

# FESTIVAL OF GEMINI – NEW YORK – JUNE 2016

## From Instability to Synthesis

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A warm welcome to everyone gathered here in the planetary center of New York, the center that stands as the common point to both triangles in the network of the five planetary centers of energy that influence our world. Being in this vortex reminds us that all lives, human or otherwise, exist in a sea of energy, a constantly changing kaleidoscope of swirling patterns that underlie all thoughts and actions. Welcome also to those tuning in on the internet and connecting with us through the air waves, an image very apt for the Festival of Gemini, the airiest of air signs and the energy that governs the etheric plane. The etheric web is a vast system of interlocking lines of energy through which we move in every moment, a system connecting all life and rendering the illusion of separation an impossibility. It is a reminder that it is not possible for us to be separated from the Great evolved lives, the Christ and the spiritual Hierarchy, except through the barrier of our brain consciousness, a barrier we seek to dissolve through occult group meditation and outer service.

The motto for New York is "I light the Way", so one can imagine how, over time, the many waves of immigrants have sensed this light on entering New York harbor as they see the Statue of Liberty holding a flaming torch high above her head in symbolic greeting to those seeking a better life in a place of freedom. Eventually, these people assimilated into the culture of the New World and made lasting contributions, and in some cases working their way toward joining the ranks of the New Group of World Servers.

Today, there is an unusual and special opportunity before us, this being the second full moon Festival in Gemini in the Higher Interlude. The Christ's Festival, the Gemini full moon, is the distribution of the extreme inflow of extra planetary energies taking place over the three full moons of the Higher Interlude, but because this year there are four full moons in the interlude, the invocative effect and the special opportunity to evoke and distribute spiritual energies is heightened. It is as if humanity is collectively holding a point of extreme tension in the expectation of an increased inflow of light and love into the planet. As if humanity is listening with intense concentration to the inner voice of the soul for guidance and release. There is a pause in the atmosphere, as the Christ emphasizes that He has never left us.

Why, we might ask ourselves, is the Christ's Festival happening for twice as long now at this particular moment of history? What is happening today in the world that needs this extra jolt of Love/Wisdom, of 2nd Ray energy? Why is the period of invocative opportunity doubly extended now and what is its significance? It might be that the Christ is sending extra spiritual energy to His beloved humanity because we need it especially now. He is perhaps moving a little closer to a culmination of the decision already reached to walk again on Earth. It also must be true that we are able now to handle this extra inflow of the

Christ's energy and are ready to take the next step toward cooperation with the Hierarchy and behave with a deepened sense of purpose and a more overt expression of goodwill.

As practicing esotericists working with the cycles of the year of the inbreathing, outbreathing and lower and higher interludes, we recognize that a second Gemini full moon lengthens the period of the Higher Interlude and presents a significant occasion for contact with the Hierarchy through our united meditative focus and intention. Gemini is the carrier of 2nd Ray energy and as such, has profound effect on all life in this present solar system governed by the 2nd Ray of Love/Wisdom. When we direct the group will through meditation at the full moon, we are able to channel even more love, thereby serving the purpose of the Christ and the Hierarchy. It is our dharma and our destiny to fulfill the promise of love and demonstrate the Christ's message through the active expression of goodwill.

And the energy of love is so needed today as we observe acute polarization in human relations, the divisive rhetoric, violent extremism and calls for separateness and division. But if we observe with love and look at events as a soul, it is clear that the global dysfunction is simply a necessary stage prior to the restructuring of human living based on the values of love, goodwill and right human relations. We might wonder why this cosmic alignment is happening now, and although we can speculate all kinds of reasons using our rational mind, we can't possibly know the deeper significance of this present moment, except perhaps later in hindsight and after we've gone through it.

The invocative cry of humanity has never been more insistent, a clear sign that the 5th Kingdom is being called into action and mobilizing on the inner planes moving ever closer to the earth plane. Humanity is experiencing a great stirring, a confusion and turmoil in every aspect of life, a sure sign that the Christ energy is growing stronger. Pain and suffering are the agents through which humanity is lifting itself closer to the Elder Brothers. The desire to be free at last from the bounds and restrictions of the physical plane transmutes into a group will to progress and evolve. The chaos, turbulence and unrest heralds the approach of the heart center of the Ashram, the living Christ, who is moving ever closer to the Earth to establish the eventual thousand years of peace in the Aquarian dispensation.

Let us re-affirm our basic unity as we seek to establish a subjective synthesis and telepathic interplay that can be used as a field of distribution of the energies of the Plan in service to humanity. We'll say together the Mantram of Unification:

The sons of men are one, and I am one with them.  
I seek to love, not hate;  
I seek to serve and not exact due service;  
I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love.  
Let the soul control the outer form,  
And life, and all events,

And bring to light the Love  
That underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight.  
Let the future stand revealed.  
Let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone.  
Let love prevail.  
Let all men love.

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Gemini is so vitally important to the evolutionary process because it governs the principle of change, for without change there can be no growth or progress. This "force which produces the changes needed for the evolution of the Christ consciousness" allows the soul to influence and permeate the form in whatever way it can in any moment. Soul energy manipulates form like a potter shaping clay; it changes the shape and character of the material eventually shattering it and building a new form, a new container that is more suited to express a more highly refined spirituality. The soul provides stability, not the form, so identification with the inner light, with the Christ life within creates the only solid platform that enables one to withstand the uncertainties with which we are faced every day.

As the World Disciple, humanity is destined to become the planetary Light Bearer, to distribute light to the three lower kingdoms just as the Statue of Liberty symbolically sheds light on weary travelers. We are learning to recognize the soul in all things, to discover the light behind all phenomenal appearances and to recognize the energy of the living Christ in all activities. On the discipleship path, humanity is struggling through the difficult tests and trials presented by Scorpio and this is easily seen through the seemingly endless wars and conflicts that have been raging for years. Tribal and group rivalries and opposing ideologies exist all over the planet and humanity is wrestling with the choice between the separative demands of the personal self and the inclusive forgiving soul. So much of humanity is laboring under the word of the form in Gemini: "Let instability do its work", and this fluid condition is drawing anger and frustration to the surface to be dissolved in the light of the soul.

Gemini is the major symbol of duality in the zodiac representing the basic poles of the opposites of spirit and matter that govern our world. It is called the *Light of Interplay* and reveals how opposing energy streams affect one another. The contrast between separative materialism and spiritual values and livingness has never been as clear as it is now. On the one hand we see countless spiritual groups and organizations working for the bettering of conditions, not only for humans, but for animals and the planet as a whole. They express inclusive values and seek progress in human relations while recognizing the one humanity. On the other, there are reactionary and materialistic groups who want to close borders, build walls and who refuse all change and progress, keeping to the old ways and wanting a return to the "good old days". They feel threatened by someone who appears to be different and stick to their own communities. They are bewildered by the newer trends in human

thinking and unfamiliar cultures and customs. The new incoming energies of Aquarius are challenging the Piscean habits and those not ready for the new are reacting with fear and anger.

Instability is a great teacher providing valuable spiritual lessons, and when recognized as the agent through which the Christ life grows and develops, can be welcomed with joy. This attitude however, is not currently the way over a million refugees pouring into Europe are looking at their situation. They have lost everything, have no kind of security and face a future that is uncertain and full of new and unknown dangers. As esotericists trained to observe the causes of events, how are we to understand this incredible movement of a population? How do we view this tremendous exodus, this flow of humanity pouring out of the so called "Dark Triangle" toward a perceived freedom. How can we process the suffering, misery and uncertainty faced by the 60 million people all over the world who are refugees or displaced persons? For them, every day is World Invocation Day as they hope and pray for deliverance from suffering.

Let us take a moment and imagine together how the Hierarchy might be viewing this global spiritual crisis on earth. Step back in your mind and view the 4th Kingdom in large swaths, with differing colors and vibrations, in constant change and flux. There are pinpoints of bright light and areas of dim and fainter light. There are currents; ebbs and flows of trends of thought, actions taken toward unity and synthesis, and events creating separation and fear. The crisis in the Middle East and Africa is a wave of humanity on the move, breaking away from an environment of restriction and terror, from chaos and destruction. A wave breaking free from repression, fear, violence and intimidation. It moves toward the light, almost as if it were propelled, magnetically attracted to freedom and opportunity, sensing that the future is in another place where the newer values and opportunity for progress exist. The old way of life is over and the new has not yet manifested.

This largest human migration since the Great War is a crisis affecting not only the people leaving their homes and old lives behind, but a crisis for the people receiving them, how they have responded and the opportunities for service they have been given. Greece has played an important role in this human drama and its people, many of whom are recent immigrants themselves, have largely responded with generosity and kindness, opening their homes and hearts to refugees whose situation they closely identify with. There is a Greek word, *philoxenia*, which means "love of the other". In referring to the locals' welcoming response to the refugees arriving on the island of Lesbos, a tavern owner there, recently interviewed by the New York Times said, "It is normal. It's our mentality." This attitude of goodwill is a beacon of light, an example of the influence of the Christ and a sign of the approach of a sense of synthesis, a recognition of the one humanity.

In late May, the United Nations convened the first of its kind World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey. It was the culmination of three years of planning to bring together stakeholders on a scale never before seen to address the world's problems which are resulting in so much suffering for so many people, all over the globe. 173 Member States, 55 Heads of State, hundreds of private sector representatives and over 9,000 people attended. The meeting was inclusive and open, seeking to harness the skills, experience and

resources of the participants to solve humanity's problems. It provided "the opportunity for the global community to take responsibility to place people first: to secure their safety, to uphold their dignity, and to provide opportunities for a better future." The Chairman's report continues: "The Summit demonstrated the international community's resolve to live up to the pledge to leave no one behind in the quest for sustainable development for all. World leaders and people from all segments of society affirmed that those who are most at risk of being left behind, including the more than 60 million displaced, and women, children and other groups in crisis situations, will receive the global attention and support they deserve to live in safety and dignity and with opportunities to thrive."

The Tibetan describes the "Cycle of Conferences", the present period of the many international meetings, as a spiritual effort to direct the Shamballa energy, the sense of synthesis, into humanity. He also says these conferences are "one of the strongest indications that the Christ is on His way". Although there is the inevitable criticism about this meeting in terms of the unavoidable bureaucratic process, the language used and the commitments made, all the statements of intention indicate a growing awareness on the part of world leaders that the present condition cannot go on and that the world must come together in a spirit of unity to help the most vulnerable. Countries are uniting in a common purpose and focusing group will in the recognition that everyone is responsible to find a solution and all are implicated in any human suffering. We are reminded of the statement of Jesus when he said: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The Festival of the Christ is the perfect time to reflect on the responsibilities we, as an esoteric serving group, have taken on. Every Thursday we re-dedicate ourselves in meditation "to the service of the Coming One" and re-affirm that we have "*no other life intention*" but to work for the preparation of the Reappearance of the Christ. We are observing now an almost unbearable level of global tension as desperate humanity demands release and light. This demand must by law, be met by the Hierarchy and the agency through which it reaches humanity is goodwill. Goodwill creates the environment through which the Christ can return and is the pathway on which His energy travels. Intelligent loving people are building that pathway every day.

"Goodwill is the touchstone which will transform the world", the Tibetan says, and the growth and spread of goodwill are the signs by which the Christ's energy can be recognized. From the smallest acts of kindness and generosity occurring daily in every part of the world, to the large and organized movements for peace building, human security and healing, the spread of goodwill is noticeably advancing despite the calls for separation and isolationism. There are some important political decisions about to be made in the United States and Great Britain, and all over the world, people are having to choose between those issues presented by the soul and those presented by the form.

If we observe the world as the lesser twin, as the matter aspect and the form nature, we see separation, conflict and pain. The lower mind sees itself as the center, goes its own way and knows only difference and division. It is overcome with fear of the Dweller and can go

no further. It is lost in the fog of selfish materialism and can see no way out of the problems it has created.

But the twin of the spirit, the living soul and Christ nature recognizes the underlying synthesis and unity of all life and knows that the trends toward group welfare, group integration, and group progress are the signs of the future emerging and indications of the reality of the Christ's influence on humanity.

David Whyte expresses something of this idea in his short poem, "*What to remember when waking*":

"We shape ourselves to fit the world  
And by the world are shaped again.  
The visible and invisible  
Working together in common purpose  
To produce the miraculous."

Let us wake up to the genius of the soul in all things and to the certainty that the approaching Christ is the World Teacher to every group, every religion and every life on the planet.

We will be working with the keynote for the soul in Gemini: "I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow."

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