic success, even called an economic miracle, was suffering deeply after a strike of natural forces. The readiness of many countries to help Japan to overcome the consequences of this catastrophe served as a fine example of the work of this year keynote.

Full Moon in Taurus. The keynote finds an expression in the work of many international groups, which are set to work together. There is a spirit of joy, as people of different origin are learning about each other's culture. There are many attempts at problem solving, in which they work together, putting aside all preconceptions about the national limits of others. Behind all these actions lies the will-to-love, which is a basic pre-requisite of all relations. The future of these international groups opens up in the beam of light, set by the eye of vision of Taurus.

Full Moon in Gemini. Thank you for the invitation to listen to the radio broadcast of the London Conference. I listened to it and meditated together with the group. During the Higher interlude, at the stage of Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity going gradually into alignment and interplay, I saw a circle of blue light, expanding slowly in the air from a center. When meditating on the meaning of the keynote of this year, the following ideas came to my mind. Relationships, which are referred to in this keynote, concern not only human relationships, but also those of other kingdoms of nature, especially the animal kingdom. Also, relationships are those between the bodies of one human being. The will-to-love, which should 'fire the entire world with the spirit of relationships' is expanded to other kingdoms and taken inside the individual.

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Humanity today is coming to a point in evolution where many problems are highlighted but it also brings hopefulness of a growing response to life. The recent devastation and catastrophes that seem to occur so often at this time cannot dampen the human capacity to meet the challenges with all the heart and ability we have. The destruction of loss of loved ones and possession reminds us once more of the power of our relationship with the material world and of the great forces with which we are learning to live and to cooperate.

Reshaping the new world requires a change in consciousness which means that any solution of the present problem, tension or crises has to be observed in a neutral way, to be aware that our approach moves from a separative one to a more universal one which addresses the need of the Common Good. It is the energy coming from the hearts and minds of people everywhere who have an inherent belief in the goodness, divinity and value of all people, which creates relating lines of light through which the fiery will-to-love can travel and bring heat and warmth. The principle of sharing carries its own magnetism and people of goodwill respond to it with understanding and a spirit of cooperation. Such an attitude transforms and provides a unifying effect to support healthy aspects of life. Transformation leads to innovation as the result of people's ability to work creatively, constructively and to give shape to a new structure.

The spirit of relationship has a "touch" of spiritual simplicity through the evocation of the will. Life appears today to be very complicated, very stressful with not enough time to do all that is needed. A picture of life out of balance appears - a pattern which is not in tune with the Divine flow that moves through all creating harmony, order and simplicity. The sense of the sacred is lost and over time has created isolation, hardship for many individuals and communities. Dealing with life's changes and

challenges at the present time opens the door of transformation which allows identity to become more fluid and flexible so that it can adapt to whatever changes life brings.

All love involves learning to let go which results in a deep and expanded love in sacredness and wholeness. To let go we must become grateful, for gratitude honours life and set us free. Such awakening depends on the readiness of the embodied soul to have direct experience of divine reality. Each individual translates such experience with its own language, perception and feeling in relation to the deepest layers of soul consciousness. People often express their reconnection with something higher than themselves, or moving back home, others feel a deep sense of goodness and wellbeing. Whatever words or expression the truth of Oneness of the Sacred Source of Life becomes a reality. The deepest stratum of the Heart communicates to the heart the individual needs in order to grow, heal and evolve. May we, as a group, respond to the need of others for understanding, compassion, interest and help on soul level, heart to heart.

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It is a great joy for me to participate in this year's spiritual festivals with the above keynote. During the period I perceived the "spirit of relationship" flourishing in different parts of Africa and the rest of the world.

It was a precious chance for me to meet with friends and co-workers and of course it's wonderful for me to experience the atmosphere of love.

Mentally linking up with friends and co-workers not only brought my heart and mind together but I was able to visualise the aura of our thoughts being enriched by the thoughts of people from lands afar who are joining hands with us in the one work.

I opened myself up for spiritual energies to pour into my environment. The thoughts I shared together created an opportunity for spiritual energies to flow out into the world.

As I approach the threshold of a higher level of consciousness, I come ever closer to a better understanding and appreciation of my values and motives. Instead of engaging in a materialistic way of life I choose instead to live by better values which include goodwill, inclusiveness, compassion, sharing and cooperation. These higher values go a long way in creating a better humanity that sees life lived in harmony with the soul. The urgency of the need of this spiritual attitude and its value is captured in the above keynote.

The awakening of consciousness is to live in a wiser and more inclusive approach to life and would lead us to solutions to our global problems confronting humanity. In the light of this view of life, I can sense the goal of the hierarchical plan as being the creation of right relationships of love, relationships of integrity, relationships where each one of us aids and enhances the evolution of the other.

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The group has worked much with the Will in the past, now it is necessary to "bring to light the love that underlies the happenings of the time." Crisis after crisis in one form or another has brought much devastation, much pain and suffering as man stands on the brink of the new age facing many serious issues some of which only international cooperation can resolve.

Humanity is "wounded in the heart" and spiritual love is the healing balm needed. We are told ... "this energy of love is primarily concentrated (for purposes of hierarchical activity) in the New Group of World

Servers. This group has been chosen by Hierarchy as its main channel of expression..." *Destiny of the Nations*

It is said that the Masters are anxious to "burn up the disciple in the fire of the will-to-love so that he is set free and the barriers to the inflow of the avataric force may be dissolved"...therefore fire is the agent of liberation – from the fires of the lower self (fire by friction), which burns the dross of the lower nature clearing the way for the soul's fire (solar fire) which burns on the plane of mind breaking down all barriers within and without, revealing, clarifying, purifying and eventually dispelling the thick fog of glamour which the individual disciple and humanity as the world disciple frequently walks in.

For our encouragement and perhaps our stimulation, the Tibetan in *A Treatise on White Magic* gives us these words:

"Let all students make us their minds in this day of opportunity to sacrifice all they have to the helping of humanity. Now is the need and the demand. The urgency of the hour is upon us and I call upon all of you whom I am seeking to help, to join the strenuous effort of the Great Ones. They are working day and night in an effort to relieve humanity...I offer to you the opportunity and I tell you that you are needed – even the very least of you. I assure you that groups of students, working in unison and with deep and unfaltering love for each other can achieve significant results.

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The keynote resonates to the will-to-good of Sanat Kumara. This is evocative of an evolutionary unfoldment in line with His divine purpose. Working with this thought develops in consciousness an identification with 'that which is' and helps to link humanity consciously to the Hierarchy and Shamballa. Humanity is a centre in the body Logioic expressing 3<sup>rd</sup> ray energy and is destined to usher in a new initiatory process for planetary life.

Through humanity matter is spiritualised – through the establishment of relationship. This release into the physical of the ensouling requires steady and persistent application. The energy of love expressed as the spirit of relationship is the vehicle of the spiritual will. The will-to-love flowing into human minds reveals; it is the transformative potency that clears away the veils.

The will-to-good is the link between all diverse parts. To increase the range of this magnetic power we have the Great Invocation. This affirms the hope inherent in all faiths and gives strength and energy to the soul in form. Through its use, a new pattern of energy circulation is established and a higher tension of living.

The will-to-love is a Triadal functioning – a lens which directs into human minds the light of reality. In the will-to-love we have the fusion of love and wisdom. It suggests a flow between the astral and buddhic planes. This is needed for right response to the note and power transmitted to earth and humanity from the Buddha at Wesak. The emitted sound of the Great Invocation is perhaps the note of our system.

The attuned group heart is in itself establishing relationship – radiating the efflorescence of group living into human consciousness. The group heart emits a powerful frequency that is perhaps a foretaste of the electric nature of the energy of love. Working within this field for the precipitation of the Plan is helping to prepare the human condition for the emergence of relationship as a way of life.

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The mind is the focusing point by means of which the Ego becomes aware of the material universe. It is an instrument for acquiring knowledge in those realms; the mind is invaluable, but must be focused

correctly. If the astronomer exercises his will and focuses the telescope as he desires, telling it to attend to its business of transmitting the rays that strike it, leaving the result to him, the work will proceed well.

The achievement of the human race between 1945 and now is tremendous. Efforts should now be doubled to bring the new world principles to all facets of the human race. We must find solution to the problems still plaguing the world like malaria, polio and the separative attitude of politicians in the third world countries.

In the revelations on Nouveile (New Revelation) Louis Claude St Martin taught that boundless creative powers and free will are the traits that underline man and relate him to the cosmic creator. He said it is by permeating all beings that God brings them to feel life; they die the moment they are not in communion with Him.

The Great Invocation was chanted and shared with some friends of the Eternal sacred order of Cherubim and Seraphim church in Ikotun during the Christ festival week. The festival period was full of challenges that were illuminating.

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