

Let the Livingness Emerge for all to See
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Welcome friends. Thank you for being here with us to celebrate this full moon on the day of safeguarding.

The Aries Festival which occurs each year at the first full moon of spring is known as the festival of the risen, living Christ. The keynote of this Festival is Love which was so perfectly exemplified by the Saviour's life and service. On this day the fallacy of death is proclaimed as the livingness of the Christ life is poured forth. This livingness which emanates from distant sources, is focalized by the Christ and distributed through the collective group of all those who love and serve and who carry the spark of divinity within their hearts. This energy reaches into the natural world which suddenly emerges from its slumber as a burst of new life thrills through all the kingdoms of nature.

At this time, Christians throughout the world celebrate the wonder of the Resurrection. Two thousand years ago this single event changed everything and cast out any doubt among the followers of the Christ as to His divinity. Even His discipleship group was astounded. Many people today dismiss this event as mere fantasy, but many others believe the purpose and promise of that life, death and resurrection are on the verge of achieving consummation. Today we prepare for the coming into being of a new kingdom in nature; a fifth kingdom is materializing, which already has a living and rapidly growing nucleus functioning on earth. Therefore, let us welcome the striving and struggling of the present time, for it is a sign that the resurrection life is stirring. Through this lens we can view the present upheaval and the chaos of our world as indications that humanity is breaking out of the tomb of selfishness and materialism and becoming responsive to the living light which the Christ life brings. Together the discipleship group today can penetrate this darkness with the light we collectively share, and visualize the dead bones of humanity coming to life.

We gather tonight in alignment with all the many different meditating groups of all traditions and faiths from all corners of the world. Beneath this outer diversity is an underlying synthesis forming one great planetary center of light. Through the medium of the Great Lives Who substand the outer world, there is a constant, uninterrupted stream of meditation issuing forth on the planet. At the time of the full moon all the many differentiated groups stand receptive to the door held open by these Great Lives and become receptive to the inflowing tide of energies qualified by the constellation under consideration.

The subjectively linked inner groups form the vertical axis of inflowing stream of energies. But as part of the new group of world servers, through our radiatory ability at the center of the cross, we also form part of the horizontal outflowing energy that pours forth throughout all humanity. This even-armed cross is the cross of the serving disciple. This is the symbol of the dual life which we live, the life of those who stand in the world but not of it.

Working under the sign of Aries, when the Sun stands at its point of maximum strength, its exaltation, let's take a moment of silence prior to sounding together the Gayatri, this most ancient prayer which carries the energy of power and purpose, revealing humanity's vertical relationship with the source of all energy and our horizontal service in the right use of that energy.

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.

The Aries Festival is a festival of livingness, of new life. Perhaps at no other transition between signs do we witness such a dramatic shift as we do between Pisces, the sign of endings and Aries, the sign of beginnings. In Aries we see the bursting forth of new life within the flora and fauna of the natural world, and that only a month ago lay cold and barren and completely hidden from view. This sudden transformation that occurs each year at this time is a reminder to us all of the promise of life itself. At one moment all can appear bleak and dark from our limited perspective while in the next moment, qualities that were completely dormant suddenly come alive and life streams forth. So too can be the suddenness of change in the world with moments of dire crisis leading to moments of liberation. The Tibetan reminds us that humanity is due for a Revelation and we should not underestimate the shift this would let loose within our world.

The energies pouring in from this august sign of Aries include the will-to-be, the will- to-do and the will-to -make manifest. It is the sign through which the most powerful influx of will manifests. It is the sign of cosmic fire. Aries also provides an inlet for the seventh ray in which the highest and the lowest meet. Each sign of the zodiac transmits a special quality of light. Aries carries a light which is badly needed in our world today and it is a light to which we can all stand as outposts. This is the Light of Life itself. This Light is described as "the searchlight of the Logos seeking out that which can be used for divine expression." The Logos is therefore looking over the vast mass of humanity and hierarchy for those individuals, groups and the creative

forms which can be used as outposts for this life-giving light to stream forth and light the world. The service activity known as Triangles, an activity precipitated by the Tibetan, is one such vehicle. Surely there are many more and as the new age unfolds humanity will create vehicles through which this light can be expressed in new and creative ways, in ways that we cannot yet imagine with tools and forms that have yet to precipitate. Through these new forms, light will be injected into the weary vale of Earth.

Aries brings in a powerful mental stimulation through its combined planetary rulers of Mars, Mercury and Uranus, whose energies are embodied in its esoteric keynote – “I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.” As we commence any journey, the initial energetic imprint sets the tone for all that follows. This, of course, is the basis of a horoscope. The journey we’re considering here is the whole Path of Return, the Path we are all treading which symbolically begins with Aries. What does the Aries imprint bring? We know from the labor of Hercules that it brings a lot of energy—in fact, we might say that initially it brings too much energy, for Hercules got a little too ahead of himself as the result of the stimulation leaving the gate and he consequently failed in this labor. He was unable to control the mares of the mind and his friend was killed. But this failure was a stern warning for the Warrior, just as we have found through the failures of our life journey—they can become our most important teachers.

Throughout this whole journey of the fifth root race, some one million years thus far, the primary object of attention has been placed upon the development of the concrete mind. Through this journey humanity has reached the point where it has developed the concrete mind to the point where we know, and can know, so much and have learned to do practically everything. We are brilliant, mentally and intellectually. We are, however, consistently misusing our knowledge in ways that endanger the continuity of the human race itself, instead of using our minds in the creation of those things that can enhance and uplift and vitalize human life.

When technology can outstrip human intelligence at the level of the concrete mind, it is a clear symbol for humanity that another object, another intention, another goal that a machine cannot manifest is clearly being demanded of us. This is the ability to utilize the lower mind as a steppingstone or vehicle to those higher levels of mind to which no machine can penetrate. It is through the soul or middle principle that we can eventually develop the ability to bridge to those levels that touch a fragment of the Mind of God. There are many members of the human kingdom who possess a mental brilliance that enables them to see beyond the veil of this world and project into those realms that reveal the layers of truth which are seeking manifestation.

The last time that the Hierarchy externalized, millions of years ago during the Atlantean period, humanity was not able to handle the stimulation of the aura of that powerful group of souls because the people of the day lacked sufficient mentality and as a consequence the energies poured into their emotional bodies and evoked a widespread astral stimulation which led in

time to psychic conditions which led to the collapse of the civilization. Today, at this higher turn of the spiral, the new group of world servers much learn to step down and transmute the powerful mental stimulation which the externalizing Hierarchy is engendering in order to aid humanity to hold the balance and stand steady.

The question we have to ask ourselves is if the Shamballa force that has been so potently released on our planetary life over the past 200 years has had more of a strengthening influence on the “men of selfish will” who respond to the stimulation of the will-to-power and the forces that manipulate, distort and deceive than it has on the millions of men and women of goodwill? Are the men and women of goodwill in the world sufficiently active and influential enough to bring about the necessary changes? Or will the other group under the forces of materialism triumph – the group that is seeking to implement a plan that is not the Plan as we understand it but a clever distortion of it. This plan, if implemented, will lead to the implementation of a global technocratic state that will deny personal and national sovereignty. The Tibetan warned that the responsibility of what he called the group of world mystics was to keep the inner door opened, the inner bridge. Otherwise, he said white magic might temporarily die out and the selfish purposes of the form nature assume undue control. Are we keeping that inner pathway open? We must ask ourselves and choose where we stand during this time of the parting of the ways between those who are adhering to the darkened path and those who are choosing the way of life itself.

As you know, we are now entering the higher interlude of the spiritual year known as the Three Spiritual Festivals under the Aries, Taurus and Gemini full moons. This is the high point and the time of opportunity for those who stand within the heart center of the new group of world servers to hold the point of tension in order to be of greater service to the forces of light and the chain of Hierarchy. Just as the Wesak Festival is not a commemoration of the Buddha of antiquity, the Great Messenger from the East, but rather a living event orchestrated by the Living Buddha, so too is the Easter Festival a living event, not a commemoration of the historical Christ. This Easter Festival is overshadowed by a great Life known as the Spirit of Resurrection who comes to bring the quality of livingness which restores human minds, a livingness which is so needed at this time. For on the one hand our minds have suffered under the onslaught of information available to us but also for many others, the mind has been lulled into conditions of complacency and apathy.

These three Festivals can be viewed as three parts of one whole, linking the great planetary triangle of Hierarchy (Aries), Shamballa (Wesak) and Humanity (Gemini). The higher interlude period can also be viewed as an energetic or meditative alignment linked to an understanding of the phrase--penetration, polarization, and precipitation which was given by the Tibetan in reference to the processes of initiation. At Aries we work with the energies of penetration which

are related to the piercing through of the world glamour in our own lives and the world at large. We are charged to stand as a group within the periphery of the Great Ashram, the Hierarchy and to together penetrate in consciousness to the highest possible point we can register and be imbued with spiritual livingness, spiritual being, and the resurrected life. It is this life that sustains us as we move towards Wesak. Wesak carries the quality of polarization when we again reactivate that high point of contact in alignment with all those who are standing in cooperation with the Lord Buddha and the Christ to receive, hold and distribute the tremendous potency of the will-to-good, essential love, carried by the Buddha that flows in from Shamballa. This point of polarization is then held by the Christ until the June or Gemini full moon when the Christ precipitates the energies in a great outpouring of love upon Humanity. The discipleship group uses these energies to aid in the formulation of those aspects of the Plan that is theirs to work out.

Penetration, Polarization, and Precipitation become the means whereby we play our part at this highpoint of the spiritual year. We can see the challenges which the human kingdom is having in handling the influx of energy that was released during the Conclave of last year. In concert with the NGWS we must do what we can to aid humanity to be able to handle the influx of energies that are and will be released during this higher interlude period and the Festival Week in December.

Two thousand years ago the disciples of the Christ, a subjectively united group brought forth the quality of the resurrection life to varied points of the world. Today the new group of world servers is charged with a similar task only instead of bringing forth a message after the passage of the Christ, today's group is charged with firing the world with the spirit of expectancy, for that which is to come. Already the World Teacher's approach is sensed by millions of people. But often this message is shrouded with much glamour which serves the forces of materialism in their efforts to so distort the truth, that that which is Real becomes suspect. We can see, therefore, how the solution to glamour depends upon the ability of the mind to penetrate into that which is Real, through a developed discrimination so that when the Teacher appears in this day and time, His livingness will be there for those who have eyes to see. That which He initiated 2,000 years ago is on the verge of consummation. All the harshness and agony stirring among humanity is aiding humanity to emerge from the tomb of darkness and the prison of the separated self and into the livingness of the resurrection life.
