

The Great Invocation

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A basic objective of the Great Invocation is the appeal for light, for that which reveals reality and dispels the darkness of ignorance.

The keynote for our conference is 'Let vision come and insight, let the future stand revealed'. In meditating upon the key thoughts of the Great Invocation we will find the vision and insight needed for the work of preparation for the reappearance of the Christ.

The final version of the Great Invocation was given out in the spring of 1945 in conjunction with Christ's decision to make His reappearance. The Tibetan tells us that Christ was given permission to use the Great Invocation for the first time by the Lord of the World. In a sense it was a 'reward' to Him because of his decision to return. This gives us some indication of the immense impact of this invocation, for the right to use such great words of power is never given lightly.

Christ's return to Earth refers to His visible reappearance and the consequent externalising of the Hierarchy, for Christ has never left humanity. His work then will lead to the unfoldment in humanity of the three basic energies: Light (or active intelligence), Love, and Will. Humanity will then be able to join in a more open and direct relationship with Hierarchy and with Shamballa. But the success of Christ's proposed effort hinges upon humanity's cooperation through the use of the Great Invocation. His effort cannot fail if men and women throughout the world unite in invoking His return, for mankind's invocative cry has always brought response. The key to creating this invocatory appeal lies in achieving a point of tension, which is a united focusing of all one's faculties to invoke or appeal for something. Most people work and think in a fragmented, distracted fashion much of the time, and much of their energy is scattered uselessly. But working from a point of tension channels all the energies toward a specific focus. The point of tension creates a storehouse of power. Disciples know this and train themselves to work this way. Working from a point of tension also applies to the saying of the Great Invocation, on an individual level by giving all one's attention and power of appeal to the invoking of light, love, and will. For humanity as a whole this point of tension is achieved through the worldwide use of the Great Invocation, daily, hourly, by men and women everywhere. Such a massive appeal is awaited by Christ and will signal to Him the proper time for His reappearance, for it will indicate that

humanity's consciousness is responsive and intuitive enough to receive the next phase of His teaching.

We are told by the Tibetan that the period following the World War, when Christ has made His decision to reappear, marked the inauguration of a point of tension on a world-wide scale during which energy began to be generated and focussed for future use. It is this period of crisis and preparation that we are still in, and it marks an opportunity for all humanity to assist in augmenting the point of tension which will find its release when Christ reappears. The energies of light, love and will invoked by us are being stored up for a future release that will mark the beginning of a truly new age, for they will bring the unfolding of the kingdom of God on Earth, not just as something to be hope for and awaited, but the living, earthly reality of a soul-infused humanity.

There has never before been a period of such opportunity, for this is the first time in the history of the human race that the three basic cosmic energies—light, love and will— are available to us at the same time. Light, or active intelligence, was first anchored in in the Lemurian race, when the human mind began to develop and the first glimmer of intelligence appeared. A basic objective of the Great Invocation is the appeal for light, for that which reveals reality and dispels the darkness of ignorance. Light is a quality of the soul—the human soul, the world soul or 'anima mundi', the animal soul, and the overshadowing soul of humanity. The invocation of the soul brings light: enlightenment. Love became possible of development during the Atlantean period, as a result of the struggle between the forces of light and the forces of darkness. Love has not yet achieved full manifestation in the hearts of humanity by any means; nevertheless it was irretrievably anchored within humanity through the living embodiment of Christ's love.

In the present cycle we are able to invoke a triple unfolding of energies: for light on our path; for love to heal the cleavages that separate us from one another; and for the will of God, for its expression in humanity as the will-to-good, the most fundamental aspect of divine Will.

Until now the energy of Shamballa has been distributed to humanity through Hierarchy. But humanity has apparently reached a point where we are ready for the direct Impact of the divine Will—it no longer needs to be 'stepped down' through Hierarchy. We are ready to establish a more direct relationship with Shamballa, from which divine Will is directed to our planet. This will lead to a more rapid unfolding of the Plan and will undoubtedly mark a period of great crisis and conflict for the direct impact of energy always meets resistance at first.

While the divine Will must remain an essential mystery even to Hierarchy, it is Possible for us to work with purpose, with that aspect of the Plan which needs immediate implementing. We know that one essential purpose of the Plan is for humanity to become the 'exponent of the mind of God'. For all three lines and aspects of energy—

light, love, and will—converge in the centre called humanity. Only in humanity can the love and light and will of God reach full flower, for humanity is the converging point through which all atoms of life must pass. All kingdoms of life have been at one time or will become human. Thus the intensity of the human conflict, and thus the necessity for humanity's cooperation in the unfolding of the Plan. It cannot proceed without us, and can be greatly accelerated with humanity's unified cooperation. Thus one important result of the correct use of the Great Invocation is acceleration. On an individual basis this can precipitate karma, for the Tibetan tells us the saying of the Great Invocation effects permanent, irreversible changes in the individual. But we know that life is essentially a process of evolution, of merging toward the centre from which we came, and like the prodigal son, nothing can dissuade us from our return.

From Darkness to Light

Invocation itself is a part of the planetary process of appeal and response: invocation and evocation. It is distinctive of the 'mode of life' which governs the entire graded hierarchy of Being on our planet. It is an aspect of the evolutionary pushing forward out of darkness into light. Humanity down through history has made appeal for more light, for revelation, which is essentially God's 'unfolding of Himself to men'. And God has never failed to respond. We are ready now for a further revelation of divinity: the Will of God. This is the most fundamental purpose behind the Great Invocation. The Tibetan tells us that it has already established a channel of contact between humanity and 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being that cannot be broken. The work that the Great Invocation has accomplished so far cannot be undone. Let us now move ahead toward a better understanding of the Great Invocation, for we need always to look for deeper and deeper meanings in it, and not content ourselves with what we presently understand. Each of us has to make these realisations for himself through his own meditation, and the insights we discover are a contribution to the understanding of the group as a whole.

In our study and use of the Great Invocation, it is helpful to keep in mind some thoughts of the Tibetan, who seeks always to lift our perspective still higher: the anchoring of the three energies—light, love and will—is in humanity itself, he writes, in 'the centre which we call the race of men. Here and here alone lies the promise of the future and its hope and opportunity. Here and here alone can all the divine qualities—in time and space—express themselves and find fulfilment; here and here alone can love be truly born, intelligence correctly function, and the will of God demonstrate its effective goodwill. Through humanity, alone and unaided (except by the divine Spirit in every human being), can the "door where evil dwells be sealed". It is not Sanat Kumara who seals that door; it is not the Hierarchy which forces evil back into the place from whence it comes.

It is struggling, aspiring and suffering humanity to whom the task is committed and, my brother, humanity is adequate to the task'.

Any sense of separateness is due simply to ignorance and to the fact that certain energies are as yet unable to make adequate impression upon the human consciousness, functioning in time and space. The essential synthesis exists and the end is sure and inevitable; unity is attainable because unity exists and the sense of separateness is simply the Great Illusion. It was in order to hasten the dispelling of this great illusion of separateness in the minds of men, and to bring about the emergence of the basic existing unity, that the new world prayer was given to men and its use on a worldwide scale inaugurated. Elsewhere (The Reappearance of the Christ), I have told you of the origin and the impulsion of the Great Invocation. Here I am simply placing it before you as a fitting conclusion to this portion of my labour of love in the presentation of truth, and as a possible starting point in yours.

*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.*

(Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle, pp. 137-8)