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PROGRAMME

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AFTERNOON SESSION: EVERYONE WELCOME

13h30 Introduction in French/English Mantram of Unification – in German

Meditating on the laws of the fifth kingdom while living in the fourth – *Kathy Newburn in English* "A united world group given to unanimous and simultaneous meditation ... for the jurisdiction of the Christ.' ... The task is, through meditation, to establish the knowledge of and the functioning of those laws and principles which will control the coming era, the new civilisation and the future world culture. Until the foundation for the coming 'jurisdiction' is at least laid, the Christ cannot reappear; if He came without this due preparation, much time, effort and spiritual energy would be lost.

Do the current tensions in the world have anything to do with the Coming One? – *Marcos Piñeiro in Spanish*

Always in moments of crisis and tension, the cry of humanity has evoked response from the Hierarchy which has come, sometimes rapidly, sometimes more slowly, but always inevitably. In modern history, two such Approaches are recognised as existing on a broad human scale, i.e., the one which focussed through the coming of the Buddha to the Eastern civilisation and that which focussed through the Christ, coming to the West. Another Great Approach is now at hand but its date is dependent upon the activity of the New Group of World Servers and the spiritual tension which they can achieve.

Visualisation - The Path – in French

Why is it sufficient to have the only life intention of preparing human minds and hearts for the reappearance of the Coming One –*Florian Harvey in French*

We are also told that "it is the Will aspect of Love which the Christ will of necessity use this time when He comes." Deeper understanding of this energy and consequently, a more powerful evocation of it should therefore be an integral part of our work in "preparing men's mind and hearts for that event.".

Group Meditation - in Italian

14h55 BREAK

15h25 Affirmation of the Disciple – in Dutch

The Christ and His disciples, the Masters of Wisdom and the Great Companions, are approaching nearer to the physical plane – *Nina Babenkova in Russian*

The work of mental preparation for that event, and the construction of the thoughtform of the advent or second Coming, has now been completed. There remains the precipitation of that event, its appearance on astral levels and its materialisation on the physical plane. I would ask all of you who read these words anent the second Coming, to reserve opinion as to the exact nature of that event.

Group Discussions

Group Meditation –in German Close

17h30 C

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LETTING IN THE LIGHT

I GROUP FUSION

We affirm the fact of group fusion and integration within the heart centre of the new group of world servers, mediating between Hierarchy and humanity:

I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs. May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them. May the strength which is in me lift and aid them. May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.

II ALIGNMENT

We project a line of lighted energy towards the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, the planetary heart, the great Ashram of Sanat Kumara; and towards the Christ at the heart of Hierarchy.

Extend the line of light towards Shamballa, the centre where the Will of God is known.

III HIGHER INTERLUDE

Hold the contemplative mind open to the extra-planetary energies streaming into Shamballa and radiated through Hierarchy. Using the creative imagination, endeavour to see the three planetary centres – Shamballa, Hierarchy, and Humanity – gradually coming into alignment and interplay.

IV MEDITATION

Reflect on the seed thought using the keynote for the conference:

Let the Group dedicate itself anew to the service of the Coming One and do all it can to prepare human minds and hearts for that event. We have no other life intention.

V PRECIPITATION

Using the creative imagination, visualise the energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good pouring throughout the planet and becoming anchored on Earth in prepared physical plane centres through which the Plan can manifest. (Use the six-fold progression of divine Love as the sequence of energy precipitation: Shamballa/Hierarchy/the Christ/the new group of world servers/men and women of goodwill everywhere in the world/physical centres of distribution.)

VI LOWER INTERLUDE

Refocus the consciousness, as a group, within the periphery of the great Ashram. Together sound the affirmation:

In the centre of all Love I stand. From that centre I, the soul, will outward move. From that centre I, the one who serves, will work. May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad, in my heart, through my group, and throughout the world.

Visualise the down pouring spiritual inflow released from Shamballa through the Hierarchy and streaming into humanity through the prepared channel. Consider how these in pouring energies are establishing the "Pathway of Light" for the coming World Teacher, the Christ.

VII DISTRIBUTION

As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the outpouring of Light and Love and Power from the spiritual Hierarchy through the five planetary inlets (London/Darjeeling/New York/Geneva/Tokyo) irradiating the consciousness of the whole human race:

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 centre 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 centre 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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MANTRAM OF UNIFICATION (German)

The sons of men are one and I am one with them. I seek to love, not hate; I seek to serve and not exact due service; I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love. Let the soul control the outer form, and life and all events And bring to light the love that underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight. Let the future stand revealed. Let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone. Let love prevail. Let all men love.

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Welcome to this first session of the Arcane School conference in Geneva. We are happy to be able to be together in person but we are also happy to offer this conference to a wider audience by Zoom. For those of you who join by Zoom, two short remarks.

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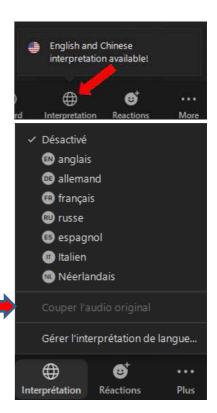
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Hello and greetings from New York. I want to thank Mintze and the Geneva center for inviting me to share a few words with you today. I am grateful for the opportunity to aid in establishing lines of relationship between our three centers which, through each of our spheres of influence, reach out and encircle the entire planet. And those of us who are fortunate enough to be here today working together on the physical plane, have the opportunity to create a lighted center upon the mental plane through which hierarchical energies can flow.

My topic today is "meditating on the Laws of the Fifth kingdom while living in the fourth," which we could say is a definition of the discipleship path through which we begin to govern ourselves by law. There are, of course, different types of Laws, governing at the different stages of evolutionary development. There are man-made laws and spiritual or esoteric laws. These latter laws are those that govern and condition the Logos Himself, our planetary life. These Laws are defined as His modes of expression, His life impulses and His way of existence. They embody His Purpose which He has held steadily over the 18.5 million years when He first came to this planet.

Humanity has free will and determines whether or not it wishes to govern itself under the influence laws, greater or lesser. It's said that the spiritual Laws were given to us by the planet Venus, the planet that stands as the soul to the Earth's personality. These laws were perfect but humanity chose, and are still choosing, to reject them. This rejection extends far back into the annals of our planetary life. It isn't anything new for the attitude of rebellion, the Divine Rebel, is innate in our planetary Life and our Logos Himself and it is this rebellion which causes pain and sorrow which is the nature of the path on planet Earth.

This rebellion and the consequent withering of the law always becomes particularly acute at the ending of the age. This would seem to be a necessary function of the evolutionary process, of the cycles of birth and death, of the dying and crystallization of old forms in order to make way for that which is better suited to the people of the day.

Christ came 2,000 years ago to establish the Law. He came to teach a people weighted down by laws written in stone and demonstrated in His own life the *living Laws*. When we are asked to govern our lives by the Laws of the fifth kingdom while living here in the fourth, we are enjoined to establish within ourselves a simultaneous and unanimous meditation on the eternal Laws and Principles. It is through this work that we can aid in laying the groundwork for the jurisdiction of the Christ. Without this strong foundation founded upon Law, the structure that the Christ is coming to erect would not be possible.

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As we ponder these laws and principles, we see their progressive nature and the important role held by those meditators who stand at the esoteric heart center of the group. This group in cooperation with the Spiritual Hierarchy is charged with implementing the final stages of the sequence – The Law of Spiritual Approach and the Principle of Essential Divinity and through this means all the other Laws and Principles can work out through the medium of the seven ashramic groups. Through the Law of Spiritual Approach held by the group members and focalized during the key points of the annual cycle, the bridge between Hierarchy and Humanity is progressively strengthened leading to a recognition of the oneness of all life forms and kingdoms of nature. Then, through the medium of the group life the interference and disruptions within the divine circulatory flow of energies which have for so long hampered the efforts at the Hierarchy can be overcome.

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Perhaps the Tibetan's highlighting of these Laws and Principles has relation to the group's need to appropriate the energies of Capricorn, the sign related to the Law and initiation and the sign of the age following the Aquarian age. Disciples are always charged with bridging towards the future. Two thousand years ago at the beginning of the Piscean age, the Christ taught his inner circle of disciples the ways of Aquarius embodied in the teachings and ritual enactment at the Last Supper, to which the disciples were invited by a man carrying a pot of water on his head. Now, 2,000 years later the same forward-looking impulse is being demanded of the group.

The discipleship group is ruled, after all, by the planet Saturn which has dual rulership in Capricorn. As we move towards 2025 and the Festival Week period in 2026, we pass through a powerful time of endings and beginnings in the cycles of Saturn with a collective clearing cycle overlapping an influx of new life. Every seven years during the Festival Week the group is impulsed by the influx of the Light Supernal, the light revealed on the mountain-top

through Capricorn, carrying the impulse of the seven ray energies. It would be interesting to consider if the coming age might come under the energy of the first ray just as the incoming age is conditioned by the seventh, Capricorn is s sign strongly associated with the first ray and the influence of the Avatar of Synthesis is providing a channel for the influx of first ray energies.

The dual life of the disciple, the injunctions to meditate on the laws of the fifth kingdom while living in the fourth, should encourage us to follow the way of the early disciples who were closest to the Christ. In His final teaching to the disciples at the time of the Last Supper, He enjoined His group to "be in the world but not of it." He foresaw the challenges which the group would experience as it sought to bring the message of the resurrection life to the world. The success of this small group was only possible through their alignment with the protective aura of the Christ.

Similar challenges still condition disciples today and the Tibetan warned that this work of preparation for the reappearance was fraught with danger "because of the immense and constant antagonism it arouses... in the opposing forces of evil." The Tibetan noted that the primary targets of attack was upon disciples, particularly those who, we might say, are on the frontlines of reaching out to others. But just as Christ's aura protected the early disciples, so, too, are disciples today "marked for protection" and by this he didn't mean to imply that they would be freed from attack but rather that such attacks would arouse no fear. The need for freedom from fear was perhaps the reason why Alice Bailey chose the Sanskrit word *shraddha*, utter fearlessness, as the keynote of the fourth degree in the School. All those who would take up the mantle of preparing people's minds and hearts for the coming events need to cultivate this quality. This is the challenge and the opportunity before us at this important turning point in planetary history.

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- 1. The Law of Right Human Relations.
- 2. The Principle of Goodwill.
- 3. The Law of Group Endeavour.
- 4. The Principle of Unanimity.
- 5. The Law of Spiritual Approach.
- 6. The Principle of Essential Divinity.

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DO THE CURRENT TENSIONS EXPERIENCED IN THE WORLD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COMING ONE?

Marcos Piñeiro Calvelo, translated from Spanish.

Personally, I try to be optimistic and align with the research, thinkers and political flow that holds the idea that never before in the world has there been so much wealth, life expectancy, and democracy.

Among these thinkers I would like to highlight Steve Pinker, the Canadian experimental psychologist, cognitive scientist, linguist, and writer, who in his April 2018 Vancouver TED Talk entitled: "Is the world getting better or worse? A view at the statistics"¹, provided multiple data, statistics, and objective figures, to show that we are in an evolutionary process to the better. A conclusion reached through the comparison of chronological different indicators regarding education, conflicts, hunger, disease or life expectancy.

Nevertheless, I admit that in the six years that have passed since Pinker gave his talk, we can see a significant worsening in some of these indicators. This is due to transcendental global events such as Covid, the Russia-

¹ TED Talk, April 2018. Is the world getting better or worse? A look at the numbers | Steven Pinker. (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCm9Ng0bbEQ&t=18s</u>).

Ukraine war, the situation in Palestine, globalisation challenges, among many other conflictive situations.

To make matters worse, the mass media with the largest share of the audience only display the worst of human beings, news even resorting to Fake News for spurious interests, since good news is not business for them. This is permeating public opinion, feeding back the crises at the same time with more tension and division.

It is worrisome that, as of January 2023, according to the so-called "Doomsday Clock" index, we are only 90 seconds away from Armageddon. The custodians of this indicator cite as reasons for their assessment: the proliferation of nuclear weapons, geopolitical tensions, the war between Russia and Ukraine and the one being waged by Israel in Gaza, biological threats, incipient artificial intelligence, the climate crisis and disinformation promoted even by states themselves.

It is true that when this 'clock' was created in 1947 its starting point was situated at only 7 minutes before midnight. Midnight is the time that stands for the end of all times. The best clock setting was achieved with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1991 at 17 minutes before midnight, and since then it has moved forward or stood still but has never moved backwards. In 2007 it was concluded that climate change is a serious danger for humanity according to the factors measured by this hypothetical 'clock'.

If we take this relative index as a benchmark of the present level of tension in the world, we will discover that the reappearance of the Coming One is more imminent, for: *Ever down the ages, and at every great human crisis, always in the hours of necessity, at the founding of a new race, or in the awakening of a prepared humanity to a new and wider vision, the Heart of God—impelled by the Law of Compassion—sends forth a Teacher, a world Saviour, an Illuminator, an Avatar, a transmitting Intermediary, a Christ.*²

As the Maitreya comes nearer, we can feel the inflow of his energy intensifying, evoking a response in every one of us. I think that energy influx has a direct and proportional effect on the present tension in the current world situation, but at the same time, it is also a generating cause of tension for we are told of the Coming Ones that: *They come in times of crisis; They frequently create crises in order to bring to an end the old and the undesirable and make way for new and more suitable forms...*³

The end of the Piscean era has reached a point of crystallisation of all forms modelled according to Piscean ideals. These forms are performing a great and necessary job, they have contributed to human evolution, but they must disappear, for where they once solved problems, they now cause them. Like the glass that shatters with the sound that resonates it, I sense that the incipient energy of the Coming One will similarly shatter these crystallised forms.

I want to relate some recent critical events to the influence of the Coming One through the occult symbolism present in the Apocalypse of St. John, where it is precisely Christ who is charged with the successive opening of seven seals. It is when the opening of the first four seals takes place that the four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are unleashed riding their white, black, red and pale horses.

Thus, the epidemics that have followed in recent years, from AIDS, Swine Flu, Avian Flu, the spread of Ebola out of Africa, to the COVID-19 pandemic that paralysed the world recently, all relate to the horseman of the Plague.

When, until recently, I read the Alice Bailey books, which on numerous occasions cite the War and its repercussions, I used to overlook these comments, because as a European citizen it seemed to me that she was talking about a reality that was alien to me, as it was already far in the past. Recently I have become aware that when I read those passages again, they seem to be very close even though some conflicts have become chronic and so evade our attention. Other more recent conflicts have a global repercussion and are present every day in the mass media, such as the war in Ukraine, the Israeli-Palestinian situation, and even the possible risk of conflict between China and Taiwan, all of them ride with the Horseman of War.

These conflicts have created a general situation causing higher food prices and the reduction of their availability, representing the Horseman of Famine. All these events, and many more, manifest the presence of the Horseman of Death.

In contrast, we must remember the importance of the proximity of the influence of the Fourth Ray of Harmony

² Alice A. Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, page.10.

³ Alice A. Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, page.8.

through Conflict, for we are told that it will slowly manifest after the coming year, 2025⁴. This date was given to us in 1936 and it seemed to be something very far in the future, but today we are talking about next year! *...the outcome Of the Fourth Ray, when satisfactory, is spoken of as the "Birth of Horus," of the Christ, born from the throes of constant pain and suffering*⁵.

To achieve the establishing of the Harmony that comes with this Ray is what justifies all this suffering. While it is hardly perceptible to the average human being, it should not be so to the disciple, for: *the world disciple, humanity itself, is now deemed worthy of such a testing. This universality of difficulty, in every department of human life and excluding no group, indicates that mankind as a whole is being prepared for initiation. There is purpose underlying what is happening today*⁶.

I believe that the Keynote which opens the book *The Reappearance of the Christ* that comes from the Bhagavad Gita explains and summarises in two sentences the whole issue: *Whenever there is a withering of the law and an uprising of lawlessness on all sides, then I manifest Myself. For the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of such as does evil, for the firm establishing of the Law, I come to birth age after age.⁷"*

The crises and tensions in the world represent opportunities for the evolution of humanity and especially for the disciples that work for the establishment of right human relationships based on group work and service to the Plan.

Thank you very much.

⁴ Alice A. Bailey. *A Treaty on the Seven Rays. Vol I. Esoteric Psychology*, page 26.

⁵ Alice A. Bailey. *A Treaty on the Seven Rays. Vol I. Esoteric Psychology*, page 206.

⁶ Alice A. Bailey. *From Bethlehem to Calvary*, page 28-29.

⁷ Alice A. Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, page 5.

VISUALISATION THE PATH (French)

Sit quietly, breathing rhythmically, and focus your consciousness as high as possible. From this place of silence, you are able to have your mind in leash.

You see the world as in a mirror. And you realise your physical senses to be but illusion. Knowing that nothing remains save the two ahead: intuition and illumination.

The Path you have now trodden leads you from heart to head. And moving along this Path, you know it is not from the path of pain or of pleasure that wisdom comes.

The point of light, seen in the darkness of a winter's night, at first cold and flickering, grows with steady radiance through the blending of the pair of opposites... till the warmth of some blazing lamp comes to the mind of the wanderer by the way.

Ever and ever the radiance grows till the path ends within a blaze of glory, and you, the wanderer through the night, enter within the portals of that radiant orb.

WHY IS IT SUFFICIENT TO HAVE THE ONLY LIFE INTENTION OF PREPARING HUMAN MINDS AND HEARTS FOR THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE COMING ONE

Florian Harvey, translated from French.

We are also told that "It is the Will aspect of Love which the Christ will of necessity use this time when He comes;."⁸ Deeper understanding of this energy and consequently, a more powerful evocation of it should therefore be an integral part of our work in "preparing men's minds and hearts for that event."

Few seed thoughts possess the same charge of conviction and intensity as the one we are working on this year. Consecration cannot be asked for lightly. But doesn't the choice of focusing on a particular goal require an analysis, however brief, of the other goals that then seem to be neglected? Or do we only need to justify that it is enough to have as our sole intention in life that of preparing the human heart and mind for the reappearance of the Coming One?

If we do not need to justify it, perhaps we can clarify our thoughts together. And if we do need to justify it, then let us take the time to think about it together. Ideally, we will be able to reject or approve the idea more completely. It is up to us to look for the keys, mental and emotional, that will release our vehicles more fully into alignment with this grandiose goal.

The Arcane School is not in the habit of trying to arouse in us a vague, mystical calling that we would follow without thinking. A central aspect of our work is to lead the natural development of life and determine for ourselves what is right and good. This thinking clearly frames, if only theoretically, the idea that devoting ourselves to preparing for the reappearance of the Christ is an extension of our own life path. The keynote asks for a singular consecration that applies intimately to each one of us, and similarly applies to the whole of us.

It is not stated in this keynote Who is the Coming One, whether it is Christ as an individual or whether it is the overshadowing by Him of servers or entire groups who would have established a relationship with Him in the atonement of light. It is not specifically stated in the keynote whether we are contemplating the concomitant coming of the Avatar of Synthesis, or of various advanced disciples of the Master of Masters.

But for the purpose of our reflection, it seems that this is not what matters. We recognise through theory, but also intuitively, or have some awareness of it through our meditative practice, that as humans and together as the human kingdom, we represent a certain kingdom, the 4th, and that above the world of human personalities exists the kingdom of the Soul: the plane of light within which the wings of freedom spread. Christ "is the embodiment of freedom, and the Messenger of Liberation"⁹, says the Tibetan. So, to give meaning to our efforts, it is a good idea to identify the point at which our thinking is articulated and define the example of a useful understanding.

We each have something to understand in our own way, we each have a key to forge. But what we can be sure of is that our work does not consist, on the contrary, in the artificial projection of an ideal - in the creation of the puppet of our dreams - nor in averting our gaze from a suffering world - the weakness of our moral cowardice; all the while nurturing a childish and unreasonable hope that from such a posture we will be miraculously saved. Resurrected.

The articulation of our thought must therefore take place, conceptually speaking, on an atomic scale. There, where we come into contact with the last rampart of our separative consciousness. There, where soul and integrated personality can merge into a luminous continuum. This places the mental unit at the centre of our attention. For it is said that it is from this point that the integrated personality is coordinated. "The mental unit is the first aspect of the personality triad"¹⁰.

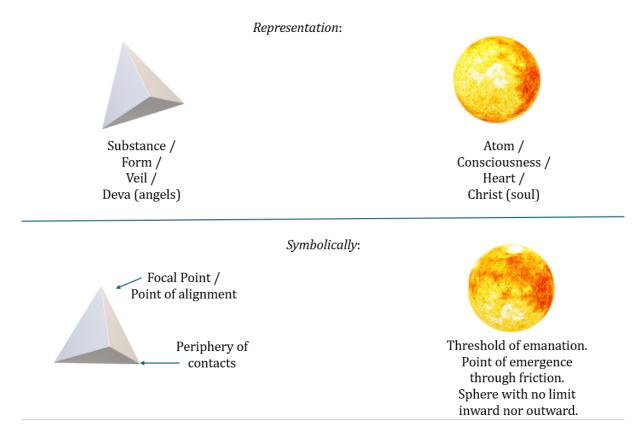
Fundamentally, consciousness is already the Christ, but any consciousness of which the identification remains held within the veils of substance, lacks the freedom of the Spirit. It lacks the ability to hear the lost word of Spirit - it lacks the ability not to be a prisoner but a master of matter. Consciousness - or the soul - as the mid-point between substance and spirit depends philosophically speaking, and where spirit is considered a constant, where the development of the inner entity is left aside, only on the quality of substance.

⁸ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p598 – adapted.

⁹ Alice A. Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p.21

¹⁰ Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p.526.

The Tibetan states that "Every rotating sphere of matter is characterised by the three qualities, of inertia, mobility and rhythm"¹¹. These are "the three qualities of matter itself"¹². When stimulated by consciousness with colour, tone, quality and vibration¹³, matter becomes form and gradually develops the emanation that generates the quality of mobility, followed by radiation, and finally rhythm. Rhythm is of particular interest to us as it enables, among other things, the separation of spirit from matter, the liberation of the essence that is circumscribed by form¹⁴. This effect of separating spirit from matter enables us to discern the difference between self and non-self. This discernment enables correct identification and makes the difference between our actions, skilful or unskilful. This is important for our discussion, and I would like to draw our attention to some rather basic and imprecise diagrams.



For representative purposes, you see two concepts: that of substance and that of soul. Again, for representational purposes, substance takes on a structured or crystallised form. As consciousness is everywhere, the question of the psychic alignment of substance arises. Shapes are chosen here to suggest a symbolic representation of their alignment: the tetrahedron having the focal point of its alignment on the top vertex, and the sphere having an inner and multi-dimensional alignment, or multi-plane if you prefer.

Thus, can we represent the relationship between consciousness and the body. Firstly, in the following way, when we wish to express that it is the environment that conditions consciousness. That it is the *form* of the environment that conditions perception. This is problematic, because when the prism through which knowledge is acquired is skewed, even what is good is misperceived and its meaning distorted. This alerts us to the fact that maya, glamour and illusion must be overcome from within, by the inner being, by projecting the radiation of the will aspect of love.

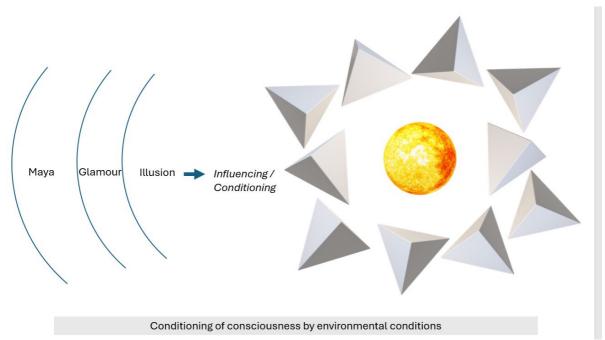
In this representation, the three substantial worlds - etheric, astral and mental - *unduly* condition consciousness, evoke an undue and incorrect response from the consciousness, and this in turn generates the echo that reinforces the veils of the triple glamour that hangs over us, over the human family.

¹¹ Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p.157.

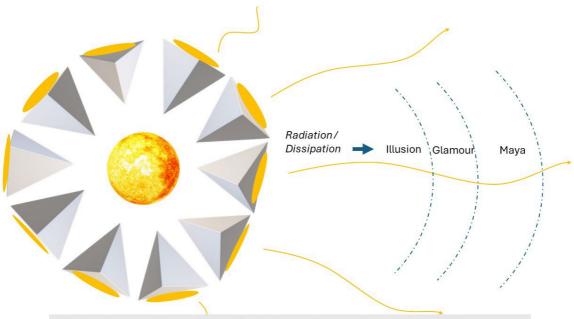
¹² ibid.

¹³ See Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. II*, p.321.

¹⁴ ibid.



In the following representation, the consciousness has discerned the inner call and, through its rhythmic work of reorientation and discernment, has obtained a stabilised alignment in which the vehicles of its consciousness are aligned with its inner being.



The inner being realigns susbtance = leading to radiation from the central point to the periphery

As a result, the inner vibration progresses into externalisation - it is in itself the embryo of hierarchical externalisation, since it comes from Christ contact - and in theory offers a counter-push to the weight of the triple glamour, which will be realised to the extent of its coordination and integration across the planes. This reduces the domination of the inner life by the heaviness of materialism, the enslavement of emotionalism and the fragmentary, separative vision of the concrete mind. The representation of this work is at its most intimate, but if we consider society as a whole in the analogy of our reflection, we see how the human group as such can represent the Christic core, and how the conditions of our lives can represent the substance that is progressively organised down to the smallest detail by the fruit of our service; and of the radiation of the spirit fundamentally speaking.

Discernment of the inner being makes all the difference. It is He who opens the way through the ambient conditions and orders the rhythm and geometry of all creation, so that light is born and dominates.

So, we are eager to prepare our hearts and minds for discerning the Christ. We therefore ardently wish to prepare the human heart and mind for the reappearance of the Christ. Christ will be known and recognised if he is known by the human heart.

That is the crux of the matter. But it is worth emphasising how crucial it is to match our inner work with our *outer* work. The one and the other are one single sequence. The analogy of our atom remains valid as we consider how easily and simply the work and service we render to the world in our daily lives can correspond to the preparation of the human heart and mind. All our actions, rooted in the heart and extending into the three worlds, contribute to aligning and transmitting the redemptive vibration. To this end, I like to use the metaphor of a comb to imagine how each and every one of us combs the fibers of creation through our daily work, so that from inner alignment, the radiation of the soul manifests itself at every point. This inner radiation helps the whole of humanity to open the eye of its heart and feel infused, united and indivisible in spirit.

I think we can rely on the objective facts that, it seems to me, eternally bear witness to subjective realities to assert that we are living in the hour of the emergence of the inner government. We can observe that the substance of the world is becoming ripe to give it shape. Let's see how our telephones and radios bear witness to the idea of telepathy. Let us see how the Internet and 'clouds' bear witness to the idea of reading the Akashic records, or the receptivity of mental consciousness to the cloud of knowable things, as Patanjali put it. Let us see again how artificial intelligence fuses and blends substantial realities, thereby indicating the rips in the veils, underlining the development of astral or mental vision by the masses, and alarming us at our need for direction towards the Real. So, let us see how we are now entering an age of energetic freedom under the symbol of nuclear fusion. Fusion, even in prototype, already brings us together. It testifies to a fundamental reunion between substance and the atom, and to the idea of a "sublime marriage carried forward with conscious intent between the positive soul and the negative and receptive form"¹⁵.

Let us see how our collective understanding and integration, our elucidation of the continuum of spirit within the veils of substance, subplane by subplane, produces revelation¹⁶. It is also worth noting that our narrative thread has led us from the amalgam between consciousness and matter to its continuum. These are not the same thing.

Allow me to draw two conclusions.

Firstly, we wish to prepare the human heart and mind for the reappearance of the Coming One, for this is our path of life. It is the path to life more abundant for everyone. So, it is an individual approach, and from there a group approach. This is where our joy is born, this is where our path is ordered. And we recognise that our piercing to the heart of consciousness does not fundamentally restrict our choices, but opens up a wide periphery of possibilities in service.

Secondly, we wish to prepare the human heart and mind for the reappearance of the Coming One, because we are driven by a deep love for humanity. We understand that right individual discernment, and especially the discernment and radiation of groups, makes the inner light more evident to everyone. And that this creates a relay of light towards suffering human consciousness. Thus, it is together that we will release the water of life to a thirsty world.

For all this, we dedicate our actions, we reaffirm our intentions, and have no other purpose in life than to prepare the human heart and mind for the reappearance of the Coming One.

Thank you.

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Group meditation: Letting in the Light

(Italian) See pages 4-5

¹⁵ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 628.

¹⁶ Which leads our thought to formulate that the consummation of comprehension is revelation.

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AFFIRMATION OF THE DISCIPLE (Dutch)

I am a point of light within a greater Light. I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of Love divine. I am a point of sacrificial Fire, focussed within the fiery Will of God. And thus I stand. I am a way by which men may achieve. I am a source of strength, enabling them to stand. I am a beam of light, shining upon their way.

And thus I stand.

And standing thus, revolve

And tread this way the ways of men,

And know the ways of God.

And thus I stand.

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THE CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES, THE MASTERS OF WISDOM AND THE GREAT COMPANIONS, ARE APPROACHING NEARER TO THE PHYSICAL PLANE

Nina Babenkova, translated from Russian.

The mystery of the Cosmic Christ and His disciples, the Masters of Wisdom and Great Companions is symbolically described in the Ancient Archives as: "And descended the Dragon of Wisdom, and with Him a Host with Diamond Souls... Along the paths strewn with stars of the Gods – towards the birth in other forms He came, unlike the Gods, yet akin to them; resembling a human, but more than a human; 'I am the first,' He said, 'and I am the last, and We are one'. From Darkness came forth Light. From Death arose eternal Life. It is accomplished."¹⁷

In these lines, the Path is revealed along which the Cosmic Christ comes to man, and the path through which man can one day realise Christ as the potential of a new cycle – the Angel of Light within himself. He came as a flower of the past, assuring man of the unfolding of innate qualities and providing a vision of the next step, demonstrating the light of the soul, and pointing towards the future, realising on Earth the cosmic principle of love. It is here that the miracle of the work of the Christ, the Lord of Love, enters our consciousness. He showed with utmost clarity that the love expressed by Him was an aspect of the will.



Each Avatar from past world epochs fulfilled a similar function in relation to the human races He came to enlighten. These divine Approaches come at those great cyclic moments when humanity is in need of divine revelation to rise further on the evolutionary ladder. Avatars appear in response to urgent requests. They are interested in the subjective expansion of consciousness and stimulating humanity as a *whole*.

Eons passed on Earth until, as a result of the First Great Approach – individualisation – the human kingdom emerged. The Second Great Approach revealed through the mystery of the Christ the spiritual Path of Love and Sacrifice towards God. The two Great Approaches prepared humanity for the Third Great Approach, which will bring a new revelation, the appearance of the World Teacher. What could the new Good News be? We do not know. Perhaps it will be revelations of Universal Life and a New World Religion correlated with discoveries of occult science: the mystery of electric fire of the divine will-to-good, the mystery of initiation into the Life of God, the recognition of the nature of universal Love. As students, we strive to open the consciousness of the Ego. Can we expand the boundaries of mind to encompass an awareness of universal Love? Listening to the Voice of the Silence, we realise and contemplate the revelation that has been spoken: "love in the Monad demonstrates a measure of cosmic love, and embraces much that is outside the solar system altogether... love in the Ego is love in the solar system, and all that it contains. Love in the Ego gradually develops from love of humanity into love universal – a love that expresses not only love of humanity, but also love of the deva evolutions in their totality, and of all forms of divine manifestation."¹⁸

The Law of Evolution is carrying planetary life along the ascending arc of the new Cycle and cosmic, universal, planetary streams of energy, Aquarian energy, maximum solar activity, which according to Archaic manuscripts – "can serve as evidence of the awakening of the power or fire of Compassion, which represents a new creative or evolutionary impulse"¹⁹ – are having an impact on humanity. These incoming energies are setting planetary life on a new, inconceivably turbulent, stimulating and inspiring rhythm and pace.

The "stage of the Forerunner," preparatory and probationary in nature, is rapidly approaching its completion. All Masters, initiates, disciples, and aspirants associated with the Hierarchy are currently going through a cycle of great activity. Divinity has always been present in physical form, and members of the spiritual Hierarchy have openly guided the affairs of humanity. The executors of the Plan affirm: "The Hierarchy… annually and daily

¹⁷ H.P. Blavatsky, *Theogenesis*

¹⁸ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p.593.

¹⁹ H.P. Blavatsky, *Theogenesis*

approaches humanity... The Hierarchy stands and works." The focus of this work is on the *consciousness aspect* of all forms; in doing so, the Hierarchy can express itself through streams of thought and ideas, thus imprinting hierarchical concepts. According to the Tibetan Teacher, the construction of the thoughtform of Return is almost complete. What are the directions of the preparatory hierarchical work of Return? One of the most important aspects of the reappearance of the Hierarchy on the physical plane is the transformation and adjustments within the Hierarchy itself, caused by the alignment with Shamballa, the establishment of a closer connection with Humanity, and the restoration of methods of physical expression. The Teachers are preparing for the task of external activity and intensifying their work on the astral plane. More and more people are becoming sensitive to Their presence and are becoming aware of it, with an increasing number finding their way into groups of disciples.

The work conducted by Shamballa and the Hierarchy for humanity is also aimed developing at group consciousness and forming numerous groups. At the present time the mediators in the hierarchical work of salvation and service are the mystical and occult groups of aspirants, disciples, and initiates, all those who actively spread spiritual knowledge, who manifest love in action, who bring the message of the Coming of the Christ and the need for the work of Purification, listening to the sound of *the proclamation:* "It is the Fire of Love which He will bring; ... He will impart the fire which burns and destroys all



barriers in man's nature, all separating walls between individuals, between groups and between nations."²⁰ Are we, as individuals, as disciples and aspirants, ready to expose ourselves to this fire and to inspire our fellow human beings?

Increasingly, we observe in the world examples of souls expressing themselves among politicians, businessmen, economists, ecologists, scientists, journalists, who are ready to expose themselves to this fire. They carry out important work of purification: they resist autocratic power, corruption, false propaganda, proclaiming human rights, personal freedom, even at the cost of their own freedom and lives. In doing so, they pave the way for that group of disciples and initiates who will be Builders of a new world and a new civilisation. The second group will be their successors, and their task will be a more harmonious preparation for the return of the Christ. The first group prepares humanity for this favourable opportunity; the second group prepares for the return itself.

Along with this, the influence of the energy and radiation of the Lord of the Seventh Ray is steadily growing, which conditions the first initiation and the birth of the Christ consciousness, which causes chaos and confusion in the world. As "graduates of painful endeavour" of the planetary school Earth, "the adjudicators between the polar opposites," humanity "is said to undergo examination upon the third subplane of the astral plane."²¹ The 'carnal' man (according to the initiate Paul) struggles with the spiritual man, and each strives for control. The 'carnal' man, in the harsh conditions of the world crisis, in the birth pains of the new consciousness, learns to distinguish and make the right choice between spiritual and material values, between war and peace, between autocracy and democracy, religious separation and the unity of religions, between spiritual and selfish use of artificial intelligence. At the same time, the inspired voice of spiritual seekers is heard, whose key words are: spiritual

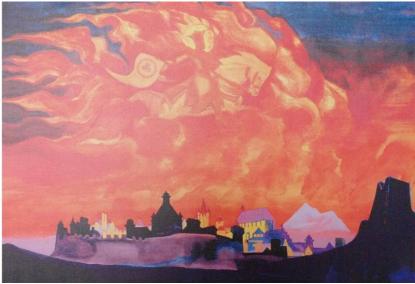
²⁰ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I*, p.722.

²¹ Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p.1178.

values, spiritual choice, the need for change, awareness, transition, while brightening the consciousness of the 'carnal' man.

The approaching Hierarchy is observing the changing consciousness of humanity and looks forward with hope to the right choice and expression of man's free will as his divine right. We are encouraged that when the "Christ Consciousness" and true freedom spread on Earth, totalitarianism, both political and religious, will come to an end.

Now that the Conclave of the Hierarchy in 2025 is approaching, it is perhaps important to see the possibilities that can come from this Council. The world esoteric group, as the 'forerunner' of the Christ, is deeply aware of the vision of the possibilities and responsibility in preparing human minds to accept the "fact of the inevitability of the



Second Coming of the Christ", to revive the thought-form of the New World Religion as a Religion of Love, and to creatively solve the Problems of Humanity.

At the same time, it is important for us not only to be aware of spiritual realities, but also to be dynamic participants, manifesting ourselves through creative service, avoiding the "traps of intellectualism". The Units of service of Goodwill also contribute their part to the unified work of preparing for the Return of the Coming One. I will tell you about this using the example of our exoteric group of the city of Yeysk, consisting of students who graduated from the Arcane School. As people of good will, we once wrote an appeal to the government at the time, as well as to the G20 summit: "We urge you to abandon isolation, fomenting national egoism and competition... We urge you to wisely distribute the world's resources. We urge you to change the attitude of peoples towards the priority of spiritual values over material ones."

Now, reflecting on the foresight of the Hierarchy: "Out of Russia—a symbol of the world Arjuna in a very special sense—will emerge that new and magical religion... which will justify the crucifixion of a great nation, and which will demonstrate itself and be focussed in a great and spiritual Light."²² We are working with concepts and visualisation of a "New World Religion. The Religion of Love," inspired by the vision of the Russian heralds. Russian mystics who perceived the hierarchical impression, i.e. Daniil Andreev in the book "The Rose of the World," and Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich in the book "The Religion of Love," described their vision of the "shining of the Sun of Truth," representing an example of synthetic thinking: "The Religion of Love, based on the law of Love, must replace all faiths and turn today's "servants of God" in His active staff. Who and what should we love? The Supreme power – God, not with words, not with adulation and servile grovelling, but with thoughts and deeds of love for all equally... We must love the whole world, because we are an inseparable part of it, realising at the same time that we have descended from a Higher Power and will return to it only when we become an independent, self-conscious, strong-minded person..." (Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich Romanov).²³

May the golden thread of the "Sun of Truth" lead us into the treasury of our own soul, where we will learn to unite with everything that breathes, perceive the vision of the whole as far as it is available to us, and work in accordance with the approaching Hierarchy of Light Bearers, inspiring our fellow men with the joy of preparing for the Return of the coming Angel of Enlightenment.

"Let humanity constitute your field of service, and may it be said of you that you knew the spiritual facts and were a dynamic part of these spiritual events; may it not be said of you that you knew these things and did nothing about them and failed to exert yourself. Let not time slip by as you *work*."²⁴

²² Alice A. Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations*, p.61.

²³ J. Virek, *The Soul of the Grand Duke*.

²⁴ Alice A. Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p.760.

DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS Road map – Saturday Group Discussion

This year we propose three questions to reflect upon in small groups. Each group should speak in one common language. We suggest that each group assigns a 'rapporteur' who will summarise the conclusion of the discussions. Instead of a plenary session, we suggest that the rapporteur sends a written summary to Geneva headquarters. All summaries will then later on be shared by email with all participants.

Here at the venue please organise small groups speaking a common language.

If you participate by Zoom, you will be automatically assigned to a group of the language you prefer. To make the assignment easier, please add the language initials to your name (i.e. EN=English, FR= French, IT= Italian, ES= Spanish, DE=German, NL=Dutch, RU=Russian). The language groups will meet in so called "break out rooms". If for some reason you can't be automatically assigned to a language group, we will allocate you dynamically during the zoom broadcast. Once the breakout rooms are activated, please confirm the pop-up menu to enter the breakout room.

We suggest that you discuss one (maximum two) of the following questions:

Question 1

What are the main needs or actions that have to take place to make the reappearance of the Coming One possible? Do you see any of these needs or actions taking place?

Question 2

How are the East and the West coming together to unite humanity's thought forms and actions towards the forming of the consciousness of the one humanity to prepare the reappearance of the Coming One?

Question 3

Love, as an energy and as consciousness is essential to create right human relationships in the world so that the Plan may unfold and help the effort of the reappearance of the Coming One. In what ways do you see Love manifesting in the world today? What can be done to increase the flow of Love energy and consciousness in the world today? Many manifestations are exoteric too, can you identify them?

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Group meditation: Letting in the Light

(German) See pages 4-5

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CLOSE OF THE DAY

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