

ARIES FULL MOON, EASTER 2022

“I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.”

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Friends, a very warm welcome to our Aries full moon meditation. This welcome goes out to all of you around the world who are joining us via Zoom. But it is especially lovely today to give this welcome to those of us here in the library of the Lucis Trust in London. We are gathering together for the first time since the covid pandemic flew around the world bringing with it its disruption of human affairs, many personal tragedies, and at the same time its many beneficent wake-up calls and realisations.

It has been so heartening to yet again have wonderful evidence that when the chips are down ordinary people step up to the plate and do extraordinary things. As the Tibetan has frequently told us, “The heart of humanity is sound”. And this is something we must know through our own experience too, as its truth has unfolded before our eyes over the intervening decades in a myriad demonstrations of goodness.

Covid in a way has been a re-run of the Spanish Flu epidemic that raged in 1918 at the end of the first World War infecting 500 million people, or about one-third of the world’s then population. The number of deaths from that pandemic is estimated to have been at least 50 million worldwide – more than twice the number of fatalities from the fighting. There are a couple of fascinating articles on the Lucis Trust website that explore some of the deeper esoteric ramifications of epidemics which are well worth reading and thinking about. The links are available as an endnote. ¹

From an esoteric point of view epidemics like covid can be viewed in part as the reaction of the natural world to the devastation imposed upon it by human destructiveness and selfishness. I am sure it was the truth of this that led the Tibetan to write in *Esoteric Healing*: “Time alone will demonstrate how successful humanity is in offsetting the penalties which outraged nature is apt to exact.”

So, we need to express a real gratitude for the reminder it has given us all to treat the natural world with more loving respect. Unfortunately we are collectively still outraging nature in multiple ways. But again, wherever there are problems like these, such is the beauty of the human spirit that groups spring up all around the world to address them and devise creative ways to mitigate them and plan a path to a better future. This is most certainly happening everywhere in the world now, and concerning all the crises that humanity now faces.

About 40 years ago a British Prime Minister said in relation to economics that “you can’t buck the market”. That is a debatable point. What is certain is that “we can’t buck nature”. We are discovering that we can’t override nature; we have to learn to lovingly cooperate with it. In fact in the form particularly of covid and global warming nature is now loudly demanding our creative co-operation, and from a position of a sobered humility rather than economic, scientific and social arrogance.

Actually the need for this has been known for Millenia. For example, the Biblical commandment to “honour thy father and thy mother” has of course the symbolic and

therefore truer meaning that human beings need to acknowledge both the spiritual and the material polarities or aspects of our nature. Both need to be recognised and honoured if our path of aspiration and service, and the details of the Plan for our planet are to be fulfilled.

Well, to our work today.

First let us have a few moments of silent reflection and attunement then we will sound together the Mantram of the New Group of World Servers.

May the power of the one life pour through the group of all true servers.

May the love of the one soul characterise the lives of all who seek to aid the great ones.

May I fulfil my part in the one work through self-forgetfulness,
harmlessness, and right speech

It is good to remind ourselves that these full moon meditations – and the new moon meditations too, of course – are planetary rituals that involve not only those of us who are alive and working and serving in the material worlds, but they especially involve the “graded spiritual groups of enlightened and perfected ones who work upon the inner side of life”. And it’s our privilege and opportunity to take a conscious part in this act of planetary service. Our work is to become sensitive to this ritualised and consecrated activity and to help anchor it in the material planes of thought, of emotion, and right down into the dense physical world. The structure of these great planetary events rhythmically energises and expands the cable of living light that links the three great planetary centres together into a serving unity. These centres are Shamballa, the focal point of planetary will; Hierarchy, the veritable vortex of active loving energy with the living Christ at its heart, and humanity, that extraordinary mixture of altruism and selfishness, of love and the propensity for cruelty and unnecessary destruction, and whose main gift to the planet is the genius of imaginative creativity. At the times of the full and new moon these three great energy centres are brought into a conscious alignment through the meditative skills of the people taking part on all the planetary planes, which includes us of course.

Aries is the first of the three major festivals in the spiritual year. Its keynote which we will be using in the meditation later is: “I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.” It is celebrated by the world Christian community as Easter, the feast of the risen living Christ. The resurrection is a symbolic enactment and demonstration of the fact that when the time is right the soul dramatically and joyously frees itself from the bonds of the material world as it bursts forth from the tomb of matter.

For humanity as a whole, that time is now. Thanks to the events of 2000 years ago in Palestine, it is becoming gradually easier for humanity to perceive the essential nature of the Soul which is love, joy, creativity and the will-to-good. And there is a strengthening desire that it should become manifest in the world. The soul, the Christ within, uses these attributes to constantly make all things new. As aspirants and disciples, we consciously participate in this process and reality. In a world in turmoil – if I am permitted to understate the present situation – we all need to help destroy the chains of a false materialism and selfishness on every level – personal, national and international. We ourselves need to be risen for humanity and the world as a whole and – as much as we can – to be risen “with healing in our wings”.

This involves us working as the emerging soul on the mental plane, shining our light into the dark places of negativity there – and there are many of them! We can also help to transmute the astral mess that so many are embroiled in by calming the waters of this sphere of illusion. These can then start to reflect the joy and pure love-wisdom of the soul. In this way we can all help initiate a new cycle for humanity in the outer world of daily living. Today, all the things that are unacceptable are thankfully and desperately being brought to the surface, where they can be recognised for what they are, the horrid residue of an imperfect past. It is no longer an option to put off dealing with them. They have to be dealt with and redeemed now.

There are many techniques for helping to do this, depending on one's experience and background, and specific fields of interest. But all methods involve a conscious awareness and use of the joy and love of the liberated soul. We are helped in this right now by the qualities of Aries. Above all, this sign is known for initiating a new cycle of manifestation. It is the birthplace of ideas. I think we can get an idea of the power that this sign embodies and transmits to our planet and our humanity if we take a step back in history to when it governed the Age preceding the Piscean era from which we are just emerging. The age of Aries began symbolically with the Old Testament story of Abraham and the Ram caught in the Thicket, and it interestingly culminated in the symbol of the "Perfect Lamb", the Christ, summing up in his outer life the spiritual gains of that period, as the then world transited into the Piscean era. He was the "good shepherd", and humanity were his sheep.

But as the birthplace of ideas, it is good to ask ourselves what the Hierarchical "ideas" were that Aries in that period gave to Humanity. It seems to me that a good candidate for one of them is what historians call the "Axial Age". This is a term coined by the 20th century German philosopher, Karl Jaspers. It refers to the amazing and apparently unconnected emergence of spiritual and philosophical initiatives all over the world round about the middle of the second millennium BC. For example, in the far East we have the presence of Lao Tzu and Confucius in the 6th Century. In the middle east in the 7th century there emerged the great Hebrew prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah. In Greece there was the appearance of the important schools of philosophy that feature the famous names of Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. In India we see the life and teachings of the Buddha arising out of the crucible of spiritual enquiry that was prevalent at that time.

In Jaspers' words, in the Axial Age: "the spiritual foundations of humanity were laid simultaneously and independently in China, India, Persia, Judea, and Greece. And these are the foundations upon which humanity still subsists today". I am sure we can see the signature of Hierarchy using the opportunity of the age of Aries to gift humanity with something immediately useful and eternally true. These foundations can perhaps be summed up in what is now known as the 'Golden Rule' – "Do as you would be Done By"; "Treat others as you would like others to treat you". It finds expression in all spiritual movements and philosophies, and is such a simple formulation of spiritual principle that its implications and benefits can be grasped by people of all ages and at every stage of conscious evolution. It is interesting to note that at the end of the 20th century the leaders of the world's major faiths endorsed the Golden Rule as part of the 1993 "Declaration Toward a Global Ethic".

But the point to note is that it took nearly 1500 years for this “idea” to be conceived, nurtured, developed, and precipitated in specific locations through specific disciples and discipleship groups and no doubt when the ray configurations were at their most propitious. So what does this tell us about Aries today? That it takes time for ideas to come to birth and usefulness, and we can’t expect a new principle or revelation to suddenly and magically appear to help humanity solve its present urgent problems. In fact all the spiritual principles and intellectual tools that we need to solve these problems are already well known. They have been taught us down the ages till we are blue in the face. They just need to be put into general practise.

But what we can expect now is to be gifted with the energies of Aries. These will help us to serve in the most effective way we can. The keynotes of the sign Aries are four in number, all conveying the same idea. They can be expressed in the following four injunctions: 1. Express the will to be and do. 2. Unfold the power to manifest. 3. Enter into battle for the Lord. 4. Arrive at unity through effort. As we can tell from this, there is a strong component of First Ray energy here. Today in the world there is already much of the First Ray in its destructive mode wielded by unredeemed personalities. It is quite clear that humanity and the world, and just as importantly the great inner planetary centres of love and will – Hierarchy and Shamballa – are now facing a major crisis which, it seems to me in terms of human freedom and spiritual progress, is possibly on a par with the planetary crisis of the World War of the last century.

Then through immense pain and suffering humanity was released onto a new path of international goodwill and freedom, and the realistic possibility of increasingly governing human behaviour and relationships with the values of the soul. It led to those amazing experiments in global co-operation, firstly the League of Nations after the first world war and of course the United Nations after the second world war. These exercises in international cooperation were and are initiatives with strong Hierarchical backing to lead humanity forward into a world beyond the primacy of the nation state with its belligerencies, its national prides, its expansionist motives of self-aggrandisement. Instead, the idea of a new world order was conceived.

Nowadays, this phrase, “new world order”, can strike a chill into the hearts of some. It has come to mean a world run by a cabal of financiers and multinational conglomerates who want to rule the world through an authoritarian one world government for their own benefit.

Now, this vision is not a new world order at all. If indeed it really exists and is not just a fearful fantasy, it is actually an old world order fine-tuned and tailored to suit the selfish demands of the super elite. It is business as usual. It is a tyranny of consumerism. It is slavery to materialism. It is an imposed uniformity that crushes human freedom and the spirit of creativity. It will do whatever it can to prevent the real spiritual new world order from coming into being. It represents the very antithesis of the demand by people everywhere for self-responsibility, for self-expression, for creativity motivated by the freedom that the spiritual Plan of Light, of Love and of the Will-to-good gifts to us.

It might be interesting to see how the Tibetan envisaged a possible new world order, as humanity was emerging from the 2nd world war. Here are a few of his suggestions:

“Certain major and spiritual premises should lie back of all efforts to formulate the new world order. Let me state some of them:

“The new world order will be founded on the recognition that all people are equal in origin and goal but that all are at differing stages of evolutionary development; that personal integrity, intelligence, vision and experience, plus a marked goodwill, should indicate leadership.” The domination by sectarian interests should cease.

“In the new world order, the governing body in any nation should be composed of those who work for the greatest good of the greatest number and who at the same time offer opportunity to all, seeing to it that the individual is left free. Today people of vision are achieving recognition, thus making possible a right choice of leaders. ...”

“The new world order will be founded on an active sense of responsibility. The rule will be ‘all for one and one for all.’ This attitude among nations will have to be developed. It is not yet present,” he wrote. But I think we can see sure signs of its emergence in various parts of the world, particularly in the programmes of the UN and in the European experiment.

“The new world order will not impose a uniform type of government, a synthetic religion and a system of standardisation upon the nations. The sovereign rights of each nation will be recognised and its peculiar genius, individual trends and racial qualities will be permitted full expression. In one particular only should there be an attempt to produce unity, and that will be in the field of education.”

“The new world order will recognise that the produce of the world, the natural resources of the planet and its riches, belong to no one nation but should be shared by all. There will be no nations under the category ‘haves’ and others under the opposite category. A fair and properly organised distribution of the wheat, the oil and the mineral wealth of the world will be developed, based upon the needs of each nation, upon its own internal resources and the requirements of its people. All this will be worked out in relation to the whole.”

Well, this doesn’t show much sign of happening yet! The produce is there, mostly in abundance, but it is traded on the international markets, and is only available if a country has the cash to buy them. If there is no money – as in Afghanistan at the moment – then there is little food and something like 23 million people starving. Real need is not yet the criterion for distribution.

And here is his final point, in which he builds on the fourth of Roosevelt’s Four Freedoms – Freedom from Fear. “In the preparatory period for the new world order there will be a steady and regulated disarmament. It will not be optional. No nation will be permitted to produce and organise any equipment for destructive purposes or to infringe the security of any other nation. One of the first tasks of any future peace conference will be to regulate this matter and gradually see to the disarming of the nations.” There are really no signs of this even beginning to be held as a serious policy position. Indeed the reverse seems to be the case right now.

But for our encouragement, we know that humanity has the teaching, the foresight, the intelligence to deal with all these problems and crises, if it chooses to. The big question is,

can humanity express the love and the will-to-good on a large enough scale to precipitate the necessary radical changes?

This is a crucial question. And we can help answer it by what we do in our own lives of spiritual unfoldment. Every step forward we personally make will help lift humanity that bit nearer to the truth. Our strivings are not just individual but combine into a powerful, consistent, and eventually irresistible group effort. No matter what is happening in the outer world, the radiance of the inner light this generates is getting stronger. The demand for justice and right relationships is getting louder. Love is increasingly seen as the power to grow into the inner beings which we truly are. Outwardly these are creating a better world for humanity. Interiorly these are preparing the way for the feet of the returning living Christ.

And now we will go into our meditation together remembering that this is the day of the full moon itself and therefore the time of greatest opportunity. Let us seize it with all the joy light and love and power that we can. Let us come forth from the plane of mind and rule with love and freedom.

¹ [Some quotes from the Alice Bailey writings on epidemics • Lucis Trust](#)

[An Esoteric Reflection on the Pandemic: • Lucis Trust](#)