

# The Voices and Hope of the People

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Good evening friends and a warm welcome to all who are joining together for this the Festival of Libra. Our keynote tonight is *"I choose the way that leads between the two great lines of force"* and in the talk preceding the meditation we will be exploring some of what that means from a psychological and social perspective. As you listen to the talk you may want to keep in your mind that through listening and contemplating the theme you are uniting your mind with other minds contemplating as a group and also as a group opening your mind to a vision of the evolving possibilities within humanity. So let us take a moment of silence to refocus, realign, and set our intention for this afternoon firmly within the mind.

Tonight there will be a super blood moon--a lunar eclipse and super moon. This means that the sun, the earth and the moon will be in direct alignment with the earth directly aligned with the sun and the moon directly behind the earth. With the moon metaphorically fully behind the earth and the sun full aligned in front, it seems an auspicious time to contemplate the lighted way forward into the future.

The mind is the organ of vision. Combined with the higher intuition it provides for both vision of what is currently beginning to be revealed within the human group as well as its higher possibilities that hover on the precipice of manifestation. Through the vision of possibility we can work to facilitate that future. Dr. Assagioli, a psychiatrist and contemporary of Alice Bailey, defined a major characteristic of higher intuition as perception using the inner eye directed towards continued development and towards the future. He quoted the German philosopher Keyserling stating, "Intuition penetrates the veil that hides the future and thus penetrates the veil of the possible. Reality is in a state of continuous transformation, so it can only be clearly seen by someone who, when the opportunities present themselves, is able to take direct hold of what is possible."<sup>i</sup> Today we stand at a crossroads in time, witnessing the wonder of the multitude of groups working under the united spiritual impression of possibility and higher values and so comprising the unified group mind that we call the new group of world servers. All who feel the impulse to serve directed toward the future are a part of that global group and together they are doing some pretty amazing things.

So let us begin by uniting ourselves intentionally within that great spiritual impulse to love and serve by voicing the affirmation of the disciple, the divine server.

I am a point of light within a greater Light.

I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of love divine.

I am a point of sacrificial Fiery, focused with the fiery Will of God.  
And thus I stand.

I am a way by which men may achieve.  
I am a source of strength, enabling them to stand.  
I am a beam of light, shining upon their way.  
And thus I stand.

And standing thus revolve  
And tread this way the ways of men, and know the ways of God.  
And thus I stand.

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There is an old proverb that states, “Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it turned into a butterfly.” This afternoon we are here to explore how the world becomes the butterfly. If we look closely at the keynote and consider what is happening today within that subjective and global group of servers, we see something amazing beginning to manifest. Whether or perhaps rather when that something will have the power to be brought to thriving life within the awareness of humanity as a whole, remains to be seen. Whether it can overcome the forces within humanity that comprise the dweller—those psychological complexes that express the desires and impulses of the past—depends upon the vision and tension held by the united serving group as well as by the ability of the masses of humanity to be impressed by and embrace a new desire—a higher and spiritually infused desire informed by the reality of the global unity, a desire for right relations, right living, sharing and unity.

To some extent we do see that happening here and there. In Germany, for example, the people are choosing intentionally to welcome refugees and to share their resources even though it is proving to be a situation that is not easy. Thousands of established immigrants are rallying to help the incoming refugees. In other poorer countries where fear and scarcity still dominate life, it is much more difficult for the emotional desire life to be lifted up into caring about others. This does not bode well for the future of the United States where the gap between the very wealthy and the poor is widening. What it seems to point to, and this is being written about by various social and news groups, is that the poor who struggle for survival necessarily remain focused within an instinct and desire for basic survival. This is the natural state of our world. Maslow stated it well when he identified the hierarchy of needs, suggesting that the basic needs of the organism must be met before evolution and attention to higher possibilities, both psychosocial and spiritual, can occur. This rule of nature is also consistent with our beginning understandings of reality as being composed of holarchies wherein the higher wholes include but supersede the lower. The personality includes but supersedes in consciousness the mental, emotional, and physical life. That is, the personality is a whole that includes other wholes but supersedes them in its identity and thus how it consciously perceives reality. The physical organism, for example, is a whole in itself and yet is included in the larger whole that is the personality. The lower must have certain basic needs satisfied before the innate urge to give up identification with that lower aspect and seek, evolve and expand into the next higher possibility on the spiral of the evolution can unfold. The implications seem clear: until the world achieves some sort of system to distribute resources so that the basic needs of the majority of global citizens are met, recognition of unity and

desire for worldwide sharing by all of humanity, all nations and all peoples, will be very difficult to achieve.

The nature of the refugee crisis is helping the entire world to see the profound impact when entire parts of the world still lack for such basic needs as food, shelter and physical security from torture and harm. When one part of the world is in crisis, it affects all other nations and countries and a united response is required.

The Sustainable Development Summit is taking place this weekend. Leaders from around the world, the most ever convened, are here to inaugurate the post-2015 goals for sustainable development. These goals, while seeming basic and simple, exemplify a shared plan and solution to this problem. Thus the hope for the future is truly embodied in these goals, these leaders, and this summit.

There is a certain synergy of the serving groups that is beginning to occur. They are beginning to assist one another in their purposes and in spreading the ideas, values and desires that will lead into a better future. *Linked-in*, for example, is the online networking group for professionals and entrepreneurs. Several days ago *Linked-in* sent electronic links that included a talk by Ban Ki-moon entitled “The Sustainable Development Goals Belong to You” as a part of its “Take Action” series in which influencers and members discuss how to drive change that matters.

Another way that social media is beginning to be used as a helpful means for creating a better future for large groups of people and to spread higher values and a very positive sign for our future is to promote the voice of those who have left ISIS. Many individuals who have become caught up in the glamour of a united spiritual purpose within ISIS are becoming disillusioned and beginning to find ways to not only leave, but to speak out against the organization and its violent inhumane methods. There is growing recognition that those individuals need to be protected and given a platform so their voice can be heard; that one of the best ways to fight ISIS is through destroying the illusion they have created that draws the youth of the world to join them. Social media is being used to give the disillusioned a united voice, a voice that sounds a warning that dispels a dangerous delusion that ISIS operates under a united purpose to create a better future. This voice of reason enables other disenfranchised young people to see more clearly the reality of the situation.

Over a century ago a similar social environment existed in Austria and Germany. Victor Frankl, a young psychiatrist, noted the lack of purpose of the youth, unemployed and floundering, in a social climate of despair leading to depression and social malaise. Some historians believe it was this climate of insecurity and lack of direction and purpose that enabled Hitler to create a strong movement for a different future. The fact is not widely recognized, probably because of the focus, right focus, on the Holocaust atrocities, but Hitler created his platform based on lack of resources, insecurity, and lack of purpose. Hitler had perception; he saw a human need and opportunity and used that need to promote his vision for an ideal world based on separatism. His vision was ultimately doomed to fail because it was based on divisiveness, which breeds resentment and anger of the disenfranchised that ultimately comes back to attack the oppressor.

Today we have learned much about psychology and social motivation. We know about the dangers of fear, insecurity, purposelessness and feelings of being disenfranchised and not respected. We know what needs to be done. We have the solutions to this problem and they all involve sharing, just

distribution of resources, and sustainable development but it seems that we are stymied by our past, by systems of distribution and ways of thinking about resources that involve profit, power, and intentional focus on demand and consumption.

Can the will of the people be turned from insecurity and desire for consumption, to a desire to recreate the very fabric of the structure for distribution? There is evidence that large parts of humanity recognize the current failure of the status quo of politics and economics and desire something new. The first ray, the spiritual will, is doing its work of destruction of the systems within human culture that have become crystalized around material acquisition and unsustainable growth that rapes the earth's resources. The opportunity becomes one of visioning new possibilities, a new way forward. And, we do have voices of hope and inspiration for that way forward.

Here we come to the heart of the keynote: finding the middle way between the material and the spiritual. We all know there are no forest, desert or mountain monasteries to which we can retreat and live out our lives as spiritual seekers and knowers. I know, *we know*, there is a great urge to live a different way, to love more, to be more and it is thwarted by the very world we live in today, a world the Pope called a "quietly growing culture of waste", but it is also that urge that drives us to help others, to be the divine servers. We are being forced through circumstances to learn how to be spiritual beings right in the midst of human culture and conflict during a time of upheaval and transition. This difficult situation demands the evocation of the will. This is our spiritual destiny and our spiritual opportunity. It is something totally different, totally new and so we have no map, no history from which to draw. It requires we find and express that deepest part of our true spiritual Selves in the midst of human need and chaos in order to find a way forward.

The new servers are finding a way to live from higher realizations, higher values, higher experiences and intuitions right in the midst of human material reality. This is the transformative work that requires will; what the Pope has called an "equitable, practical, and constant" will. The middle way is just that: living spiritually through spiritual will in a material world. It is bringing the spiritual into the material. It is fully embracing both simultaneously and thus "spiritualizing" matter. The middle way excludes nothing and embraces everything. Non-duality essentially is the reality of everything as being an integral part of one whole. The call for this is strong and it is being felt by perhaps millions of people in first world countries. The hope for the peoples in the very poor and war torn nations is this group of spiritually inclined and will infused servers and enlightened leaders. Enough of the group of servers must perceive the opportunity for a global culture unified by the desire for sharing, right relations and a just society to supersede the material desires of those still immersed in material need or greed, fear and insecurity.

The masses of humanity are moved through desire. Desire is the human expression of spiritual will. The Tibetan has taught that it is the large masses of the people that will move the world into a better future. There are voices, strong, inspired voices of hope that sound the desire of the masses and thus let it be heard and strengthened in all people. Pope Francis is one of those voices. At this time Pope Francis is in Philadelphia on his visit to the United States having just left New York City. We are here to witness the incredible resonance and response to his message by millions of people—people who are not Catholic and not even particularly religious. He has intentionally become a voice of the people and what he is saying is clear: the people want to be good caretakers of the earth and each other, they

want the freedom from scarcity to be able to live by higher values, they want relief and a way forward from divisiveness—divisiveness of class, culture, religion, race and from nationality.

Perhaps we could say that we are living in a time characterized by the voices of the people; voices such as Martin Luther King JR., Gandhi, Malala, and Pope Francis. These voices are inspiring not necessarily because they are eloquent, powerful or speak for a great ideal, though they often are and do, but because they are giving voice to the needs, hopes and desires of millions of people. They are not necessarily the voices of high ideals or nations; they are the voices of the human soul, the deepest desires and hopes of the people. They are sounding the note of the human soul. This sound embodies within it possibility, opportunity and the future. Wherever we see these voices rising up and speaking out there is the impulse of the soul finding material expression. Not everyone needs to be a famous voice, but we all must find our voice and unite that voice with the voice of the people. Through the voices *of* the people the unity of the people is recognized and the desire and will to create a better future *for* the people is strengthened; it is the spiritual will expressed through the human heart, human desire. It is the middle way that synthesizes the spiritual will of God and the material expression of the human soul resulting in a united world characterized by goodwill and right relations.

There are two things that esoteric servers can do to help the voices, to strengthen the desire and the will: 1. They can focus on bringing the needed will to good into their own material lives and into the heart of the group of global servers through meditation, prayer and their own desire and thought life; and 2. they can recognize the voices of the people and add their voice to that unity. As the soul is sounded through human desire for a better future, for unity, sharing and a just world, the spiritual will works to destroy the crystalized structures in human civilization that obstruct the expression of that desire. This is not fun, pleasant or easy, but it is inspirational and hopeful and is the way forward into a better future. This is the intuition perception of direction and the future that the esoteric workers can bring to their work and thus, as a group, unite with the voices and hope of the people. We work not for results today, but for the future, the long haul, the civilization that will be created on the higher values that are now demanding destruction of the obstacles from the past so that material living becomes the fully embodied expression of the spiritual will to good in every way.

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<sup>i</sup> Robert Assagioli (1991), *Transpersonal Development: The Dimension Beyond Psychosynthesis*, p. 70.