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PROGRAMME

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AFTERNOON SESSION: EVERYONE WELCOME

13h30 Introduction – *in French/English*

Affirmation of the Disciple – *in Dutch*

The relationship between Purpose and Vision – *Michael Galloway – New York HQ*

With these two divine trends (towards synthesis and towards the vision) the Hierarchy is at this time primarily occupied. Their watchwords are unification and sight. For humanity, these developments will produce the integration of the soul and the personality, and the awakening of that inner vision which will permit a flash of the Reality to enter into man's consciousness. This is not a flash of his own divinity, or a sensing of God as Creator. It is a flash of the divinity inherent in the Whole, as it works out a vaster scheme of evolutionary process than any hitherto grasped or sensed by the keenest minds on earth.

Sensing the vision and directing it through right thinking – *M. Dolores Hernández García in Spanish*

Then, having sensed the vision and glimpsed a fraction of the beauty (how little men see is astounding!) in your hands lies the opportunity to bring down to the mental plane as much of the plan as you possibly can. Nebulous and faint at first is your grasp after it, yet it will begin to materialise. Seldom at first will you find that you can contact it, for the vision comes through the medium of the causal body and few can hold that high consciousness for a long time. But the struggle to apprehend will lead to results, and little by little the idea will seep through to the concrete levels of the mental plane. Then it becomes a concrete thought, something that can be definitely visualised and appropriated as a basis for thought.

Visualisation - THE SPIRIT OF PEACE – *in French*

Goals of the group as guidelines to express the hidden vision – *Agnès Barbier in French*

Yet the quality and the nature of the vision which is God's own vision, dream and thought, have held His purpose steady throughout the aeons and have motivated His creative processes. Great Sons of God have come and gone and challenged us to follow the light, to seek the vision of reality, to open our eyes and see truth as it is.

Group Meditation – *in German*

14h50 BREAK

15h15 Affirmation of Love – *in Italian*

What is the relationship between consciousness and the quality of hidden vision? – *Olga Sokolova in Russian*

As we train disciples, we seek to develop in the occultist mystical awareness and, in the mystic, practical occult knowledge. Your vision can be on high levels, and that is where you, as a soul, must consciously walk. That vision must, however, be brought down to a lower level of consciousness.

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 express the Quality of the Hidden Vision.

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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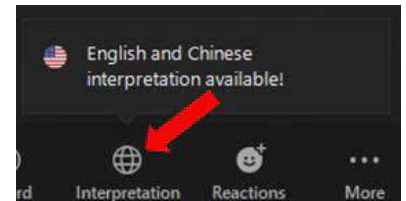
INTRODUCTION

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.

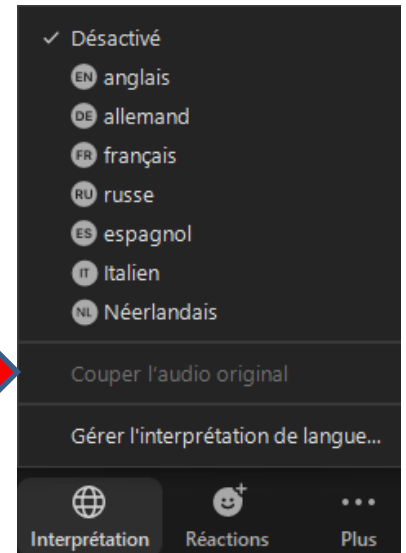
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AFFIRMATION OF THE DISCIPLE

(in 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, focused 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 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PURPOSE AND VISION

Michael Galloway, New York HQ

The Tibetan writes that the Hidden Vision referred to in this year's keynote is "God's own Vision of His Purpose." These two themes—Vision and Purpose—therefore deserve some special attention. Both are consequential to the evolution of the macrocosm (the whole) and the microcosm (humanity or the human being). In fact, they are central to the entire cycle of manifestation in its two phases of involution and evolution as well as the ultimate goal of both which is *the development of consciousness itself* through the medium of objectivity and a return to source. An examination of the interrelation of these two concepts reveals a great deal about the goal before humanity in the coming cycle, and the role that the disciple and the discipleship group can play in support of this work.

Esoteric Philosophy teaches that Purpose and Vision are not just psychological traits or cosmic attributes—they are the fundamental dynamics of spiritual evolution. Together, they shape the entire arc of becoming. We could say that they are the Father and Mother of evolution: Purpose is the divine Will to become, while Vision is the divine Light that knows. The dance of these two fundamentals serves as the basis for the evolution of all that is, every life, every form—the Self which evolves through the medium of Consciousness, and the evolution of Consciousness through the experience of (or as) Self.

In Esoteric Philosophy, self is the principle of identity and consciousness is the field through which the self is known. Self is the subject, and consciousness is the medium of awareness. During involution the self is veiled by form, during evolution the self casts off these veils as limitations. This leads to realization.

The development of consciousness can also be known as "the progressive unfoldment of the knowledge of Reality." It is an awakening to what has always been present but previously hidden because unknown. The revelation of this hidden knowledge of reality is the evolutionary goal not only of man but also of the greater Life of which our planet and all life forms on it are the outer vehicle.

If we proceed in the occult manner, working from the universals to the particulars, we can trace the dance and interplay of these two fundamentals (Vision and Purpose) from their involutory beginnings at the birth of Cosmos down into fullest objectivity in man, and upwards again as the evolutionary cycle proceeds towards fulfillment. An examination of these archetypes in the macrocosm supports the cultivation of a depth of meaning, right perspective, and therefore power in our work.

In Esoteric Philosophy, the origins of consciousness can be traced all the way to "one absolute Reality which antecedes all manifested, conditioned, being" called Parabrahman or simply "the Absolute". This Absolute is devoid of all attributes, because beyond relativity itself. As the "rootless root" it is the source of all being as well as non-being. It contains all within itself and as such is Absolute Consciousness, yet because undifferentiated and unmanifest, it is also unconsciousness for consciousness implies limitation—something to be conscious of and someone to do the cognizing. Absolute Consciousness contains the cognizer, the cognized, and the cognition "all three in itself and all three one." It is termed "darkness that is absolute Light" because totally impenetrable to anything finite. It cannot be known in any sense, and antecedes Mind entirely. At this stage, Esoteric Philosophy teaches that both Vision and Purpose are present but in an undifferentiated state, as latent possibility: latent consciousness and latent will.

At the dawn of manvantara, a singular Ray radiates from (or within) the Absolute. This is the First Logos. Vision and Purpose here remain undifferentiated, but no longer latent. Purpose is born, but it is a purpose unexpressed, simply the impulse to move from formlessness to form. This archetypal impulse is the root of abstract Law, what Blavatsky calls "the tension of Becoming within pure Being." Vision, also undifferentiated, is said to be like a "still eye that sees nothing, but determines all." Here, Vision is pure direction; Purpose is will-to-manifest. From the singular Ray of the unmanifest emerges Father-Mother or the semi-manifested Second Logos. Here, consciousness awakens as "the first act of vision within divine potential." This is said to be the subjective root of Cosmic Mind—the archetype of all things, the Ideal World. It is the beginning of differentiation, what Blavatsky calls the "first-born light of consciousness that shapes cosmic order from within." The will to manifest becomes articulated, conscious Will, the directed intent to manifest. Vision becomes Divine Ideation; Being sees itself before it thinks the universe into existence.

The final stage of emanation sees both Purpose and Vision become the active and creative power which gives birth to the entire Cosmos. With the fully manifested or Third Logos, undifferentiated Consciousness becomes

the numberless intelligences, giving rise to space, time, causality, number, and form. The subjective Vision which was the archetypal blueprint in the Second Logos becomes enacted, applied Vision in the Third. Vision here becomes the entire matrix of form and order—the Laws of Nature, Karma, and the numberless Hierarchies. Purpose which was the will-to-create of Pure Subjectivity in the Second Logos emerges into Objectivity as the power to evolve. This power expresses as Fohat, as involution and evolution, and as the development of Consciousness writ large. It is the driving force behind the unfoldment of all beings and Being itself. In manifestation, Purpose fulfills the Vision and Vision guides Purpose.

Within our Planetary Scheme, Purpose and Vision take on more familiar context. The Purpose of that great Being Who ensouls our Planet, Whom we call the Planetary Logos, finds a focal point of concentrated manifestation in Sanat Kumara who is His incarnation on Earth. Sanat Kumara is an embodiment of this Purpose, and he is also the power which unfolds It in time and space, and through the various grades of conscious lifeforms which comprise our planetary whole. This includes the mineral, vegetable, and animal kingdoms, Humanity, the Devic Hierarchies, the Spiritual Hierarchy, and the exalted Lives who surround Sanat Kumara and form Shamballa, the center of Purpose “where the Will of God is known.”

Sanat Kumara knows and sees the evolutionary goal of all Life on Earth in its fullness. He holds that Vision “until the last weary pilgrim has found his way home.” This great act of Vision on His part creates an archetype or blueprint which serves as a perfect reflection of the Purpose, one which can be projected in time and space. Sanat Kumara holds this Vision, this Blueprint, in His consciousness with such power that “the entire Hierarchy and humanity are swept into cooperation with it.” His Vision literally creates a magnetic field within our planet into which all souls are drawn. We might even say it forms and sustains the Hierarchy itself.

The unerring Eye of Sanat Kumara is what anchors “God’s own Vision of His Purpose” within our planetary life. He sees, and the process of evolution on our planet is maintained. We could say that the Spiritual Hierarchy acts as the transmitting lens through which this Eye functions—an intermediary body which serves as both transmitter and interpreter of the Will and Purpose of Shamballa. Through Hierarchy, the Hidden Vision of God becomes visible and possible to implement. Hierarchy safeguards the integrity of the Purpose and ensures it unfolds progressively.

Humanity is the lowest point or anchor of Divine Purpose in time and space. It has free will and therefore maintains choice in all its creative work. Humanity modifies, qualifies, and adapts the Plan as it works it out in form. Its ability to do this well requires that its vision and will be aligned with the will and vision of Hierarchy. Humanity is a creative agent, but it builds things “patterned as they are in the heavens;” it is a divine intermediary between the Plan and its manifestation. Human will and vision must become Hierarchical will and vision externalized.

This is the basis of the truth that the Kingdom of Man is, in its ideal state, the Kingdom of Souls made flesh. This planetary consummation is achieved, at least initially, through the well-known process of soul-personality alignment and integration, a process which is rapidly going forward today. The ability to see and vision the Plan is based on soul vision, freedom from glamour, mental discrimination, and a strength of mind which is guided by the courage of the heart. The right development of the will is based on sacrifice, selflessness, fearlessness, and insistence on moral alignment in all one’s actions even (and especially) when difficult.

Disciples and all those working within the New Group of World Servers vouchsafe all of these qualities by embodying them and standing as beacons of light on the path, guiding the way forward. Those who possess any measure of true subjective knowledge also bring through a depth of meaning and truth in their work which injects livingness, vitality, inspiration, and direction into the otherwise ordinary and mundane. Today there are many disciples in incarnation, and the membership of the New Group of Servers is stronger and more numerous than ever. Through these servers, the Hierarchy is externalized day-by-day and moves ever closer to Humanity. Though confronted with many challenges, today humanity is for the first time becoming “loudly invocative” and is exercising not just goodwill, but also a measure of the will-to-good. We might say that many millions of years of karmic tribulation, moral failure, and the resultant spiritual desperation has been a process of germination whereby the seeds of divinity inherent in humanity have been prepared to one day blossom into the mature flower of spiritual man.

Humanity now prepares to extend the first early shoots of spiritual growth from that seed into the fresh air and sunlight of a new Aquarian dawn. Soon, it will take its first steps *consciously* upon the spiritual path, a path of integration in which soul and personality will become one fully objective and functioning unit on the physical

plane. With the will of the soul aligned, awakened and in command of its form, and with the eye of the soul “in action”, the shackles of desire and ignorance can be cast off, and humanity’s real spiritual work, its spiritual service to the evolving Life of our planet can enter a new phase of focused and conscious endeavor.

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SENSING THE VISION AND DIRECTING IT THROUGH RIGHT THINKING

M. Dolores Hernández García translated from Spanish

Spiritual or esoteric vision is the flow of Divine energies from higher dimensions perceived in awakened cerebral consciousness. It is the response of the Higher Triad, the Spiritual Hierarchy and the Planetary Logos that descends to Humanity when we raise our consciousness and request help in a sincere and focused way to collaborate with the Plan.

Our invocation is a spiritual call that generates a release of Ideas, the unifying Bonds of Love and the Divine Purpose that penetrate, through the faculty of perception to impress, experience and respond on the part of the Soul or spiritual Consciousness in the lower bodies of manifestation.

To perceive the vision is to grasp and experience the Unity of the Cosmos, the interrelationships of all aspects of the One Life that includes all beings, all life currents and all things, transforming knowledge into Wisdom. Through the vision it is possible to come into contact with different planes of the Cosmos, grasping the unified structure of REALITY.

To direct the vision through right thinking is to create meaningful links between the individual and the Unity, the celestial and the earthly, the higher and the lower, to generate LOVING AND INTELLIGENT ACTION.

How is spiritual vision developed?

Spiritual vision is progressively revealed, as we awaken and activate the internal faculties of perception of realities beyond the phenomenal world, so that the lower bodies become receptive to higher energies, thus developing:

- a) **Idealistic perception**, the perception, in the concrete mind, of Divine Ideas, the archetypal patterns contained in the Mind of the Divine, created as a model for its expression and realisation in matter, directing the evolution of Humanity, the Planet and the Cosmos.
- b) **Intuition**, the perception, in the emotional life, of the sensations of the Divine Heart of:
 - Plenitude, Purity and Goodness towards all forms that make up manifestation.
 - Desire to manifest through Matter that originates, drives, nourishes, integrates and merges with its attractive and creative power.
 - Unity in the diversity of forms that constitute its Body of Expression.
 - Invocative Power that commands, from within, the individual Life to manifest the bestowed Gift of Love, impelling each being towards the self-realisation of a profound, impersonal and pure commitment to the service of the One Life.
- c) **The perception of Being**, the reception of Divine Will as:
 - Specific group purpose and its link with other groups.
 - Purpose of the Ray to which the Ego belongs.
 - The Plans of the Planetary Logos and the dual Purpose in its relationship with the complementary Planetary Scheme, as centres of force of the Solar Logos.
 - Plans of the Solar Logos involved in the Purpose of a Higher Cosmic Entity, of which it is one of its centres of force.

To achieve this, an arduous process of connecting and aligning the personality with the Soul is necessary: a constant, conscious, self-determined and self-realised process of affirmation, reorientation and internal reorganisation, via the mind, which links and fuses the forces of the lower bodies with the energies of the Soul and the Monad (the Antakarana), turning us into a CLEAR CHANNEL that correctly reflects the Higher Energies. We develop this process through:

1. **Daily esoteric meditation**, time and space that we dedicate to:

- 1.1. Affirmation of one's spiritual identity and the consecration of the personality as a vehicle for the expression of the spiritual Soul.

- 1.2. Alignment of the personality with the spiritual Soul and integration of the unified Thinker with the personality and the Life aspect of the Individual Spiritual Entity.
- 1.3. The connection of the mind absorbed by the Life and the Will of the Thinker with the Heart, the **universal organ**, the sacred space and sphere, receptacle of cosmic energy, capable of opening itself to the energies of the Subtle Worlds and the energies involved in the unfoldment of the Divine Purpose to be expressed by the personality through Service.
- 1.4. The perception, registration, interpretation, comprehension, assimilation and development of the occult vision. The highest spiritual energies are received and establish a **relationship of tension between feelings and creative thoughts** thus allowing the vision so that the higher energies perceived by the personality, establish a coherent and unified mental, emotional and relational lifestyle, with meaning, purpose and wisdom.

Through a process of will and conscious mental activity that uses the power of thought, it is possible to integrate the concrete mind and the higher mind and unite them at the heart centre, through concentration and reflection on what the heart appreciates of the perceived vision. This integration will lead to the manifestation in everyday life of the abstract ideas and truths that the mind has grasped and now directs with clarity supported by the divine will. The fused head and heart transmute the infinite Cosmic Ideas and Truths of the abstract mind into a living Truth experienced in time and space, into Sacred Knowledge, a profound understanding of the Self.

The constant practice of meditation allows us to develop the mental capacities of attention, concentration, discernment, discrimination, reflection, decision. Meditation allows us to experience Love as an **experience** of the Reality of the bonds of connection that unite all the constituent aspects of the One Life with the Divine Purpose. In this way the disciple acquires the awareness of being citizens of the Universe in order to self-realise a way of life anchored in Purpose and group work.

2. **The life of Service**, realised as a state of consciousness and natural manifestation of inner Light and Love, as conscious and free citizens of the Universe, leads us to discover our role within the Plan, working as responsible Custodians on all planes and in all spheres, to co-create Beauty, the Common Good and Harmony with and in matter, radiating Divine Love through thoughts and actions that contribute to the unfolding of the Plan.

This Service, under the direction of the Spiritual Hierarchy, is aligned with the needs of Humanity and the Plan. This service allows each person and each group the opportunity to learn and develop capacities and possibilities to collaborate in the Divine Purpose.

3. **Spiritual discipline** purifies the lower bodies to progressively raise their vibration, eliminating that which hinders us from the expression of higher spiritual energies.

The reception of more Love and Light, the inspiration and guidance with ideas, values and ideals through the hidden Vision produces profound changes and transformations, both inner and outer, in Humanity. For example:

1. In our own individual lives, with an ever-deeper sense of purpose that impels us to consecrate our physical, mental and emotional life, reorienting our energies towards the interest in and search for the Common Good expressed through the hidden vision of the group.
 - **Reverence, Gratitude, Peace and Joy** present in the Love, Truth and Perfection of Divine Creation that links us to the Christ and the Hierarchy.
 - **Belonging to and participation** in the One Life resonating through all that is, as Sonship to the Fatherhood of the Source of all realities, present everywhere and beyond all multiplicity.
 - **Brotherhood** with all human beings, forming the One Humanity, and with all beings on the Planet, recognising the unity of all forms.
 - **Spiritual relationships** of belonging and **devotion** in work and learning groups as a complete surrender of oneself to God and a desire to SERVE and live spiritually, projecting consciousness along the lines of the spiritual Hierarchy.
 - **Overcoming limitations** in everyday life, through a movement in group unity towards the Higher Worlds to participate in the process of manifestation of the Divine Purpose.

The vision compels us to live in service to Humanity, radiating Light and Love, inspiring and stimulating the evolution of the Soul of all beings with whom we come into contact and strengthening the groups in which we work.

2. In the expansion of collective consciousness to broaden the vision that accelerates the evolutionary process of Humanity and the Planet. Right human relations strengthen the connection and cooperation with the Spiritual Hierarchy, participating in the manifestation of the Divine Will.

Group invocation. By focusing and concentrating intention and consciousness on the same purpose, the group generates a cumulative energy that becomes a powerful call, a magnetic field that attracts higher energies, facilitating their impact on Humanity and the Planet according to the group's ability to express the quality of the hidden vision.

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VISUALISATION
THE SPIRIT OF PEACE
(French)

Breathe calmly and align yourself with the soul, the spiritual self.

Link up, in thought, with all the servants around the world who are working to establish right human relations and right relations between the different kingdoms.

Visualise the planet with the five Planetary Centres (London, Darjeeling, New York, Geneva and Tokyo). See them as 5 radiating centres.

Next, see the many capitals of countries around the world, like points of light spread across the 5 continents. Each capital represents the centre of the head in the living organism that is a nation.

Visualise lines linking the capitals of the world to the five planetary Centres, creating a luminous network of relationships.

Finally, see the five Centres radiating more strongly and illuminating all the networks, conditioning the capitals of the world in the direction of right relationships.

As you do this, reflect on the following invocation:

*Let the Forces of Light bring illumination to mankind.
Let the Spirit of Peace be spread abroad.
May men and women of goodwill everywhere meet in a spirit of cooperation.
May forgiveness on the part of all men and women be the keynote at this time.
International unity is a necessity.
We can achieve world peace if we recognise
all human beings as one big family.*

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GOALS OF THE GROUP AS GUIDELINES TO EXPRESS THE HIDDEN VISION

Agnès Barbier, translated from French.

Yet the quality and the nature of the vision, which is God's own vision, dream and thought, have held His purpose steady throughout the aeons and have motivated His creative processes. Great Sons of God have come and gone and challenged us to follow the light, to seek the vision of reality, to open our eyes and see truth as it is.¹

In this ever-moving system of galaxies, what possibility or chance do we humans—just one kingdom among so many others—have to see or even perceive the vision of God, His project, His intention? The Elder Brothers urge us to be seekers of Light, to find the path leading thereto and then to bring it into expression.

Far from the divine source, our gaze searches—it turns toward the surrounding world. Our eyes observe the plant kingdom and its instinct to orient itself towards the Light, symbolising an expanded spiritual consciousness. Instinct, the dictionary gives the following definition: an innate and powerful tendency common to all living beings or to all individuals of a species. Instinct, this vital reaction of preservation inherent to all elementary life on the planet, is known in our dualistic world as a force of attraction and repulsion—toward light or matter—with the intention of preserving spirit or form. Perhaps we can conceive of instinct as the innate aptitude or intelligence of substance to modify and adapt itself to the conditions of the external environment as well as to internal stimuli, while retaining the memory of these. If we apply the term *substance to consciousness*, we can, through attention, discover the hidden stimuli that animate, alter, and characterise it.

By monitoring our behaviour, we adopt the attitude of the Observer. By withdrawing consciousness to the inner plane, we emulate the attitude of the Creator by directing the force from above downwards. By using the intellect, we learn to understand ourselves—our mental, emotional, and vital reactions to the objective world. This current focus of understanding our psychology often overlooks the deep play of our instincts—those forces of Nature that shaped our bodies and endowed them with the capacity to experience and perceive by means of the senses. The intellectual person knows that constant focus of consciousness on a point engenders a concentration that not only brings discernment but also leads to discoveries and the attainment of higher degrees of consciousness.

This voluntary return to the forces that blindly direct us—projecting the light of the mind upon them—evokes the work of Hercules who had to pass through the Eighth Gate and confront the Hydra with nine heads, one of which is immortal. Hercules, the upright man, had to kneel in the mud and with courage lift the Hydra into the air and into the light, to devitalise the heads and then cut off and place the mystical immortal head—symbol of the soul—under a rock, image of the higher will or Spirit. Focusing our attention on this world of forces, perhaps we may see the mythical serpent formed by fiery movements of matter and its subterranean activities—the seat of our instincts and the guardians of our fears. Here clearly arises the vital goal of sublimating and transmuting our instincts into their higher correspondences—in other words, the redeeming of our fears, our desires and attachments. The concentrated, attentive and voluntary consciousness of man on the physical plane must rise and cross the fields of the lunar forces of matter, sensations and doubts, that hold him here below if he wants to know the Light. Projected ever higher, it crosses the threshold of a new world, that of its quest and its hope. Freed from his gross senses and from the earth (weight) of his notions and concepts, in this luminous space the “I” sees, knows and understands, just as he once had heard and was touched in his innermost being. Identified with consciousness, he experiences the not-death, the not-multiple, the not-illusion while retaining the sense of individuality. His spirit contemplates the Light, the subtle world of the soul—the Real. In contact with this Great Spiritual Entity that is both in front of and yet within himself, he feels connected through the heart and head to This living, radiant Sun.

The activity of this light, like a flow of fiery water, floods his heart and transmits to him a fraction of the Love-Wisdom of God for Humanity, this Humanity of which he is a cell and which engages his responsibility. Upon returning to form, consciousness knows that the *self* and the *Self* are one and the same, that it has rediscovered the universe of its origin—the true world, the Kingdom whose nature is light and love, this Universal Earth common to all kingdoms. It understands that there is only one life, that forms and transient phenomena result from the vibratory activity of its nature, and that natural and spiritual laws are two aspects of one and the same law. Without words or qualifiers, allowing his earthly life to be imbued with light and love, the person knows the Path has been found. That through his thoughts, his words and his actions, secular life and this part of instilled wisdom will form only one joyful life—even though much remains to be done, and clouds may gather.

¹ Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology*, Vol. II, p. 237.

The enlightened person is not an entity advancing for personal gain—he always remains connected to the backdrop that is the universe. In a community of practice, humans are entrusted with the renewal of that part of psychic matter into which the Wheel of Law has cast each being.

In the spiritualisation of Matter and the incorporation of Spirit, let us beware of hasty judgments, criticism, or comparisons regarding the stage of evolution of our brothers and sisters, for each has his or her own time on the dial of the Cosmic Clock. Let us note, however, a dual activity that is both creative and destructive.

In his book *The Way of the White Clouds*, Lama Govinda writes:

“The universal law is beneficent to those who accept it, terrible to those who try to oppose it. Therefore, the forces of light (the forces that urge us towards Enlightenment) appear in fearful forms to the enemies of light and truth, for which reason those forms are called Protectors of the Law (*chó-kyong gon-po*) and are invoked as tutelary deities by those who have received initiation and realised their meaning”. These forces of dissolution and transformation may seem destructive and threatening but “they are the removers of obstacles, the liberators from bondage, the symbols of the ultimate mystery of self-transcendence in the ecstasy of breaking through the darkness of ignorance”².

Perhaps we will better understand the opportunity of the crisis that Humanity is going through again, following a time of relative balance after the last world war. Expressing the quality of the hidden vision requires revealing the thought of the Solar Angel as it expresses itself on the plane of Pure Reason—its impression in the human heart, its registration by the mind, and then its precipitation into action through the brain. More technically, for seekers like us, the passage from spiritual reality to the objective world necessitates that a continuity of consciousness be established—through the construction of a bridge connecting both shores, spanning fire and water.

The new culture and civilisation are approaching. They need these men and women who, with intelligence and love, put Sophia—Wisdom—into practice. This conscious creation requires reorganising thought, focusing it, and conforming it with spiritual law. The hidden purpose transmitted by the soul initiates a change in how thought-forms are shaped in human beings. As a result, these latter guide their reflection and actions according to this seed-thought offered to the heart and get rid of their usual emotional and mental reactions to external contacts. The abstract thought of the soul offers a right direction to human thought which, in its desire for accomplishment, voluntarily eliminates all separative thinking. This psychic world that we have collectively created out of ignorance, greed or pride—the three poisons of Tibetan Buddhist thought— can be undone simply by thinking differently. I have always remembered this phrase: “The devil will die from your indifference!!”—a figurative way of not feeding the infernal circle of glamour and illusion—Samsara, as the Orientals call it: the world of our desires and sensory or material pleasures and misinterpretations.

This creative work in mental matter, this new psychology, requires the conscious participation and effort of a large number of dedicated individuals purified of all selfish tendencies, so that the transmitted idea is not drowned in the mass of materialistic thought-forms and personal desires, but finds its way of expression thanks to its rhythm, its vitality and its radiant and magnetic power. This practical ideal does not belong to any country, any religion, or any government—it rests on the shoulders of those capable of upholding the vision, to bring all the necessary forces of transformation in order to build new thought forms with clear outlines and then to release these forms so that they fulfil their destiny.

Just as recognition of the full activity of the vital, astral, and mental bodies is synthesized into a unity called the integrated personality, and just as the transfer of purified personal forces to the three major centres in human beings—namely the centres of the head, the heart and the throat—is synthesised in the activity of the Third Eye on the mental plane, so too, with the intention to serve Humanity, a Triangle formed by three people, through unified thoughts of Light, Love, and Will-to-Good, replicates on a group scale the individual activity of the Third Eye. Through its subjective unity, the activity of the network of Triangles forms the planetary Eye, offering Humanity a channel for distributing the energy of Pure Reason expressed through the universal values of the Aquarian Age—namely the Light of mutual understanding, the Love of the heart and the Good Will, expression of our Brotherhood.

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² Lama Govinda, *The Way of the White Clouds*, p 25.

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AFFIRMATION OF LOVE

(Italian)

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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WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE QUALITY OF HIDDEN VISION?

Olga Sokolova, translated from Russian.

*"I have wandered far across the lands of the earth:
I have been a guest of many peoples
and plucked an ear of grain from every field.
For it is better to walk barefoot than wear tight shoes,
better to endure all the hardships of the path than to sit idle at home..."*
— Persian poet Saadi

Hello!

When reflecting on this topic, let us first talk about what consciousness is (Latin: "consciousness"). It comes from two Latin words: "*con*" and "*scio*", meaning "that which we know." Dictionaries define consciousness as a state of awareness, receptivity, the ability to synchronise with vibration. In Alice Bailey's book "*The Consciousness of the Atom*"³, Absolute consciousness, universal (collective) and individual consciousness are discussed. There is a direct link between consciousness and the thinking process. Hence the truth known to all students: "*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.*" The thoughts that a disciple nurtures within, the mental constructs he feeds, deter-

³ Alice Bailey, *The Consciousness of the Atom*, p. 99.

mine the ideal he ultimately serves. After all, we are all vehicles of certain types of energies and forces. We ourselves are responsible for the latter, since in the process of mental construction, motivation arises, and consequently, freedom of choice.

On the other hand, people make decisions and build their lives based on principles that matter to them, life experience, and sometimes on societal norms. In a sense, society, the environment, and media influence the public opinion—often simply “leading it astray”. At first glance, it seems that personal consciousness directly depends on all these factors. But this does not mean that being (in the sense of society and environment that often pressure the modern individual) determines consciousness. On the contrary, if a person has a goal and the will to achieve it (e.g., the aspiration toward self-improvement), he shapes his reality (within the framework allotted by the Plan). What matters here is not to get caught in the “pride of Faust,” whose archetype was described even before Goethe by Christopher Marlowe. Thus, some essential virtues on the path include compassion, love for one's neighbor, and the responsibility for addressing global problems. Notably, in the Age of Aquarius, the salvation of a single individual is no longer the focus — what matters is the whole, what we call *group consciousness*. In other words, it is necessary to unite mind and heart within oneself allowing them to unfold and merge with the Will of God. This is a large-scale transformative process, concerning the Planet as a whole.

According to Plato, “being” is the totality of intelligible “ideas,” whose reflection is the diversity of the material world. The universe is boundless, and a person expands the boundaries of his existence himself. This is how the process of aligning the rational form with the Universal Mind proceeds.

As one moves from one level of awareness to another, a moment of the awakening of consciousness arrives, when the participant in the mystery perceives the unity of the fundamental Life. A crucial stage in this ascent on the Path is the unfolding of vision, which is precisely the quality of the hidden vision.

In the book “*Initiation, Human and Solar*”⁴, Alice Bailey points out that:

“...The first revelation has concerned that which is undefinable, illimitable, and, (to the finite mind), infinite in its abstractness and absoluteness. The second revelation concerns time and space, and involves the recognition by the initiate—through the newly aroused sense of occult sight—of the part he has played and has to play in the plan, and later of the plan itself in so far as it concerns:—

a. His Ego

b. His egoic group

c. His ray group

d. His Planetary Logos.”

For it is not without reason that in uttering the Great Invocation every disciple aligns with his soul, attunes to the needs of the time in which he is called to serve, and actively participates in bridging the concrete and abstract minds. In the sign of discipleship, in Sagittarius, the disciple demonstrates control over mind and speech, preparing for the transition into Capricorn. The astrological axis of mental signs—Gemini-Sagittarius—reminds us of the three types of knowledge: opinion, science, and enlightenment. When the goal is clearly seen, then the opportunity arises for each pilgrim to find his way home.

In service, the disciple employs the creative capacities of his mind, fully reveals the potential of his personality, and releases a specific type of energy depending on his ray characteristics. He receives energy from the soul when he “*thinketh in the heart,*” building the Antahkarana. Then, the Light from the Ashram is added to these energies. Thus, all three types of energy determine the process of Initiation or Revelation—that is, they bring one closer to the ability to “*see with the Eye of the Soul.*”

What does this hidden vision mean?

In *The Light of the Soul* (a translation of Patanjali by Alice Bailey), it is said that the instrument of the “single eye” is the mind, and the “Eye of Vision” opens when “the Knower, the field of knowledge, and knowledge itself merge into one.” When we begin to perceive an idea, we act like archers: we begin to give it focus, aim, and direction. An idea “manifests” in the physical world only through a person. This is where our responsibility for motive arises—to avoid leaving a “karmic imprint,” our glimmers and illusions, in the sacred space.

⁴ A. Bailey, *Initiation, Human and Solar*, pp. 119–120.

In *A Treatise on White Magic*⁵, Alice Bailey also tells us about the third eye, which emerges from the vibrational interplay between soul forces (pineal gland) and personality forces (pituitary body). Their collaboration generates a light in the head, which we call Intuition, or the world of Radiance. It is important to remember: if there is an “Eye of the Soul,” then there must also be Cosmic vision—about which very little is known in the science of electricity.

Periods of searching and pain give way to a “winged state of consciousness,” when in tension, through the mental fire of creativity, a period of revelation comes during which fusion with the soul occurs. Walking the Path together, we nourish human imagination, gradually narrowing the gap between past and future. Through these points of revelation, a new culture is born. This can also be seen in art. I like the point of view of Mikhail Alexandrovich Lifshitz (1905–1983), who stated that “*it is not the artist who reflects the world, but the world that reflects itself in the artist.*” This is possible only if our vehicles are pure and free from selfishness. The same applies in any field of activity.

Intuition is undoubtedly higher than the mind; it is the expression of the buddhic principle. Yet, the mind—as the innate faculty of cognition in each human being—helps and prepares a person for the opening of this Door. Therefore, the main task of all humanity is the enlightenment of the mind. To learn to feel and think with the mind so that spiritual senses awaken—witnessing the Spiritual Sun, the eternal and inexhaustible source of all wisdom. Practicing “thinking in the heart,” the enlightenment of the mind brings us closer to even more multidimensional concepts, to even higher levels of consciousness: Discriminative perception, Spiritual perception, Decisive perception.

Thank you all for your attention!

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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. If you do not want to participate in a breakout room, that is OK too. 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

How can we recognise the quality of the hidden vision in our group work and make it of use for world service?

Question 2

How can a person interested in living a spiritual life live in a world of multiplicity and develop a synthetic consciousness?

Question 3

At present, i.e. today, what goals are guiding the group effort?

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⁵ A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, pp. 213–214.

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(English)

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CLOSE OF THE DAY

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