

*The Festival of the Humanity and the Living Christ*  
The Gemini Festival, New York

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Good evening everyone and welcome to the Gemini full moon festival meeting in New York. We work tonight in this planetary center within the full tide of the building energies of the full moon which occurs tomorrow morning at 3:44. This Festival is the culminating Festival in this year's dynamic higher interlude period, coinciding with the hierarchical conclave. Each year during the Gemini festival the time of safeguarding, which is generally understood as the day of the full moon itself, is extended to three full days. This is a reflection of the potency of this full moon and its synthetic nature. The energy generated at this Festival provides the group this year with the opportunity to work together within a fuller alignment with the three planetary centers which is perhaps greater than what we have ever been able to participate in within our lifetimes. This alignment permits entry into our planetary life of extra-planetary energies that are significant for the future, resulting in significant changes all along the chain of Hierarchy.

We know the full moon is a time when there is a thinning of the veils which normally separate the inner and outer worlds. These veils ordinarily protect humanity but at these full moon opportunities their thinning we are permitted a touch of potent energies than is otherwise possible in order to contribute more fully in raising the vibratory rate of the planet. Through these rhythmic interlude periods of the new and full moons, we can cooperate in the working out of the divine Plan. As a result, with each passing year, the consciousness of people is becoming increasingly responsive to Aquarian energies with all that this entails.

Increasing numbers of people throughout the world are awakening and responding to the light, to the call of Hierarchy and also to the cry of humanity. Disciples stand with a foot in both realms, reaching above, below, and all around—all the time widening the channel through which the energies can flow. The widespread outpouring of prayer and supplication that is constantly issuing forth from the religious and spiritual groups can be focalized and directed by those who stand within the heart center of the new group of world servers.

This spiritual flowering is particularly visible within Christianity today, with many people turning towards the Christ. This trend is surely an outer manifestation of the descent of the Christ energy as we move towards the externalization and the eventual reappearance of the Christ.

Let us now take a moment to stand within the alignment of available energies, linking with our group brothers here and throughout the world, using our creative imagination to visualize ourselves standing on the periphery of the solemn events unfolding in the sacred valley in the East, followed by a sounding of the Gayatri, an ancient prayer which pays homage to the Sun of Righteousness, Whom comes forth with healing in His wings.

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 whold duty  
As we journey to Thy sacred feet.

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The June Full Moon each year sees the outpouring of love reaching its highest point of expression within the annual cycle. This Love of God serves to link humanity at the level of the soul, engendering a synthesis within the entire zodiacal wheel and through that means creating a unified field through which the inpouring energies can be received. Through the Gemini constellation there pours the greatest influx of second ray energies within the annual cycle and these energies are particularly focused on our tiny non-sacred planet Earth. Disciples in all nations of the world are asked to stand as outposts of these energies, of this love, and use them to evoke the soul of their nation and then link their national soul with the soul of all other nations, forming a unified planetary field through which Christ can pour out the energies received at Wesak in a healing of the nations. We can hold this expectation in our minds and hearts during these sacred days.

All along the chain of Hierarchy the sign of Gemini fosters the resolution of duality into a fluid synthesis. The love nature of Gemini, creates the field through which synthesis can be expressed. This synthesis has a mass impact earlier than its impact on individuals due to the potency of the vibrations and the stage of human evolutionary development. The ability to make this shift from duality to synthesis depends of course upon the consciousness of the entities, microcosmic or macrocosmic, who are being impacted.

All lives seek eventual harmony when they recognize the need. Such recognitions generally come through pain and the sense of limitation which leads to the desire to break free into greater light sensing the need of the soul for fuller expression and the need of others for light and love. We can see the opportunity of planet Earth and its path of pain and suffering which fosters a more rapid evolutionary development as humanity learns to rise to the occasion of the challenges of the path rather than succumbing to them. Christ expressed the need for breakdown prior to breakthrough when He taught that new wine could not be poured into old bottles.

One of the recognized limitations of the present stage of human development is illustrated by the first keynote of Gemini under the rulership of the lower expression of the ruling planet Mercury. The keynote reads, "And the Word said, let instability do its work." Humanity has been subject to the powerful impacts from Shamballa, pouring into many unprepared and fragile mental bodies and this, coupled with the uncertainty and challenges of life at this time, has generated much fear and consequent instability. Many people are suffering terribly under the weight of the unredeemed forces that have been let loose. It is the responsibility of the new group of world servers to aid the Hierarchy by transmuting the incoming energies so that the needed stability can be created that will allow humanity to rise and flourish, which is its birthright. Also, the new group itself, has the challenge of working within the fire of the energies and maintaining their ability to stand amidst them.

The keynote for the disciple in Gemini, “I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow,” highlighting the fact that in order for the soul to control, there must be a recognition of that which inhibits soul growth. This recognition of the lower self’s limitations, frees the higher self to illumine the lower. But such recognitions of the lower self, sometimes called the dweller aspect, can be challenging for so often we are unable to see the lower self clearly due to the limitations, rationalizations and distortions of the lower mind. The concrete nature of the mind is such that it doesn’t easily look beyond its known and often limited field of vision and instead remains trapped within the fogs and mists of thoughtforms that cloud perceptions, particularly at such times as this when there is a profound withering of the Law. This ability to see beyond the limitations of one’s perceptions can be achieved through the use of the analytical faculty of the mind which increasingly brings about the ability to distinguish truth from falsity, a key Gemini need.

The challenge of discrimination was highlighted in the Gemini labour of Hercules. Hercules began the labour intent upon his mission, having successfully passed an initial period of testing in the previous labour. But as a result of this success he became over-confident, sure of himself and this glamour clouded his perceptions and obscured his way. And as a result he was initially unable to recognize key opportunities which crossed his path that were standing before him. Here we see the need to enter into that higher intuitive quality of Gemini and its fluidity and openness of mind rather than remaining fixed and bull-headed which was one of the challenges in the preceding Taurus labour.

The initial failure in Gemini came from the inability to discern correctly and recognize an individual who was sent to Hercules by his soul to aid him on his way. As a consequence of his blindness, he subsequently became caught in the tangled web of another individual who was more compelling at the level of the personality but who ultimately led him astray and wasted time. An example of this challenge could be seen in Alice Bailey’s initial reaction to being contacted by a voice that asked her to work with him in the writing of some books. She adamantly refused, not wanting anything to do with what she perceived to be lower psychism, only to have the Tibetan respond that a wise person did not make snap judgements. Perhaps in this world of instantaneous media exchanges we are likewise prone to making snap judgements and thereby closing ourselves off to the possibility of entering into a wider realm of truth. We would all benefit from stepping back and giving consideration to that which might lie beyond our preconceived notions. Alice Bailey fortunately did overcome her hesitations and worked with the Tibetan. And as Hercules continued on his way other types of detours deterred him, but these were the so-called detours sent by the soul which involved helping others, which he begrudgingly undertook at first but which served to develop his compassion as a result.

During this transition period the ability to discriminate is tested by a world awash with technologies in the hands of influencers and sophisticated propaganda tools—some being successfully used to uplift and educate while others are being used to mislead and distort. This situation challenges our ability to distinguish the real from the unreal. Everyone seems to have a market on the truth. And as challenging as this condition can be, perhaps it is a necessary challenge that will ultimately aid humanity to think and determine for itself the way that it must go. I heard about an alternative school in Texas which had as a mainstay of its curriculum the task of encouraging and helping young students to develop their discrimination and their ability

to determine truth from falsity and to consider the results of their actions and the motives underlying them.

Gemini embodies the Cosmic Christ, standing at the apex of a vast triangle that conditions our entire solar system. The two other points of the triangle are the Great Bear or the Father aspect and the Pleiades, the Mother aspect. Gemini stands as the Son or soul and as a protective veil for the great and potent second ray star Sirius. Groups today are responding to the Sirian influence pouring into our planetary life through Gemini and Leo via the heart of the sun and through the Christ Himself, Who stands as a Sirian Avatar. It is this influence that is strengthening the interconnectedness of the many groups in the bonds of brotherhood and goodwill. So when the sun passes through Gemini each year, this ever-present overshadowing triangle is stimulated and synthesis is fostered.

One of the most important aspects in the teachings of esoteric astrology is the focus placed on the merging of each sign with its opposite. In this work Gemini holds the key, standing as the soul or unifier between spirit and matter. Gemini's synthesizing work makes it one of the most important signs in the zodiac for its work in unifying each of the pairs of opposites. Under the influence of the soul, that which previously separated becomes recognized as just what is needed in order to become whole. When the sun moves through the Gemini-Sagittarius axis, the third point of the triangle becomes Pisces, the ultimate sign of synthesis. So we can see the intensity of the synthesizing energies available during this Gemini Festival and the opportunities it holds out to humanity to align with the Christ energy.

Another aspect of the auspicious, synthesizing nature of the Gemini Festival stems from the fact that Venus is the esoteric ruling planet in this sign. Venus will increasingly be recognized as a key astrological influence and its cycles will be carefully observed in the Aquarian age and this is happening now. It would seem that eventually its rhythmic dance with Earth in their journey around the sun will be recognized as a higher form of interlude within which humanity can participate. During the month of June each year the light of Venus waxes strong. Venus is understood as the opposite polarity to Earth, standing as the soul to the Earth's personality

Eons ago Venus was said to have provided Earth with perfect laws which were disregarded, hence the sequential withering of the law which has found an open door on our planet. As Earth comes into increasing alignment with the overshadowing influence of Venus, conditions will be created for the implementation of new laws under divine guidance that will no longer be rejected and which will provide the foundation stones for the new and coming civilization. Guided by divine law Earth will find its way into the ranks of the sacred planets and the whole solar system will be lifted up as Earth becomes a station of light. We are asked to make appeal to the Forces of Light each June so that aspects of the divine Plan can work out.

The cosmic energies pouring through the Gemini-Sagittarius axis are auspicious for our planet because the Earth rules in both these signs and the energies are less filtered as they enter into our planetary life and much light pours in. We can visualize the Earth standing midway between the cosmic stream of these great constellational Lives, pouring through the bull's eye of the Earth, lifting the planet into the light—leading to diversity in synthesis.

The impact of the balancing process being undergone on Earth is highlighted in a passage from *The Old Commentary* which holds out the promise of this position:

"When the dual forces of the cosmic brothers (Gemini) become the energy of the one who rides towards the light (Sagittarius) then the fourth becomes the fifth. Humanity, the link, becomes the Hierarchy, the bestower of all good. Then all the Sons of God rejoice" (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 356).

At this Festival this merging between Hierarchy and Humanity takes a step forward, a reflection of what will unfold on a grander scale over the ages to come. Gradually there will be a growing interface between these two spheres of energy which will make way for an influx of more potent energies from beyond -- within the point of intersection between these two spheres stands the new group of world servers—the linking agents. As this merging between the two centers grows over the centuries, a new note will sound forth and eventually Humanity as a separate sphere will disappear and the whole note of humanity will be lifted up.

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