

## *Leo Full Moon Meeting - London 2024*

### *The Crisis of Sensitivity.*

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Good evening, everyone, and a warm welcome to our work this evening as we meet together in the Lucis Trust library in London and via zoom, aligning with many meditation groups and individuals across the world who are participating in the Leo festival. The full moon monthly cycle is a time when spiritual energies are uniquely available and individuals and groups working with the specific qualities of the monthly zodiacal sign strengthen the bridge of light between the human and the spiritual kingdoms. Tonight, we are working in the full flow of the energies of Leo with the actual time of the full moon being 19.26 BST.

The keywords for Leo are:

*The personality: And the Word said: let other forms exist. I rule because I am.*

*The soul: I am That and That am I.*

The personality keynote recalls the self-centered aspect of individuals, groups, organisations, and nations which manifests in selfish assertion, with a focus on “me and mine” and no concern with the rights and interests of others. When the focus is on the personality there is a restricted vision for awareness is limited being situated on the valley floor with its fogs and mists, for the ascent up the mountain slopes has yet to begin. However, let us be encouraged by the story of Hercules and his twelve labours, Hercules standing for the incarnated and imperfect Son of God - the disciple, who going through tests and trials and points of crisis begins to take the lower nature in hand, moving towards the light of the soul which reveals spiritual values and principles.

Hercules symbolises both the individual and the world disciple humanity and the contrast between the actions of the soul and personality can be seen clearly in the current world crisis by the observer standing high on the mental plane. Standing in the light, the detached observer thinking with clarity and insight, sees the selfish desire and self-assertiveness of the personality, yet the observer also sees countless soul conscious servers who are working for the common good of all humanity. This high-level view reveals the awakening consciousness of souls and servers and brings a more hopeful and optimistic view of the world, whilst at the same time the seriousness of the world crisis is recognised. As people across the planet become more sensitive to soul impression, when the love of the heart is present and the discriminating mind active, the seeds of a new spirit of relationship will emerge from the darkness of materialism. Serving groups by their very nature are composed of people sensitive to the soul and they can apply the soul’s purpose with fixed intention and right direction. The light of the soul can penetrate the stormy waters of the desire nature and the glamour of the intellect which act as a barrier to the spiritual opportunities of the Aquarian Age.

We can be encouraged at a time of world crisis by the belief that there is a divine purpose to life, that humanity’s destiny is to be a light transmitter, that each individual has worth, values, rights

and responsibilities, that there is but one Humanity, and we have faith in the belief that the heart of humanity is sound. This being so, then in the midst of crisis and tension in a rapidly changing world, there are spiritual opportunities (*adapted from The Externalisation of the Hierarchy p. 82*).

At this point let us reflect upon the Gayatri which has much relevance to the sign of Leo, for the Sun is the ruler of all the three conditions of Leo—exoteric, esoteric, and hierarchical.

*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 disc 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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The Gayatri refers to Truth and there are many theories about what constitutes truth. How one discriminates between truth and falsehood is of vital importance in the Information Age. Eastern Philosophy helps the thinking person unravel the veils that hide and distort truth, and these teachings are now widely available across the world. According to the Ageless Wisdom teachings, truth develops as a bridge of living light is built connecting the personality to the soul and once this bridge is in place spiritual qualities such as understanding, compassion, inclusiveness, empathy, kindness, and goodwill are sensed and can be applied to daily life. One universal example of truth has long been stated in the UNESCO Constitution where it's stated that:

*'Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed': Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

These are words of truth that resonate in the minds of all thinking people. Wars do not just concern the horrors that we can see on our tv screens and phones but include the wars of desires, thoughts, and words, which are a particular feature of the internet driven age – also termed the Information Age but also the dis-information age. Energy follows thought is a truth that should also be at the forefront of human minds especially regarding information, which is the act of informing, the communication of news. The duality of the Leo keynotes means that the personality which is not tuned into soul impression seeks to confuse and disinform because the microcosmic Inner Spiritual Sun is absent. Then moral sensitivity is lacking.

Moral means conforming to a high standard of ethics or virtue – qualities that can be associated with the second keynote of Leo – *I am That and That am I*. As humankind becomes more sensitive to soul impression, ideas of a high order that descend as currents of energy on the higher levels of the mental plane are becoming increasingly accessible to receptive minds. These are ideas that condition right attitudes and a spirit of right relationship that can help to make a better world for all people. To return to truth which is inseparable from morality the familiar words of Robert Browning, often cited but always worthy of deep reflection come to mind:

*Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise  
From outward things, whate'er you may believe.  
There is an inmost centre in us all  
Where truth abides in fullness; and around  
Wall upon wall, the gross flesh hems it in.  
. . . . . And, to know  
Rather consists in opening out a way  
Whence the imprisoned splendour may escape  
Than in effecting entry for a light  
Supposed to be without."*

*Paracelsus, by Robert Browning*

Sensitivity to truth, and to relationships is significant because sensitivity is said to be “the whole story and function of Leo” There are four stages of sensitivity noted in the book *Esoteric Astrology*, by Alice Bailey

1. Sensitivity to conditioning impacts from the environment through the response apparatus or instrument of the soul – i.e., the threefold personality.
2. Sensitivity to the will, wishes and desires of the personality.
3. Sensitivity to the soul as the conditioning factor rather than the environment.
4. Spiritual sensitivity to the divine plan and purpose of life.

Here we have inner and outer sensitivity which is a distinctive quality of the Leo subject. We read further that “*Throughout the universe, it is the soul which is the conscious, sensitive theme of the divine plan—the soul as the anima mundi, or the soul of the world, animating all forms of life below the animal kingdom; the soul as the animal soul and the extension of this to the bodies of all animals, including the human physical body; the soul as the human soul, which is a still further expansion of the same sensitive factor but augmented or stimulated by the principle of self-awareness or of focussed personal sensitivity to all sub-human soul expression, plus awareness (conscious or unconscious) of the immortal or divine soul; the soul as the ego or spiritual soul on its own plane—the source of consciousness as far as the three worlds of evolution are concerned, and the goal of all present evolutionary processes*”.<sup>1</sup>

Returning to the Gayatri and the “true Spiritual Sun, hidden by a disc of golden Light”, it is interesting to note that there is increasing sensitivity to our local Sun’s influence through pioneering scientific work regarding the electric universe and “the electric sky model “[where we read on the Lucis Trust website] that the Sun is not simply powered by nuclear fusion within its core. It is empowered by electrical forces coming from outside, i.e. from the cosmos towards the Sun. And the Sun is radiating them further into the planetary system”.<sup>2</sup>

The mainstream scientific theory is that the Sun is a massive, nearly perfect sphere of hot plasma, heated to incandescence by nuclear fusion reactions in its core, radiating the energy from its surface mainly as visible light and infrared radiation with 10% at ultraviolet energies. It is by

far the most important source of energy for life on Earth.... It has been a central subject for astronomical research since antiquity. 3

Conventional scientific thinking also notes that our local Sun is said to be an ordinary star, one of about one hundred billion in our galaxy, the Milky Way. The sun has extremely important influences on our planet: It drives weather, ocean currents, seasons, and climate, and makes plant life possible through photosynthesis. Without the sun's heat and light, life on Earth would not exist.

From an esoteric perspective, again turning to *Esoteric Astrology*, by Alice Bailey we read that:

*... the Sun is the ruler of all the three conditions of Leo—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical. It is a correct surmise that the purpose of this solar system is the unfoldment of consciousness, and if for the strictly human being self-consciousness is the goal, then the Sun must obviously rule, for it is the source of physical consciousness (exoteric and symbolic of the personality), of soul awareness (esoteric), and of spiritual life (hierarchical). I am reiterating the necessity to recognise the stimulation of consciousness as the objective of all the astrological influences because the outstanding theme of Leo is the activity of the self-conscious unit in relation to its environment or the development of sensitive response to surrounding impacts by the one who stands—as the Sun stands—at the centre of its little universe.*4

Throughout the ages there has been sun worship and ancient structures such as Stonehenge show an alignment with the sun on the horizon at the Summer and Winter solstices. In ancient Egypt Ra was considered as the sun-God. In South America, the Aztecs worshipped the sun as did many ancient civilisations across the world. There are many interesting theories about these ancient cultures including the age of the structures – the standing stones and the pyramids, who built them and for what purpose, theories that cover many volumes. 5

From an esoteric perspective, according to the Ageless Wisdom teachings, including *The Secret Doctrine* by HP Blavatsky, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire and Esoteric Astrology*, by Alice Bailey, the following extracts are of interest:

*The Sun is the physical body of the solar Logos, His body of manifestation, and His life sweeps cycling through the seven schemes in the same sense as the life of a planetary Logos sweeps seven times around His scheme of seven chains. Each chain holds a position analogous to a globe in a planetary chain. Note the beauty of the correspondence, yet withal the lack of detailed analogy.*4 SD

*The Sun is the symbol of the Son of God, Who is the mediator between Father-Spirit and Mother-Matter. EA 100*

*The sun is the storehouse of vital force which is the noumenon of electricity." (S.D. I. 579.) EA 669*

*...great shifts in consciousness, or great expansions of awareness, are followed inevitably by upheaval in the outer forms. This is true in the life of the solar Deity, of a planetary Logos, of*

*humanity as a whole and of a man. Hence again today's world problem. A major event such as a change in the axis of the Earth is related to an initiation of the planetary Logos. Students can here note, therefore, the relation to the individual life as it shifts its consciousness steadily in the vital unfolding processes of the Path of Discipleship and of Initiation. EA 410/411*

*"The mystery of the sun is the grandest of all the innumerable mysteries of occultism." (S.D. III. 212.) EA 671*

This year has seen the beautiful and dramatic display of the northern lights. Esoterically, they are manifestations of electrical activity and science concurs for "Both the Northern and Southern Lights are caused by charged particles [particles with an electric charge] from the sun hitting gases in the Earth's atmosphere. They occur around the North Pole when the solar wind carrying the particles interacts with the Earth's magnetic field. The most impressive auroras occur when the Sun emits really large clouds of particles called "coronal mass ejections". 6

There are interesting esoteric theories about the sun and the aurorae that could be researched especially those by G D Purucker [Leader of The Theosophical Society from 1929 to 1942] in his book *Fountain Source of Occultism*.

As modern man grapples with the purpose and meaning of life and reflects on the world situation with its tensions, conflicts, wars, inequalities, lack of economic cooperation, the soul conscious thinker is drawn to the idea of the occult truism "as above, so below" for we're told that "the relation of the microcosm to the macrocosm can never be broken.<sup>7</sup> In this connection in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, we read that:

*Man is... an exact replica in miniature on the lowest plane of the great Son of God, the All-Self, who is in Himself the totality of all the miniature sons, of all the individualised Selves, and of each and every unit. The microcosm, expressed in other terms or from the subjective point of view, is a miniature sun distinguished by the qualities of heat and light. At present that light is "under the bushel," or deeply hidden by a veil of matter, but in due process of evolution it will shine forth to such an extent that the veils will be lost from sight in a blaze of exceeding glory. 8*

Here we have the reason why "the human kingdom can become a great station of light and a powerhouse of spiritual force, distributing it to the other kingdoms in nature" 9

Thus, as the Sun gives out its rays to the entire solar system, Humanity too must replicate the workings of the Sun and distribute the light of love, knowledge, and wisdom. Hence, the work of the new group of world servers and their magnetic aura. As above, so below.

To conclude, sensitivity to the Inner Light and the will to distribute it is the opportunity and the challenge for Humanity at this time. Circulation and sharing are qualities of the Sun and Man the mini Son or Sun.

1. Esoteric Astrology p. 294/5
2. [https://www.lucistrust.org/the\\_electric\\_bridge/general\\_articles/arcane\\_school\\_talk\\_on\\_the\\_electric\\_bridge\\_london\\_2008/the\\_sun](https://www.lucistrust.org/the_electric_bridge/general_articles/arcane_school_talk_on_the_electric_bridge_london_2008/the_sun)
3. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun#Structure\\_and\\_fusion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun#Structure_and_fusion)
4. Esoteric Astrology, p. 294

5. <https://www.reviewofreligions.org/2306/ancient-sun-worship/>
6. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-26381685>
7. Discipleship in the New Age Vol 11 p. 370
8. A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p 228
9. Discipleship in the New Age Vol 1 p. 52-53