

On the Mountaintop the Sun is Born
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Tonight we come together at one of the most sacred times of the year, the festival of the Christmas period, the symbol of the birth of light that ever appears amidst the darkness of the outer world. We are passing through a period of major crisis in the life of humanity in which issues are being brought to the surface which have been festering for many years. These crises hold out the opportunity that through the conflict harmony can eventually be attained and a great step forward taken.

The full moon is a period when there is a subjective opening between the inner and outer worlds and as we gather together we provide points of light within the etheric field of the planet through which higher energies can flow. Let us use our work together during this time to enter into meditation deep and contribute to humanity's ability to see clearly permitting the more moderate voices of the world to prevail.

The full moon work each year brings us to this culminating point in the journey of the soul, for Capricorn is known as the sign of periodic arresting. The disciple can go no further into the light than the mountain top and the two subsequent signs of Aquarius and Pisces, see the seeker descending from the mountain and entering into the valleys, distributing that which has been attained at this high point.

The progressive nature of the monthly full moon ritual is a reflection of the path of return, the path through which the disciple moves from darkness to light. This journey could be viewed as a type of year-long breathing exercise divided into four sections -- inbreathing, pause, outbreathing, pause. We are passing through the final phase of this cycle and experiencing the ending of the long pause after exhalation. This is a time of a great outpouring of love to all beings that occurs each year at the solstice/Christmas period. The door between Hierarchy and Humanity is open wide for those who can establish the requisite alignment through which the will-to-good can be tapped and goodwill released throughout the world.

Esoterically considered, Capricorn is the most mysterious of the twelve signs. The mountain-top, after all, is shrouded by clouds and the higher one ascends, the thinner the air becomes making resolute faith in the eventual success of the journey essential for summoning the strength to keep moving forward. Those who undertake this journey are known esoterically as the goats, embodiments of faith or shraddha. Goats are strong and solitary creatures who can sustain themselves on sparse rations, are nimble on their feet and able to jump across deep and treacherous ravines.

As the summit is reached the goat is mysteriously transformed into the unicorn, the fighting creature of God, the initiate, with its one golden horn outstretched, revealing the many-colored lights of the inpouring rays and constellational lives to which the expanded contours of the mind permit access.

Capricorn is a sign of grounding between spirit and matter, being the most potent portal for the influx of the energy of the seventh ray which because of its synthetic nature, leads to the revelation

of that sacred light, the light supernal. The majesty of this sign is reflected in its close relationship with the sacred stars of the Pleiades which are part of the most important triangle which overshadows our entire solar system – the triangle of the Great Bear, Sirius and the Pleiades. The Pleiades represent the third aspect of the Triangle and are understood to be the Seven Sisters or Wives of the Rishis of the Great Bear, the Father aspect. The light of the Pleiades is directed through Capricorn and distributed through the planet Mercury to Humanity.

The energy of Capricorn is instrumental, therefore, in relation to the spiritual unfoldment of humanity and to the creation of those conditions needed for the preparation of our planet for the reappearance of the Christ. A glimpse into the relationship between these energy centers is contained within an ancient passage which highlights the spiritual opportunity unfolding on Earth. The passage states that the light from the Pleiades evokes response from the constellation Capricorn and the highest and lowest merge and blend, producing the Son of God. We read:

“I am the densest point of all the concrete world. I am a tomb; I also am the womb. I am the rock which sinks itself into the deep of matter.

I am the mountain-top on which the Son is born on which the Sun is seen and that which catches the first rays of light.”

The passage continues with the initiate standing upon the mountain top receiving a great influx of light through Mercury, the Messenger, the bridge. This Messenger on a planetary level is the Christ Himself, the Sun-God who came forth at this dark time of year to usher in the energy of the new morning. We read “To me a Messenger comes forth and says `the Dayspring from on high is on the way, sent by the Father to the Mother.”

The Christ releases on earth an influx of supernal light that he received from the great second ray star Sirius. We read, “Upon his way unto this nether star we call the Earth he stopped at a bright sun where shines the light of love and there received the accolade of love. So thus he brings bright gifts to man. For he is man himself and from these three (the Pleiades, Capricorn, Mercury) Man takes a nature which is his today. Son of the Mother, born from the tomb and showing after birth the light which he has taken from them all” (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 432-33).

There is much promise in this line of relationship from the Pleiades, to Capricorn, focalized through Mercury and distributed by humanity. The New Group of World Servers, ruled by Mercury, plays a powerful role in establishing this alignment.

Holding the opportunity of the alignment available at this Capricorn full moon, let us now take a moment of silence, standing collectively with the New Group of World Servers, visualizing ourselves upon the mountain top, above the fogs and mists of earth, sounding together the five o'clock Mantram:

May the Power of the One Life pour through the group of all true servers.

May the Love of the One Soul characterize the lives of all who seek to aid the Great Ones.

May I fulfill my part in the One Work, through self-forgetfulness, harmlessness and right speech.

The energies inherent in the sign of Capricorn can be challenging as they are crystallizing in their effect at the level of the personality. It can be a very concretizing energy and as things work out on the physical plane they can become entrenched and difficult to change for by its nature matter is inert and tamasic—slow and heavy. During the past years, since 2008, with the passage of Pluto through the sign of Capricorn, these dense structures of the outer world are fraying.

Pluto is a planet linked with power and the underworld and will only leave Capricorn completely in November 2024. This period has had a severe impact upon all aspects of our planetary life, particularly the financial structures of the world with a large-scale consolidation of wealth being transferred into increasingly fewer hands and the consequent suffering this has inflicted on the masses of humanity.

The group has consequently been challenged to meet the need and stretch itself into new territories. The years ahead as Pluto enters Aquarius, a sign associated with group consciousness, will see the crisis points being stimulated through the letting in of the light, always a difficult but necessary process but one which will foster a broad scale awakening. This is a time of rending, when the mountains of karma are crumbling and the fissures in the present structures while challenging are also liberating humanity into its birthright.

When Capricorn conditions individuals, groups, cities and nations it can be difficult to access spiritually so much so that at this time we do not find any major nation of the world conditioned on a soul level by this sign. All the countries that are conditioned at the personality level by Capricorn are ancient and crystallized and in need of shattering so that a new form can be built and new life brought in under a new revitalizing energy. The countries conditioned by Capricorn are India, Greece, Austria, Spain and Japan.

As a whole, Humanity is also strongly under the influence of Capricorn as we saw in the earlier mentioned alignment between the Pleiades, Capricorn, Mercury, and Humanity. Capricorn makes humanity subject to control by the forces of materialism, being a line of least resistance for that sign. It's interesting as well to note that as a group the Jewish people at the level of their personality are also controlled by Capricorn. We can see therefore that symbolically speaking the challenges confronting Humanity as a whole are consolidated in the Jewish people in their evolutionary journey. Therefore, the current crisis unfolding in Gaza is a microcosm of a larger human problem and one that can only be solved by the collective consideration of men and women of goodwill everywhere.

It is interesting to note that at the level of the soul the Jewish people are governed by the sign of Virgo, the divine Mother, the preeminent sign of the Christ. In ancient writings Capricorn is likened to the rock whereas Virgo is the tomb or womb within the caves of matter, the womb in which the Son is born. This Virgo energy is the key to salvation for the Jewish people and an opportunity that was held out to them two thousand years ago. Virgo is a powerful vehicle for the influx of the Second Ray energies of Love-Wisdom, the energy of the Christ and all the Lords of Compassion.

It's said that the Jewish people collectively stand as the solar plexus of the Planetary Logos hence the intensity of their karmic challenge, giving them a powerful feeling nature. This has resulted in the tendency to conflict but has also contributed to their tremendous creative expression. The solution to the problems working out through this group will come through the lifting of the energies impacting the solar plexus to the heart, through alignment with the energies of the Spiritual

Hierarchy—a work in which the New Group of World Servers can aid. This influx of love through the soul will come into play as the higher spiritual qualities of the sign of Capricorn do their work of shattering of the entrenched energies conditioning the form and leading to a consequent purification.

The Jewish people are dear to the heart of the Hierarchy for as the Tibetan writes, “in the performance of His greatest work, the Christ chose a Jewish body.” It’s said that the Messiah which is awaited by the Jewish people at this time will most probably be fulfilled by the Master Jesus, coming forward along the sixth ray line. We go on to read, “If this problem can be solved, it will be one of the potent factors in the restoration of world understanding and harmony. It cannot be solved without the cooperation of the people of good will throughout the world” (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I, p. 393*). At this sacred time of the year when people throughout the world are invoking the forces of light, the opportunity is upon us to contribute towards building a thoughtform of solution to this situation. We can take it into the quietness of the inner world, the inner ashram, and cultivate the requisite tension through which solutions can precipitate.

Let us take the opportunity of this full moon period to hold the area surrounding the Middle East in our thoughts, visualizing a white five-pointed star hovering over the entire area, doing what we can to quell the turbulent energies through a downpouring of the energies of the Planetary Heart.
