

Three Spiritual Festivals 2021

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*Joy is the most powerful
impulse behind the right kind
of radiation*

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Radiation in the Light of a Divine Plan



Dear co-worker,

History would be a wonderful thing – if it were only true! These humorous words, widely accredited to the Russian novelist, Leo Tolstoy, raise the serious question of how we can know anything about the past for sure? History encompasses at least three different ways of accessing the past: it can be remembered, recovered or invented. And like all human enterprises, history is susceptible to bias, self-righteousness, pride, deliberate perversion or obfuscation. It's therefore difficult for historians to piece together different accounts of the “truth” and construct a coherent narrative on which everyone agrees.

Despite the enormity of the challenge, a grand “common narrative” is nevertheless emerging in disciplines such as Big History and Deep History. Big History integrates the history of “the Cosmos, Earth, Life and Humanity, using the best empirical evidence and scholarly methods,” while Deep History studies the distant past of the human species, encouraging the collaborative efforts of experts in anthropology, archaeology, primatology, genetics and linguistics. The resulting accounts are intelligent and persuasive, and consequently, if the Ageless Wisdom teachings are not to be placed in the “invented” section of evolutionary history, some explanation is required as to why there are such huge disparities between its account of evolution and that of modern academia.

To take one example, The Ageless Wisdom claims that, twelve million years ago, “Heights of luxury were reached in Atlantis of which we, with all our boasted civilisation, know nothing and have never achieved... All that the modern processes of civilisation have made possible, and much more than that which today comes under the name of scientific discovery were known... Sanitation, hygiene, means of transportation and air machines were developed and of a very high order; these were not the result however of man’s achievement but gifts from the [Spiritual] Hierarchy, developed or constructed under a wise guidance.”¹

How can such a bizarre statement stand up to the rigorous scrutiny of the modern, educated mind and all the evidence that contradicts the Ageless Wisdom perspective? One answer may be that the current method of establishing historical timelines through the radioactive properties of certain materials is not applicable. Conventional science works on the premise that evolution is confined to biological organisms, but esoteric teachings state that all forms, including the elements and the atoms of which they are comprised, are alive and evolving! From this perspective, radioactivity in the mineral kingdom is a recent development in natural history – the late eighteenth century to be precise when electrical stimulation from a cosmic source started to flow into the earth, drawing it forth.² This would clearly and profoundly affect the calibration for the radioactive dating of rocks and other materials, and disqualify this way of assessing the age of geological features, biological specimens and archaeological artifacts.

The story of a technologically advanced civilisation millions of years ago would then be more plausible, especially if coupled with the Ageless Wisdom’s view that the impulse of evolution occurs from within rather than from without. The physical world with all its life forms is but the outer shell of inner worlds and the present earth and its life forms originated in a highly ethereal condition and gradually materialized and condensed during the descending arc of the earth’s evolution. This stage has now passed, and the earth is on the reascending arc where humanity is becoming an active participant in the spiritualization of the world.

This is the grand narrative of esoteric history and the effect of the process is one of increasing radiation. It proposes that this is occurring to some extent in all kingdoms of nature and “in every instance... [it]... is one and the same... The radioactive human being is the same in nature (differing only in degree and in conscious response) as the radioactive mineral; in every case it is the central positive life, the electric spark or that which is its correspondence, which radiates... When the subject of radiation is more completely comprehended, it will be found that it demonstrates one more instance of the unity of all life, and furnishes one more corroborative indication of the synthetic nature of the entire evolutionary process.”³

In this view, the timeline of history is unfolding in conformity to a Divine Plan that is purposefully guiding all life-forms towards an incredible, if inexplicable destiny. Radiation is not so much the goal of this Plan, but an effect of a life-form evolving towards it. While it demonstrates as radioactivity in the more highly evolved units of the mineral kingdom, in the plant kingdom, it demonstrates as perfume. In the animal kingdom, the higher, domesticated types radiate the attractive energy of devotion, and in the human species, radiation is demonstrated primarily as the pure reason of the intelligent, loving mind. This love is not so much a refined expression of the emotional nature as an intuitional form of love that is rooted in an understanding of the interpenetrating ecologies of divine relationships that are unfolding in accordance with the destined future. The halo of golden light portrayed around the great religious icons of the past is a striking symbol of this form of radiation.

Such a halo exists in latency around the whole of the human kingdom, awaiting the spark of a new religious impulse to set it ablaze. Liberated from dogma, such an impulse may inspire human consciousness with a sense of plan and purpose lying behind the evolutionary unfoldment of life on earth. This is of prime importance if humanity is to wisely manage the stimulating effect of the cosmic source mentioned earlier. Its full effect is yet to be experienced and we are told that, by means of it, certain discoveries are possible, and “the new order comes in upon it”: a “tremendous happening may be looked for, and the time lies

immediately ahead... in the great revelation which is near at hand, the Hierarchy will... bring about certain events which will work out primarily in the human kingdom but which will also be seen as force regeneration in the mineral kingdom.”⁴

Whatever this revelation might be, these developments are worth pondering in relation to humanity’s increasing manipulation of the mineral kingdom, especially in connection with the discovery of a new form of carbon called graphene.⁵ This “wonder material” is electrically conductive in a transparent state, has powerful magnetic properties and interacts strongly with light. It is predicted to play a substantial part in what is commonly referred to as the Fourth Industrial Revolution.⁶ These developments are set to herald another planetary milestone in the history of the unfolding Plan of evolution, but only if paralleled by a new enlightenment in consciousness.

The story of the Atlantean civilisation is a story of obsession with material things and a consequent plunge into decadence. Despite similar trends now, there are also signs everywhere that there is a significant flowering of mass consciousness in the light of the Divine Plan. The world-wide pandemic has caused untold suffering for millions of people, but the “sharp shears of sorrow” are helping to separate the real from the unreal, highlighting what is important and what is not. Faint indications of how a future group radiation of selfless, intelligent love would revolutionize the world are being demonstrated by large numbers of the general public at this time. As we approach the three Spiritual Festivals, we have the opportunity to enhance this radiation at a critical point in the world’s history.

In lighted companionship,
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2. A. A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, pp.716-717

3. *Ibid*, pp.1077

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Full moon meditation meeting dates

The high point in the annual flow of spiritual energies is a potent time to invoke light, love and goodwill on behalf of all humanity.

Easter Festival

Aries full moon meeting, Sunday, 28 March, 15.00 BST*
Full moon, Sunday, 28 March, 19.48 BST (18.48 GMT*)
Zoom audio broadcast: www.lucistrust.org/3sf

Wesak Festival

Taurus full moon meeting, Monday, 26 April, 18.30 BST
Full moon, Tuesday, 27 April, 04.31 BST (03.31 GMT)
Zoom audio broadcast: www.lucistrust.org/3sf

Christ’s Festival and Festival of Humanity

Gemini full moon meeting, Tuesday, 25 May, 18.30 BST
Full moon, Wednesday, 26 May, 12.13 BST (11.13 GMT)
Zoom audio broadcast: www.lucistrust.org/3sf

* *BST: British Summer Time*

GMT: Greenwich Mean Time

On these dates, you are invited to join a full moon meditation meeting by tuning in to the audio broadcasts:

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Easter Festival: Aries

Celebrated as a Spring festival in the Northern hemisphere, Easter is widely understood as a time of creativity and fresh new growth. Aries energies bring the potential for new beginnings; initiatory possibilities emerge, as a pure essential Will flows into the very spirit of the world.

This year Easter comes at a time when people everywhere are emerging from the trauma of the pandemic. Thoughts are oriented towards post-COVID renewal, in every sense of the word. Spiritual renewal, economic renewal, political renewal.

Esoteric writings about Easter draw attention to a similar time, after the end of the World War. The theme of resurrection and of the Risen Christ coalesced into an image of a 'living spiritual Entity', referred to as the Spirit of Resurrection, who came to a weary, grief-stricken world 'with healing in His wings'. In 1945, this first of the three spiritual festivals was said to restore livingness to the spiritual aims and planning of the time, guiding humanity *out of the dark cave of death, isolation and selfishness into the light of the new day*.

This image of Resurrection speaks again today, at this moment in the history of the spiritual lives of countless individuals and of the nations, cultures and civilizations. From an esoteric perspective, the hazards, challenges, crises and tests of the present suggest that we are approaching initiatory times. During the Easter Festival we might usefully ponder the abundant flow of energies of resurrection.

As we move into the Post-COVID phase of human development it is the mind that is in Christ that we call on, so that the pure reason of the intuition, essential love, may imbue the thoughtforms of the time with new life and practical implementation.

Wesak Festival: Taurus

The annual approach of Wesak heralds the spiritual high point of the year. It is an opportunity for humanity to remind itself of the timeless truths which the Buddha wrestled out of his life experiences as an ordinary – yet extraordinary – human being all those 2,500 years ago. These truths focus around the nature and consequence of desire. Mis-directed material desires inevitably lead to suffering of one sort or another. The realisation of the truth of this is right now being forced on humanity and the world by the global crises that are so relentlessly accumulating. They are all being caused by wrong desire, and their critically acute state means that their resolution can no longer be postponed.

The key to resolving these critical issues is the redemption of desire itself. This comes about when 'self' is stripped out of the equation. Then desire naturally transmutes into a major spiritual asset. This desire is so different from the materialistic kind that the word aspiration is often used to distinguish between the two. It directs humanity in such a way that life's central desire is for right relationships, right aspiration and for service as a way of life – the Buddha's noble middle path, in fact.

All who tread this path find themselves entering a life of world empathy motivated by a heart and mind that knows compassion in the deepest and most selfless sense. Desire for these qualities – within oneself as much as within the world – will inevitably involve hardship and sacrifice – in other words suffering. But the reward of this is the gradual eradication of suffering in the world as the life, motives and desires of the soul with its timeless qualities of selfless love increasingly dominate human thought, emotion and practical living. Wesak offers us all a reminder that selfish desire is only a temporary surface reality. The deeper truth it holds is the fact of transcendence, and of enlightenment. So let us make the most of this spiritual opportunity and rededicate ourselves to treading the path that leads to Light, to Freedom and, above all, to compassion and service.

Christ's Festival: Gemini

The last of the three great Festivals occurs at the Gemini Full Moon. This Festival has a number of names that reflect the great principles it embodies: the Festival of Unification, the Festival of Humanity, the Festival of Goodwill and the Christ's Festival.

As the central reality within all forms, the Christ stands at the centre of all three of the major Spiritual Festivals. Easter commemorates His extraordinary act of sacrifice in the past; Wesak marks His direct and continuing cooperation with the Buddha in the present; and the Festival of Unification indicates the future reality. Here all people of spiritual intent can meet in shared rituals to invoke the great unifying Solar principle of Love-Wisdom. This energy is the motivating power of our whole system, and the dynamic incentive of all true religious work.

In reality the three spiritual Festivals act as an energising template which will shape and condition the religion of the future. It is therefore especially appropriate that the Festival of Unification, as the first 'new' Festival of this kind, is also celebrated as World Invocation Day – for the Science of Invocation and Evocation is destined to be the keynote of that religion. Just as the pure energy of Love has been expressed in the past through prayer, now it can be dynamically blended with the 'Wisdom Mind' that the Buddha bestowed, unifying mind and heart in a fluid synthesis. This is one of the distinguishing creative powers of Gemini. Through our conscious group cooperation with this potent array of energies and great spiritual Identities, we can anchor on Earth the seed of a future world where religion can take its place as the true link between Spirit and Matter, reconciling all the lower kingdoms to one another, and to the Divine.

World Invocation Day, 26 May 2021

This Day of Focused Power and Appeal to the Divine has been observed annually since 1952. On this day, countless people around the world sound the Great Invocation with heartfelt intent to invoke spiritual energies of Light, Love and Purpose. At its heart lies an appeal to the Coming One. All major faiths share a belief in such a Coming One, knowing him under such names as the Christ, Maitreya, the Kalki Avatar, the Messiah, the Imam Mahdi. Translations into around eighty languages are available at **www.greatinvocation.org**

Amidst the ongoing crises taking place in humanity and the natural world, the Great Invocation is an energy formula which can help to bring real and lasting changes in consciousness. Together we invoke Light to reveal the way forward, Love to fill our hearts, and Enlightened Purpose to guide us. These divine energies are abundantly available. They can be invoked on behalf of all humanity and to support the evolution of a new world.

Please join with others around the globe on World Invocation Day to sound the Great Invocation on Wednesday, 26 May, and every day, for the benefit of all peoples. **www.worldinvocationday.org**

The Great Invocation

*From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into human minds.
Let Light descend on Earth.*

*From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.*

*From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide all little human wills –
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.*

*From the centre which we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.*

*Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.
(adapted)*

Meditation: Letting in the light

I. GROUP FUSION We affirm the fact of group fusion and integration within the heart centre of the new group of world servers, mediating between Hierarchy and humanity:

I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs.

May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them.

May the strength which is in me lift and aid them.

May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.

II. ALIGNMENT We project a line of lighted energy towards the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, the planetary heart, the great Ashram of Sanat Kumara; and towards the Christ at the heart of Hierarchy.

Extend the line of light towards Shamballa, the centre where the Will of God is known.

III. HIGHER INTERLUDE Hold the contemplative mind open to the extra-planetary energies streaming into Shamballa and radiated through Hierarchy. Using the creative imagination, endeavour to see the three planetary centres – Shamballa, Hierarchy, and Humanity – gradually coming into alignment and interplay.

IV. MEDITATION Reflect on the applicable seed thought:

Easter Festival: *I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.*

Wesak Festival: *I see and when the Eye is opened, all is light.*

Christ's Festival: *I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow.*

V. PRECIPITATION Using the creative imagination, visualise the energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good pouring throughout the planet and becoming anchored on Earth in prepared physical plane centres through which the Plan can manifest. (Use the six-fold progression of divine Love as the sequence of energy precipitation – Shamballa/Hierarchy/the Christ/the new group of world servers/men and women of goodwill everywhere in the world/physical centres of distribution.)

VI. LOWER INTERLUDE Refocus the consciousness, as a group, within the periphery of the great Ashram. Together sound the affirmation:

In the centre of all Love I stand. From that centre I, the soul, will outward move. From that centre I, the one who serves, will work. May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad, in my heart, through my group, and throughout the world.

Visualise the downpouring spiritual inflow released from Shamballa through the Hierarchy and streaming into humanity through the prepared channel. Consider how these inpouring energies are establishing the “Pathway of Light” for the coming World Teacher, the Christ.

VII. DISTRIBUTION As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the outpouring of Light and Love and Power from the spiritual Hierarchy through the five planetary inlets (London/Darjeeling/New York/Geneva/Tokyo) irradiating the consciousness of the whole human race:

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*From the centre where the Will of God is known
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