

The Great Invocation – Energizing Social Evolution

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Welcome to our celebration of the Christ's Festival in Gemini and the culmination of the higher interlude of the spiritual year. Since 1952 the day of the Gemini full moon is also celebrated as World Invocation Day when a focus is placed on the Great Invocation to empower humanity's subconscious appeal for the return of a World Saviour. This full moon is also known as the Festival of Humanity for it celebrates the nascent Christ principle that flickers in every human heart. With this in mind, let's begin by sounding the adapted Great Invocation together. This alternative version was produced with the aim of attracting as large a section of humanity to its message and use as possible, while having as minimal an effect on its deeper meaning and mantric potency, as possible. We will use the original Great Invocation later on at the end of our meditation.

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into human minds.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide all little human wills -
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

In studying the influences of Gemini there are many indications as to why World Invocation Day is held at this time – and why it's known as the Christ's Festival as well as the Festival of Humanity. In the book, *Esoteric Astrology*, we learn that Gemini is one of the most important of the twelve signs and that *its influence lies behind every other sign*. The energy of Love and Wisdom pours through Gemini, hence the esoteric teaching that love underlies the entire universe: "This underlying love of Deity reaches our solar system primarily through Gemini, which forms, with the constellation of the Great Bear and the Pleiades, a cosmic triangle. This is the triangle of the cosmic Christ."¹

The Gemini force has also been described as "the force which produces the changes needed for the evolution of the Christ consciousness at any particular point in time and space. It is always compatible to the requirement."² The evolution of our consciousness is prompted, and its steady expansion guaranteed, by the underlying love of Deity that infuses our solar system primarily through Gemini. This sign forms "a point of entrance for cosmic energy from Sirius" – the true home of our Spiritual Hierarchy. For nearly two thousand years, the Christ has represented humanity during the Gemini festival, standing before the Hierarchy as the leader of the human family.

According to the Ageless Wisdom teachings, the Law dictates that when an embodied Christ reaches His goal in time and space, recognition of the achievement comes to Him at the time of the June Full Moon. This is because the complete victory of life over form, and of spirit

over matter is consummated and celebrated in the sign of Gemini. Christ attained this superlative victory in June 1943 during the dark days of the World War. Since this time, the power of invocation has increased dramatically as a potential energy in human consciousness, and divine love can be evoked to tremendous effect during times of world crisis, pain and difficulty.

This is good to hold in mind throughout World Invocation Day, when we make frequent use of the Great Invocation. It is also worth bearing in mind the remarks of the Tibetan teacher, who was the source of inspiration behind the Alice Bailey writings, that if we use the Great Invocation “rightly”, it can “reorient the consciousness of humanity” and stabilise it “in spiritual being.” It can disrupt and rebuild the planetary thoughtform that has been created in the past, one which “had and is having such disastrous and cataclysmic results,” and open the door to a new and better world; and that “this could be done so rapidly that the needed changes would come about almost overnight.”³ While the strength of the combined efforts of all those who use the Great Invocation is undoubtedly being effective in disrupting the planetary thoughtform of selfish materialism, it is important to know that, with a little more effort, the needed changes for a new and better world could be with us right now. This should serve as a strong incentive for us to renew our resolve and deepen our understanding of how to use this mantram with increasing power.

The urgency of this time of planetary crisis should provide sufficient impetus for us to work more purposefully to empower the spirit of invocation and goodwill that is coming alive in the world. If there were any doubt about this growth of goodwill, a clear and tangible symbol is to be found in the establishment of over ten million Non-Governmental Organisations dedicated to the welfare of various aspects of the planetary whole.⁴ The vision of a soul-infused civilisation *is* emerging from the fires of the present crises. It is quickening into a new planetary thoughtform of hope and renewal – and tuning into this thoughtform and further energising it by use of the Great Invocation is an essential and potent world service.

As well as over ten million Non-Governmental Organisations, there is also the growing number of International Parliamentary Assemblies taking place in the busy sphere of human activity. They include the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, whose stated purpose is to “promote peace in general, and in the Asian region in particular.” There is the Pan-African Parliamentary Assemblies – one of the arms of the African Union whose stated purpose is to be “a platform for people from all African states to be involved in discussions and decision-making on the problems and challenges facing the continent.” The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, whose purpose is: upholding human rights, democracy and the rule of law. And the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, whose purpose is “bolstering EU-Latin American relations.”

Over 100 informal or formal International Parliamentary Institutes were in existence by 2011 and they are constantly increasing in number as well as in scope of rights. They have typically been formed to represent citizens more than governments. The majority have no legislative power, nor do they hold direct elections, but through their deliberations on high ideals, powerful group thoughtforms are constructed that the Spiritual Hierarchy can engage with and relate to the waiting extra-planetary Forces that are seeking anchorage on earth.

It is worth reflecting on the group thought building process of these parliamentary assemblies in order to appreciate just how significant they are in terms of social evolution. To begin with, the planning of a topic for discussion initiates a vibration in the universal mind, its pitch and timbre establishing its area of influence and forming a ‘ring-pass-not’ in thought substance. (Here it is helpful to consider the word ‘ring’ in terms of acoustic resonance as well as a separating boundary) As participants organize their thinking on the topic in advance of the assembly, potencies precipitate into the ring-pass-not, conditioning and magnetizing the field of thought. When the assembly convenes, this mental substance is further energized, moulded, and

adapted through the resonances and dissonances that play out through vocal interactions. A thought structure takes shape, its power to influence depending primarily on the level of consensus achieved.

The growth of these Parliamentary Institutions – a rare phenomenon before the 1990s – is one of the most significant developments in world affairs, paralleling the rise of global civil society. The path of transnational polity is clarifying, with possibilities for the creation of new types of parliamentary assemblies to re-establish the root meaning of parliament – to talk – and to talk with honesty and conviction in the context of a fledgling global society – in other words, to talk with the power of goodwill.

During this higher interlude of the spiritual year, we can imagine the rich intensity of the combined thought life of all who serve, producing a sound that rises through the inner planes to attract the attention of great spiritual Intelligences and so evoke an increased flow of light and love into our troubled world. As we move towards the culmination of this interlude on World Invocation Day, we can continue to enrich this spiritual demand through the power of the Great Invocation until the group consciousness pulsates with the new life that is seeking entrance into human affairs.

We are told that the mind that can penetrate the thought-form that lies behind the Great Invocation will find itself in that “revelatory storehouse of energy known as ‘the raincloud of knowable things’ which is the immediate cause of all events on Earth and which indicates the emergence of that which is new and better and progressively right. Bearing in mind the immense generating power of this storehouse of energy, it is not surprising that “the primary result of the correct use of the Great Invocation (as far as humanity is concerned) is acceleration”. The Tibetan teacher says that much turmoil can come the way of aspirants and disciples who use the Great Invocation, but through it they are “learning the work of world salvage and becoming gradually fitted for the post of world saviour and to be absorbers of evil karma”. He goes on to say, “When, therefore, I call the world aspirants and disciples to the use of the Great Invocation, I call them also to the *fellowship of Christ's sufferings*”; this is ever preliminary to the resurrection or to the release of the human consciousness into higher realms of spiritual awareness.”⁵

At times, the accelerating pace of twenty-first century living can seem to leave us spinning in ever-increasing circles but the spiritual challenge is to reverse this by withdrawing into the eye of the storm – the central jewel of fire in each of the higher centres in the vital body of force that underlies the human frame. Here, a dynamic sense of peace and stillness grows with the accelerating rotation of the centres which are transformed into clear openings into the soul realm through which redemptive qualities pour out in service to the world. The light that carries these dynamic qualities is no easy thing to absorb though as the Tibetan makes clear: “It is not easy for the average aspirant to realise that progressive stages upon the Path indicate a progressive ability to ‘take the Light’. When...aspirants pray in the new Invocation: ‘Let Light descend on Earth’ ...[they are]...invoking something which humanity will have to learn to handle; this is one of the things for which the disciples of the world must begin to prepare the race ...All these planetary developments are attended by risks, and none more so than that of the absorption of light—on a world-wide scale—by humanity, with a subsequent reflex action on the three subhuman kingdoms.”⁶

It is this absorption of light that will prepare humanity for the type of energy that the Christ will bring with Him when he reappears. We are told that this time the coming Avatar will impart the “fire of love” – a love that will “burn away all barriers in human nature, all separating walls between individuals, between groups and between nations.” However, this can only

transpire when the “will-to-love with the fiery essence” is present to some extent in the vanguard of humanity. In this way the coming inflow can be stepped down and safely assimilated by all.

And so it is upon the spiritually minded people of the world that this responsibility of preparing the way rests. What is asked of each is “the loving intention to fire the entire world with the spirit of relationship, beginning with oneself, one’s own family and immediate group.” This spirit of relationship is alive and flourishing throughout the world, we only have to adjust our perspective a little to see that it is so. A good example is to be seen in the rapid growth of the social sciences, particularly sociology, which literally means “the study of companionship.” It is derived from the Latin word *socius*, meaning ‘companion,’ and the Greek word *Logos*, meaning ‘word’ or ‘knowledge’. We might, then, call the esoteric dimension of sociology *The WORD of Companionship* – a study of the divine, creative sound as it is unfolding in social groups around the world.

Letting our imaginations soar, what would it be like to experience *The Word of Companionship* reverberating throughout the entire field of human relationships, infusing it with meaning? What might the social structure of planet Earth be like if people everywhere were simply open to the idea of a Divine Plan – the sense that evolution is being driven forward by a majestic purpose, and that the unfolding qualities of every single unit of life, no matter how small and seemingly insignificant, are needed in order to work it out? Unfolding a sense of divine plan and purpose in the social consciousness is surely one of the most pressing needs of our time. Such an injection of meaning could revolutionize human thinking and interactions, strengthening the united antahkarana of humanity that is forming through progressive social interactions around the globe. The Tibetan teacher refers to the building of this lower part of the planetary antahkarana as the “Science of Social Evolution,” predicting that it will become part of a great Science of Invocation and Evocation.

For those undergoing esoteric training, this science entails a growing sensitivity to the subjective sound of group activities in the various social spheres of human endeavour. The focus then shifts to the invocation and transmission of appropriate vibratory tones to help condition, energize and integrate these group ‘chords’ into the bridge of communication that is forming between the human and superhuman kingdoms of nature. According to the Tibetan, this “new esoteric science” will be based on the magnetic, arranging power of sound. In this respect, a notable bridging science is linguistics – the scientific study of language (speech sounds, grammatical structures and meaning). In fact, investigations into the relationship between sound, language and social evolution are well underway, as good introductory books on the subject demonstrate.

The “magnetic arranging power of sound” can be sensed behind the work and commentaries of many intuitive servers today, forging a sense of social belonging and identity is crucial in this age of electronic information – for, as many researchers in the fledgling science of digital sociology are realizing, this new technology is precipitating a “crisis of connectivity” for many. Ironically, social networking services and new communication tools have the capacity to intensify the sense of separation and alienation as much as they can help to bring people together. While the “online world” is a wonderful medium for promoting social evolution, the “virtual reality” of cyberspace also has the potential to intensify the forces of illusion and glamour and undermine the fabric of society.

This is a critical epoch in planetary history, wherein the core human need of a sense of ‘belonging’ and social identity is on shifting ground – but it also presents the opportunity for humanity to expand its sense of identity beyond physical, racial, religious and cultural boundaries. And in this connection, one of the most fundamental social spheres of all – the

school – is in need of revising its identity in terms of purpose and meaning. As educational and development psychologist, Dr Kelly-Ann Allen, points out:

“The most compelling evidence of our need to belong from birth is borne out when belonging is absent. In cases of abuse, neglect or disorganized attachment, the absence of a sense of belonging has a devastating impact on psychological and social functioning, which extends through childhood and adolescence and well into adulthood....Building belonging in schools should be absorbed into ongoing practices that already occur throughout a typical school day rather than being an additional task. Starting with social and emotional competencies, and prioritizing relationship and social skills, and emotional regulation can help lay solid foundations for a culture of belonging.”⁷

Dr Kelly’s work with the *Global Belonging Collaborative* is an inspiring example of the path towards human unity. As esoteric students know well, human consciousness cannot suddenly leap into a sublime state of “identification with the whole.” It has to be steadily nurtured through education and participation in the interlacing social spheres that make up that greater whole. When this is so and it is accompanied by a sense of the spiritual plan and purpose of human life, then the Word of Companionship can ring throughout the sphere of human activity with the crystal-clear sound of pure reason – and the veils of glamour fall away to *reveal the love of divine relationship*.

This is the way towards establishing a united world society that is rooted in a new language of the spirit – a time of preparation that should be dedicated “to rebuilding the shrine of human living, to reconstructing the form of humanity's life, to reconstituting the new civilisation upon the foundations of the old, and to the reorganising of the structures of world thought, world politics, plus the redistribution of the world's resources in conformity to divine purpose.”⁸ Despite the outer turmoil, we are in the midst of a transition period that will result in a world community that comes alive with the spirit of sharing – freely circulating all things deemed essential for every man, woman and child to grow into the light.

In the spirit of the keynote for the disciple in Gemini, humanity is being brought to a recognition of its lower self and the waning of that self, and there are signs, as we have here considered, that the human race is beginning to *grow and glow*. As we move into meditation and our use of the Great Invocation, let us visualise this process intensifying, and in the silence of group meditation, let the inner ear clearly hear the ‘Word of Companionship’ ringing throughout the world with the message of what is to come.

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