

The Group that “Toils in Pisces”
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Good evening and greetings to all who are participating, during these interesting times, in this Festival of Pisces, whose keynote, “I leave the father’s home and turning back I save”, is vibrantly sounding in our hearts, through our groups and throughout the world”, a world in which we are active actors in the the planetary drama of salvation/redemption.

There are three signs of salvation in the zodiac : Leo, Sagittarius and then Pisces, the sign of world saviors. And this is the sign with which we are working now and which has qualified the world for close to over 2000 years. And it cannot be over emphasized that pisces has prepared the field for the next 2000 plus years, when the focus will be on the relatively new idea of group service.

The Pisces keynote depicts a state of some great out breathing and inbreathing, and tells the epic story of humanity’s journey from the Father’s home into material experience, and his return back to the father’s home, to the spirit, with the gain of that experience and a demonstrated capacity to save. In this keynote, is stated, with great brevity, the commencement and the long process of this at once divine and human journey; a glimpse of the actual happening is symbolically portrayed in the following quote:

“Before the throne of God, the angel—with all other angels stood and cried:
Lord of my life, grant me the strength to tread the path of Revelation;
to cross the sea of dark illusion and face the lighted way of earth.
God said: Go forth and far away.” [Thus began “The path of Earth
Experience] (DINA, Vol I, pp. 392-93)

This is Involution, the Exodus, so to say — the first part of the journey. And then, after what must have been, untold aeons, we are presented with another stage of the journey, when after reaching the first demanded destination— the Earth—there seem to be some dissatisfaction in spite of all that Earth offers. A dissatisfaction perhaps engendered by some yearning, some vague remembrance of the Father’s home, which instigates a turning around, this turning around is the distant beginnings of discipleship), which later transforms into a directed search for the Father’s home, when “pain has brought its due reward of light and love”. The angel approaches and stands before “the gate”, but this time endowed with the gain of earth’s experience. This stage is forever captured for us in the following words:

“Before the gate which opens on the ‘Lighted Way’,
the angel stood alone and said:
Lord of my life, the way of Revelation is the way of manifested life;
the path of dark illusion leads to the glory of the rising sun;

the 'Lighted Way' of earth leads to the light which scatters every shadow.
I seek to tread the Lighted Way which leads back to Thy presence.
As yet that way is dark. What shall I do?
God said: Draw near and enter into thine own light
and in that light you shall see light." This is, we are told, "The Way of the
Antahkarana".] (*Ibid.*)

This is the path of return, the path of redemption. And here briefly is presented an account of humanity's sojourn, his involution into MATTER, his turning around towards SPIRIT, towards the Father's home.

Today we speak of evolution with easy acceptance and recognition, though in certain places controversy still rages about evolution, but on a larger scale the scientific community holds evolution as a fact in nature and this has influenced public opinion for the better; and even then the scientific point of view does not go far enough to include the vast expanse of significance accorded evolution, by the esotericist, nor do they account for the earlier part of that long duration, that preceded "evolution" and which we reasonably recognize as involution. All the same, it is a great stride from previously held notions/beliefs. And we may say that some light indeed has "streamed forth into human minds".

So holding on to the idea of light, let us take a moment of silence to link up in consciousness with all the groups and individuals throughout the world who are similarly working and Sound the most ancient prayer for Light, the Gayatri

O Thou Who gives 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 disk of golden Light
That we may know the Truth
And do our whole duty
As we journey to thy sacred feet.

Pisces, the fishes, is a dual sign, and a sign of the eternal dualities symbolized for us as two fishes traveling in opposite directions connected and not separate, but held together. One fish is headed north and the other is swimming on the horizon. We are told that the fish headed north represents the aspirant and the one swimming on the horizon represents the average person, but what is it that binds them together, as the symbol indicates? What is the relationship between the aspirant to the mysteries and the average person? Or is there a relationship between them at all? This question and consideration opens up many fruitful considerations and two are suggested here: could not the two fishes represent but the same individual at different stages of awareness — one time when he was unawakened and another time when she awakens? The other suggestion is a group recognition, and inheres in the service to be rendered by one group to the other group, through the linking understanding of love.

The two fishes swimming in opposite direction in the ocean, in the sea of humanity, one group tossed about here and there in the mighty waves of desires and its never satisfying gratifications, of hopes and frustrations and of confusion and bewilderment. For the majority of us there seem to be no escape from this turbulent sea of troubles, this sea of economic and social upheavals.

The turmoil engendered seem to define the world situation today, evoking storms of emotions that swell around us on all sides, and mighty waves of anger and fear and bitterness engulf us all, submerging our makeshift boats and even our well-built ships sometimes. Many drown in this restless sea as they embark on the perilous voyage in search of better life; and even when they know they are not be welcomed, they still brave the storm out of desperation to get to the other shore; others are shipwrecked, momentarily rescued and returned to the old frightening conditions they seek to escape from. Still others reach the seemingly inviting shores, only to face the wrath of, relatively far comfortable citizens of these new countries who fear for the possible changes in their material conditions that might be supposedly created by the new comers. Their fears and anxieties are real and the myopic and separative solutions offered by the un-illuminated mind only add to the problems.

A sizable group have learned to “swim in these waters”, but even this group, which forms a tiny, so called fortunate group, when carefully observed, are not any better off, for upon close scrutiny they do not fare well at all, for the waters that they have seemingly mastered and in which they swim are all muddied, murky, shallow and polluted; in fact in this sea that engulfs us all, no one is safe. And of this peril all nations and their people are a testimony. This group comprises the fish swimming on the horizon.

But to the group represented by the other fish that swims to the north—that is the aspirants, the situation indicates a great learning process, a process demanding understanding and a toil through which humanity will reap its “due reward of light and love”.

So all is not gloomy. Men and women of goodwill and even youth are working to aid, to help, to clarify the ways of the good, the beautiful and the true to humanity through right interpretation of present happenings, through the demonstration of decency in everyday living and the upholding of principles in difficult situations and circumstances and through straight love and interest and concern for the other person. And now this is being done on a group level thus intensifying goodwill and accelerating the establishment of right human relationship — individuals are linking their lights objectively and subjectively and amplifying and stimulating their lights into a radiance, never seen before, a radiance that is penetrating and revealing “work to be done” or “unrealized labor” as Agni Yoga will call it. This is evoked by the LIGHT, streaming forth from the Father’s home, which meets the progress of the pilgrim, the prodigal son, the angel on the way.

And with this light in mind may we at this point thoughtfully and imaginatively sound the mantram of Light:

Radiance we are and power.
We stand forever with our hands stretched out
Linking the heavens and the earth,
the inner world of meaning and the subtle world of glamour.

We reach into the Light and bring it down to meet the need.
We reach into the silent place and bring from thence the gift of
understanding. Thus with the light we work, and turn the darkness into Day.

So the day of opportunity is with us, in its most propitious time. Are we making good of this offer? Are the energies made available through the keynote of Pisces increasingly gaining in recognition and precipitating into humanity's consciousness and restoring the Plan on Earth?

There are three constellations representing the energies produced by Pisces. The first being a cluster of stars called The Band. The second constellation is Andromeda, the chained woman in Pisces, representing "matter harnessed." This chained woman in Pisces is today being liberated into a more enlightened expression of her powers. And we have today all kinds of groups asserting themselves, but of special note is the impulse of women to assert themselves anew, individually and in groups, and this impulse is reverberating in the world. Women are proving themselves and their worth, assuming challenging leadership, writing their own her story, chronicling their timeless contributions and demanding that they are heard, recognized and acknowledged appropriately and thus" seek to do their own duty as they journey to thy sacred feet," free from the fears of unenlightened men and women and the chains of unenlightened age-old practices that shut people in, close doors, build barriers and sow seeds of discord and separation. The "the third constellation is the King named Cepheus, the husband of Cassiopeia and the father of Andromeda. This suggest that 'The King' represents the Spirit or the Father aspect" (*The Labours of Hercules*, pp. 200).

The first constellation —The Band, relating the two fishes, is like a conduit, a channel, a bridge and conductor of the great energies of Pisces which produce mediation and develops sensitivity in the individual. It is one of the greatest of the energies of Pisces. Today we have a band of world workers— the NGWS, mediating between Hierarchy and Humanity working everywhere in the world, in every possible field of work, from every race, in every religion, in every political party, in every social group, in every organization, in every esoteric and new age group, and in every school of thought and two thousand years of Piscean energies have borne fruit.

The Tibetan says that "The work accomplished by and through this energy is so successfully accomplished that it has produced a mediating group of servers; this group acts as an intermediary between the Hierarchy and Humanity, and it has also developed the sensitive response of humanity to contacts and to such a degree of sensitivity that the response to be accorded to the activities of the NGWS is very real and cannot be negated."

Concerning the symbolic meaning of Andromeda we have indeed harnessed matter: We have cultivated the land and produced vast acres of industrial farms; we have built great cities, and towns; we have scaled the heights and attained the peaks of the highest and great mountains; we have built bridges across mighty rivers, and plumbed the depth of the seas while sailing across the oceans of the world, we have conquered the expanse of the air and space and soared to other planets; we have controlled and employed that mysterious of all the elements, the element of fire in our factories and smelters, and harnessed its energy in our machines and produced electric power in our power generating plants. We have even ventured into the realm of time and progressively and rapidly doing much more in the shortest possible time, in fact modern science has completely altered our concept of time in such a way that we are able to appreciate activities that occur in a billionth of a second! But all has not been well and in the process we have seriously damaged the environment. Now we are entering into the realm of the etheric and here too rapidly penetrating into its wonders and challenges awaiting humanity.

All of these have been made possible through the harnessing energies produced by Pisces and represented by Andromeda, in the process of this harnessing of nature we have created or developed the metaphor for the greater and true spiritual harnessing activity, awaiting humanity as the aspirant. From now on the harnessing will be in consciousness. In what does this greater and true harnessing consist, we may ask? Is it not the harnessing of the personality form into a group sensitivity, so as to render it a receptive vehicle for the mediating energies symbolized by the first constellation in Pisces, called the Band? Is it not the harnessing of the powers of the human mind, aspiration and intelligent activity in order to cooperate with the great processes of redemption which the return to the Father's home entails and which our experience in the harnessing of matter has made possible? This is some of the toil in Pisces facing the individual and collective aspirant—humanity. Today humanity itself is the aspirant/disciple, removing the chains and extricating himself from the material emphasis of selfishness and separateness. The spiritual band that relates humanity to the Father's home is coming into greater recognition and permitting identification with humanity's divine heritage in an ever greater range of inclusiveness whose field of operation is the concern for the whole world and bearing fruit in such astonishing achievement as the SDG.

The third constellation in Pisces is the king, Cepheus, and the interpretation suggests that here is represented the Father, the spirit patiently waiting for the return of the prodigal son—the angel, and until all returns home the Father waits. Therefore in Pisces we have the three constellations of The Band, mediating between Andromeda, the harnessed matter and the King, the Father aspect, Spirit, all contributing and providing “the inspiration of the World Saviour, and at the same time the field of salvation for humanity.

And may “the mark of the Savior, as the group toils in Pisces, be seen above the aura of the group” (*The Rays and Initiations*, pp.227).
