

## GEMINI MEETING – FESTIVAL OF HUMANITY – JUNE 2019

### *The Initiation of Humanity*

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There is something very reassuring about the energies of the Gemini full moon. They are permeated with Love-Wisdom, the pervading quality of the solar system and of the Christ, the World Teacher, who will wield the dynamic aspect of Love on His reappearance. It is therefore an opportunity for us to familiarize ourselves with what will be coming humanity's way with increasing intensity, year by year, until He appears before the world. Despite the separative spirit and divisions that seem to be gaining influence, those who are familiar with the Ageless Wisdom teachings recognise that humanity is actually moving towards greater unity, in preparation for this return to its true home – the inner subjective worlds. Great transmissions of energy from inner, planetary centres are impacting humanity in preparation for this journey and for the great revelations that will occur along the way.

In a sense, all energy impacts are initiations as they stimulate consciousness and disturb its equilibrium. They keep it moving onwards as witnessed by the steady progress of civilisation over recent centuries. When a really meaningful bolt of energy is applied to either an individual, group or humanity as a whole, there is a leap in consciousness, and this defines what is meant by initiation. This term initiation may conjure up great, secret ceremonies such as those in masonic traditions, but as far as humanity as a whole is concerned, it is the transmission of electric charge from a higher planetary centre, to a lower. Its effect is to stabilize the state of consciousness achieved and to spur it on towards the next goal.

Every age and every generation regards its own time as one of crisis, and so it is, for crisis is the way of evolution – the fire which stokes the psychological tension needed to bring about change. The degree of pain incurred in the transition to the new vision depends upon how it is handled. As the economist, John Keynes said, “the difficulty lies, not in the new ideas, but in escaping from the old ones.” And that is exactly where humanity stands now – only now, unlike the past, the world is so much more interconnected that crises are piling up on one another thick and fast. They are jostling with one another for the world's attention and merging into one colossal crisis with the potential to significantly delay human progress or to initiate it into a new era of progressive spirituality.

This is now at the point where leading thinkers are responding to the force of crisis by rethinking and re-evaluating. In this process of planning a new way forward, much debate is taking place including the general public who are slowly being drawn into the new ways of thinking. This worldwide crisis signifies that humanity is close to the point of going through a second birth into the spiritual kingdom. Ideas and ideals are flooding human consciousness with creativity and there is a growing sensitivity to inner impressions from the spiritual Hierarchy who watch over human development.

The Ageless Wisdom states that it is the Will of the planetary Logos “to produce certain radical and momentous changes in the consciousness of the race which will completely alter man's attitude to life and his grasp of the spiritual, esoteric and subjective essentials of living.”<sup>1</sup> These often uncomfortable changes are in line with Divine Purpose and they initially disrupt set ways of thinking. This prepares us for “that tremendous crisis — imminent in the human consciousness ...the initiation of the race

into the Mystery of the Ages, into that which has been hid from the beginning.” There are many additional factors too: the planetary Logos is Himself undergoing a cosmic initiation which will lead to the Earth becoming a sacred planet so effecting all cells in His body; we are transiting into the Age of Aquarius with its new conditioning energies; the spiritual kingdom is preparing to externalise on Earth and is moving closer to humanity.

It’s not surprising that we are experiencing so much crisis when the effect is so profound. The creation of a new world is not a distant utopia – it is precipitating around us right now. So knowing that we are part of the birthing process, let’s tune into the influences of Gemini and resonate to the dynamic power of love pervading the ethers at this time. Gemini’s influences are especially related to the etheric body, and this full moon period – the last of the three spiritual festivals – is always marked by a great sense of accumulated energies flowing out through the etheric body of the group and into the world.

On the Path of Discipleship, the effect of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom working through the other rays, begins to dominate the etheric body, producing the shift of force and of intensity to the centres above the diaphragm. The power of the personality lessens while that of the soul grows bringing in the factor of higher mind. This is symbolised by the interplay between the two brother stars in Gemini, Pollux and Castor. They represent the relation between the higher and lower mind, and as their influence pours into the earth, the relationship between the Spiritual Hierarchy and Humanity grows, leading towards ever greater and widespread synthesis.

The Will to Good destroys the old qualities as well as synthesizing the new, and this can work out in temporary upheaval and resistance until the break down is complete and the rebuilding energies can be perceived working out more clearly. When the mind is illumined and we see as the soul sees, then we will *know* that all is interrelated on the inner side of life in a steadily increasing state of synthesis and that it is steadily working out on the outer side of life too. It’s to be expected that upheaval will continue throughout this period until a true unity, based on a realisation of the One Soul, the Christ within, is achieved to some degree. With this in mind let us take a few moments for reflection and then say together the Mantram of Unification: [those who are familiar with this mantram will see that it has been slightly adapted]:

The souls of all 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 people Love.

The re-orientation towards spiritual realities is today enhanced by the activity of the incoming seventh ray whose energy of ceremonial order and ritual is set to condition the Aquarian Age. The seventh ray is effective upon the physical plane and “anchors” the other ray forces into form, producing concrete expressions of the subjective realities. Ironically, the seventh ray is the one ray lacking from Gemini’s influences but despite this, there is no shortage of its organising energies, for this great Ray is cycling its way back into incarnation. This is easily seen at work on a global scale in the great communication systems that carry information throughout the etheric body of the planet. Technology and applied science are imposing an unprecedented amount of order in dense physical substance too. Machines increasingly carry out repetitive duties on our behalf, bringing yet another crisis as the ramifications of this are debated. In conjunction with the seventh ray, Gemini’s outstanding quality of love-wisdom could easily be anchored in the etheric body of the planet, but humanity first needs to bring these qualities of love and wisdom to the forefront of consciousness. Once this is done, the expression of these qualities in physical substance will occur more easily. Then many of the current problems of humanity will fade away in the light of the Christ force.

The seventh ray is an initiatory force on the physical plane and it is therefore significant that humanity as a collective, is embarking on the spiritual path via the energy of hundreds of thousands of people of goodwill everywhere who have or are subconsciously preparing to take the first initiation. This number is predicted to increase to millions by 2025 and when we look at the rising intelligence and sense of responsibility of the majority of the world’s youth, there is great cause for hope and reassurance. Witness the huge surge of interest in meditation, mindfulness, spiritual healing, human and animal welfare and environmental causes; in the efforts of science to relieve human suffering and address global problems and, in international relations, nations strive to co-operate in the forums of the United Nations and to assist its vast, needed worldwide programmes.

The first initiation corresponds to the birth of the Christ in Bethlehem, and it is symbolically referred to as “the House of Bread.” This relates to the economy of the world and the need to share material resources so that people are freed from want in connection with the basic needs of physical living. Many minds are focused on this, and for some time, experiments have been going on in different parts of the world to introduce a universal income, to give people enough money to sustain themselves. These experiments have so far shown that this could lead to a more creative society, healthier and free from undue worry – and a society with less crime. This may lead to greater economic stringency on the whole and to living more simply, something that happens on the spiritual path when there is a focus on the essentials of life, but also for tackling the consequences of humanity’s excessive desire nature driven by an overactive, materially oriented mind.

The Dutch historian, Rutger Bregman, who made such a wonderfully controversial appearance at Davos earlier in the year, is adept at cutting through crystallised thinking and glamour to get at the heart of the world economic issue. He reminds us that incredible progress has, in fact, been made over the last 200 years. His book, *Utopia for Realists*, begins with a pithy history lesson: “In the past, everything was worse! For roughly 99% of the world’s history, 99% of humanity was poor, hungry, dirty, afraid, stupid, sick, and ugly.. As recently as the seventeenth century... Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) concurred that human life was basically ‘solitary, poor, nasty brutish, and short.’ But in the last 200 years, all of that has changed. In just a fraction of the time that our species has clocked on this planet, billions of us are suddenly rich, well nourished, clean,

safe, smart, healthy, and occasionally even beautiful. Where 84% of the world's population still lived in extreme poverty in 1820, by 1981 that percentage had dropped to 44%, and now, just a few decades later, it is under 10%. If this trend holds, the extreme poverty that has been an abiding feature of life will soon be eradicated for good. Even those we still call poor will enjoy an abundance unprecedented in world history."<sup>2</sup>

While this is no consolation for the poor and homeless, it is wise to stand back, if only for a moment, from all the distress and horror that rightly engages our attention and empathy, just to look at world progress with a detached eye, and assess the overall progress. From this perspective Bregman is surely right – people in developed countries have in many ways achieved the utopias of medieval man. Africa now has six of the world's fastest growing economies, life expectancy has increased, IQ has risen by 3.5 pts along with improvements in education, nutrition and hygiene. The important thing now, says Bregman, is that we refocus our gaze and set sail again for the next Utopia. We need visionary ideas that are wholly implementable. "Every milestone of civilisation – from the end of slavery to the beginning of democracy – was once considered a utopian fantasy. New utopian ideas such as guaranteed basic income and a fifteen-hour work week can become reality in our lifetime."

The growing problem he says, is that the attainment of a good material life has led to life being reduced to economic calculation. Optimism is linked to consumer confidence, politics has become problem management. Quality has been replaced by quantity, and there is a wrong kind of liberalism, one that broadcasts the message: "be yourself, be free". On the plus side, young people seem to be less concerned with the capitalist idea and a new lodestar, a new map of the world that includes a distant land is emerging. As Bertrand Russell said, it is not a finished Utopia that we ought desire, but a world where imagination is alive<sup>1</sup>.

While there seems to be a real lack of meaning to many people's lives, the bolt of energy that accompanies the first initiation is surely at work here, awakening a new, heart-based creativity. Despite the outer seeming, the heart of humanity is sound and moving towards group consciousness; and if those who respond to the new energies can redirect their creative imagination towards realising a new utopia, the outlines of a new way of living as a kingdom of souls will surely emerge. The new world must be based on right inner and outer relationships, cultivating the seed of the intuition, the gateway to the soul, whose substance is love, reason, wisdom and consciousness. The creative imagination must burn away the walls of separation by establishing "constructive relations between negative and positive energies;" the duality which Gemini demonstrates through its twin stars, representing soul and personality, needs to be resolved into a cohesive whole.

In the book *Esoteric Psychology vol II (pub. 1942)*, we read that an immediate objective of the Plan is "to raise the level of the human consciousness so that intelligent thinking men and women will be consciously in touch with the world of ideas and the realm of intuitive perception... men and women will then be led definitely to shift their attention from the world of the emotions in which they have hitherto lived, and will begin to live more in their mental natures, and to think clearly and wisely... " as a whole, people "will find their living conditions so ameliorated and wisely ordered that the present state of fear and of intense competitive struggle for existence will be superseded by a real measure of stability and security. A more leisured life will consequently be possible and this will enable men to unfold their powers—mental and spiritual—normally..."

Another immediate objective of the Plan is “each nation realising its responsibility to all other nations, and the interrelation of all parts of the life of our world. This realisation will bring about a reciprocal interplay in the field of economics, for this is the most important field at this time. Practically all world problems and differences are based upon an economic situation. It is, therefore, more important in the solution of the present world problem than are the political rivalries and the selfish, individual, national ambitions.”

To this is added the providing of adequate food, clothing and housing facilities to the people of the world which it states will “bring about a changed world psychology, which will be constructive and sound, and which will usher in the deeply desired era of peace and plenty...It is, in reality, relatively simple, if not complicated by too much statistical deduction and the opposed selfishness of national and monied interests...”

Another important objective of the Plan, which will materialise later when world conditions are bettered, is the emergence into physical plane activity of... the planetary Hierarchy... will restore upon earth the ancient mysteries and institute again the order of Initiation...Such is a broad and general idea of the objectives of the Plan and the aim of its Custodians.”<sup>3</sup>

This is our opportunity to energise the new group of world servers with the principles of a dynamic love and sharing as we set sail for the new utopia. We can expect a period of real intensity between now and the year 2025 A.D. when the new group’s forerunner stage is said to draw to a close. However, all the energies needed to initiate humanity into the new era of peace and right relationships are freely available. Here is the hope of a utopia for realists – how we get there includes our part of energizing the plan of love and light in people’s hearts and minds.

Lets go into meditation now using the keynote and speaking as the soul:

"I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow."

1 The Destiny of the Nations, p.13 Alice A Bailey

2 Utopia for Realists, p.1, R. Bregman

3 Esoteric Psychology Vol. II. p653/4, Alice A Bailey