

The Rule of Light and Love

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Hello and a warm welcome to the festival of Leo. This festival is destined to become one of major importance when the new world religion is established and will be dedicated to making contact with the great star, Sirius, via the planetary Heart centre, the Spiritual Hierarchy. Both Sirius and Leo are associated with the quality of sensitivity, and when separateness is overcome, Leo can bring an extraordinary sensitivity to the ever-expanding field of relationships. It is governed exoterically, esoterically and hierarchically by the Sun, whose magnetic potencies of Love-Wisdom stimulate group consciousness and creative group relationships in service.

As we strive to sensitise ourselves to the Mind of God, Leo acts as a natural boosting agent – for two of Leo’s keynotes, are the will-to-illuminate and the will-to-rule. Bringing these two keynotes together gives us the *rule of light* – a light that pours through the Sun, which rules Leo in all three aspects. First comes the exoteric influence of the physical sun, endowing self-consciousness. After this has been known and expressed, comes the esoteric influence – the light that emanates from the heart of the sun, expanding awareness into the state we call group consciousness to which advanced humanity is now beginning to respond. Finally, we have the hierarchical influence, which concerns states of consciousness or identification which lies ahead of us.

Here and now, it is the light that pours forth from the heart of the sun that concerns us, and in connection with this, the Tibetan comments that there are “faint emanations from the sacred ‘heart of the sun’, too high to be sensed by humanity at large. Although this is unrecognized by most people, the mystics of the race instantly respond and increasingly are asserting a group integrity of a very real moment and interest. They react and are drawn together by the sensing of the new vibration. Their work is then to step down the vibration so that, in time, its effects can be sensed by the foremost of the race. The work of this group of practical mystics must therefore inevitably grow, for the ‘heart of the solar Logos’ beats now in closer rhythm with this planet than has heretofore been the case, this not being a sacred planet. The love and thought of that divine Life is turned towards this ‘little daughter of a long lost son’, as our planet is sometimes called in the occult books of the Great Ones.” *A Treatise on White Magic*, p.314.

The combined influence of Sirius and Leo is likely to be of significance in these developments as it promotes sensitivity to wider, subtler fields of relationships. The higher forces of Leo help to elevate consciousness out of the concrete state of mental perception into a finer, more abstract field of thought – that of group relationships and group identity – broadening the limited horizons of self-identity to include ever-larger groups. Furthermore, the energy of Sirius introduces into matter a leavening power that liberates consciousness from the confining walls of unredeemed substance. It is called the principle of freedom – an aspect of Cosmic Love – the energy that feeds and sustains right relationships within the information and communication fields that characterise the Mind of God.

Perhaps we can pause here to ponder this flow of love as it streams through “The Heart of God”, and on through the Hierarchy and the Christ into human consciousness. We’ll then say the Gayatri together:

O Thou Who Givest Sustenance to the universe
From whom all things proceed
To Whom all things return
Unveil to us the face of the true spiritual sun
Hidden by a disc of golden light
That we may know the truth
And do our whole duty
As we journey to Thy sacred feet.

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The Gayatri evokes the idea of purposeful living in the heart. The thought of moving into the heart of the spiritual sun evokes a tantalising vision of entering deep into the unknown source of love and wisdom that rules this solar system. Enchanting though this flight of the imagination may be, we are reminded that closer proximity to the light of sheer reality is not only hard to bear but entails a conscious release of the personality's bonds with the known and familiar and much, if not all, of that which the heart holds dear in the lower worlds. A rush of light is an unsettling experience that brings with it an initial sense of lost personal identity. For those who choose to hasten their evolutionary progress in order to fit themselves for service, courage is needed, the heart of a Lion driven by the will to illumine and rule the lower personality. For many it is therefore advisable to make their way forward steadily, trading in the desires of the personality a little at a time for entrance into the higher life until the vision becomes compelling.

Sensitivity to the vision of the higher life is dependent upon the ability to "think in the heart," and this is unfolding quite dramatically in the general public at this time – perhaps due to the Hierarchy drawing ever closer to humanity with its stimulating effect. The tremendous amount of suffering that we see in the world is also awakening a collective empathy in humanity that is encouraging "thinking in the heart." The roots of the human tree of life must draw from the spiritual heart if humanity is to enter into the "life more abundantly" of which the Christ spoke. For only the awakened heart partakes of form life with an understanding of its educational role for the evolving soul, and equally, an understanding that the equitable sharing of the matter aspect throughout the human kingdom is essential for the progress of the whole. Only as one integrated organism can humanity achieve the goal of synthesis that the Solar Logos holds before it.

As the fledgling ability to think in the heart unfolds, we can begin to see more people moving into leadership roles who inspire the general public with the magnetic power of light and love they wield. The concept of leadership needs to shift from "the one in the centre", the selfish, self-seeking ruler, to one who leads by drawing strength from a subjective group. This group is the spiritual Hierarchy of our planet under whose direction and impression soul infused leaders work, supported by the range of energies of their co-workers – the new group of world servers.

True and effective leadership is derived primarily from the ability to be impressed by greater minds working on subjective levels. Here the leader is galvanised into a life's programme of action through a sense of destiny as he or she is privy to a glimpse of the Plan and its potential for changing the environment. This inclusive and decentralised form of leadership marks a change of orientation from the "I am" to the "I am That" state of consciousness where the personality has moved off centre stage and is driven by a higher source of light than that found in the three worlds. The kingdom of God has been touched and sensed, and the focus of life has become the bringing of that kingdom down onto earth through the

driving force of the will nature. This will aspect is then used to carry out the responsibilities that accompany all revelations of glory and this furthers the purposes of the planetary Logos.

The destiny of all planetary life forms lies hidden within the inscrutable purpose of the Logos and all are making their way, at first unconsciously, and then consciously, towards the Light that emanates from it. Life on earth grows towards the light through an inherent urge that lies at the root of all progress. It is this fact that forms the basis of the science of invocation and evocation. A chain or "mode of life" exists throughout nature formed by a series of appeals and responses. It forms the entire graded Hierarchy of Being upon our planet - from plants penetrating through the soil into air and light to the disciple pushing through the underworlds of human living into the clear skies of spiritual existence, and on again up to the Lord of the World Himself, moving into unfathomable realms of divine life.

In this chain of life, above the strictly human state of consciousness, next is the new group of world servers, a subjectively linked group drawn from every field of human activity, and from all countries and races, who are leading humanity into the future through the power of ideas energised by love. They, in turn, are led by a sensitivity to the ideas projected by the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet. The Hierarchy, in turn, takes its lead from Shamballa, whose focal point, Sanat Kumara, the Ancient of Days, took on this planet of suffering in order to redeem it. And so the line of leadership extends to extra-planetary sources and Lives so sublime that the human consciousness cannot entertain the faintest notion of their type and quality. The further up the evolutionary chain we progress, the more we see leadership taking the form of subjective impression through the influence of powerful, directed thought through a highly magnetic aura. The new group of world servers could be considered as an externalisation of the Christ's aura and the means whereby new ideas and energies are tested out and humanity safely reached without risking over-stimulation by direct impression.

Leadership from the spiritual angle then, is a raying out of light from a central sun rather than the imposition of authority by a charismatic personality. It is interesting to ask ourselves what constitutes this sun in our own lives. For some it is a person, for others an ideal, for others still it may be the ideas emanating from their own souls. For many Christians, Jesus Christ continues after two thousand years, to be this primary source of inspiration. In the case of Christ, we see the demonstration of a powerful magnetic and radiatory life who was able to introduce ideas that were so confrontational and revolutionary at the time, that His crucifixion resulted rather than any superficial victory. And yet despite the death of the form, the true inner Being stood victorious and anchored the divine love on Earth.

We also see, through the legacy that Christ and other great leaders have left, that as well as their powerful ideas being initially rejected, they have been subsequently diluted and crystallised by lesser minds, unable to cope with the light of the initial idea. While the essential message of Love and service to others continues to inspire so many by its simplicity, doctrines demonstrate how the essence of a teaching can become crystallised into dogmatic thought forms. History powerfully illustrates how domineering personalities and ambitious nations have usurped spiritual teachings and undermined freedom of thought.

The Christ was and is a leading light in every sense and, as World Teacher, is an example of leadership through the radiance of His inner Being. He demonstrated this to humanity through the will-to-illumine simultaneously revealing both the darkness in human nature and the source of light to which humanity could journey and cast off these shadows. He brought the fires of love down to earth and synthesised within Himself the divine aspects of will, love and intelligent activity into one united expression, indicating the glorious possibilities that lie ahead when these qualities are all integrated and related in us.

The push out of darkness to light is inherent in all forms and underlies the law of evolution itself. However, once a human being has reached the stage of personality integration, a conscious reaction to divine purpose or the "the Law of Life of the Sun" as it is sometimes called takes place. This heralds the stage of self-mastery so characteristic of Leo and a time when the meaning of meditation comes alive. The linking of brain and mind with higher states of consciousness through meditation evokes a response from ever higher sources of divine awareness, leading eventually to a direct grasp of the Plan. At this advanced stage the Leo subject automatically becomes a co-operator in the planetary scheme of things, as his ideas enlighten lesser lights and "lead the way".

As well as meditation becoming popular with advanced humanity, the light of the intellect is generally accelerating today accompanied by the dangers that the acquisition of knowledge brings. Knowledge brings power in the material worlds and in conjunction with Leo, whose keynote is full self-consciousness, we have a crisis of polarisation. Will humanity tip the scales towards spiritual living and use self-consciousness to assist and aid others, or will selfishness continue to reign and the planet become further damaged through unbalanced growth. A more enlightened public must take responsibility for the planet for divine assistance will only come if and when humanity evidence readiness and the spirit of co-operation.

Looking back on the first quarter of this twenty-first century, we see the growing ability to use the mind's creative potential, and how, if not guided by the light of the soul working out in service of some form, it can lead to a dangerous cycle of materialism and self-interest. Today we see huge choices therefore facing the self-conscious and integrated personalities found in organisations worldwide. The need to shift the consciousness from the separative intellect to the group conscious intuition is clear. For only then will we be sensitive to the emerging ideas which can address the urgent human and planetary need of our times. Fortunately, the incoming seventh ray of ceremonial order and conditioning Aquarian energies are reinforcing the emergence of group interplay subject to the laws of the soul. Through group work of all kinds, opportunity is provided for the individual to submerge self-interest to that of group objectives.

As this trend towards group work proceeds the greater becomes our responsibility to work with a silent magnetism and slowly conform ourselves to *The Law of Magnetic Control*. This law is the basic law controlling the Spiritual Triad and through it, we are told:

“the force of evolution drives the Ego to progress through the cycle of reincarnation back to union with his kind. Through separation he finds himself, and then—driven by the indwelling buddhic or Christ principle—transcends himself, and finds himself again in all selves.”

Those who achieve this level of realisation have magnetic control in the lower worlds, and their subjective influence on human thinking is profound. As groups of people strive towards this inclusive end, they can exert an important, constructive influence and direction on human thinking, bringing spiritual sanity to a world that seems to be spiralling out of control. We find ourselves at the beginning of the second quarter of the century where will, knowledge, daring and silence are spiritual forces capable of offsetting the negative forces that still persist in the world. While an embryonic love is emerging, in general, it is often of a sentimental nature, warm and kindly, but lacking inner substance and strength. But when the will-to-good is present, it empowers that love with inclusive dynamism and synthesis required to counteract the forces of separatism. And through the use of these energies in subjective group endeavour, it is possible to engender a magnetic aura that enhances the spiritual responsiveness of the whole of humanity to the light and love of Divinity.

Work is now being done by widespread meditation groups acting as intensified points of luminosity within the light of the world. They are furthering the Christ's objective of implementing the Plan and serving "those in dark places". And as we go into our meditation tonight, we realise that we are part of this planetary endeavour whose united effort is hastening the time of the reappearance and the anchoring of the light, love and power of divinity on earth. Perhaps we can end with St. Paul's words which Alice Bailey used in *Consciousness of the Atom* to put things in perspective:

"I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us...for we are saved by hope...for I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God." p.159

We will use the spiritual keynote of Leo "I am That, and That am I".