



Pisces Full Moon Meditation Meeting

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"I leave the Father's home and, turning back, I save."

Derek Fraser

Good evening and a warm welcome to this meditation meeting which is taking place within the influence of the sign of Pisces. We are meeting in the library at the Trust in London and the meeting is also being broadcast online as usual. The actual time of the full moon is tomorrow at 12.30 GMT, so we are working in the building energies which carry the specific qualities of Pisces in our approach to the spiritual Hierarchy. Each month we focus on the qualities of the constellation for the particular month and work together as a group helping to establish spiritual attributes in human consciousness. For the sign of Pisces, the key quality is that of the sacrifice of the lower nature to fulfil the purpose of the soul which serves the greater good and which is always inclusive and non-separative.

The talk that precedes the full moon approach in our meditation work this evening serves to focus the mind on the discipleship keynote - *I leave the Father's home and, turning back, I save* - and through reflective thought on this seed thought to come together as a group in the service of humanity, along with many other individuals and groups around the world.

Through meditation and reflective thought, we become aware of cycles in the ebb and flow of spiritual energies and one such cycle coincides with the phases of the moon, reaching its peak, its high tide, at the time of the full moon. This is a time, therefore, when the channelling of energy through group meditation can be uniquely effective. The fully lighted orb of the moon indicates a free and unimpeded alignment between our planet and the sun, the solar centre, the energy source for all life on Earth. Hence the moon itself has no influence in our meditation work. At such times we are assisted in our efforts to make a definite approach to God, the Creator, the centre of life and intelligence. The esoteric Law of Cycles -- the law which is symbolised by the waxing of the moon to full brightness followed by its waning -- affirms that we can consciously cooperate with the inflow of spiritual energies ¹.

Let us pause for a few minutes of silence and affirm *The Mantram of Unification*

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.

From the soul perspective then as the disciple travels on the reverse wheel of the zodiac the keynote in Pisces is - *I leave the Father's home and, turning back, I save.* From the angle of the personality, it is *Go Forth into matter.*

Pisces is a water sign, as are Cancer and Scorpio, its opposite sign is Virgo, an earth sign. An important quality of Pisces is duality which recalls the symbol of the two fishes which represent the duality of spirit and matter and the duality of the soul and the threefold personality - the instrument through which we bring that which is spiritual down to earth. The symbol of the two fishes are depicted as being linked by a band, a silver chord which binds them together. There is also the interesting duality of the two souls - the soul-in incarnation - anchored in the head and heart in the physical body, and the overshadowing soul - the higher Self, the Solar Angel, the Christ principle. These two souls are bound together by a form of dual bondage making the soul a prisoner of the personality which doesn't even know it exists until it awakens to the first faint pangs of conscience, reaching a crescendo when the disciple moves onto the reversed wheel of the zodiac. It signifies a time when the personality is increasingly being brought into alignment with the soul. The human experience shifts from darkness to light, from bondage, to liberation from the senses, from illusion, glamour, and maya, all of which bind man to the earth until a releasing agent is

discovered. Through the service of meditation the agent of release, the antahkarana – is consciously created. This bridge of living light linking the higher and lower aspects of mind is a transformative process leading to the substitution of spiritual principles for selfish desires. However, liberation from bondage is not a straight upward path like climbing a ladder. It is rather a journey with an ebb and flow, a swinging back and forth between sensing the light and vision of the mountain top and the valley experience until such time as the soul connection is firmly established and is anchored on the physical plane.

This all sounds abstract and theoretical; however, the awakening soul consciousness brings forth the most outstanding quality of the soul which is the sense of responsibility. Spiritual responsibility has to do with trust, truth, reliability, and morality. It is concerned with the common good and not self-interest. In these torrid times all may seem on the surface to be darkness, yet the sense of responsibility is, for example, is alive and well in the amazing diversity of initiatives that serve the greater good. Individuals and groups across the planet are involved in selfless and sacrificial service in local communities and through global initiatives such as conflict resolution, peace building, human rights, earth stewardship, faith-based initiatives, sharing the world's resources and international cooperation.

The evolutionary journey of the human being, according to the Ageless Wisdom teachings, develops through many incarnations as the Soul, the Thinker, the God Within, takes a vehicle for earthly expression. "The hidden powers of the soul [early on] are negative and the powers of the form are positive and beginning to find increasingly potent expression" ². Thus, we're told that the "natural spiritual tendencies of man are inhibited" and the personality powers are more visible, especially the emotional or astral nature. The Tibetan refers to the parable of Jonah and the whale in the book *Esoteric Astrology* which is concerned with the Piscean stage of awareness and the awakening of the Christ consciousness. Jonah stands for the hidden imprisoned Christ and the whale stands for the bondage of incarnation and for the personality. So, the Whale of Jonah is a symbol of the evolutionary process and cycle through which the soul passes.

Going back to the keynote for Pisces, the sign of the World Saviour, how then does Humanity, having left the Father's home, save? Well, humanity must achieve liberation from the hold of form and through soul awareness "redeem matter and raise the lives by which it is informed". This, we're told, is the subjective purpose of the human kingdom "...qualified by knowledge, love and will and animated by ceaseless devotion"³ leading to the indwelling spirit being released from the hold of the form and raised to a higher level of consciousness. Thus, people born in this sign are frequently found to serve the race on some level of consciousness.

The Law of Service constitutes a scientific method of release and is described as the "governing law of the future"⁴ and then man stands free from the hold of the material form and attains true spiritual freedom of the joy and love of service and sacrifice - with the individual no longer at the centre of his own universe but truly a universal citizen exercising responsibilities not only to humanity but to all of the kingdoms of nature and the spiritual kingdom too. Conformity to this Law is the decision of the soul infused personality.

The Ageless Wisdom teachings are esoteric in that they are concerned with the inner spiritual meaning which lies behind all objective forms and events, in contrast to what appears at first sight. The teachings whilst abstract must be brought to life through the intelligent mind and the loving heart and applied to daily life. Then right relations at all levels becomes a real possibility. Taking this into consideration we may imagine that humanity - the fourth kingdom has a crucial role to play in the evolutionary process and this is confirmed by a most interesting passage in the book *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*

May I remind you of the occult statement that every living being or manifested life—from the planetary Logos down to the tiniest atom—either has been, is, or will be a man. This has reference to the past, to the present and to the future of every manifested life. Therefore, the fact of humanity and of that for which humanity stands is probably the primary and major aspect of the divine purpose. Pause and think about this statement. It is, therefore, the first clear fact which indicates the measure and the magnitude of a human being.... Everything subhuman is slowly moving towards a definite human experience; it is also passing through the phase of human effort and consequent experience, or else it has moved out of that phase of limitation and—through initiation—is drafting[drawing] human nature into a state of divinity (to use a most inadequate phrase).⁵

Thus, from an occult perspective the Human stage is key to the evolutionary process and hence the statement in *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, that:

The keynote... of the Lord of the World is HUMANITY for it is the basis, the goal and the essential inner structure of all being. Humanity itself is the key to all evolutionary processes and to all correct understanding of the divine Plan, expressing in time and space the divine Purpose. Why HE chose that this should be so, we know not; but it is a point to be accepted and remembered in all study of the Science of Impression because it is the factor that makes relationship and contact possible and it is also the source of all understanding. These are most difficult things to express and to enlarge upon, my brothers, and only the penetrating intuition can make these matters clearer to your avid and active intelligence.⁶

The “penetrating intuition” is that quality which when developed brings “in the nature of an identification with all beings” and a loss of the sense of separateness. It is essentially the principle of universality and is demonstrated in universal declarations and laws such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the UN General Assembly back in 1948. It’s said that “the UDHR is widely recognized as having inspired, and paved the way for, the adoption of more than seventy human rights treaties, applied today on a permanent basis at global and regional levels.”

<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

Earlier, in connection with the keynote of the Lord of the World there was mention of the science of impression - that is impressions and ideas from the world of souls through the illumined and receptive human mind. This was surely in full flow after the world war with the Human Rights declaration when minds were open to higher possibilities after the horrors of the world war in its two phases.

The implementation of intuitive ideas that are impressed into human minds is as we know incredibly challenging and today wars and conflicts continue to rage across the planet. This brings to mind the greater cycles of the zodiacal signs - of Pisces which commenced about 2000 or so years ago and the transition to Aquarius. This transition, in its early stages, has the outgoing sixth ray influence diminishing yet still strong in terms of fanaticism and is in conflict with the incoming seventh ray with its focus on group work and bringing order out of chaos. And in addition, we have the influence of the fourth ray and the principle of conflict as discussed in *The Rays and the Initiations*.⁷

Taking into consideration the importance of Humanity in the divine scheme it’s interesting to note the work of the intermediate group mediating between the human and spiritual kingdoms - the new group of world servers who are intelligent and sensitive souls who act as transmitters, via heart and mind, of spiritual principles and energies which will save and vitalise the lowest kingdoms of nature. This saving can become a reality when spiritual principles start to condition relations in the human kingdom and when they do relations with the lower kingdoms will be transformed and there are already signs of this happening.

Interestingly, there are what are described as “demands” made by humanity on the new group of world servers - a demand being “an insistent and peremptory request, made as of right”. There are five demands listed in *The Rays and the Initiations*, the last one being:

*“To toil in Pisces, illumined by Taurus and responsive... to the Aquarian impulse coming from the Hierarchy”*⁸

The mission of the new group is to prepare the way for the energies of the new age and through the inspiration of divine impression help to build "the new world of tomorrow." Esoteric groups play their part in this demanding mission as they stand with strength and faith at the heart of the new group. The new group has a wide diversity and are engaged in all creative work that uplifts the human spirit. They work on both inner and outer levels, and they may have no occult knowledge or belief in the soul or whatever name is attached to it. However, by their thoughts and actions they inspire and hold the vision of a more spiritual life before thinking people. They transmit light and love and are helping to build a world founded on spiritual principles.

And, in preparing for the new age we are reminded of the words of Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita:

Whenever there is a withering of the law and an uprising of lawlessness on all sides, then I manifest Myself.

For the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of such as do evil, for the firm establishing of the Law, I come to birth age after age.

THE BHAGAVAD GITA

Book IV, Sutra 7, 8.⁹

Humanity must prepare the way for this manifestation by expressing the sense of responsibility in all relationships. When minds and hearts are open to inspiration the scene will be set for intuitive understanding which will rise above the separating walls erected by the lower self. Then the monstrous hydra built by humanity's lower nature will be slain from above and not through brute force and humanity will be lifted from darkness into light and from the unreal to the real.

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