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PROGRAMME

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AFTERNOON SESSION: EVERYONE WELCOME

13h30 Introduction –in French/English

Affirmation of the Will – in Portuguese

The reform of the world religions through the introduction of common sense and progressive ideas – Peter Peuler in French

Much of the work to be done, therefore, will be purely economic and will concern the right feeding and the development of a true security for millions who—for many lives—will not be interested in matters esoteric. The reform of the churches of the many world religions is another aspect of the same work, requiring no occult information but the introduction of commonsense and progressive ideas into theology, and the shift of the ecclesiastical emphasis from material values to the spiritual.

The Plan and the reappearance of Christ. Discerning the signs and how to collaborate therewith
– Sietske Hooijen in Dutch

But to do this within the Plan and at the same time to recognise the basic synthesis in which we live and move, the disciple must learn to analyse, discriminate, and discern those aspects, qualities and forces which must be creatively used in the materialisation of the intuited Plan, based on the sensed vision. We might well ponder on this rapport between the man, and the Hierarchy, via a man's own soul. The Hierarchy exists in order to render possible in form that sensed Plan and divine Vision. To produce this emergence of truth, the man stands also at the midway point, and in handling the great dualities of life, must produce the new world.

Visualisation - The Music of the Spheres – in French

The spiritual effort of developing oneself into a vibrant and powerful centre of fundamental, universal love – Gabriele Körber in German

There is no light or dark to the soul but only existence and love. Rest back on that. There is no separation but only identification with the heart of all love; the more you love the more love can reach out through you to others. The chains of love unite the world of men and the world of forms and they constitute the great chain of Hierarchy. The spiritual effort you are asked to make is that of developing yourself into a vibrant and powerful centre of that fundamental, universal Love.

Group Meditation – in Spanish

14h50 BREAK

15h15 Affirmation of Love – in Ukrainian

Lifting the pitch of mass consciousness so it can welcome the love principle into daily life –
Giuseppe Piazza in Italian

The work of pouring out the principle of love (which is the Christ principle) and of lifting the masses in their consciousness to the pitch where they can understand and welcome that love-principle is the main work of the new age, and it will inaugurate the age of brotherhood and mould humanity into the likeness of the Christ. That the oriental peoples may call this great Official by another name than that of "The Christ" has no bearing on reality and alters not the fact of His influence and His esoteric coming.

Group Discussions

Group Meditation –in English

17h00 Close of the Conference

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MEDITATION

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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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this second and last 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, again two short remarks.

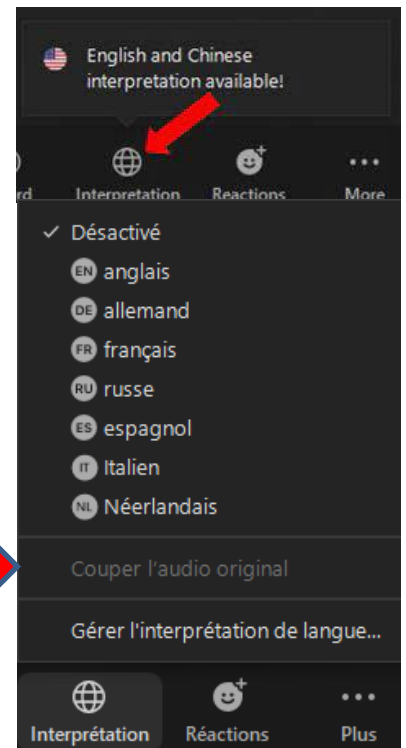
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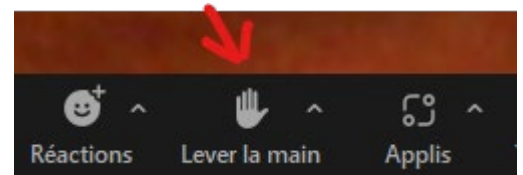
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AFFIRMATION OF THE WILL

(in Portuguese)

In the centre of the will of God I stand.

Naught shall deflect my will from His.

I implement that will by love.

I turn towards the field of service.

I, the Triangle divine, work out that will

Within the square and serve my fellowmen.

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THE REFORM OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF COMMON SENSE AND PROGRESSIVE IDEAS

Peter Peuler, in French.

Hello friends,

Last year's keynote on the will as an expression of the Law of Sacrifice gave us a good preparation for this year's work on preparing for the reappearance of the Christ by raising and stimulating human minds and hearts to be sensitive to the emerging Plan. The Plan itself, being characterised by light and love, seems to be quite simple, yet its application certainly requires much wisdom, patience, and skill-in-action on the part of all who wish to be of help. No where is this more evident than in the field of religion. Religion, as the human approach to that sensed something greater than what the senses and mind reveals, must evolve with the general evolutionary development of all inhabiting this planet and beyond. In general, religion seems to be dragging its feet, and in many senses preventing human beings to progress both mentally and spiritually. Let's take a few moments to reflect together on some ideas which the world religions could focus on which would bring them into greater alignment with what the Plan requires.

Science and religion must stop seeing each other as opposites. Advances in science are proving beyond all doubt that all within our planetary system is connected, interdependent, and in constant motion. Separation simply is not how life works. The individual unit is an integral part of a greater whole. By adopting this fact, religions can open up to whole new approaches to the development of moral and spiritual qualities. Helping others and the reducing of selfishness just makes plain good sense. By helping others, we help ourselves, and vice-versa because the realisation comes about that we are all in this together. This leads naturally into the idea of cause and effect. Since everything is connected, everything effects everything else. By adopting this idea, individual religions can see themselves as part of the interconnected whole, contributing its own particular gift to the overall approach of Humanity to that something greater.

Death, and the fear of it, hangs over the head of Humanity and is the cause of much suffering and frenetic activity in order to avoid it. Religions must take a new approach to death and can look to nature to have examples of how death and rebirth are natural parts of life itself. The idea of reincarnation can be introduced in a scientific way, devoid of glamour, and as a simple corollary to the law of cause and effect, the law of cycles, and the law of group progress. Life and death, as opposites, must be taught to be an illusion. Birth and death are the opposite sides of the same coin, both within the context of Life itself. This basic idea could pave the way for a reduction of materialism and the notion that one must get all one can because life is short and death ends all. Death, and its relation to punishment in the afterlife, can be de-mystified by simply explaining that cause and effect is the way a system based on Love works. Freedom and justice go together and form the basis of the law of Karma. The idea of the the law of cause and effect helps to break down that gap between where one finds oneself and where one wants to be. Religion can help to eliminate the suffering caused by guilt by replacing it by regret. The Dalai Lama remarked that the word 'guilt' does not exist in Tibetan, and that regret is a normal attitude when one evolves and looks back on where one has been.

A few years ago, the theme for our annual Conference was, 'Let livingness emerge for all to see'. This seems to be a topic which must be stressed by today's world religions, and is certainly in tune with modern scientific thinking. This theme of livingness goes well with the increasing creativity which is emerging in all parts of society. Religions must encourage experimentation and creative expression as ways of participating in God's Plan. They must encourage self-reliance and confidence on the part of their followers in the creation of right human relations. We know that creativity is linked to the expression of sensed purpose, that Active Intelligence is related to Will and Purpose, and that the two are linked by Love. God Immanent must now be the focus, God Transcendent having been well-anchored in the Age of Pisces. God Immanent naturally implies the cultivation of empathy and the expression of compassion for all fellow planetary beings who suffer. The fusion of the heart and mind is a topic which the world religions can stress, and be on the forefront of modern philanthropy and the wise use of money energy to bring about right relationships in all fields of human living.

The idea that 'energy follows thought' can help the world religions modernise their thinking and be of greater usefulness. Prayer, worship, and invocation/evocation are a large part of religious practice and can usefully be linked with the law of cause and effect and scientific method. In the late 1980's, I gave a layman's talk on the nature of money to the local United Methodist Church in the United States during a Sunday worship meeting. I then found myself on the church's financial committee. I took this opportunity to introduce to the group the Sunday special meditation on the 'Evocation of money for Hierarchical Purposes'. Keeping in mind the injunction

to 'modify, qualify, and adapt the Plan', I modified certain words like 'spiritual purposes' instead of 'hierarchical purposes', 'Christ and His Church' for 'Hierarchy', etc. I found the committee very open to this meditation when divorced from any mystical approach and presented as a mental exercise which required both head, heart, and the will-to-do good. The Tibetan reminds us that the need is for creative solutions to Humanity's problems of separatism and the gulf between those who have too much and those who have too little. The churches must stress the goal of a simple, decent life for all human beings before lofty spiritual concepts can be introduced.

The nature of invocation and evocation is a topic which the world religions could clarify. Followers could be instructed on the power of invocation, and how this can be a powerful tool for bringing about group solutions to group problems. Yet they should be instructed that care should be taken when using the power of the heart and head. That which is invoked does not always come when the invoker desires. The tale of the sorcerer's apprentice is based on knowledge and the scientific use of energy. Humanity must assume its role within the planetary whole as the creative centre. When Humanity prays and invokes light and love, light and love does not come flowing downwards. What flows downwards are impulses which create opportunities to develop light and love. Opportunities are the gifts; crises are the gifts to develop the creative tools to bring the Plan of Light and Love to fruition. The world religions must make this clear.

Working with science, the world religions can become the experts in the Science of Approach and the Science of Impression. They can become the moral compasses to guide and work with science to create right planetary relationships. The science of the building of the antahkarana requires both the head and heart approaches, both science and religion utilising the will to move forward into contact with that which lies ahead. A common language must be developed which reflects the growing subjective synthesis which reveals how life is and how it works. One basis for this common way of looking at life could be electric fire. Science is rapidly discovering the electrical basis of the universe, and religion has always evoked the fiery will of God and that God is a consuming fire. The time has come for both science and religion to help Humanity bridge in consciousness to the buddhic plane where love is seen as pure reason. Our work together prepares the mental plane for this evolution.

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THE PLAN AND THE REAPPEARANCE OF CHRIST. DISCERNING THE SIGNS AND HOW TO COLLABORATE THEREWITH

Sietske Hooijen, translated from Dutch.

What does that mean ... The Christ?

For many, this name refers to the Avatar Who is coming.

In the book *The Externalisation of the Spiritual Hierarchy*, much is written about the possibilities of Who that Avatar could be; what his status could be and what could be achieved therewith.

This information is interesting but gives too much room for fantasy and puts the focus of many on this coming Avatar, giving names to ever new stars in the heroic firmament, distracting us from concentrating on the return of the Christ.

There are many brothers and sisters who play an important role in the invocation of the reappearance, devoting their entire lives, even their deaths, to the restoration of the Plan on this earth. We all know great heroes of the past and present. Let us honour, appreciate and thank them and make them examples of strength, vision, and heroism, but focus on what our own contribution can be in bringing about what is called The Reappearance.

The Christ I want to discuss here is the all-encompassing state of consciousness that reaches from Shamballa to Humanity. All of us, though for many not yet consciously, are part of that Christ waiting to manifest. This requires clarity on how these developments are an existing reality and not a vague possibility that cannot be verified or proven. We will have to recognise the texts, the possibilities, the manuals, and the advice given to us as 'literally to be understood and comprehended' as the path, the way to get there where soul and personality become integrated and can be absorbed into the consciousness of the Hierarchy, of which we are actually a part; in which we 'live, and move and have our being'. All this while living our daily lives in matter, 'the Field of Service where we work out the Will of God in matter'.

We can move from the lowest to the highest level of consciousness, by moving mentally to do so. Then we can be one with all our group brothers and thus be one with the Planetary Centre; the Heart of God, from which we perform our duties and which we never leave. We are fundamentally cosmic energies, intent on returning to

where we came from. If we dare to place ourselves mentally in the Light of that Centre, we are Weavers of the Light of Samat Kumara and thus one with Him. That is how we come to that much-needed synthesis, where the reality is experienced of the Transcendent as well as the Immanent God. The God who is present in the universe as well as in humanity; where He, through vast numbers of soul-infused entities, places His Energy of Love in everyone's heart and provides guidance in all facets of human existence. Therefore, from the Hierarchy, the Centre of His Existence, Christ calls on both Shamballa and Humanity to come into one total alignment, releasing that extra-planetary sound, creating space for the arrival of the Avatar so eagerly awaited worldwide.

That is what we call the Reappearance of the Christ on Earth.

This requires that two-thirds of Humanity be integrated with the soul, their soul, and therefore with the universal soul, to such an extent that they are the soul-infused majority of us, The Human Being. It is through these soul-infused individuals that soul energy settles on Earth with in their wake members of the Hierarchy, from high to low, whose job it is to guide and confirm this entire event. Partly due to the influence of current developments and the great suffering that is upon us and that will expand and deepen, people in large numbers will be invited to that almost automatic 'call upwards' to ask for mercy, understanding, compassion and help, creating an inner attitude of hope, expectation and receptivity for the reappearance, the unification with the Hierarchy, although for many this image and possibility of synthesis is not consciously experienced.

The transition we are now in to make this huge turnaround will bring chaos, misery, suffering, destruction and people will die in large numbers, but not perish. This great human mortality that we must expect now and in the approaching near future, is a doorway to achieve group initiation of enormous proportions, which is part of the Plan and for which Humanity is ready.

We must grow, evolve, get ready for this coming enterprise, for it is by the response of humanity that the moment of reappearance is determined.

It is, as predicted, that by the climax of this long-awaited and supreme event, all that is hidden will be revealed, all lies will become known, all evil will emerge from its dark recesses and reign supreme and manifest itself in all its evil expressions.

It will be up to us to join all our forces. Not to lose hope and confidence, but to orient and focus on our creative and mental capabilities to defend ourselves and thus form a response to all this violence.

For, although the 'best intentions' are being deployed, we see how on all fronts the battle between good and evil is intensifying. We see how science, technology, innovative creativity is developing at a pace faster than we can comprehend and of which we have to wait and see whether it will turn for the better or for the worse. Therefore, the quality of 'intuitive seeing' becomes indispensable to stay in line with the purposes of the Hierarchy and in harmony with the Plan, because God's plans also inherently involve suffering and destruction of what has crystallised, and which therefore makes following the 'straight path' and maintaining trust very difficult.

All this can develop if knowledge of the function and value of meditation is taken into account, through which the method of invocation and evocation will emerge worldwide, which will be the basis for the New World religion. We are at the beginning of these foreseeable planetary developments, which will lead to the further construction of the Antahkarana and the consequent identification with successive planes of consciousness from the first conscious contact with the soul to the ascension into the Divine Will. The experience of all this will be mentally coloured and visible in all aspects of human life; art, philosophy, psychology, religion, politics, science and education, some of which will take on a totally different appearance or even disappear and others will increase in importance. Light and darkness will come into clear opposition and humanity will gain insight into what justice is and how it stands in contrast to separateness on a global scale.

The Hierarchy that will establish itself on earth through our relentless invocation but also through their own call towards humanity, will hold sway, working through to all realms of nature through which the expression of the divine Plan is truly achieved and through which a lifeline develops along which Love and Life of God moves between Him and Us. The Centre of the Will of God spreads into the cores of all bodies down to the smallest, from which it follows that we ourselves are a cooperating organ of Will pixels. The concept of Self then becomes an all-encompassing revealed reflection of that Divine Will, visible in atoms - individuals - humanity - planet.

All that is We Ourselves.

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VISUALISATION
THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES
(French)

Sit quietly and focus your consciousness as high as possible.

From that place of silence all earth vibration is hushed, and the strivings of your lower mind are brought to rest.

Then you become aware of a strong intention to listen to a note from out of the environing ether.

And while you are silent, quiet, and calm within, seeing all by means of light divine, you will hear that sound that strikes in colourful vibration upon your inner sense, and you know that a point has been achieved that marks a great transition.

Watch then, O Pilgrim, for the coming of that hour.

Know when the tone of a purified Sound steals through the misty dawn, and softly strikes upon your ear.

And soon the inner hearing will become expanded feeling and will give place to sight and perfect comprehension.

And you know that in the rhythmic tone of sounding of the music of the spheres lies secret revelation.

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**THE SPIRITUAL EFFORT OF DEVELOPING ONESELF INTO A VIBRANT
AND POWERFUL CENTRE OF FUNDAMENTAL, UNIVERSAL LOVE**

Gabriele Körber, translated from German.

Dear friends,

First of all, I would like to thank you very much for the invitation to this year's conference and the associated opportunity for this talk. Geneva is the headquarters of the United Nations in Europe, and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is also based here, as are many other "heart projects" of humanity. The Geneva Centre of the Arcane School also represents the heart centre, and it is therefore a special pleasure for me to speak on a topic that immediately made me think of a loving, radiant heart whose life energy flows into the hearts of all living beings.

The keynote of this talk refers to the spiritual effort to develop oneself into such a vibrant and powerful centre of fundamental, universal love. Spiritual effort essentially aims at the establishment of right human relationships, the promotion of good will and ultimately the consolidation of true peace on earth¹. This goal, however, still awaits its global realisation and it seems to be a long way off at present.

Today's world situation is characterised by profound divisions, conflicts, and unrest; humanity is going through the birth pangs of a new age with all the difficulties and torments that this entails. Due to the strong development of the intellect, it is perhaps the most difficult phase that humanity has ever had to struggle with on its long path of development.

Generally speaking, the problems of humanity contain the same obstacles and difficulties that stand in the way of soul realisation and union with the soul as those encountered by the individual on the path of discipleship.

¹ Alice A. Bailey, *Problems of Humanity*, p. 168/169 (adapted)

They are larger in scope than the conflicts of the individual, but in essence they are identical and require the same methods of resolution to overcome them. In the search for constructive solutions, the necessity of spiritual effort is clearly demonstrated to us, because problems can never be solved with the same way of thinking that created them, as Albert Einstein once very aptly put it.

This spiritual effort is an active process of disciplined self-training that requires a new alignment of the whole lower human being so that he is no longer subject to his sensory illusions and can find the thread that leads him out of the labyrinth of lower perceptions into the bright light of day. This involves the transformation of astral and emotional energy into feeling and the energy of love, as well as the need to elevate personal perception to group consciousness. Spiritual effort also requires the development of the ability to control the mind and make its functions available for service. We continuously direct our gaze to the inner subjective reality and recognise the interconnectedness of all life. We first come into contact with the world of meaning and later with the world of causes.

When we achieve this, we no longer act in vain in the world of phenomena, which is always only an expression and consequence of past actions. The doctrine of the heart is therefore fundamentally necessary for the life of the spirit, because the heart consciousness touches the causes and is not concerned with effects. All sacred scriptures emphasise that cultivating a selflessly loving heart is necessary for spiritual development.

In the Aquarian Age we learn the lesson of world service. The task of the New Group of World Servers is to influence the human family with a new ideal of cohesion, confidence and a vision of a liveable, peaceful future, so that right human relationships and the promotion of peaceful co-existence can emerge. In the face of the accumulated chaotic crisis situations, humanity is now faced with the opportunity to take a decisive step forward. The New Group of World Servers, as the visible representation of the second aspect of Love-Wisdom, can bring about the manifestation of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good, thereby enabling humanity to take this step.

Love is described as the fundamental force that permeates, connecting and holding everything together; love is the law at work on all levels in this second solar system². As part of unity, we are therefore also one with all of God's fullness in the consciousness of omnipresent pure love. Love is inherent in human beings, because deep within us we are connected to this omnipresent love of God.

Love is the highest power both in unity and at the same time in individuality, because it is the direct connection to the source, to God, to the Father. Love has its dwelling place in the heart; the heart is the dwelling place of God, it is the love-wisdom quality of the soul, the Christ principle. Man comes from Love, he lives in Love and Love carries him back to the heart of the Father. Love is the ability inherent in the present. It is the hidden energy of the planetary Logos, which man must make use of by concentrating it in his heart centre and thus applying it³. Love is the wielding of the force which guides the worlds, and which leads to the integration, unity and inclusiveness which impels even Deity itself to action. It is very difficult to cultivate because the selfishness inherent in human nature is so strong and it is also often mixed up and misunderstood⁴. Any consciousness that is not grounded in pure love fails to recognise this fundamental reality and stands on the slippery slope that leads to the abyss of the great heresy of separatism.

Real love is not possible without freedom, because it is only through freedom that the true essence of love is created. It is difficult to apply to all conditions of life and demands the utmost that a person has to give; it requires the suppression of his selfish personal activities. Developing a loving heart is therefore by no means an easy task. We ourselves continually express – consciously or unconsciously – the quality of love according to our respective stage of development, thereby confirming the statement: “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.” Love needs reason in order to be applied correctly, if it is not to express itself as a mere surge of emotion or clumsy compassion. Head and heart must work with equal strength.

Every human being has both a masculine and a feminine nature. The masculine or positive side manifests itself as those qualities that express reason or respond to reason, such as discernment, self-control, keen judgement. The negative or feminine nature expresses itself through feelings such as love, compassion, kindness, mercy, joy. However, if reason lacks feeling, it becomes calculating, harsh and prejudiced; if feeling lacks reason, it becomes

² Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 594 (adapted)

³ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 877 (adapted)

⁴ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Volume I*, p. 10 (adapted)

blind passion. In an ideal person, these two sides are perfectly balanced⁵. The wisdom of the Buddha merges with the love of the Christ to form a single divine expression of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom.

It may sound paradoxical, but the benefits of selfless love are immeasurable. Precisely because a person gives everything out of selfless love and expects nothing in return, he is showered with great blessings. Selfless love leads to the experience of the power of Love in its occult meaning; it is pure joy and cannot be disappointed because it is permanent and constant. Selfless love opens the heart, it allows us to experience the riches of heaven, it leads us to the love of God, to the experience of God and to the experience of unity.

We can give loving power to others by tapping into the source of all Love ourselves. In the sutras of Agni Yoga we read that the heart is opened by striving towards the Spiritual Hierarchy and that only the heart finds the way to the centre of Light and Love. The heart is a flaming magnet that is not only the most important physical organ of the human being, but also the spiritual focus and the main centre that establishes the connection to the Higher World. A cultivated heart protects us from mistakes, dangers, errors, and deviations. The courageous heart radiates blessings continually⁶. The more we love, the more love we can bring down to the physical plane and radiate it into all our human relationships. Our feeling knowledge of the one human family will strengthen our will to love and continually deepen our love for one another.

Disciples who sincerely endeavour to follow this call will be able to realise this true love through their fiery, radiant hearts. They do this not only by striving towards this ideal, but every step, every word and every deed of theirs continually expresses the fruits of their spiritual effort in their daily lives. In a united group effort, they develop, together with their group companions, into a vibrant and powerful centre of fundamental, universal love, constantly bringing down to earth those light and loving energies that foster good will, initiate right human relationships and create the longed-for peace in the world.

Thank you very much!

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Group meditation: Letting in the Light

(Spanish)
See pages 4-5

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⁵ *The Bhagavad Gita*, commentary by Paramahansa Yogananda, chapter 1, verse 27 (adapted)

⁶ Helena Roerich, *Agni Yoga, Heart* (adapted)

AFFIRMATION OF LOVE

(Ukrainian)

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.**

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LIFTING THE PITCH OF MASS CONSCIOUSNESS SO IT CAN WELCOME THE LOVE PRINCIPLE INTO DAILY LIFE

Giuseppe Piazza, translated from Italian.

Humanity, in its attempt to prepare a better future in alignment with the Plan, is at a crucial juncture in its spiritual evolution between two lines of energy: on the one hand, the forces of the Lords of the Left Hand struggling to bring mass consciousness into a blind alley, where selfishness and pride create separateness. On the other hand, the Grand White Lodge which seeks to graft a decisive impulse into humanity, the *united will*, in order to prepare the return of Christ in sensitive hearts and renew the consciousness of the masses by bringing peace, social justice, collaborative relations and equitable distribution of natural resources.

Having overcome the distinction between the needs of the individual and of the masses, we are now, all of us, called to respond to the call to take part in the experiment of keeping alive the *spark of light* in our consciousness, promoting and arousing the *spirit of expectation* among men and women, with an attitude of aspiration and devotion. To those who still doubt the need for the work of spiritual preparation, one could answer, following the advice given by Blaise Pascal with his well-known 'wager', that in uncertainty, it is always better to focus on the positive alternative of divine existence, rather than on attachment to material goods. Accepting the challenge means becoming pioneers and attracting the attention of Those (the Masters of Hierarchy) who are watching over the quality of our choices of Service at this moment. The result of such work always depends, in the first instance, on the individual in relation to the degree of responsiveness of his mental instrument to the higher spiritual world and to the quality of the energy of his thoughts. It is important to practice healthy spiritual discrimination, skimming good thoughts and choosing the right motive. One of the dangers is that thoughts respond only to external phenomena, rather than to the Soul, thus not finding suitable material to build the abode for the Master. Each of us has, thanks to the free will, a great responsibility to define the intrinsic quality of thought-forms with which to clothe consciously contacted ideas. If we were to express our thoughts boldly and clearly, according to the divine love of the greater good, the expression of spirituality would pass from the primitive level of the individual, to the love of one's own family, to the point of desiring to direct spiritual good towards humanity.

The masses have always been attracted and have sought to imitate the heroic deeds and bravery of those who have demonstrated spiritual qualities of the Soul. The very term *Animus* in Latin brings us back, in addition to the meaning of Soul, to the concept of courage. We find a valiant example to imitate in the myth of Hercules. In fact, we are all called to become heroes in daily life, disciplining and harmonising our thoughts, according to an inner vision oriented towards the principle of Love, going through crises and reliving, *like Christ, the experience of the desert*, in which in the search for calm and solitude "He saw what he had to do"⁷, so as to embrace the Will

⁷Alice A. Bailey, *From Bethlehem to Calvary*, p. 102.

to Good. In the New Age, the heroes who will embody the example of the spiritual man will be the educators with the greatest spiritual experience. Their task will be to lead the masses, raising and recognising consciousness as part of a *greater whole*. Through the Science of Education of the New Age, a process will be generated in which the values of unity and synthesis will be the pillars of the lives of individuals and cooperation will overcome all selfish boundaries. Such an experiment will bear fruit if it succeeds in instilling in the masses that attitude responsive to the idea of the General Good. No longer governed by the fluctuating winds of the astral plane, individuals will be led to develop the ability to work from the mental plane in alignment with the energy of love from the Soul.

If such evolutionary process indicated by the Masters becomes a valid foothold for the individual who is climbing the Mountain Path, then it can also be a valid foothold for his fellow travellers. United, all roped up, together and only in group formation, will it be possible to reach the highest peaks! Before setting out on a journey, with introspective work, it will be necessary for each individual to take a good look inside his backpack, learning to discriminate and consciously discern what is good from what is not, freeing himself from useless things. Travelling lightly, abandoning the ephemeral and useless astral ballast of self-pity, depression, offended pride, criticism, judgment, general discouragement, remaining stuck in the quicksand of the past or being anxiously projected towards the future. It is a journey where each one will be called, as a Soul, to participate with harmlessness and responsibly in the construction, in the here and now, of the best possible instrument and channel for the transmission of divine light, maturing a sensitivity to cooperation and recognising oneself as group souls working with joint inner mental effort. To this spiritual progress and to raising *humanity to another rung of the ladder in a greater light*, the Hierarchy is working, calling for spiritual contact with the world of souls, thanks to the New Group of World Servers, capable of absorbing and transmitting knowledge and wisdom from the subtle levels to all disciples who work subjectively in groups, in every nation and all over the world. From such synergistic and intermediary work between spiritual souls and humanity, we will learn to abandon old attitudes and habits of mind, to form a new vision that will bring spiritual solutions to the problems of humanity, and to express a *living ethic of goodwill* in daily life. The Masters invite us to reflect on what our contribution to the Service of the Plan might be. In particular, on the quality of inner work through the use of meditation, the understanding of the divine plan and pouring out love towards one's neighbour, in the awareness that, "as the Scripture says, we are putting down roots below, in order to bear fruit on high."⁸

Starting with the Cornerstone represented by the love of the One to Come, other stones will be needed to build up and raise the consciousness of the masses. A job where, *with a strong hand and an eye that sees far away*, we will see new possibilities. Thanks to a spiritual motive of good, having faith and continuing vigilance, we will become persevering seekers of precious stones, discovering more and more *the essence* of spiritual ideals and values. Once we have found these precious stones, with an impersonal spirit, we will be aware that only by donating them will it be possible to receive others and then donate them again, in a virtuous circle. By following these cycles of rebirth, the appearance of everything will be altered by the light of the Soul. This will lead to the awakening of consciousness and a new way of communicating: from *heart to heart*.

"Watch your thoughts if you want to transmit only those of the best quality,"⁹ is the suggestion conveyed by Master Morya. Choosing this Way is to open the doors of occult understanding beyond the earthly meaning of things, to discover (with wonder!) that the dividing line between the macrocosm and the microcosm is only imaginary. Thus, in times of crisis, by treading such a path, it will be possible to rekindle one's joy around the Fire of Sacrifice, and with a fearless spirit, transmute darkness into Light. The masses will be swayed by the rhythm of this tide, and unstable thoughts will be swept away by the current of the higher will and the power of creative imagination. We can see, on a global level, glimmers of this spiritual renaissance of the consciousness of the masses: witness the many forms of altruism and constructive engagement on the part of men and women, influenced by the light of goodwill in action, gathered in the more than 7000 voluntary organisations accredited to the United Nations. Group work, in all spheres of service, will therefore become the preferential channel of the Masters, through which it will be possible to raise consciousness, precipitating the soul principle into everyday life. Individuals from every corner of the Earth will vibrate in unison, and cooperation with the Hierarchy will become closer. The work will be addressed, with particular attention, to young conscious people who will learn to understand the difference between the seed of selfishness and that of the common good, and small signs, such as a hug or a loving gaze, will resonate as a cosmic value. Let us continue, therefore, together, in the certainty that the future will be revealed to us!

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⁸ Alice A. Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 27. (adapted)

⁹ *Fiery World volume 2*, Morya, sutra 240.

DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS
ROAD MAP – SUNDAY 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

As the vast majority of humanity does not think in esoteric terms, what ideas should be at work or are at work from an exoteric point of view that are helping to create the right conditions for the reappearance of the Coming One?

Question 2

Divine will is also manifested as Love in action: How does the increase of the Will energy manifest in our planet today? How are current events manifesting and creating right human relationships in preparation for the reappearance of the Coming One?

Question 3

The improvement of relationships in the human family is the necessary and indispensable basis, in preparation for the return of the Coming One. What is the factor or activity that you feel needs to be changed in humanity today, so that the spiritual Plan may be realised?

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Group meditation: Letting in the Light

(English)

See pages 4-5

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CLOSE OF THE DAY

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