

The Way of the Warrior
The Festival of Scorpio, New York 2023

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Good evening everyone and welcome to this full moon meditation festival in Scorpio. The exact time of the full moon occurs at 4:24 pm tomorrow afternoon and so we stand within the tide of the inflowing energies.

Each month, the full moon work provides the opportunity for individuals and groups throughout the world to come together to create a magnetic field upon which the higher impressions can play. This rhythmic work carried forward month after month over the course of our lives, working in alignment with the energies of the sign under consideration and with our group, is perhaps our most potent form of planetary service.

This year's Scorpio Festival is heightened by the fact that it coincides with a lunar eclipse. Eclipses intensify the atmosphere surrounding unfolding events. Historically eclipses have often been associated with changes in the trajectory of life, such as the births and deaths of important figures, as well as other significant beginnings and endings such as the conception of the proposal for the United Nations, the signing of the preliminary articles of the US Constitution at the First Continental Congress, the formal announcement of the Theory of Relativity, and many other turning points in planetary history. Even the darkness that was said to fall over Christ's crucifixion was surely the result of an eclipse.

The Tibetan qualifies eclipses as mass events that will become important parts of the coming new world religion. Esoterically they bring about a closer alignment between the three planetary centers and stand as times when the will of God holds sway, when destined events come to pass and are set in motion. The will, being impersonal, stimulates both the light and the dark, the higher aspects of human nature manifesting as the will-to-good but also stimulating the material aspect. Eclipses create intersections between different fields or spheres of radiation, fostering an influx of energy that can shed light on seemingly intractable problems, thereby affecting the divine circulatory flow of energies.

Eclipses always come in pairs and the previous one occurred two weeks ago at the Libra new moon and we can witness the intensity of the energies released upon the planet during this period. The dramatic escalation in global tensions finds humanity caught in the crosshairs of unfolding events and increasing divisions. Ancient animosities are being brought to the surface and situations that are fraught with danger are nonetheless also presenting opportunity.

During such times it is the responsibility of the NGWS to hold the point of tension between the extremes so that steps can be taken towards solutions to these long-festering wounds. In the midst of chaos, there is always opportunity. It is to this group of world mediators, the NGWS, that the Spiritual Hierarchy of the planet looks for aid in bringing order out of chaos and leading humanity from darkness to light.

Let's now take a brief moment of silence, recognizing the importance of the energies being focalized at this time and stand with all the many individuals and groups working together with us at this full moon opportunity and sound together the Mantram of the Holy Ones.

"May the Holy Ones Whose pupils we aspire to become so strengthen us that we may give ourselves without reserve, seeking nothing, asking nothing, hoping nothing for the separated self; may we be content to be in the light or in the dark, to be active or passive, to work or to wait, to speak or to be silent, to take praise or reproach, to feel sorrow or joy—our only wish to be what They need as instruments for Their mighty work, and to fill whatever post is vacant in Their household."

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As the eclipse cycle at this time falls under the combined influence of Libra and Scorpio we are provided with a pair of energies that stimulate forward movement in alignment with the Plan. Libra establishes the point of tension for the energy of the soul to be drawn forth, while Scorpio provides the indomitable will and strength to carry forward the achieved tension into the field of battle. This combination engenders lines of relationship between Humanity and the NGWS for it's said that the masses of humanity fall under the conditioning influence of the scales of Libra while the discipleship group is conditioned by Scorpio. The New Group holds upon its shoulders the demand to shift the energy of the masses towards the light.

Scorpio is the archetypal sign of discipleship described as the greatest experience upon the path. It is great because it carries through and solidifies the decisions made in Libra. As the sign of the warrior, Scorpio embodies the qualities of strength, determination, the ability to give one's life for a cause and, in the end, the capacity to triumph over all odds in the realization of that cause. At this stage in the long journey of the soul's life one sees the realization of the whole goal of evolutionary development and the attainment of the longed-for liberation into divinity.

Scorpio as one of the preeminent signs of death is highlighted in Christ's experience alone in the desert after the Baptism. Christ's experience was archetypal, a symbol of that which all disciples must encounter yet something that He was recapitulating via the Master Jesus. In the desert, devoid of all human contact, he spent 40 days in prayer and fasting and was confronted with himself. He was tested in all aspects of His being and a sense of loss and doubt descended upon him. He faced the natural fears that arise in such moments when all that had previously given life meaning had been stripped away. He asked himself if all that he had experienced was a delusion and his realizations false. He was confronted with the Dweller aspect of himself, the accumulated shortcomings accrued over many lives while, at the same time, He stood face to face with the Real, with the Angel, which was an equally terrifying experience. He emerged from the desert having proved to himself the veracity of the soul. He conquered fear and killed doubt. Through this means Christ and all seekers after truth develop that discriminative power that enables them to see through the pairs of opposites and follow the razor-edged path of light.

The transformations in the desert is reflective of the depth of the Scorpio experience. This is a deeply subjective energy, a receptive, watery influence that is cultivated through a highly strategic mental attitude. It is the sign of the warrior. War itself demands a deeply psychological and tactical ability in order to outmaneuver the enemy and never doubting the ultimate victory. In the case of the discipleship group, it is the confrontation with the collective Dweller working out through Humanity. In *The Art of War* we read of the counsel given to the warrior in training and which can be applied collectively to the group:

"If ignorant both of your enemy and yourself, you are certain to be in peril."

“He who is prudent and lies in wait for an enemy who is not, will be victorious.”

“What the ancients called a clever fighter is one who not only wins, but excels in winning with ease.”

The skillful warrior succeeds because he has perfected those attitudes of mind which refuse to succumb to fear. This quality is embodied in the Sanskrit term *sbraddha*, which is defined as an utter fearlessness that casts out doubt. The warrior not only frees himself and inspires others, but he dedicates this fearlessness to the freeing of imprisoned Humanity. This warrior arrives at the realization that he is divinely protected and consequently invincible.

Too often men and women of goodwill fail to recognize the need for the warrior’s skillfulness and yet it is precisely this quality demanded of the group particularly at times such as these. For humanity remains caught between conflicting forces, captive to the endless cycle of wars and hatreds, which have successfully turned individuals, groups and nations against each other, weakening humanity and deflecting energies away from essentials and into non-essentials.

At the close of the Second World War there was much success in driving back the materialistic forces and much forward movement was realized. Yet over the past decades forces have conspired to interfere and interrupt the divine circulatory flow of energies. Humanity has been captured by forces that manipulate and distort and, as a result, they have opened wider the door where evil dwells, unleashing forces with which humanity was never intended and is ill-equipped to deal.

At the same time that humanity is dealing with these ancient and entrenched forces, we are also being subjected to many new and powerful incoming energies which are also difficult to handle. This has resulted in conditions such as over-stimulation, psychic sensitivities, ill-health and mental and emotional imbalances while at the same time these energies have expanded human consciousness. The group is charged with finding its way amidst these conflicting streams of energies and standing steady. This steadiness is needed in order to keep the link between the inner and outer worlds open and the Plan progressing.

The present challenges could be viewed as the last vestiges of the forces and energies unleashed during the World War and the death knell which that conflagration was intended to give to the forces of materialism. Unfortunately, that was not realized. The Tibetan predicted this possibility and warned that “... men will fight to prevent [the realization of a new and better world]...; the vested interests, the big cartels, trusts and monopolies that controlled the past few decades, preceding this world war, will mobilise their resources and fight to the death to prevent the extinction of their sources of income; they will not permit, if they can help it, the passing of... control...into the hands of the masses, to whom it rightly belongs. The selfish interests among the big stockholders, the banking firms and the wealthy organised churches will oppose all change, except in so far as it will benefit them and bring more financial gain to their coffers” (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 499).

Another warning from the Tibetan relates directly to the present situation and is worth reconsidering. He said that in the archives of the spiritual Hierarchy, the entire area of the Near East and Europe—Greece, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Palestine, the Arab States, Egypt and Russia—were under a heavy overshadowing cloud. And He asked if this cloud could be dissipated by the right thinking and planning of ...the majority of the nations of the world standing together. Or He

wondered, “must it break in disaster over the world? Will it present a task too hard for correct handling by that inexperienced disciple—Humanity” (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 430).

All challenges present corresponding opportunities. The dark overshadowing cloud hovering over the midpoint of the world can be counteracted by the New Group as it aligns with the forces of Light. The Group is being challenged to establish the requisite tension that will allow it to draw upon another cloud, that raincloud of knowable things, which contains the resources of all the many ashramic groups and which can precipitate the energies needed through which solutions can be found. “This raincloud,” he wrote, “is hovering, heavy with portent and knowledge, over a world today in process of reorganisation and regeneration. The Masters are seeking to hasten in Their disciples this recognition of that which is imminent, so that they can be the intelligent agents whereby the needed precipitations can be brought about” (*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p. 300).

This transformation of the human into the divine as demonstrated by the life of Christ and the lives of all saints and Rishis from all the many different religious and spiritual traditions throughout time, proves the reality of the potential of the human soul and by extension of the soul of the human kingdom. This is the ultimate lesson of the Scorpio experience that leads straight to the mountain top of initiation. It is through the death of the personality in Scorpio that the eventual entry into life is realized. This is the true trans-humanism, in contrast to the proposed implantation of chips into human brains in a vain attempt at replication of that which cannot be replicated by artificial means. Through the accessing of divinity the potential innate within each human soul can be realized. Through the death of the personality one enters into life. Then will the access to the raincloud of knowable things be realized, then will the new ideas precipitate and give birth to a just and proper use of technology--not to hack human beings but rather to release humanity from the weight of slavery and into the culture of the soul.
