

The Gemini Full Moon Festival Talk, May 30th, 2026.

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The Two Trees in the Garden of Eden and Hercules and the Golden Apples:
(or the restoration of the original Plan on Earth in the Age of Aquarius)

Welcome everyone to the Gemini full moon meditation. This afternoon we are meditating at a little over 12 hours from the exact time of the full moon, which will be at 04:46 am EDT, Sunday morning, if anyone wants to meditate again at that time.

The Gemini full moon is the final full moon of the Three Spiritual festivals season, which is considered the high point of the spiritual year for humanity. The full moon in Gemini symbolizes the goal of the Plan for humanity “working out” and the realization of Christ consciousness or the unification of the soul with the personality. It is the last full moon in the festival season because its role is to gather up all that has been accumulated and generated during the previous two full moons to make an evocative appeal on behalf of humanity to God. Christ stands as humanity’s representative in this appeal and as the New Group of World Servers we seek to join him in this effort to add our energy and force to that invocation. This appeal is to invoke as much of the spiritual will of the Father, and therefore the Plan, for the sake of humanity as we can do.

In the Bible, the Plan is called the “Garden of Eden,” and in this garden there was not just one tree, the Tree of Knowledge, famously remembered as the one where Eve was given the apple by the serpent, but also a second tree, the Tree of Life or Wisdom. Both trees were guarded by the angel with a flaming sword of light which stands at the gate, but when man on the reversal wheel of the zodiac seeks to return to the garden and realize his unity with all of life, the angel with the sword becomes the angel of the presence. Man’s fall is therefore not from sin, but is his descent as a soul into matter, and His eventual return home through traveling the path of realization and identification with the One Life. The path of the reverse wheel is achieved through selfless service to humanity and is the path all disciples, initiates and the Hierarchy itself take and have taken on their way home to the Father.

Unification with the One Life and the Will of God is referred to in the Great Invocation as light descending, Christ returning, and the Plan of light and love ‘working out’ on Earth. It is the descent of God’s will into the minds of men and the return of wisdom, or the soul or Christ consciousness, into the hearts of men that work out of the Plan on Earth and reveal the Garden of Eden, restoring through fusion with the soul unification with the Father. This festival is also known as, “The Festival of the Christ, The Festival of Humanity, and The Festival of Goodwill.” These names imply that humanity, through realization of soul consciousness, becomes aligned with the will of the Father. Let us

say “The Mantram of Unification” and acknowledge as members of the New Group of World Servers and humanity, our intention to realign with the Father as the One Life.

The souls of all are one and I am one with them.

I seek to love, not hate;

I seek to serve and not exact due service;

I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love.

Let the soul control the outer form,

And life and all events,

And bring to light the Love,

That underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight.

Let the future stand revealed.

Let inner union demonstrate, and outer cleavages be gone.

Let love prevail.

Let all people love.

As this mantra states, it is through realization of unity with all life and identification with the Father that knowledge of and union with His will is known. But it is through love or Christ Consciousness, that this is possible. Realization of soul consciousness is the path to Father’s will. This is why Christ said to His disciples, “I am the way, and the truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” He was teaching that realization of love within the heart allows identification with the One Life to be known. This is the Plan for humanity in the Aquarian Age, and this vision of unity will bring the needed insight to realize union with all life through love. This is also our goal as the heart center of the New Group of Worlds Servers, and we most powerfully do this work through our group meditations at the time of the full moon. The full moon in Gemini brings the energy of the 2nd ray of love-wisdom, which is the ray of relationship. This ray helps to build group consciousness and the right relations needed at this time in human history, because man has become lost in his lower mind.

In the Garden of Eden, Eve eating the apple from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents the matter aspect of the mind focused only on the outer planes of experience through the senses. Adam, as a symbol of soul, took the apple from Eve, so he could descend into matter and experience life in form and “know her.” Through this knowledge of form or feminine aspect, he could then raise her up into the will of the Father. Through this divine marriage of Adam and Eve, or the fusion of the soul and the

personality, matter is redeemed and the Plan is restored on Earth. Little known is the second tree in the Garden of Eden, the Tree of Life or Wisdom, which symbolizes the Antahkarana, or in the Kabbalistic teachings the sephiroth. It is a symbol of the path, depicted as the body becoming full of light, as the chakras or energy centers in the body are purified and aligned with the will of God. This is also known in the Hindu tradition as kundalini awakening as the 100-petalled lotus within the crown chakra opens. The Tibetan has said that to return to the Garden of Eden we must first enter the gate where the angel stands with a flaming sword. This sword represents discrimination and we must use our minds to sift through the thoughtforms created by humanity until our intuition grows and we see the clear light of the soul. This light then reveals the Angel of the Presence, which is our gateway back to the Garden of Eden and the Plan.

The Presence has always been within, but its light has been hidden and its sound drowned out by the lower desires of the personality. Through striving and selfless service, we purify our senses of perception, and through the “clear, cold light of the mind,” come face to face with the angel of the presence and, “lose ourselves, and find ourselves, and enter into peace.” This becomes the “peace that passeth all understanding,” when the soul is destroyed and the will of the Father takes complete control of the personality at the crucifixion and resurrection of the 4th initiation. Before this can happen, the mind must be purified of self will so it can realign with the will of the Father. It is through this transfiguration of the selfish purposes of the personality and the purification of our astral nature by lifting it up into the light of the mind that we ultimately achieve freedom to serve humanity and the Plan as a Master of Wisdom.

In Gemini, fusion of the soul with the personality is also described in the myth of Hercules, as he goes to gather the Golden Apples of Hesperides. Through this labour Hercules must achieve unification of the soul and the personality by gathering the golden apples of wisdom. He does this by becoming, “a man of action,” not just a visionary, as man has previously been in Pisces. The Golden Apples of the Hesperides are symbols of unity and synthesis and are found growing on a tree and guarded by a hundred-headed serpent, not unlike the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden. When Hercules finally finds the tree there are also three beautiful maidens around it. These maidens symbolize the purified personality, redeemed by the soul. He is not told how to find the garden or the tree, so must search the world until he meets Nereus who hints in the right direction and finally realizes all along it was to be found within. Hercules' journey is a description of the path we must take from the outer planes of experience in matter, to the inner planes where the soul or the Christ consciousness is found. Realization of the soul within cannot be found until we have purified our worldly desires so that we can be trusted to wield its power with love.

In his next test, Hercules finds Prometheus tied to a rock with the birds of prey plucking out his liver, a symbol for the negative or critical mind, which creates suffering through its excessive discrimination leading to separation. In his compassion for Prometheus, a symbol for the disciples' compassion for the suffering humanity, he becomes a servant to humanity. He demonstrates the selflessness of the Bodhisattva and that through love, the power of the mind joined with that of the heart. In his last test he finds Atlas, a symbol of Christ and the Hierarchy, holding up the world through their unlimited compassion for the suffering for all lives and sees that he must help Atlas to alleviate this suffering. By doing this he becomes the initiate and frees Atlas to go to the garden and pick the golden apples for him. Without resistance from the serpent and with full cooperation of the three maidens, Atlas brings the apples back to Hercules, representing initiation and the unification of the soul with the personality. In the Aquarian age, humanity is to become Hercules, the world disciple, serving Hierarchy and the kingdoms of nature and in alignment with the Plan and, "the Father who art in heaven."

The myth of Hercules predates the allegory of the Garden of Eden in the Bible, but both were inspired by a much earlier teaching from the Ageless Wisdom, given to humanity. The journey to the Garden of Eden and the garden where the golden apples are found symbolize the Path and the soul's descent into matter, purification and redemption through service, resulting in resurrection and ascension back into Heaven. In Gemini, fulfillment of the Plan for humanity is celebrated as this unification of spirit and matter is described in the keynote for Gemini of, "I recognize my other self, and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow." Hercules, as the world disciple, through his aspiration for release from suffering through unification with the soul, achieves freedom from the thralldom of matter through its mastery and transcendence. This is also a symbol for humanity's collective invocation of the soul at the time of the Three Spiritual Festivals, and the celebration of our alignment with it, at the time of the full moon of Gemini.

We are also asked as the heart center of the New Group of World Servers to consider the conference keynote during this festival season, and particularly this year following the Hierarchical conclave, as the new direction and vision for the group is sought. The keynote this year, "Let the fires of the group life destroy the veils hiding the Father's Face." What veils are hiding the Father's Face from the group at this time, and how can we destroy them? We are told the path of initiation is achieved through a series of identifications, which culminate in complete identification with the Father. We are also told that service in the Aquarian age is to be done in groups, and that it is in group formation that we can contact Shamballa energy and transmit the will of the Father to humanity. The formation of the New Group of World Servers was in direct response to this willingness to serve by those who were trained and ready to do this work of transmission. We are in effect John the Baptist for humanity in the new age and are

here to straighten the paths again in preparation for Christ's return. It will be through our group identification with the Father that these veils will be destroyed and the paths will be straightened so Christ can return to restore the Plan for humanity.

The Great Invocation is a powerful tool that we have been given to do this work of preparation and with its sound this work of restoration and redemption will be done. Science has proven that sound has the power to destroy and we as a group will prove that this destruction can be done with the Word of God. The accumulated thoughtforms produced by the undisciplined minds of humanity not in alignment with the will of God, have produced a level of astral and mental pollution suffocating the planet and we are here to destroy them. This Invocation was given to us to offer this tremendous service to humanity and to purify the three planes of personality, so the light of the soul can shine through again and humanity can ascend back to relationship with the Father. These are the veils we are here to destroy. The evolutionary nature of the Plan is created by the mind of God and has the fire of the Father's will behind it. It can help to cleanse and purify Earth to assist in Christ's return. It is through the group sounding of the Great Invocation, done individually or as a group, which can help to break up stagnant energy and allow the newer thought forms of solution to manifest. The Word of God is being restored, and it is this vibration of the One Life and of the Father, which will breathe life again back into matter, and into humanity and all kingdoms of nature. God will once again, "walk amongst men."

World Invocation Day is happening tomorrow and through it we can invoke the grounding energies available during the full moon of Gemini and link them to our outer activity and efforts to manifest the Plan. This is why we affirm our identification and fusion as a group at the beginning of the full moon meditation, and why during the lower interlude of this meditation we also affirm ourselves as one soul, standing within the center of love. It is only through this clear and unwavering identification with the One Life as souls that the veils hiding the Father's face will be destroyed and release the full force of light and love from Shamballa to restore the Plan. This light is needed to restore the circulatory flow to all the kingdoms of Earth so light will descend on Earth again. Christ will return to Earth, and the will of God will guide the little wills of men. Let us now, through our meditation work together tonight, help the Plan of light and love to be "worked out," and seal the door where evil dwells through the misidentification with anything other than the will of the Father, "in whom we live, and move and have our being," as we identify as the One Life who we truly are.