

## *The Emerging Light*

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Welcome to the Festival of Capricorn meeting here in New York. The energies from this constellation are pouring powerfully into our planetary life at this time—energies which have been exponentially augmented and magnified by the Festival Week opportunity of the new group of world servers which occurred two weeks ago.

The Capricorn full moon provides the moment of highest spiritual aspiration within the annual cycle. We can go no higher than the mountain top. At this time it is as if a door stands open, a door through which spiritual energies can flow, the door of initiation, the narrow gate of Capricorn.

We have the opportunity now to take some time for quiet reflection on the work that has occurred during the Festival Week-- its meaning and its implications—for it was such a potent event, a subjective period, and it takes time for the energies to work out, clarify and precipitate into some conscious recognition. Appropriating the energies of this full moon and reflecting upon the previous interlude is an important activity to undertake. Have we grasped the opportunity that has been offered to us and that is being offered to us to work effectively together, as a band of brothers?

We'll precede our sounding of the mantram with the undertaking of a brief visualisation that is taken from a passage by the Tibetan in which he describes the vision that unfolds before the eye of the disciple, standing upon the mountain top, at the time of the taking of the third or rather first real initiation.

Let's take a moment to link together as a group, with all coworkers throughout the world who are working with us at this time. Let's visualize an inner bridge within consciousness that we weave as we stand together upon the mountain top, responsive to the energies pouring in from Capricorn, which are seen as a tremendous stream of light, made up of an interlocking of the forces of all the 12 constellational Lives, pouring in and thru all the kingdoms of nature.

These constellations carry not only their own individual potencies but also those greater potencies of the seven rays and the seven super-constellational Lives which, in turn, are focussed through the sacred and non-sacred planets—the discovered and undiscovered planetary Lives.

Let us visualize these energies and forces as colors and streams and their many weaving lines as given on the mountain top. Now let's visualize these streams of light bringing about a three-way interplay between the three planetary centers:

- The new group of world servers, representing humanity--the planetary ajna and throat centers respectively.

- The World Teacher and the Spiritual Hierarchy--the planetary heart center.
- The center Shamballa --the planetary head center.

See these centers coming into alignment and interplay—the lines of light uniting all three centers. Visualize the new group as the agent, bringing through the purpose and divine stillness of the inner centers into the world, through the light and love generated through the new group..

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 fulfill my part in the one Work,  
through self-forgetfulness, harmlessness and right speech.

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Capricorn is recognized at once as the most material of the signs, but also the most spiritual--the highest and the lowest meet in a synthetic interplay in this awesome energy, bringing divinity into expression through the medium of form. The highest type of individual expression in this sign is of course symbolized by the unicorn, that fighting creature of God. In the ancient nursery rhyme of the lion and the unicorn, the unicorn pierces the eye of the lion (the three-fold personality) and then takes on his skin and roams the earth doing good. The form nature becomes then simply a purified shell through which the light of divinity can shine.

Surely the influx of light as a result of the recent Festival Week opportunity has contributed to this collective purification of all seekers on the path. But, at the same time, as we look around the world at the recent turn of events, we can perhaps understand them within the context of the powerful influx of energies that poured into our world during this week. For as we know, this Capricorn energy is related to the will and the will can be either constructive or destructive, depending upon the nature of the consciousness through which it works. So it's not surprising that these powerful events are unfolding in our world and we are naturally concerned about them. But we also have to recognize that at the same time there is surely occurring a turning within the hearts of many within humanity as a result of this powerful influx of energy that has been released. We are appropriating the spiritual will which works out in a great release of goodwill and the subsequent building of greater tendencies towards right human relations.

During such times we have to use the tools that are given to us, we who stand within the heart center of the new group of world servers—tools such as the morning meditation, the noontime recollection, the five o'clock link up, the full and new moon approaches. These are the tools which when used repeatedly, day in and day out, can collectively serve to release the spiritual will among the servers of the world.

This full moon period is not only being strengthened on account of its following upon the powerful Festival Week, but also by a powerful planetary alignment that is being set up and has been approaching during this week and is now coming into exactitude on Sunday, within the orb of the full moon.

It's a rare alignment and it's highly unlikely that it has ever occurred before in recorded history. It's an alignment between the Sun, Mercury, Saturn and Pluto, all in the same sign and degree of Capricorn. The last time that two of those planets—Saturn and Pluto (two of the slower moving planets)—came into alignment with each other, was in the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. But it is unlikely that they also aligned with the Sun and Mercury. This is very rare and surely extremely significant. This is a clear opportunity for the spiritual workers of the world to focus ourselves, to attain that spiritual tension, that will enable us to capitalize on the available energies and to focalize them through the medium of the group field. During this time when the sun is involved in the alignment we can conjecture that it brings into play the energies of the Solar Logos, aiding planet Earth to move forward in its evolutionary journey. Since Mercury and the Sun are esoterically “one,” surely the focalizing ability of this combination contributes powerfully to the setting up of a type of systemic alignment that can bring to bear powerful forces upon our world. Four planets in the sign of Capricorn, a sign of the spiritual will, will aid the new group of world servers to consciously or unconsciously tap into this energy and distribute it into the world for it is the spiritual will that is needed in order to transform our planet. The alignment carries strength of purpose, opportunity to work effectively with others and with the will aspect, and this is what is being demanded of the new group at this time.

Pluto and Saturn are both fire ray planets and from certain angles the Sun and Mercury also provide conduits for this potent energy as well.

Pluto is esoterically related to the death of old thoughtforms, to death itself, and to the rising of kundalini energies. It is certainly a planetary energy that is related to the processes of initiation. The Tibetan compares initiation to the release of the atomic bomb which, interestingly, occurred during the time of Pluto's discovery in 1930.

When this alignment occurred 500 years ago it was not as potent as this alignment because it did not include both Mercury and the Sun. It was also less potent simply by the fact that Pluto was not yet discovered at that time and so its influence was not nearly as potent as it is today. If we take a look at the events that occurred at the time of this last alignment, two stand out as of real significance—the nailing by Martin Luther of his precepts on the door of the Church and the writing by Nicholas Copernicus of his famous work, *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*.

If we ponder the implications of these events we can how they changed the course of history, providing a reorientation of our relationship to our solar system and also to the predominant structures of the Church. As a result we had to go through a necessary process of decentralisation, a rethinking of the world view, the structure of reality as we understood it—one which pitted science and the spiritual authority of the common person with that of the Church. As we enter into the Aquarian age we will surely pass through other, perhaps greater, processes of decentralization as this sign is very much related to decentralization. When we consider what a great and challenging shift this processes of decentralization instituted by Copernicus let loose, we might ask ourselves what our next step in decentralization might be, what is being demanded of us now?

Saturn, the other planet in this alignment, rules in Capricorn both exoterically and esoterically and so is very powerfully placed here. We can see the effects of this energy working out when we observe ordinary humanity and those who are stepping onto the spiritual path. For Saturn is one of the planets

that contributes to the reorientation of the life. Saturn rules the path of discipleship and there are an increasing number of people today seeking a deeper reality.

For those who have not yet placed their feet upon the path, this influence of Saturn can be quite disruptive and that might be part of the reason for the many disruptions we see working out in the world today, reflecting the potency of Saturn at this time. When Saturn becomes powerful it disrupts the normal order of things and things do not go forward as they have always done. The power of Saturn can provide opportunities for a touch of the soul to come to many. For the disciples of the world, this alignment between Pluto and Saturn is surely going to demand of us a change and a purification of our approach to our discipleship service, a willingness to let go of certain nonessentials that may have been impeding our progress and to break down the walls of separation that may have been dividing us and a consequent increasing ability to come together more fully as a group soul.

These different faces of Saturn that manifest in the world through a long series of lives are encapsulated in an ancient passage from the *Old Commentary*.

By reflecting on this passage we can see the disruption that Saturn brings at first, causing rebellion, when the individual is focussed in the personality. In such cases Saturn provides those difficulties, those hard knocks and subsequent learning experiences through which the person is given an opportunity to begin to respond to the soul impulses, rather than running from them. Then, as we move forward on the spiritual path, we eventually come to embrace Saturn's influence.

"Amid the whirling forces, I stand confused. I know them not, for, during all my past, they swept me up and down the land wherein i moved, blinded and unaware. From place to place and point to point, they drove me up and down the land and nowhere was there rest.

I know them now and here I stand and will not move until I know the law which governs all this movement up and down the land. I may revolve and turning face the many different ways; i face some wide horizons and yet today i stand.

[Here we meet the triumphant disciple] I will determine for myself the way to go. Then onward i will move. I will not travel up and down the land nor turn in space. But onward I will move."

*Esoteric Astrology, p. 20*

Each sign of the zodiac has a relationship with a special kind of light -- and the light that flows in from Capricorn is surely the most mysterious and the most exalted of all. It is the "Light of Initiation. This is the light which clears the way to the mountain top and produces transfiguration, thus revealing the rising sun."

This initiatory light is surely a part of the overshadowing and mysterious Light Supernal, which is highlighted within the keynote of the sign. This light Supernal pours in powerfully during the Festival Week and is, therefore, still with us surely at the time of this powerful full moon. This Light must be related to the new type of light that the Solar Logos is appropriating and which is being stepped down by our planetary Logos and then, in a fashion, by the members of the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet. Perhaps at high moments such as the present the members of the new group can collectively stand as the recipients of this great Light.

It's said there are and will be three primary results of the influx of this inpouring Supernal Light. The first indication of the influence of this new Light was the giving out of the third stanza of the Great Invocation at the close of the World War. Its potency is so great that right conditions had to be considered before its enunciation was possible.

The second and third indications that the Light Supernal is externalising have not yet manifested fully in the world. The second indication is said to be related to the externalisation of the Great Lord, the World Teacher, who will act as the lens through which the Light can be focussed and adapted to human need and its dominant focussing upon the physical plane.

The third result of this inpouring light will be brought about through the gradual appearance of the new civilisation, leading in time to the creation of the "new heavens and the new earth." We might say at this time that we see evidence that the time of the reappearance is precipitating because of the many challenges humanity is confronting at this time, which are reactions to the inpouring light. We also see many proposals being put forward at this time that could, in time, surely lead to the creation of this new heaven, this new earth. The timing of these two latter events really has a lot to do with the choices humanity makes over the course of the next five year cycle.

Let us now take the opportunity of this time to imagine ourselves standing together upon the mountain top, where the air is clear. And from that vista extends our vision both far and wide, into the distant heavens and down into the dismal, weary veils of earth.

The group knows what it has to do. Into those veils we must pour the light and love that Life confers, bringing heaven to earth, peace to humanity and beauty to reconfigure the harshness of the world.

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