

Wesak Festival May 2025

The Spiritualisation of Desire

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Welcome everyone to the Taurus full moon meeting and the celebration of the Wesak Festival, more about which will be said a little later on. The peak time of the full moon is tomorrow at 12.55 EDT. The power of group meditation is enhanced at the time of the full moon due to the energies that are flowing freely between the sun and the earth, and this alignment allows individuals and groups to intensify their approach to the Spiritual Hierarchy – the centre of Love on our planet, as well as to Shamballa – the centre where the will of God is known.

The higher interlude of 2025 that we are now in, sees the ending of one stage of endeavour by the Spiritual Hierarchy and the beginning of another. The closing cycle, referred to as “The Stage of the Forerunner,” aimed to establish a path of resonant interplay between the human and spiritual kingdoms in preparation for the first stage of the Hierarchy’s externalisation. Group sensitivity to the energetic rhythms of this next stage and its expression through group radiation is a goal worthy of our most ardent efforts. While any new dynamic can undoubtedly take much time to establish itself, a fresh impetus may be detectable at a relatively early stage.

Added to this, we are told in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, that “the great General Assembly of the Hierarchy” is due to take place in 2025.¹ It is indicated that at this Assembly “the date in all probability will be set for the first stage of the externalisation of the Hierarchy.” In the years following this Assembly, discipleship groups will no doubt work diligently to become extra-sensitive to Hierarchical impression in order to formulate new ideas and ways of preparing contemporary minds for the reappearance. Now is the perfect time to begin this work – with the forces of enlightenment that are now streaming forth from the constellation of Taurus. As they charge the earth’s inner atmosphere, a thinning of the veils occurs between the spiritual and human kingdoms bringing a sense of fusion and unity. This is the high point of the spiritual calendar, and the joyful anticipation of this occasion is captured perfectly in the keynote of Taurus: “*I see and when the eye is opened, all is light.*” Let’s pause now and then say together the Gayatri.

O Thou who givest sustenance to the Universe
From Whom all Things proceed
To Whom all things return
Unveil to us the face of the true spiritual sun
Hidden by a disc of Golden Light
That we may know the Truth and do our whole duty
As we journey to thy sacred feet.
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Many of us will be familiar with the Festival of Wesak and the annual ceremony that is said to take place in a Himalayan valley attended by the Christ and members of the spiritual Hierarchy. Through this ceremony and ritual, the Christ and His disciples magnetise the planetary ethers in preparation for the energies to be received, which they then duly absorb and radiate throughout the planet. At the climax of

this festival, the Buddha is said to appear and give His blessing. In the book, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, we read:

“...The annual return of the Buddha to bless His people everywhere and to convey the message of wisdom, light and love to humanity—coming as He does from the very Heart of Deity Itself—is the outer evidence and guarantee of inner divine guidance and revelation in this present world cycle of 2500 years. Year by year He returns. For a brief minute He reminds us that God exists and ever loves; that He is not unmindful of His people; that the heart of the universe is unalterable compassion, and that man is not alone. To bring this recognition about and to make this appearance possible, a living Triangle of Energy is created and focussed through three great spiritual Individuals, Who evoke recognition both in the East and in the West. They are known to believers of every faith and all nationalities. These Three are:

The Lord of the World, the Ancient of Days, Sanat Kumara, the planetary Logos, Melchizedek.

The Buddha, the Illumined One, the Revealer of the light and the wisdom which come to us from sources far greater than our planetary Life.

The Christ, the Son of the Father, the World Saviour, the Redeemer, The Lord of Love.

...Their spiritual potency has to be stepped down if mankind is to bear the pressure of the impact of the energy They wield and seek to transmit. It is this stepping down process which takes place at the time of the May Full Moon, and it is brought to a ‘focus of transmission’ by the massed intent of the Hierarchy and the massed demand of the world aspirants and disciples—itsself drawn forth by the massed need of the people of all lands.”²

These words illustrate not only the eternal presence of Divinity but also the level of cooperation that takes place between the Christ and the Buddha, both of whom we will be holding in our thoughts during meditation. Together, they are perfect representations of Love-Wisdom, and their close working relationship as Brothers of Revelation has brought increasing levels of Light, Love and Purpose into human consciousness down the ages. It is a poignant truth that down the ages much blood has been spilt through religious conflicts, given the close relationship between their respective origins. Esoteric writings inform us that Krishna was, in fact, an earlier incarnation of the Christ before He inaugurated the Christian epoch by overshadowing the Master Jesus. The Master Jesus, in turn, later overshadowed the great initiate Mahomet giving rise to the Muslim faith. It is not surprising then, that a golden thread of truth runs through these and other world religions, as they are ultimately all linked to the same source.

Working with this all-encompassing sense of religious truth and unity are those who are either consciously or subconsciously sensitive to the energies released by the Lord of the World, the Buddha and the Christ. The new group of world servers are people from all backgrounds, religions and philosophies, who are responsive *as souls* in varying degrees to the higher influences that are pouring into human consciousness at this time. Collectively, they act as an organ of vision for humanity and upon them the illuminating rays of Taurus constantly shine. Taurus is said to hide the entire secret of divine purpose and reveals it by touching and opening the eye of light in those who are ready to use that which it conveys for the greater good. The group is symbolised by the bull of Taurus rushing forward towards divinity and leaving a trail of light in its wake to illumine the way for those who follow. Together this group of servers,

like their elder brothers, are “agents of revelation” and all who serve and love their fellowmen *as souls* are part of this group process, helping to create the path of return for the Christ.

The Wesak Festival is a great reminder that eventually, the whole of humanity will realise its glorious destiny to become a receiving and transmitting station between the higher and lower kingdoms of nature. Perhaps we could say that for most of history, it is the human being that has been the real “missing link” in the evolutionary chain. It seems that humanity is starting to realize this as millions of people are searching for greater truth and meaning while at the same time showing a sense of concern and responsibility for the welfare of others, as well as the animal and plant kingdoms. There is a fierce conflict occurring in the inner lives of many people at present as they are turning to face themselves and realising some of the darkness within. This is a “lesser revelation” that precedes the path of illumination. As the darkness within the human psyche is realised, a great cleansing and purifying takes place and the struggle to shift identity from an intense individualism to a more group oriented spirit has begun. It is at this stage when the Buddha’s great truth is realised – that desire is the root of all suffering.

Most students of the Ageless Wisdom will be familiar with the Buddha’s Four Noble Truths that arose from His enlightenment; simply stated they concern: the truth of suffering, the cause of suffering, the end of suffering, and the path that leads to the end of suffering. Together, they reveal that the energy of Desire enables us to be active in the world, but without right direction, it degenerates into a craving for the sensations arising from interactions with matter. This craving is the cause of suffering.

The relationship between desire and suffering operates under the great universal Law of Cause and Effect. In Buddhist philosophy it is called “The Law of Dependent Origination,” and is based on Buddha’s simple yet profound formula:

When this is, that is. From the arising of this comes the arising of that.
When this isn’t, that isn’t. From the cessation of this comes the cessation of that.³

The central agency at work in this formula might be called the *germ of desire*, the word ‘germ’ variously described as “the origin of something that develops,” and the “rudiment of a new organism in an existing one”. In the book, *Esoteric Healing*, a germ is described as “the first effect of an original cause.” [pp 320-1] With this understanding we can apply the Buddha’s formula to two of the great needs cited in the Alice Bailey writings during the second World War, which sheds some light on how national germs of desire have developed into the global problems of today. She wrote:

“The Axis nations need to grasp the teaching of the Buddha as He enunciated it in the Four Noble Truths; they need to realise that the cause of all sorrow and woe is desire—desire for that which is material. The United Nations need to learn to apply the Law of Love as enunciated in the life of Christ and to express the truth that ‘no man liveth unto himself’ and no nation either, and that the goal of all human effort is loving understanding, prompted by a programme of love for the whole.”⁴

From the perspective of the “germ of desire,” we might regard nations as cells of light struggling to grow into a worldwide social organism, but contaminated by a virus that lives within each cell – a parasite that encodes the cell’s proteins with its own desires replacing the synthesis which is essential for the structure, function and regulation of the social organism. While each cell displays a measure of group

aspiration and growth towards the light, the virus thrives in darkness, replicating itself within the host to further its own separative desires. This viral materialism is evident in most, if not all, nations today. This is likely to have been one of the reasons behind the recent pandemic, for pandemics are the anarchic rampage of involuntary lives in the etheric body of the planet, which are indiscriminate and take little note of personal karma.

Pandemics are in large part, the result of the misuse of the building energy of love-wisdom that nations should be using to create the new world organism in the light of the Christ principle. The time of the pandemic momentarily reignited the vision of world unity but this opportunity was not seized, and the glimmers of wealth and status diverted the vision once again. Somehow the germ of the Christ Light has to be revitalized in the nations that they may grow vigorously towards international synthesis. This is the meaning of the enigmatic biblical phrase “The Desire of All Nations”. The Alice Bailey writings inform us that a germ of desire lies in the emotional nature of every nation, but it is “a basis for progress...” It is “the subtle force behind the ‘flags of all nations’... behind the flag is a point of power which is the point of inspiration to the soul of the people.” As it germinates, “we shall then have a nation, galvanized into activity by interior spiritual energy... the nation will then be linked up—through the point at the centre—with the source of divine inspiration, which is one for all types, all nations and all races in time and space.”⁵

This process is the same for individuals as it is for nations. The spiritualisation of desire into aspiration and love has to take place throughout the peoples of all nations and inaugurate an era where human relationships are elevated to an entirely new level outside of the distorting forces of time and space, and into the realm of pure energy. Here relationships are direct and undistorted. Krishnamurti wrote that it is only when we can see without any preconception, that we are able to be in direct contact with anything or anyone in life. People know each other through the images they form of one another by thought, not through direct experience. Images create space between us and what we observe, and in that space there is conflict. When we are single minded, however, and completely attentive, there is no observer or thing observed. There is no separation, only the state of attention, which is total energy.

“When there is space between you and the object observed,” he writes, “you will know there is no love, and without love, it is not possible to reform the world or improve it no matter how hard we try. When there is space there is conflict, when there is true silence, not based on the stopping of thought... but on something indescribable – a timeless state, a wide expansive ocean – only then in this presence, do we become a living mind which has “no centre and therefore no space and time. Such a mind is limitless and that is the only truth, the only reality.” *Freedom from the Known*. p110 (adapted).

These words provide a vision of the mind that is in both the Christ and the Buddha, a supreme state of enlightenment in a boundless field of universal relationships, the foundation of which is love. To materialise this vision of the future and help make of it a reality, we have to act whole-heartedly in the present without calculation or reservation, making sure that the only light that guides our vision is the light of love, wholeness and unity. This is the spiritualisation of desire to the extent that all thought of the self and its endless ‘bucket list’ is obliterated by the light of a greater vision. Desire is not wrong in itself, but constantly needs refocusing throughout the evolutionary journey until, on the path of return, it becomes the overwhelming desire to cooperate with the Divine Plan of God. The planetary rulers of Taurus come to humanity’s assistance here, Venus, the exoteric ruler and Vulcan the esoteric ruler. The combined energy of these planets can help to stimulate the will-to-love in human consciousness, eventually to the degree

that it can *fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship*. While Venus facilitates the emergence of the love principle through the directing power of the mind, Vulcan is “the god of beneficial fire”. Together these influences have much to contribute to the blazing spirit of relationship we envision permeating the world.

This is a vision to hold in mind in connection with the Wesak Festival as an alignment takes place between ourselves and the spiritual Hierarchy, the Christ, the Buddha and the Lord of the World. We approach the higher sources of truth, tapping into the bountiful, redeeming light that surrounds us. Holding our minds open to these forces of enlightenment, we work to spiritually rejuvenate our world. We visualise the energies of Wesak building and the Christ and the Buddha preparing to transmit those potencies that will condition the planet throughout the year ahead. As brothers of revelation, their work continues to lift a ravaged world up towards the realm of truth and beauty. Our co-operation in meditation forms an essential part of the hierarchical chain, and through transmuted desire and a silent, fiery aspiration, the light of Wesak is shed abroad, in our hearts through our group, and throughout the world.

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