

## **Pure Vision and the Awakening of the Latent Christ**

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Hello everyone and welcome to this Full Moon meditation meeting in the sign of Pisces.

At the time of the full moon, spiritual energies are heightened and more easily contacted in meditation. This affords those of us who seek to mediate these energies into human consciousness a real opportunity. And, it is this purpose which unites us here this evening. Though we all come from very different backgrounds and different fields of human expression, we share a sense of responsibility to do what we can to encourage the expression of humanity's spiritual nature. When we join together as a group, we work with greater power and can cooperate consciously with those intelligences who guide the evolution of our planetary life.

Occult meditation is the superlative form of service for those who can work via the mind, with these subtle yet consequential energies. It is through meditation that one contacts the world of meaning and the world of spiritual realities yet imperfectly expressed in the material world. Through meditation, one becomes a channel for those energies and thereby directs them consciously towards their intended and destined expression. We are reminded that the energy of the Hierarchy must stream forth and into something. Without an intermediary it will not reach its destined goal.

The energies which Hierarchy make available to humanity through their constant and sustained sacrifice are decidedly divine and not just spiritual; they are directly conditioned by the first aspect of divinity, the Will. The Hierarchy are Custodians of Divine Intention and formulate that intention into a center of Pure Love. This centre is an embodiment of the principle of relationship itself; it is pure knowledge, infallible beneficence, and the spiritual archetype (the Plan) which will eventually work out on earth through the medium of humanity. The love of Hierarchy transcends all sentiment and sense of separation. To contact and transmit Their energy—to evoke it—our focused, group intent must rise towards this ideal. Just as separateness is naturally present in humanity's lower nature, so is selfless compassion and group consciousness naturally present in its spiritual nature. When the lower and higher are blended and fused and brought into right relationship, then the lesser light becomes a vehicle for the greater; the basic antagonism of good and evil becomes simply love and its right expression.

True occultism is the purest form of altruism, and true occult powers are only manifested once the separated self has been to some degree renounced and the soul is no longer its prisoner. When this occurs, the soul can then extend its awareness upwards and manifest itself below; it becomes the triple self—the three aspects of mind representing the three periodical vehicles Spirit, soul, and personality: the microcosmic Trinity in process of manifestation.

HP Blavatsky once defined occultism as “the study of the mind in nature” and she was referring of course not to the microcosmic mind of man, but to Universal Mind or the Mind of

God as it works out the energies of Life in fulfillment of Divine Intention. Occultism reveals that which is hidden, or forever invisible, and this requires one to see through the illusory nature of the phenomenal world and to free oneself of the bondage of materialism. This is done fundamentally through the development of the manasic will. The right development of the concrete mind leads eventually to the awakening of the intuition and the ability to see the inner reality which is the cause and master of all material forces.

Occultism is also defined as “knowledge of the essence of all things.” This knowledge naturally emerges from an understanding of the essence of the self as one with all selves. In *The Bhagavad Gita*, Sri Krishna tells us: “He who sees Me in everything and everything in Me, verily he seeth.”

The expression of unity through the faculty of sight underlies all occult work. Sight corresponds to the mind and denotes a triplicity: subject, object, and the relationship between them. Occult sight therefore leads to realisation of divinity, understanding of its right expression, and knowledge of the processes whereby spiritual evolution proceeds.

Patanjali tells us that “The Seer is Pure Knowledge (Vision). Though pure he looks upon the presented idea through the vesture of the mind” (Book II, sutra 20). Pure Vision is dual: Self and reality forming one unit—the seer becomes the path and is the way. The mind, as an organ of that Pure Vision, maintains its triple function: it looks out upon the world of causes; it interprets that world of causes in terms of the intellect; and it transmits to the brain consciousness upon the physical plane, that which the soul sees and knows.

Our work here tonight is definitely mental in nature and rises, particularly in the higher interlude, above the concrete mind towards an identification with the Pure Vision of the soul upon its own plane. It is through this Pure Vision—which sees God in all things and all things in God—that the mind can be used to mediate the energy of Pure Love into human thinking and living.

Before we continue, let us sound together the Mantram of Unification. As we sound this mantram, let us affirm not just our group unity, but the unity of this group here united with all other groups working at the time of the full moon in one great Hierarchical endeavour.

The souls of all are one and I am one with them.  
I seek to love, not hate.  
I seek to serve and not exact due service.  
I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love.  
Let the soul control the outer form, and life and all events.  
And bring to light the love that underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight.  
Let the future stand revealed.

Let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone.  
Let love prevail. Let all people love.

We work tonight in the energy of Pisces and with the keynote of Pisces for the disciple: “I leave the Father's home and turning back, I save.” The symbol of Pisces is two fish swimming in opposite directions but connected by a band. The fish, representing soul and personality, are separate but linked by the sutratma throughout the long cycle of incarnation. On the fixed cross of discipleship, the separated self is gradually renounced and occultly “dies.” The death of one’s separative nature grants the indwelling consciousness a means of escape from the prison house of form, and the way back to the Father’s home can then be trod.

“The Father’s home” is a symbolic way of expressing the consciousness of the first aspect of divinity—either the consciousness of the Spiritual Triad the “house” of the Monad, or the state of being of the Monad itself at a higher stage of evolution. The liberated man or woman in either case then “turns upon the pedestal of light” and projects the light of salvation which is the light of the Spiritual Triad (and also the Plan itself) in service to humanity. This pedestal of light is the concrete mind, the foundation or platform upon which the White Magician (truly the soul) stands in order to perform its creative work. From this position, the lower mind becomes an instrument of the soul and can be turned upwards or downwards and eventually both simultaneously—for there really is no up or down, only pure spirit in process of evolution through its many and varied forms.

The objective of the Plan is “to reproduce upon the plane of earth the inner kingdom of the soul.” That which descends from the abode of the Father carries with it the energy of synthesis and at-onement. This energy blends and fuses the soul with the purified, integrated personality. The two form one unit and this makes the manifestation of the Plan possible, for the Plan must work out through humanity.

At-onement of soul and personality marks only a relative consummation of the evolutionary process. Once achieved, the disciple becomes a means of salvation for others—he becomes the path so that the way for others is not so dark. We are told that it is the task of the 4<sup>th</sup> creative Hierarchy, those Monads who are our truest selves, to raise and lift the lower Hierarchies, the lives of our material bodies, into a state analogous to our own. In Pisces, this is brought about through the death of the form, but never the death of the consciousness within that form. This death liberates the indwelling life from its material constraints and releases it into greater life. In this way, the chaos of pure matter is brought gradually to perfection—fused and blended with its opposite pole, pure spirit.

We are told that Pisces cuts the thread which “binds the two opposing lives together” while Venus (representing the soul, the fifth principle) “reunites the severed lives but with no binding thread.” In the human kingdom this process of reorientation and subsequent reunification occurs through the development of the mind in both its lower and higher aspects. In its lower aspect, the mind is a tool of separation and prepares the field for the future at-onement. It does so through

the development and right use of the mental faculties of dispassion, discrimination, and detachment. As an organ of vision, the mind bestows understanding, realization, and knowledge of the will of the soul. Once this will becomes the dominating influence in one's daily life, the greater light of soul blots out the lesser light of the personality, and the two become one glorious light manifesting in the three worlds. This is referred to as "the manifestation of the incarnated Christ"—the group conscious soul plus individuality functioning freely in the world of form. It is the right use of the mind in both its lower and higher aspects that makes this possible.

Pisces, as the sign of the World Saviour, is closely connected to the office of the Christ with which all World Saviours throughout history are associated. Christ is both the individuality who at any time holds this office and also a great spiritual principle. In ancient texts, this principle is called Logos, Verbum, or the Word. Macrocosmically, the original "Gods of Light" which emerged after the fall of Spirit into Darkness are collectively Logos or "God in Space". Though there are many Logoi in the cosmos they are One. Logos is the great reflector of Universal Mind, and it renders into objective expression some hidden or concealed thought. Logos is an intermediary and therefore the communicating agent between the Pure Spirit (the ever-invisible) and Pure Matter which is Chaos or Space—the Great Container and Veil of Deity.

In the microcosm, man is also an intermediary and expresses on earth his yet unrevealed divinity through the medium of the soul. The soul of man is the microcosmic Christ, and it is immanent in every human heart; it awaits the mind to awaken it from latency into full expression. Christ, the great individuality also known as the World Teacher, embodies this principle for our entire planetary life. His consciousness spans all kingdoms in nature, from the highest to the lowest, and He mediates divine intent into outer expression through a living sacrifice which is beyond our comprehension.

Christ is the World Saviour and truly we are saved by his Life. Because He lives, we live also. Because he has died, we too can metaphorically "die" and enter into eternal life. But, while the Christ of the Piscean Age was rightly referred to as the World Saviour, in the Aquarian Age He is more aptly called the World Teacher, for the aim is to grant humanity the agency to liberate itself. Through the teachings of Christ (and this includes all of the world's major religions), we can all become living examples of intelligent love and goodwill.

In Esoteric Astrology, signs opposite each other on the Zodiac are considered opposite poles of one whole. Virgo, which is opposite Pisces, is also deeply related to the Christ principle. Virgo represents the Virgin Mother, the third aspect of divinity, and the opposite pole of Spirit. In Virgo, soul and body are blended and the Christ child is given birth. Virgo represents the desire for the expression of what is referred to as "the hidden light of God." The birth of the Christ constitutes a total reorientation to the world of human living and of man's sense of responsibility for himself and others. The marked duality of Pisces brings about this reorientation; Virgo nurtures and gives it birth.

Virgo, as an expression of the 3<sup>rd</sup> aspect of divinity, is closely related to the mind and it is via the mind that the Christ, hidden within the human heart, is birthed. Virgo, in fact, brings the entire personality to a state in which it is ready to be the mother of the Christ. In Virgo, the Christ Avatar is called “He Who is, for Her, the purpose of existence.” The archetypal relationship between Virgo and Christ, or Christ and His Mother, is a beautiful and deeply meaningful symbol of the right relationship between soul and personality. The personality is the mother whose entire existence is the nurturing, development, and growth of her child into adulthood—for this she eventually sacrifices all she has to give.

Today, humanity stands near the end of a 2,100-year cycle that has been conditioned by the energy of Pisces. Though today in process of crystallization, this energy has brought us near the birthing hour of the soul or Christ within humanity as a whole. This has been brought about largely through the awakening of the mind and the right direction of the mind towards that which is good. Human nature continues to err, but there are signs today that humanity is learning from the mistakes of its past. Today, the shadows of the past can no longer remain hidden and are fixed in the field of human awareness. This will inevitably lead to right vision wherein the mind is directed by the soul. Understanding and right relationship are then inevitable.

There is an uninterrupted thread that extends from the very beginning of humanity’s past through the present and into the future. *This thread is the Path itself*—it is eternal and remains inviolate throughout the rise and fall of human civilizations. This thread affirms the fact of humanity’s divine nature; it remains a promise that one day Humanity will manifest the Will of God on Earth. This path spans the past, present, and immediate future—it is humanity’s greatest and most permanent achievement.

As we move into our meditation let us affirm the uninterrupted continuity of our work here tonight which can be traced back to the very dawn of human existence. God has never left Himself without witness. Though we cannot see God, we can bear witness to the divinity latent in humanity and thereby transmute our faith into a living testimony of His unerring beneficence.

Let us now proceed in the One Work.