

# *The Gift that Shamballa Is Planning to Give in the Aquarian Age*

## FULL MOON FESTIVAL OF AQUARIUS 2022

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Good evening everyone and welcome. There are passages in the New Testament concerning Jesus, which are believed by many to be references to Aquarius and the Aquarian age. In one passage we read the following: “And He [Jesus] sent out two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, ‘Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared: there make ready for us”<sup>1</sup>. We further read the following: “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.’”<sup>2</sup>

Here in this episode that occurred 2000 years ago, Christ foreshadowed the sun moving into Aquarius and the advent of the Aquarian age. The man carrying the pitcher of water is the symbol of Aquarius, the upper room, is the higher group consciousness that characterizes the influence of Aquarius and will also characterize the Aquarian Age. This room, we are told in the passage, is large, indicating an expansive consciousness, where there is room, patience, tolerance, inclusiveness and understanding for the many -- the kind of awareness or state of consciousness that will be demonstrated by humanity, on a large scale, in the Aquarian age. The contents of the cup represented, in the words of Jesus, His blood, the life-blood, the life more abundantly and the bread, His body, represented subsistence, substance, abundance. The blood and the bread together indicate the sharing of “the life more abundantly” that will be available for all, indicating a time of plenty that science and technology are making possible.

However, this has not yet been realized, for we still have few rich nations, and many poor nations. But this appalling economic situation, if observed more keenly, reveals that abundance is present, but the degree and extent of the needed cooperation and sharing are not adequate. Aquarius is the custodian of the energy for this cooperation and sharing, on a universal scale, to be realized and particularly so during a period such as today, the full moon of Aquarius. Let us pause a few moments and with the mind raised towards the Hierarchy, fervently sound the Affirmation of Love:

In the center of all Love I stand.  
From that center I, the soul, will outward move.  
From that center 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.

We are rapidly approaching the Aquarian Age. If it were not so, then what could we say is behind the rising demands of the masses everywhere for betterment, the increasing awareness or awakening everywhere in the world, the movement everywhere calling humanity and her leaders to accountability concerning the living environment, the cautioning of the world about the threats

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<sup>1</sup> Mar13:14-15 NKJV

<sup>2</sup> Mar 14:22-24 NKJV

posed by the economic disparities among peoples and nations, the growing recognition of the widening inequities that can no longer be ignored. We know these things thanks to data science, satellite and internet technology. On the other hand there is the spontaneous and welcome recognition of goodwill that is being globally shared, demonstrating that the human spirit triumphs over evil, and unity overcomes violence. This reality inspires the widespread instances of kindness amidst destitution in many places in the world.

We find confirmation and assurance in these ideas in *Esoteric Astrology* wherein Alice Bailey wrote: “This constellation is one of supreme importance to our solar system at this time, for it is the sign into which our Sun is rapidly moving and its influence is gaining in momentum and potency with each vanishing decade. It is, therefore, largely responsible for the changes now being effected in our planetary life in all the kingdoms of nature, and because it is an air sign, its influence is all pervasive and inter-penetrating.”<sup>3</sup> These words were first published in 1951 and seven decades have gone by and surely the momentum of the approaching Aquarian age, must be quite tremendous today.

The symbol representing Aquarius, two horizontal wiggly lines, simple though it appears, is rich in interpretation: The symbol immediately suggests motion, a great quality of life; the two lines indicate “life and energy”, among other possible pairs of combinations. This symbol may also be seen as the wavy surface of a stream or a river. Alice Bailey associated the water carried in Aquarius with the river of life and the river of love, when she wrote in *The Labours of Hercules*: “When we have broken down the barriers of separateness, then we let in the two rivers, the water of life and the river of love.” “It is interesting to try to express to yourself what you understand by the river of life and the river of love which, by breaking down the walls, flow through the human family.”<sup>4</sup>

The two wavy lines symbolizing Aquarius, may again be considered as forming three mountain peaks and two valleys, with the three mountain peaks indicating the first two initiations of the threshold, as they culminate in the third initiation of the transfiguration, while the two valleys indicate the two major tests undergone by the disciple prior to each initiation. The Ageless wisdom teaches that “we undergo, prior to each initiation, two major tests -- that of the burning ground and that of the clear cold light.”<sup>5</sup>

The burning ground, “produces a blazing fire which burns up all hindrances in a steady sequential process.”<sup>6</sup> And in Rule I, for initiates and disciples, we find the effect of the clear cold light: “*The clear cold light shines forth and cold it is and yet the heat—evoked by the group love—permits the warmth of energetic moving out.*”<sup>7</sup> The clear cold light permits “The scales to fall from the eyes,” revealing, on the one hand, “The *omnipresence of God* throughout nature, ... and of the initiate group.”<sup>8</sup> and, on the other hand, brings home to the initiate “*The omniscience of the divine Whole*” and ending forever the phase of “isolated experience”<sup>9</sup>. Today the scales are falling from humanity’s eyes.

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<sup>3</sup> *Esoteric Astrology*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 134.

<sup>4</sup> *The Labours of Hercules*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 193.

<sup>5</sup> *The Rays and the Initiations*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 47.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 30.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 31.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 39

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 40.

In Aquarius the effort put into the long spiritual struggle that started in Taurus, moved through Leo and Scorpio, and finally comes to fruition, making Aquarius a culminating sign of spiritual achievement.

“In Taurus ---Desire is transmuted into aspiration, darkness gives place to light and illumination, ... and the attention of the [disciple] becomes focused upon spiritual attainment.”<sup>10</sup> EA p. 143. She hears the voice of the Christ, the soul, and implements the injunction— “If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.”

“In Leo—The self-centered man becomes eventually the soul in expression and focused on the achievement of the spiritual goal of selflessness.” Since Leo is the polar opposite of Aquarius, there is a powerful interplay between the two signs and this interplay upon the reversed wheel becomes so potent in its ability to transmute and transform that “the intensive self-consciousness of Leo expands into the group awareness of Aquarius.”

After Leo, the disciple faces severe tests in Scorpio on her way to the station of the “water carrier,” Aquarius. It is as if in Scorpio the disciple overcomes, on a personal and lesser scale, the challenges posed by the tests and trials in order to adequately prepare and make herself fit for handling those same challenges of glamour on a group and planetary level. Then, as a result, she can say with the group in Aquarius, “Water of life am I, poured forth to thirsty men,” and then “the long effort of the soul is consummated and concludes the experience of the disciple upon the Fixed Cross.”

We are told that “the rulers of Aquarius are of ‘peculiar interest’ as they bring in the influences of the seventh, second and the fourth rays.’ The seventh ray relates spirit and matter on the physical plane ...into one functioning whole, producing an orderly spiritual expression in form, while ‘the second ray gives soul expression and spiritual consciousness and also the power to pour out love upon earth’, and the fourth ray indicates the field of service and the mode of attaining the goal.”<sup>11</sup> The fourth ray does this by acutely revealing the cleavages, “the outer cleavages,” in humanity and the human unit and precipitating a crisis that evokes the conditions which lead to harmony. We need not look too hard to observe these happenings.

The seventh ray is of special significance as it comes into manifestation at the same time that the sun is entering Aquarius, as is the case today. For we are told that the combination of the two— Aquarius and the seventh ray—provides an extraordinary opportunity for the fusion and blending of the lights of all the seven rays to produce Light Supernal, “bringing about illumination and establishing order upon the Earth. And that this great event has occurred six times during the period of the fifth root race” -- the group of intelligent humanity functioning within all the races today.”<sup>12</sup> We must therefore awaken to the recognition that we are in propitious times, and work accordingly.

The decanates of Aquarius, are governed by Saturn, Mercury and Venus, which are the gateways for Opportunity, Illumination and Brotherhood respectively and these three constitute “the gifts that Shamballa is planning to confer upon mankind during the Aquarian Age”, if man will but prepare for them, accept them, and use them. Then the Tibetan ends with these words: “Only the future will make clear man’s reaction.”<sup>13</sup> We are entering that future now, we are the witnesses to occurrences

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<sup>10</sup> *Esoteric Astrology*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 148.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 137.

<sup>12</sup> *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 425-26.

<sup>13</sup> *Esoteric Astrology*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 149.

of tremendous transitions and transformations in the history of humanity. It is in this that the New Group of World Servers and men and women of goodwill everywhere are implicated; here is our place for utmost contribution. Are we recognizing the great spiritual opportunities and constructing those structures that will serve as vehicles of Light, Love, and the Will-to-Good in our immediate environment? Are we, as students and experimenters in group consciousness, bringing whatever measure of illumination we can into every aspect of daily life? The challenges of brotherhood daily confront us, physically, emotionally and mentally, and how well are we facing them? Usually the idea of brotherhood is sentimentally appreciated, but the Tibetan has said that “brotherhood is not an ideal but is based on a scientific fact,” and how much are we penetrating into this factual reality as a source of inspiration?

Opportunity, illumination, and scientific brotherhood are the gifts that Shamballa is conveying to humanity through the Hierarchy at this full moon period and increasingly as we rapidly proceed into the Aquarian Age. This transition began 500 years ago, for it is with such long-range preparation that the Hierarchy works.

In relation to opportunity, let’s hear a full quote from *A Treatise on White Magic*: page 428:

“This and this alone justifies your existence and calls forth from all of you who respond to the vision that utter self-sacrifice which is so rare and so far-reaching in its effects. The casting of all one has at the feet of the Lord of Life in order that the work of world salvage may go forward, the elimination out of one’s life of all that can possibly hinder, the giving of all that one has until it hurts to give, the ruling of one’s life on the basis of surrender, asking one’s self at all the time: What can I relinquish in order that I may help more adequately? – that and more than that lies ahead of all of you who hear the call and respond to the need and OPPORTUNITY”(emphasis added).<sup>14</sup>

Let us never forget how intimately connected we are, as a group and as individuals, with this Aquarian Work. This is made clear in what Foster Bailey wrote concerning the esoteric origins and purpose of the Arcane School in the *Unfinished Autobiography* of Alice Bailey.: “The Arcane School was projected by A.A.B. as an effort to help fulfil certain definite needs in the esoteric field. ... there was a need for an esoteric experiment along second ray teaching lines, which could attempt to carry a little of the increasing Aquarian quality. This required a new emphasis on *group responsibility* and *world service* as essential of all true discipleship in the days to come.”<sup>15</sup> And our persistent effort to increase our group responsibility and intensify the potency of our world service will aid us in becoming the “water of life, poured forth for thirsty men.”

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<sup>14</sup> *A Treatise on White Magic*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 428

<sup>15</sup> *The Unfinished Autobiography*, Alice A. Bailey, p. 300-01.