

The Great Sacrifice
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Welcome everyone. Tonight we work together in meditation with the energies of Pisces, the culminating sign of the spiritual year.

Many energies are available to us now for Pisces is the richest sign of all and its synthesizing qualities enable it to fuse and blend together the energies of the entire zodiac into a consummate whole, dedicating them to the purpose of world service. Pisces is the sign, after all, of the World Saviors, the Bodhisattvas and the Rishis throughout time, Those who have come forth upon the path of Sacrifice and dedicated themselves to the liberation of all life forms.

The exact time of the full moon occurs tomorrow morning at 7:30 am EST and we encourage all of you to take some time prior to that moment, either later tonight or tomorrow morning, to make a collective approach to the planetary heart center, the Spiritual Hierarchy, standing in alignment with individuals and groups throughout the world. Together we create a channel within consciousness that can reach up into the heavens and bring down that which is available at any particular time to meet the need of the people. In Pisces there is much available and in the world there is much need.

The full moon period each month provides the group with the opportunity to strengthen the divine circulatory flow of energy through the power of invocation and evocation, call and response. Through the mediation of this group a vast planetary alignment is established which serves as a lifting and directing agency for that voiceless invocative appeal that is constantly issuing forth from the masses of humanity a call for the relief from suffering, a call for divine intervention at this time when the Law is withering. This voiceless can be directed by the NGWS through the open door that is available during the full moon interlude. The group projects its lighted thought in such a manner that response is evoked from Those Lives which hover over our planet. An interplay is then established through which an influx of divinely qualified substance pours through the group aura and released into the planetary etheric body resulting in an increased stimulation of a very intense nature.

Let us now take a moment of silence to link with these groups and sound together the oldest known prayer given out to the world, the Gayatri, the hope of enlightenment:

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 disk of golden Light
That we may know the truth and do our whole duty
As we journey to Thy sacred feet.

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Throughout time the zodiacal wheel has shown mutability, reflecting the shifting stages in the developing consciousness of humanity. Pisces was one of the last signs to have been incorporated into the zodiac, along with Aquarius. When this occurred, it was a reflection of the fact that the humanity of the day had begun to demonstrate responsiveness to the qualities of the World Server and the World Savior. Today this influence of Pisces is well-established, having colored human consciousness throughout the entire preceding age.

And as we move through the waning period of that age, the Piscean energies have been given added stimulus through one of the rulers of Pisces, the planet Neptune—the great synthesizing planet, sometimes known as the cosmic Christ. Since 2011 Neptune has been passing through the sign of Pisces and will not completely leave this sign until 2026. It's curious how this transit coincides with the closing years of the Stage of the Forerunner. Neptune focuses the energies of Pisces as it concerns humanity as a whole but this only takes place on the final stages of the path of discipleship. But this is a rather large group at this time. At this stage, there is the merging of the individual with the group which can then reach out and connect with the whole of humanity. Pisces and Neptune are similar in nature, embodying the qualities of sacrifice, the impulse of giving, of dissolving borders and separating walls. Their combined energies are serving to awaken the soul of Humanity, preparing it for the unfolding initiation and the coming revelation.

According to the Ageless Wisdom, Neptune does not belong to our planetary system. It is on loan to us we might say. It is sacrificing itself, its own evolutionary development, for the furtherance of systemic purpose. This is its nature, contributing to the objective of this entire second solar system which is the unfolding of love. Neptune brings into our system energies of a different nature and it would seem a nature that is akin to that of our Logos, Who after all is called the Great Sacrifice. Neptune is also surely related to the Solar Angels as well, those great Beings who have undertaken the ultimate sacrifice to forward the evolutionary process on Earth. Perhaps Neptune is helping in the purification of our entire solar system so that an energetic field can be created that will make it possible to accommodate additional influxes of Solar Angels on other planets of which there are said to be over 100 that are undiscovered at this time. Through this means the great experiment undertaken by our Logos, the experiment of initiation, can be undertaken in other systems which, in turn, would make it possible to expedite systemic evolution. It could also be possible that this Neptunian influence is helping to prepare our planetary atmosphere for the influx of highly advanced souls from other planets whom the Tibetan has said are waiting to incarnate until such time as our planet has achieved a sufficient vibratory rate.

As with all things, when considering the nature of a planet, we have to keep in mind the varied manner of its impact upon people. On the higher turn of the spiral Neptune stands as the cosmic Christ. Many are responding to this influence and there is a widespread flowering of spirituality and goodwill. On the other turn of the spiral, Neptune can present as an Anti-Christ, and its synthesizing, mesmerizing qualities can be used to deceive making white to appear black and black as white. Synthesis can be side-lined resulting in the consolidation of power in fewer and fewer hands seemingly for the protection of the people.

In a collective sense, Pisces symbolizes the fundamental duality of soul and form that underlies all life. This duality is clearly seen in the symbol of this sign, the two fishes inextricably bound together but moving in opposite directions. For a long period of lives in the early stages of the wheel of life, the individual is immersed within the watery sphere of the substance of the collective unconscious,

the world of matter, in which the soul is held in bondage. Eventually through the course of many lives, a growing responsiveness to the soul develops and the individual begins detaching himself from the world of material desire and attaching himself instead to the world of the soul.

The two keynotes for Pisces reflect these two states of being. On the ordinary wheel we read: "And the Word said: Go forth into matter." This stage demonstrates the beginning of the long journey on the wheel of life, when the fish (the soul) is completely submerged in matter and any entering light is seen as distorted and misshapen. The keynote for the disciple in Pisces, on the other hand, speaks to the stage of liberation, to the triumph of the path itself. Here the World Savior declares: "I leave the Father's home and turning back, I save."

We see here how on the reversed wheel of the disciple, Pisces brings in a powerful link with this highest planetary center, Shamballa, the center of spiritual will. This access was abundantly illustrated in the life of that great Piscean Savior, the Christ. He often spoke of His connection with the Father and that the way to the Father was through Him. With this teaching He sought to warn future generations of the dangers of the over-development of the concrete mind when not coupled with soul. This direct approach to the highest center, this bypassing the soul through the misappropriation of the first ray, is the avenue that has been paved by the materialistic forces, fomenting the will-to-power without the protective agency of the will-to-love. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why the returning teacher has said that He comes not to bring peace, but a sword for before true peace cannot be achieved until many things pass away. Two thousand years ago, standing in the quiet garden of Gethsemane, Christ became the first of our Earth humanity to forge the Way into Shamballa through the submerging of his individual will in that of the Father, paving the way for humanity to follow.

Christ came forth at the commencement of the Piscean age. He came to anchor the Law of Sacrifice within the human kingdom, demonstrating this divine quality in full measure. He chose His disciples from the fishermen and demonstrated by His life of service that their real work was to become instead the fishers of men. The discipleship group then and today is charged with reeling in the entrapped fishes, pulling them up from the mud and murky waters of existence and releasing them into the light of day.

Christ was here giving all seekers on the way a symbol of the whole Purpose for which our Logos came to embody this planet. That purpose is working out through the experiment in redemption. "Redemption" is defined as "to regain possession of, to buy back again or to release." In other words redemption involves a lifting up and saving of the souls embedded in matter, swimming and trapped in the astral waters, purifying the third aspect through the medium of the second.

The vehicles for this redemption are of course the Solar Angels, Those great Lives who are our true selves and who are preparing to flower forth as a result of the impress of the intensification of light that has been pouring in. These angels are called the "sons of mind who choose to be the sons of men and yet for all eternity remain the Sons of God" (*DINA II*, p. 386). Their work is to redeem form, to lift humanity into the light and then, in turn, enable humanity to become the redeemer of the three lower kingdoms of nature.

The Law of Sacrifice is a central Law working out on our planet. We cannot speak of the way of liberation on other planets but here on Earth, our Logos is the embodiment of this Law and known

as the Great Sacrifice. For Him this way of sacrifice is the way of bliss. He has vowed to stay here until the last weary pilgrim has found his way home. His intention is to meet the need of the “seeds of life, striving within the substance of the form, and seeking added life and light” (DINA II, 287). These seeds were the animal-men inhabiting the planet eighteen and a half million years ago who called forth to Him when He wanted to return to the Father and find another assignment. We are fortunate for His decision to stay with us. Now, at this Pisces full moon, standing as the Great Sacrifice, He turns His back upon the light of the Central Spiritual Sun and pours it forth through His Heart, shedding its countenance, stimulating the soul within all forms until the cosmic heart, the heart systemic and the little heart of man begin to beat in rhythmic unison.

This Great Life holds fast to the vision of the Plan for our planet which embodies His Purpose, a Purpose from which He has never wavered. We, as brain cells within His Life, can dedicate our lives to aiding Him in the working out of this Purpose by applying the Law of Sacrifice in our own lives, in our own way of understanding. Through a consideration of the symbol of this Law – a golden bird flying free above the rosy cross– we can be willing to sacrifice that which is known and loved, that which has been built up over the many ages of our lives. This need for sacrifice can be applied to our approach to the Path itself which is, at least for most of us, still largely colored by the mystical approach which was the defining method of the Piscean age.

Through a sacrifice of the lesser for the greater we provide the space within through which we can update our brains and install new software so that we can become more receptive to the new currents and forms through which this ever-evolving Plan of God can work out.

The Logos works unceasingly behind the scenes, unknown and unrecognized except vaguely by those He seeks to serve. He remains so until such time as they have reached the stage in their own unfoldment when they can come to know Him as He is. These are the initiates of the world, standing behind the scenes, focalizing the energies pouring through the New Group of World Servers, lifting up the workers on the outer realms, giving of their inspiration and through this means aiding them in the task of pouring new life into the weary veins of Earth.
