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Welcome to our Libra Full moon meeting as we link in thought with groups and individuals around the world and together build a lighted channel through which spiritual energies can touch the hearts and minds of all people of goodwill and find expression in some creative service.

Each month we meet for meditation and invoke, receive, and distribute energy. The talk that leads into meditation is part of this process and allows us to come together in thought, as a group, aligned with the spiritual energy flow that is uniquely available during the full moon period. Reflection on some of the qualities and characteristics of the sign of Libra help to raise awareness to the soul plane and attain a point of spiritual tension in preparation for the meditative effort. This preparatory period of reflection opens up a channel of alignment between the human kingdom and the spiritual realms and allows “divine attributes” to flow into the consciousness of humanity. At this point, with poised receptivity to the higher energies that are available, let us sound together *The Affirmation of the Disciple*:

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 Fire, focussed within 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.

A comment in the book *Esoteric Astrology* by Alice Bailey, is illuminating:

“The whole story of astrology is in reality, one of magnetic and magical interplay for the production or externalisation of the inner reality; it is the story of the response of form... to the urge or pull of foci of energy and streams of force,” whether in the macrocosm or microcosm, in solar systems, in human beings, in atoms and cells. ¹ Hence, all that appears on the surface does not necessarily represent reality which means that there is a constant need to think in terms of energies and forces and lines of force and energy relationships.

Energies and forces impact on the form in all of the kingdom of nature, including the human kingdom. There is a web of interconnected streams of energy and force which manifest on earth according to the sensitivity of the receiving mechanism. Therefore, sound techniques of meditation which align soul, mind, and brain, are a real service to humanity and contribute to the

grounding of spiritual force on earth, resulting in some creative work or service for the greater good. From a human perspective, esoteric astrology is all about receptivity and distribution of spiritual energies through a refined and purified receiving apparatus, the objective of this sensitivity being to fulfil the purpose of the soul and not the lower self. And there is an even higher Purpose which we may sense through the creative imagination when reflecting on those profound words:

“The One in Whom we live and move and have our being...

The keynotes of Libra are for the personality: *Let choice be made* and as the evolutionary process unfolds bringing soul awareness the keynote becomes: *I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force.*” Moving from the personality to the soul keynote brings points of tension and crisis which are painful and disturbing yet paradoxically, over time, sustained crises force sensitive thinking people to awaken to the purpose of the soul, even if they do not attach a name to that impulse which drives forward the evolution of human consciousness. The energy of the soul can be seen working out in so many diverse fields, including science, religion, medicine, psychology, the environment, writers, poets, journalists who are observers of what is going on in the world, and students of the Ageless Wisdom traditions. We can be sure that the keynote of the soul is service, and its outstanding characteristic is the awakening sense of responsibility.

The awakening of the soul brings to mind the word ‘disciple’ which appears so often in the Alice Bailey writings. It is usually associated with religion; however, from an esoteric perspective a disciple is defined as someone “...who seeks to aid humanity and to further the process of evolution as well as to develop that deep love of mankind which is the distinguishing mark of the initiate and of the Master.”² And in this regard, it is significant to reflect on the thought that the soul is the first Master which explains why the disciple is Self-taught and does not have to rely on a Guru or spiritual advisor.

Those people who are awakening to the purpose of the soul and whose objective is to live and function as souls and serve the Plan (even if they have no conscious awareness that there is a Plan) are disciples. A disciple has the discipline and the will to follow the laws and spiritual principles that are communicated by the soul through its instrument - the threefold personality which, over time, leads to the substitution of soul purpose for personality purpose and the substitution of the higher will over the personal will.

For the disciple on the reversed wheel of the zodiac who is treading the Way of Light, the personality comes under the influence of the soul, gaining some release from the hold of the material form. Libra is a sign of balancing, of weighing of values and of achieving right equilibrium between the pairs of opposites and on the reversed wheel the sign of Libra leads to the battleground of Scorpio and the tests and trials that occur when the light of the soul impacts upon the threefold personality.

The pairs of opposites are many, such as pain and pleasure, happiness, and sadness on the emotional level and at a higher level, there are the opposites of the lower mind and intuition or pure reason and personal aims and ambitions in contrast to group work or the good of the whole. The disciple seeks to tread a path between these opposites - a path that is narrow and razor-

edged, a path that has many glammers and distortions on the astral plane. Glamour is especially active at this time, and we can see one very disturbing glamour – that of devious manipulation, is circulating fake news and conspiracy theories via the Internet. The Tibetan Master makes it clear that glamour is deceptive and very difficult to penetrate and can only be recognised for what it is by rising to the soul plane thereby shining a light on it from a higher level. The opposites are not clearly seen until there is mental clarity and, in this regard, the Tibetan gives an analogy of the astral body of the planet being like “a murky ball of seeming steam and mist and fog” in contrast to the twinkling stars of a clear night sky. ³ The challenge for both the individual disciple and the world disciple humanity during these strange times is to try and rise above the glammers and stand within the light to bring a clear vision of what is needed to fulfil the purpose of the soul.

Returning to Libra, we’re told that a life spent in Libra in quiet and thoughtful reflection with a weighing of values and principles will help to tip the scales towards the higher mind thereby opening up access to intuitive perception or straight knowledge. In this regard we read in Esoteric Astrology that:

Libra—is related to the mental unit and... produces eventually a balance between the pairs of opposites. This is brought about upon the astral plane. It is the attainment of this balance which produces the reversal of the mode of passing around the zodiacal wheel and it takes place when integration has occurred, and the man is focussed upon the mental plane. “He can, then, through right use of the mind, discriminate between the pairs of opposites and find the narrow razor-edged path which passes between them and keep his balance upon it.” ⁴

According to the Ageless Wisdom teachings, the mind has three aspects: the lower or concrete mind, the soul, or Son of Mind, the higher or abstract mind. This recalls the objective of the raja yoga technique of meditation which is to align these three aspects thus providing a bridge for the free flow of spiritual energies - a two-way bridge that allows the mind to turn in two directions - above and below. It could be said that the keynote of modern civilisation is the mind and its ability to create and invent so many things of value as well as things of little value and destructive things as well. Scientific thinkers have brought much that has contributed to human progress and benefit to humanity although the intellectual ability of the lower mind can only go so far without a connecting link to the soul and the higher mind and the world of the intuition. The intellect can be a wonderful tool when directed by the soul but enclosed in its own space can become narrow and separative intolerant of anything new.

Nevertheless, according to the spiritual teachings, it’s inspiring to consider that through the right use of the mind it is possible to “...enter into the mind of God...” ⁵ We read in Discipleship in the New Age Vol II of the “conditioning thought” that “God IS”. ⁶ “God is Fire” “God is Love” - “God is the Macrocosm for all the kingdoms in nature and man is the macrocosm for all the sub-human kingdoms. ⁷ From the perspective of an ant perhaps the human being must seem to be a God. Whilst we may stretch the imagination to faintly sense God, we’re told in Discipleship in the New Age Vol I that:

Love is the incentive of our aspiration on the Path;
Love is the substance of our living in the world.
Love is the light and the light of freedom for all creatures;

Love pulses through the universe in a divine rhythm.
Love is the consciousness of God.”

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Love is pure reason or straight knowledge otherwise known as the intuition and in the book *Glamour- A World Problem* by AAB, we read that the intuition is “...*the source or the bestower of revelation. Through the intuition, progressive understanding of the ways of God in the world and on behalf of humanity are revealed; through the intuition, the transcendence and the immanence of God is sequentially grasped and man can enter into that pure knowledge, that inspired reason, which will enable him to comprehend not only the processes of nature in its fivefold divine expression but also the underlying causes of these processes, proving them effects and not initiatory events; through the intuition man arrives at the experience of the kingdom of God, and discovers the nature, the type of lives and of phenomena, and the characteristics of the Sons of God as They come into manifestation. Through the intuition, some of the plans and purposes working out through the manifested created worlds are brought to his attention, and he is shown in what way he and the rest of humanity can cooperate and hasten the divine purpose; through the intuition, the laws of the spiritual life, which are the laws governing God Himself, conditioning Shamballa, and guiding the Hierarchy, are brought to his notice progressively and as he proves capable of appreciating them and working with them.* 9

Perhaps, it is safe to say that through the right use of the mind, always balanced with love-wisdom, the disciple comes to think in the heart and when motivated by the higher will is well equipped to serve the greater good.

Returning to the earlier quote from Esoteric Astrology we recall that:

in Libra...through right use of the mind, (the disciple can) discriminate between the pairs of opposites and find the narrow razor-edged path which passes between them and keep his balance upon it. When the emotions no longer dominate the thinker begins to control and direct life and events. This can be seen in the rule of law for Libra govern the legal profession and in this connection the training to become a legal professional is long and arduous and the emphasis is on mentality and not desire or emotions.

The rule of law applied rightly means that no citizen, corporate body, or group of people are above the law, which includes the government and parliament, law enforcement officials and judges. Everyday life is conditioned by all kinds of laws; there are, local laws and by-laws, such as the right to use public space and parks, anti-littering laws, laws governing anti-social behaviour. These laws serve the community as a whole and bring daily conduct into an ordered framework. Of course, there is a balance to be struck between the freedom of the individual and the exercise of that freedom within the community. This balance can also be seen in the world community in a vast number of international laws, treaties, and declarations.

The rule of law is symbolised in the scales of justice which should remind all concerned with the law of their duties, obligations, and responsibilities. “Each side of the scales can be thought of as one side of a case before the court. As each side presents evidence and argument, the scales tip to

one side or the other. The judge, or jury, is responsible for determining which side is heavier when all the evidence and argument has been presented.”¹⁰

The rule of law is of increasing importance at this time as the dissipation of the rule of law brings tyranny, or the rule of elites who are above the law. When the rule of law weakens corruption sets in and the death throes of a civilisation can be sensed. Humanity’s laws and regulations can be viewed as a reflection of spiritual laws and principles - the laws of the soul, in other words. It could be said that all the laws and regulations, the treatises and agreements are an attempt by humanity to establish true and right relationship through the rule of law - a balance between individual human rights and the good of the whole community.

We may imagine that as we move further into the Aquarian age that the Law of the Soul will become more prevalent. Whilst this may be low down in the Cosmic scheme of Laws, living in accordance with the soul’s laws will bring about a transformation in the human kingdom because the outstanding quality of the soul is the sense of responsibility. This quality can be seen manifesting in so many ways today and shines through so many serving individuals and groups, thereby balancing materialistic and selfish thinking which tends to hit the headlines. The sense of responsibility is a magical ingredient that is needed to bring about an inner balance and harmony which is then reflected outwardly in thoughts, words and conduct in daily life. It is this balance that will help to build a better life for all in an interdependent and interconnected world.

1. Esoteric Astrology p. 336
2. Discipleship in the New Age Vol 1 p. 84
3. Glamour: A World Problem p. 70
4. Esoteric Astrology p. 302
5. A Treatise on White Magic p. 359
6. Discipleship in the New Age Vol II p. 284
7. A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p. 7
8. Discipleship in the New Age vol 1 p. 228
9. Glamour: A World Problem pp.135/6
10. <https://www.mylawquestions.com/what-are-the-scales-of-justice.htm>