

The Wesak Dynamo

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Welcome everyone to the Taurus full moon meeting, and, of course, the Wesak Festival. This year the meeting is being held in New York with a simultaneous broadcast to the meeting in London. There is also a simultaneous Greek and Spanish broadcast. The meeting has been scheduled to accommodate the actual time of the full moon (1.34pm EDT and 6.34pm BST), so that we are working together in meditation when the energies are at their peak.

Over the many years that we have attempted to hold our consciousness in a state of ‘dynamic receptivity’ at the time of the full moon, our sensitivity to zodiacal qualities has steadily developed as has our spiritual service in response to changing influences. At the time of the full moon, when the energies seeking entrance into human consciousness are at their highest, the promise that the future holds is with us in the present. They recharge us from within as we endeavour to stand with the Spiritual Hierarchy as close to the plane of the intuition as possible. This requires a steady overcoming of the desire nature of the personality which surreptitiously feeds the separatism that contravenes the great law of Love, and this naturally takes time, not something to be hurried, but it is something to keep working at.

At this time we are well-placed to clean the ‘windows’ of perception and behold the inbreakings of the divine. This includes that which is on the threshold of revelation, for we are reminded that “revelation is the revelation of that which is ever present”. In this sense, it is a recognition of aspects of existing reality rather than some new creation hitherto unknown. It is the steady rediscovery of our essential unity with the whole. As the Alice Bailey writings phrase it: *through separation [man] finds himself, and then-driven by the indwelling buddhic or Christ principle-transcends himself, and finds himself again in all selves*. The increasing intensity of this revelation provides the power for all redemptive work – with our own internal nature and in sacrificial service to all lives within the planetary whole. At the time of the Taurus full moon, we particularly identify ourselves and our service activities with the New Group of World Servers and the great revelation of synthesis and unity that they are bringing to humanity, assisted by the illuminating energy of this sign with its keynote “I see and when the eye is opened, all is Light”:

Let’s pause here for reflection and then say the affirmation of the Will together:

*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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We know that the spiritual kingdom makes good use of the enhanced energy alignment between the sun and the earth at the time of the full moons, particularly over this higher interlude of the year. One striking example of this was in 1945, the year the world war ended. The events during these weeks of spiritual and mundane importance (focussed through the three Festival Moons of Aries, Taurus and Gemini) were described as being of stupendous effect. The spiritual Hierarchy of our planet faced “a major test of Their hierarchical power”, as opposed to a test of Their love, while the work accomplished by the disciples of the world as well as by the New Group of World Servers, was said to “determine the destiny of man for centuries to come.”¹

As well as demonstrating the spiritual power of the Three Spiritual Festivals, this also demonstrates the importance of timing – the Festivals after the war being concerned with mobilising the spiritual will before inertia set in and the forces of selfishness and separation returned with a vengeance. Central to this mobilization of the spiritual will was the need for sacrifice, for “only upon sacrifice can world stability be safely founded—the sacrifice of selfishness.” This statement continues to be relevant for us today, particularly as the year two thousand inflow of Shamballa Will continues to impact the world. While it has destroyed much that hinders the manifestation of divine Will, we still see the predominance of the selfish human will producing disunity and polarisation worldwide. The service of meditation groups who make conscious approaches to the centres of Love and Power at the time of the full moon are therefore essential. Through this work, the bridge of consciousness that is slowly forming between humanity and the higher kingdoms is strengthened and stabilized, and through it the fiery will-to-good of Shamballa can be evoked and relayed to humanity.

Shamballa is referred to in the Great Invocation as “the centre where the Will of God is known;” it is the highest energy centre on the planet and we are informed that it currently exerts its force with increased power at the time of the Taurus full moon: “There is at this time, owing to the influx of the Shamballa force, the establishing of a peculiar relation or alignment between the constellation, Taurus (with its own specific alignment with the Pleiades and Great Bear) the planet, Pluto, and our Earth. This produces much of the present world difficulty and one which the modern astrologer would do well to consider. It constitutes a major cosmic triangle at this time, conditioning much that is now happening.”² We can presume that as two more Shamballa impacts were predicted for 1975 and 2000, that this relationship continues and exerts a potent influence.

Pluto is one of the main instruments for the energy of the first ray to enter the aura of the earth, as mentioned in this morning’s session of the Arcane School conference. The other planet is Vulcan, the esoteric or inner ruler of Taurus. Vulcan remains obscured until the Path of return is consciously entered, but when this point is reached, it acts as a representative of the spiritual sun and gradually reveals itself. Vulcan then plumbs the depths of human consciousness to bring to light that which has been deeply hidden. Although its potency is only truly experienced at the 4th initiation of renunciation, it does seem that humanity, with one foot gingerly being placed on the Path of discipleship, is beginning to experience Vulcan’s first ray powers. These powers destroy old forms to fashion more suitable ones – desires associated with

the material life are “unearthed” and put under the spotlight, and humanity certainly seems to be experiencing this of late.

Vulcan, of course, is the forger of metals, and the one who works with arcane fire in the densest, most concrete expression of the natural world. The association of Vulcan with volcanoes comes from Roman religion and Neopaganism, the word ‘volcano’ being derived from Vulcano, the little island in the Mediterranean Sea off Sicily. Centuries ago the people living in this area believed that Vulcano was the chimney of the forge of Vulcan - the blacksmith of the Roman gods. They thought that the eruptions were caused by Vulcan's forge as he beat out thunderbolts for Jupiter, king of the gods, and weapons for Mars, the god of war.

It’s certainly true that a volcano literally lifts matter into the air, and esoterically Vulcan is associated with the alchemical “uplift of matter”. The subterranean activity that results in natural cataclysms such as volcanic eruptions signifies huge planetary transformations of forces through mysterious electrical processes carried out in the lower kingdoms of nature by the Buddhas of Activity. These Lives are even more advanced than the Buddha with whom humanity is familiar, and at the time of the Wesak Festival, they stand behind the Lord Buddha as a great “impressing force.” In turn, the Buddhas of Activity are “impressed by the WILL of God as it energises the entire planetary life.” To explain a little more about these mysterious beings, we read in the book, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* p873

“The mystery of electricity has three keys, each of which is held in the hands of one of the Buddhas of Activity. Theirs is the prerogative to control the electrical forces of the physical plane, and Theirs the right to direct the three major streams of this type of force in connection with our present globe. These three streams are concerned with atomic substance, out of which all forms are constructed.... The mystery of this threefold type of electricity is largely connected with... elemental essence in one particular aspect—its lowest and most profound for men to apprehend as it concerns the secret of that which ‘substands’ or ‘stands back’ of all that is objective. In a secondary sense it concerns the forces in the ethers which are those which energise and produce the activities of all atoms. Another type deals with the electrical phenomenon which finds its expression in the light which man has somewhat harnessed, in the phenomena such as thunderstorms and the manifestation of lightning, with the aurora borealis, and in the production of earthquakes and all volcanic action. All these manifestations are based on electrical activity of some kind, and have to do with the ‘soul of things,’ or with the essence of matter. The old Commentary says: ‘The garment of God is driven aside by the energy of His movements, and the real Man stands revealed.’”

While it may seem that human beings are at the mercy of these processes, this is not so, for the state of human consciousness plays a major role in how the work of the higher kingdoms of nature manifest themselves. Humanity’s materialistic thinking, for instance, is directly related to cataclysmic events. To understand this, we need set aside the standard geological view of the inside of the earth as solid. Esoterically considered then, beneath the earth’s crust and the molten layers of substance, the earth passes steadily from a fluid to a gaseous then plasma state, and then to one that appears as a void to the outer eye, though to the inner vision it is full of compressed elemental forces and mysterious zones of activity. In Rosicrucian

teachings, the interior of the earth grows more mysterious as one approaches its core, passing through nine zones or spheres of activity towards this central mystery. The sixth zone is known as the Fire Stratum, where the planet's sensate nature is focused. Rudolf Steiner tells us that this zone is composed of "pure will, of elemental vital forces — of constant movement — shot through by impulses and passions, truly a reservoir of will forces. Underneath the solid earth, he says, "there are a large number of subterranean spaces which communicate to this fiery stratum and this element of the fire-earth is intimately connected with the human will. When the human will is evil and chaotic, it magnetically acts on this layer and disrupts it. Nevertheless, when the human will is devoid of egoism, it is able to appease this fire. Materialistic periods are mostly accompanied and followed by natural cataclysms, earthquakes, etc. Growing powers of evolution are the only alchemy capable of transforming, little by little, the organism and the soul of the earth."³

This fiery stratum is connected to a zone directly beneath it where the Nature forces that actually impulse seismic activity are to be found. This zone is called the 'Refracting Stratum', by Max Heindel, and the 'Circle of Decomposition', by Steiner, who compares it to "a prism which decomposes everything that is reflected in it and brings to expression its complementary aspect." Heindel describes this layer as "the mirror of the earth. In it all the forces which are known to us as the 'Laws of Nature' exist as moral or immoral forces" In the beginning of the conscious career of man they were much worse than at present. But it appears that as humanity progresses in morals, these forces improve correspondingly; also that any lapse in morals has a tendency to unleash these Nature forces and causes them to create havoc upon the Earth; while the striving for higher ideals makes them less harmful to man. The forces in this stratum are thus, at any time, an exact reflection of the existing moral status of mankind.

We can see from all this the huge responsibility of spiritually minded people to work tirelessly to control and purify their thinking and become relayers of the right type of energy. And if we are in need of more prompting to dedicate our lives to self-sacrifice and service through the power of thought, it is worth bearing in mind the consequences that our inactivity holds for those who are the victims of cataclysms as the Alice Bailey writings make excruciatingly clear.

"There is never anything static in the creative process; energy which is flowing forth in the pulsation of the one Life, and its rhythmic and cyclic activity—never ending and never resting—must be somewhere utilized, and must find its way in some direction, often (when man fails in his duty) with catastrophic results. The problem of cataclysms.... will be found to be related to the inflow of unused and unrecognized energy which is capable of right direction and right purpose and for the furthering of the Plan, if the aspirants and disciples of the world will shoulder their group responsibilities, submerge their personalities, and achieve true realization. Humanity must be more diligent and more intelligent in the working out of its true destiny and karmic obligations."⁴

The power of our thinking is far more potent and magnetic at the time of the Wesak festival and there is a direct line of communication to the interior of the earth through electromagnetic channels. The Wesak festival acts as a dynamo of the will, the ritualistic

movement of the disciples and adepts who gather in the Wesak valley forming geometric patterns on the inner planes that absorb and generate currents of subtle forces to act as a preliminary channel for the forces that the Buddha will bring at the exact time of the full moon.

The planetary alignment that takes place creates a fusion of Love, Purpose and Power led by the cooperation of the Christ and the Buddha and is a time when humanity's consciousness can be impressed to some degree with a sense of divine purpose. To create this alignment, the work of both the Christ and the Buddha are needed to *preserve* contact with the highest centre, Shamballa. This enables the Lord of the World to connect five points of energy, symbolising the five-pointed star of Humanity. Its five points consist of the Lord of the World, the Buddha, the Christ, the Manu and the Mahachohan.

Making use of this magnetic, geometrical relationship, the Buddha sounds a great mantram ensuring that he becomes the “absorbing agent” of first ray force. He then uses the magnetic power of the second ray to attract this force to Himself and holds it steady, prior to redirecting it. The Christ then receives this energy on behalf of the Hierarchy; the seven Masters who work with Humanity and the sub-human kingdoms of nature then respond, in turn, by becoming “directing Agents” for the sevenfold expression of this force. This divine will of God is held in solution to some degree until the next full moon – that of Gemini – where, under the guidance of Christ, it is released into human consciousness, producing seven great results according to the sub-rays of the First Ray of Will or Power. Some of these aspects of will are to be noted working out in the world at present. For example, the third aspect of Will, the *will-to-action*, is leading intelligent people to inaugurate those activities that will lay the foundation for a better and happier world. And many of them are clearly working through the seventh aspect of the will, too – the will-to-organise – as ambitious projects and large numbers of people are brought together in goodwill causes.

As we have seen, those who aspire towards discipleship must play their part in providing that essential link in the chain of Hierarchy that can absorb the divine force of the Will that emanates from Shamballa at this time. It means standing alone, yet together, in a condition of isolated unity to bear the power of the will. Rather than wrestling with the forces of darkness, we strive instead to awaken and mobilise the forces of light and people of goodwill, and so organise and strengthen the good. So let us come together now and align ourselves with the great Hierarchical endeavour that is taking place at this time; truly a coalition of the willing – willing the purpose which the Masters know and serve into effective expression throughout the world.

Reference:

¹ The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, p.445

² Esoteric Astrology, p376

³ An Esoteric Cosmology, Chapter xvi, Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Human Will. Rudolph Steiner

⁴ A Treatise on White Magic, pp461/2

