

### **Messengers of Love**

Good evening everyone and welcome to all those participating in this meeting over the internet. It is a joy to be here at the close of this year's conference period and to be able to take advantage of the opportunity to meet so closely to the exact time of the full moon. All weekend, through our work in the final phase of the Arcane School conference and the 3rd and final Festival of the Higher Interlude, we have been preparing and working toward this moment of alignment with the Hierarchy, building the tension needed to merge and blend our energies in service to the whole. In fact, all our work in the past year or even years, has led us to this present moment of contact in which we can be of use to the Hierarchy in anchoring the Plan of love and light on Earth.

We are celebrating the Christ's Festival, the Festival of Goodwill and World Invocation Day, all three names descriptive of the same Gemini full moon. Last month, at the ceremony of Wesak, we entered into a great group silence in partnership with the Christ and His company as the Christ received the cosmic blessing from His brother, the Lord Buddha, to be held in trust for the world until now, at this joyous occasion of the Christ's Festival. This is the moment when the distribution of the cosmic energy of love/ wisdom, the essential energy of our solar system, is being fully poured out into the world as grace and benediction, made possible by the sacrifice of these two great Beings. All of humanity, all life on earth is showered with the blessing of love. In the typical Gemini fashion of everything being dual and working in opposite directions, on the one hand, we are the grateful recipients of the powerful energy of love, and are simultaneously participants in the distribution. We can imaginatively feel the force of the whole company of spiritual Beings propelling us onward toward a greater service, toward a more perfect expression of this basic energy of the solar system.

The annual ritual of World Invocation Day provides the global discipleship group with a potent opportunity to directly participate in the work of the Hierarchy through united meditation and invocative effort. At the time of the full moon, the door is wide open into the 5th Kingdom, and most particularly in Gemini, the solar Life, the energy of the Heart of the Sun, is traveling to us on a "band of golden light.....making possible certain revelations", as the Tibetan states. The more fully we are able to receive and circulate the powerful energies available at this time, the basic energy of the Christ, the more subjective tension we are able to create together for distribution. This tension builds a channel of a powerful electrical charge through which the energies of the 5th Kingdom can travel into the etheric and from which they can then be precipitated into the physical plane. Together we are here to let in the light, to call in, to invoke the Christ's life and to send it out again in a sacred act of distribution through the consecrated group channel.

Humanity now is spiritually invocative and its influence is affecting changes in all kingdoms. All the many millions of sincerely religious people who, through prayer and the rituals of their faith, are daily voicing a call to God, add to the weight of this invocative appeal. All people in crisis and suffering through the calamities of conflict and disaster beg the divine to intercede on their behalf. The many many trained aspirants and disciples of the world, from any esoteric or faith tradition, are intelligently working in a mentally

focused way, to unite the divine with the human and to express the reality of God immanent. These combined efforts reach into the centers beyond the human and by law, evoke a response from the spiritual Beings who stand ready to rush to the aid of a needy humanity.

The Great Invocation is a world prayer and when used with focused mental intent by many, can cause fundamental changes on our planet. It lifts one away out of the personality and focuses the energies of the One in Whom we live and move and have our being directly into the human center. It can shift the direction of energy within humanity so that the alignment of the three centers, Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity is strengthened, thereby taking one more step in fulfilling the karma of the Planetary Logos.

Let us re-dedicate ourselves and stand together as cooperators and partners in the hierarchical effort of anchoring the divine Plan on Earth. Using the Great Invocation, we can visualize with our creative imagination, a great stream of energy rising to the Christ and His Company, attracting their attention and evoking the spiritual energies we can then direct into the 5 planetary centers in service to the whole. The Great Invocation is the word of power of the 7th Ray, the dominant energy now impacting the world and the Prayer for the New Aquarian Age.

From the point of Light  
Within the Mind of God  
Let Light stream forth into the minds of men  
Let Light descend on earth.

From the point of Love  
Within the Heart of God  
Let Love stream forth into the hearts of men  
May Christ return to earth.

From the center  
Where the Will of God is known  
Let Purpose guide the little wills of men  
The Purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the center  
Which we call the race of men  
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out  
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on earth.

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The fact that the Gemini full moon has so many names is reflective of the exoteric aspect of this mutable and quintessentially fluid sign; always restless, always in motion as the wind moves through air. For much of the human experience, the keynote is "Let instability do its

work", and the exoteric ruler Mercury, conditions most of the experience of Gemini for ordinary humanity, the aspiring disciple. Through ceaseless change and growth, Gemini reorients humanity for new ways, new thoughts and newer responses to truth. It precipitates the conditions through which the growing Christ life can find expression. Demonstrating impermanence, it helps humanity learn to avoid identification with form and to handle the potent emerging energies expressing the Christ Life more abundantly. The old adage, "the only thing you can depend on is change" expresses a deep truth which if embraced, can ease the difficult human journey through constantly changing forms and can help dispel the confusing glamour and illusion through which we must navigate.

Mercury is the divine Messenger, and presents its agents to humanity when and where they are needed most. They have always been with us as servants of the divine and have blessed us with their vision and enriched us with their efforts to lift up the human condition. They have emerged from caves, come down from the mountain and mysteriously appeared in the midst of a struggling humanity with messages of love and truth, spoken and written in words understandable for the time and culture they spoke to. Acting as intermediaries between the divine and human, they embody the quality of Mercury as the Messenger of the Gods, the "divine intermediary (who) carries messages between the poles with speed and light."

All the rishis, saints, and prophets in every culture and religion, known or unknown, have presented a steady stream of revelation bridging between the old and the new, connecting the divine and the human, linking the soul and form. Disciples of all traditions working under the inspiration of the Ashram have added to the storehouse of divine energy made available to humanity so that the 4th and 5th Kingdoms have now become mutually invocative. They have made rents in the veils of glamour and let in the light so that humanity can progress and evolve and have been thanked for their efforts by being tortured, stoned, crucified and condemned.

The dominant qualities of Mercury are speed and flexibility, and these influences are especially conditioning our world today; everything is speeded up to a break neck pace, global communication is immediate, travel is fast and information appears instantly and everywhere. Even the standard pitch used by classical musicians is at a higher rate of vibration than it was several decades ago. The tension, universally recognized, is almost unbearable and the air is literally vibrating faster and louder with expectation and change. Its general recognition is an indication that the soul who watches, the divine Observer, is growing in strength and exerting its pull and influence on more and more people. This alone is one of the signs that fusion between humanity and Hierarchy is in process.

Mercury presents what is called the "tendency to struggle" as well as the "tendency to harmony", underscoring the influence of the 4th Ray of Harmony through Conflict, the Ray that conditions humanity as a whole and which will become fully active sometime after 2025. Humanity has had a long and difficult history of struggle and conflict leading to devastating wars and this is the legacy of the "planet of sorrows" on which we live and the result of the karma of the planetary Logos in whose journey we participate. We are all implicated in this karma and the redemptive effort to move beyond the conflict into

harmony is the challenge of our time. It's impossible to look at the news without seeing some kind of conflict or difficulty, so the challenge is to look with the eyes of the soul and "see with the Ashram" how we really are dealing with these challenges.

Every Thursday in the meditation for the Reappearance of the Christ, we spend some time reflecting and speculating on the possible results of the appearance of the World Teacher, known by many names in many traditions. How will the energies of this Great Being affect the center humanity? What are the signs of approach? What can we notice today? How is humanity reacting to the powerful and stimulating influence?

At the Festival of Goodwill, the group gaze onto the principle of the will-to- good is augmented and one can hear the crescendo of voices demanding peace and demonstrating goodwill. As we endeavor to "see with the Ashram", it is clear that the heart of humanity is sound and that the soul qualities of love, inclusiveness and tenderness are valued more highly than competitiveness, aggressiveness and anger. Diplomacy is favored over settling conflict with violence, conflict resolution groups work in every city and restorative justice, a system of bringing together the victim, the offender, and the community as equal partners in the effort to repair the relationships destroyed by crime, is now a well established practice. Quiet pacifists are being replaced by strong and active peace builders motivated by the will-to-good who understand that peace is simply a result of the practice of right human relations and not an end or goal in and of itself.

In his book, *The Better Angels of our Nature*, psychologist and writer Steven Pinker describes in a deeply thorough study, the actual decline of violence in human history over a period of thousands of years. It is an observation of the reality of facts meant to serve and soothe the heart. Through graphs and charts and using detailed scholarly research, he shows how daily life has definitely gotten safer, how violence as a way of life has decreased and that now, we are actually in a period of less violence than ever before. In the immediacy of the present with all the media reports of on-going violence it appears that we are becoming more violent, not less. This is in part a result of the fact that we are more aware of the conflicts and structural violence than we have ever been. It is also true that violence that has been hidden in the past has become exposed. Yet as Pinker shows, the fact is that the role violence plays in the lives of people has been on a steady trajectory downwards over centuries. He writes, "The decline of violence may be the most significant and least appreciated development in the history of our species. Its implications touch the core of our beliefs and values \_ for what could be more fundamental than an understanding of whether the human condition, over the course of its history, has gotten steadily better, steadily worse, or has not changed?"

The twins of Gemini stand as the pillars of Hercules through which the soul passes in its evolutionary journey toward the final unity. The two brothers, one immortal twin and one mortal, stand for the dual principles of spirit and matter, life and form, and regard each other face to face. The power of one is growing as the power of the other is waning, and thus they regard one another. The interplay between them, rapid and mediated by Mercury, is fraught with conflict and tension, but nothing can stop the eventual dominance

of the immortal brother and the ascendancy of the life aspect, which grows ever stronger while the influence of form wanes and dies.

One of the most difficult challenges of discipleship is dealing with the pairs of opposites constantly being presented by the air sign Gemini, and until the personality recognizes the Christ within, the immortal soul, the sense of separation causes much distress and pain. Confusing choices arise which become more subtle over time. Complicated situations must be solved in the light of the soul and with intention for reaching the best outcomes for all. Slowly and surely, through the fires of sorrow and purification, substance is redeemed and the inner light shines forth. While the soul watches the struggle and conflict from its own place, in its own meditation, it showers infinite patience and love on its reflection, and waits for the Christ light and inner life to be recognized and felt.

While representing duality in all things, the ultimate destiny of Gemini is to cause "the resolution of duality into a fluid synthesis." This synthesis is conditioned by the 2nd aspect of love/wisdom, pouring through Gemini and permeating the etheric with the essence of Christ. Perfection of the love aspect is the goal for this 2nd Ray solar system as all things move toward the final unity. Gemini of the air takes us further and deeper into the heart, into the unending rhythm of ceaseless love. We breathe and pulse together the love emanating from the heart of the solar system, uniting us through the heart with the Cosmic Christ at the heart of the Sun. DK comments about Gemini, *This sign controls esoterically the heart of our solar system and thus controls the pulsation of life which sustains all that is. Gemini is, therefore, connected with the heart of the Sun.*

In light of this comment, it is significant why it was Gemini that Christ chose as the time to release the Great Invocation for use by all of humanity. The Christ is the great revealer of love, the greatest example of love, and now, during His Festival, we are brought more deeply into direct relationship with the heart of love. We willingly and consciously breathe love, and become one with the "pulsation of life which sustains us", the endless cosmic rhythm, the boundless cosmic heart. We invoke the energies of light, love and power for use by a needy and suffering humanity. We use the powerful tool of invocation which links Humanity and Hierarchy in a conscious cooperative relationship based on service and the urge to synthesis. We respond to the call to express spiritual will; the will-to-good, and distribute it for the benefit of others. We seek to blend our own will with the Divine will and to aid the Hierarchy and the Christ in their world work of salvation and redemption.

Like the divine messengers that bring hope and inspiration, divine prayers and invocations bridge between the 4th and 5th kingdoms and are the messages humanity needs for the next step on its spiritual journey. They are relevant to their cultures and traditions and to the time in which they exist. They express the highest and best and touch just beyond what we can comprehend with our concrete minds. They unite our mortal twin with the immortal brother and leave us uplifted and purified, growing and glowing ever brighter. The following is a prayer of thanksgiving celebrating the unity of all life and the interconnectedness of all kingdoms. Mitakuye Oyasin, All My Relations, is used in many Native American traditions at gatherings and ceremonies:

Aho Mitakuye Oyasin

All my relations. I honor you in this circle of life with me today. I am grateful for this opportunity to acknowledge you in this prayer.

To the Creator, for the ultimate gift of life, I thank you.

To the mineral kingdom that has built and maintained my bones and all foundations of life experience, to the plant kingdom that sustains my organs and body and gives me healing herbs for sickness, to the animal kingdom that provides clothing, service and loyal companionship in this walk of life, I thank you.

To the human kingdom that shares my path as a soul upon the sacred wheel of Earthly life, to the Spiritual kingdom that guides me invisibly through the ups and downs of life and for carrying the torch of light through the Ages, I thank you.

To the Four Winds of Change and Growth, I thank you.

You are all my relations, my relatives, without whom I would not live. We are in the circle of life together, co-existing, co-dependent, co-creating our destiny. One, not more important than the other. One nation evolving from the other and yet each dependent upon the one above and the one below. All of us a part of the Great Mystery.

Thank you for this Life. We are all connected. We are all one.

In our meditation, we will be working with the keynote for Gemini, *"I recognize my other self, and in the waning of that Self I grow and Glow."*