

INTUITION GOVERNING ASPIRATION
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Welcome to the full moon festival of Sagittarius in a world of rapidly inpouring energies and shifting forces, many times clashing and sometimes cooperating, as we work with the available energies that are sounding through the keynote of Sagittarius: "I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another."

We have just witnessed the culminating phase of a campaign, involving so clearly a set of the pairs of opposites on the political scene, one which has engaged the imagination of the whole world, with "the amazement or dismay that hinders or throws into confusion" on the one hand, and on the other, with the sigh of relief that came from discovering that the nation's "flag was still there", standing. Standing for hope, healing and faith that, with patience and in spite of all the bewilderment, this great nation shall move on to a greater achievement still, moving "from sea, to shining sea". This shining sea, perhaps might symbolize the intuition, and the expression then may be rendered as "moving with the aspiration of the people, from the present, to the stage/state/place of intuitive understanding". This is a goal facing the whole of humanity, and which is dramatized every now and then in some nation as a national crisis, or in the world as a global crisis and as a learning experience for the whole of humankind.

ASPIRATION

In Sagittarius, and at a certain stage, the disciple is faced with the goal of establishing a conscious relations between the Aspiration and the Intuition, a tall order indeed, and this, while always working within the protection and inspiration of the group, for the intuition, we are told, is none individualistic. Through this process, the disciple, the group and finally humanity "sees the goal, reaches that goal and then sees another". As the group works in unison and faces towards the mysterious Will, the group spins like the spider on that way, weaving the way into be-ing with all that the group has, until the group becomes that way, for we have been told that, "before we can tread the path, we must become the path itself".

A great son of God, representing the intuitive awareness, the Christ, has assured us abundantly that "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." [John 14:6] and we seek to do likewise, finding our way through the intuition, our Soul. This is the Christ in us, the hope of glory of Saint Paul in Col 1, 27; and it matters not at all whether we recognize this Christ as the Hidden Imam Mahdi, the Boddhisatva, the Lord Krishna or the Shekinah, etc., etc. What is of moment is that the influencing energy of Sagittarius, symbolized by its directed pointing arrow, leads us on to the goal, to that conscious intuitive understanding, which the Christ in us, the soul, represents and enshrines.

At this point let us together sound the "Affirmation of Love" with the power of our group focus:

"In the center of all love I stand.

From that center I, the soul will outward move.

From that center I, the one who serves, will work. May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad. In my heart, through my group, and throughout the world.”

The keynote of Sagittarius might give the impression of a tiresome, unending and tediously going on and on, from a casual look of things, but this is not so. The sense indicated is not the mere repetition of a mechanically continuous linear motion of just going on in time, as the state of the unenlightened, finite concrete mind would interpret at a glance, but is more of the effect of the conditioning influence of the soul, when the limitations of the lower mind are wearing away; for time as we know it begins to be transcended, being replaced by the persistence of the soul, which is timeless and endures, and which begins to increasingly condition the attitude of the student, and which like some progressively burning fire, warms her efforts with JOY. In this sense let us recall the simple and powerful characterization and definition of joy, in Agni Yoga that, “JOY IS FIRE”. This is the livingness inherent in the keynote of Sagittarius, which propels the aspirants and the disciples in this new age, the individual and the group, on their way forward ever.

The burning fire of aspiration becomes immensely available to us and the world, in this great sign of directed and fiery aspiration. After all Sagittarius is a fire sign. Under its fiery impetus a great transformation progressively goes on. This transformation is taking place right before our eyes; it is taking place in ourselves, in all the many groups appearing and agitating in the world, in all nations and in every sphere of the world processes and activities, and every department of life seems to be experiencing this fire—in some places, it is manifesting as the conflicts that lead to wars, in others as political upheavals embroiling whole nations, slowly bringing to birth “the love that underlies the happenings of the time” and which nothing can stop or prevent. While economic turmoil in many places are some of the manifestations of this burning, it also demonstrates as the fire of destruction and destabilizations that our careless relations with the environment brings when we fail to heed the fire of group responsibility towards the other lower kingdoms. All is in a state of kinetic energy, demonstrating the effect of fire in some form or another. It seems appropriate perhaps, to surmise that the world is at the commencement of “sitting for Agni Yoga—the Yoga of Fire”.

This is the hidden fire of the intuition, which burns through all things, dispossessing of all the dross and unveiling the burning divine love that underlies all things, the love that is group understanding, and the expression of the intuition, “in whose light all things can be known.”

These ideas are not some arbitrary conjectures, but go to the very heart of the nature of the experience in Sagittarius, for it is in this sign, par excellence, that the work of “the intuition as it governs the aspiration” faces or confronts the disciple in the new age. In this connection, it is worthy to note what we are told in Esoteric Astrology, that this work culminates in the first and second initiations.

These energies associated with these two very important initiations, are today the true ferment of the world experience and situation. We are witnessing the effect and results of these initiatory energies through the actions and reactions of many, through the challenges from all

forms of activism, through all kinds of group engagement, through the surprising disruption of the old order and entrenched forces, and the, sometimes shocking display of material forces. These energies underlie and are motivating the lives of very many in the world today, whose esotericism is not glamoured by affiliations with orthodox schools of occultism, but their esotericism is intensely and intelligently focused on “the work to be done” in changing world conditions and salvaging the world For All, through their “‘unlimited devotion’ to the Good, the Beautiful and the True”. These Group of World Servers see their devotion with simplicity and intuitively, divorced from “the distortions of selfishness” and the manipulations based on fear, and from the “error bred in the brain of the sensuous man”, masquerading as license, cunning, specious arguments, false logical necessities and a fashionable lack of conviction dressed up as relativism and all based on the illusion of separateness.

This “Unlimited Devotion ...” of the groups so forming, is the definite conditioning effect of the intuition on the aspiration, which liberates the emotions from its selfish and narrow confinements into the fire of aspiration and adds the quality and potency of universality and transforms devotion to the particular and limited, into an expansive, unlimited and wholesome concern For All, with an emphasis, again, on the words: “For All”. This is the flame burning on the altar of Right Human Relationship.

The activity of the fire as described in some sentences given to us by the Tibetan, in *The Light of the Soul*, so aptly characterizes the current world condition that it is quoted here:

“As the breath of the fire streams upward through the system, as the fiery element makes its presence felt, that which is hindering is seen to disappear, and that which was obscure becomes illuminated.”

“The fire ascends and barriers are burned; the breath expands and limitations disappear. ...”

This increasingly growing group, who are the embodiment of aspiration demonstrating as “unlimited devotion ...”, and constituting the spiritual ferment of the world are of very special importance to the Christ, in his work as the Initiator of the first and second initiations of the world aspirants and discipleship groups, and to which an aspect of His Reappearance is connected. Here also is one of the functions and applications of the second stanza of the Great Invocation and the focus of the understanding which group initiation brings.

Because of its sensitive nature, the emotional turmoil involved with processes associated with these energies immediately grabs our attention, as chronicled in our newspapers, radios and televisions, but there is an equally or perhaps a greater sense of agony among thinking people everywhere in the world.

The goal of and the need for relinquishing the “animal” in us is going through a tremendous clarification and “calling us with fierce appeal”. It would seem that great progress has been made in some directions as evidenced by the widespread incidence of the “symbolic and sometimes literal effect of burning by fire”. Factually, from futureearth.org/publications, “wild fires have become increasingly common in many parts of the world—California (2014, 2017,

2018 and now, 2020, the Mediterranean (2017, 2018), Canada (2014, 2017, 2018), Siberia (2003, 2012, 2019) Australia (2009, 2013, 2019)—impacting the health of local economies, ecosystems, and people.” Here, the unbelievable fiery onslaught in California, and in Turkey in the middle East etc., etc., are particular examples amidst the general onslaught of the Covid 19 pandemic, an ongoing and agonizing reminder of the one world and its common destiny, demanding universal cooperation.

In the lives of world aspirants and disciples, corresponding apprehensions and anxieties are being evoked as we struggle and seek to constantly and steadily hold on to the alignment with the soul. However, there seem to be a growing HOPE that the “pain will bring or is bringing its due reward of light and love” into the lives of individuals, groups and nations, as the pandemic awakens an instinctive sense of world consciousness in the minds of men and women however feeble, and which will later develop into intelligent factual experience.

This was clearly demonstrated in the latest meeting of the G20 group of nations, held recently, where there was unanimous agreement that the vaccine for the Covid 19 pandemic must be made equally available to all people everywhere in the world, and where also the WHO was recognized and given a resoundingly strong vote of confidence.

RELINQUISHMENT and TRANSFORMATION

There is a relinquishment simultaneously present in the process of transformation, and this is beautifully symbolized in the sign of Sagittarius, where this twin technique is most instructively illustrated as the Centaur is transformed into the Archer and where later still, even the Archer disappears leaving only the ARROW with a remnant of the Bow.

AAB has offered us a rendition, by the Tibetan, of this relinquishment which goes hand in hand with the transformation, in Esoteric Astrology pages 176 to 177I, and is fully quoted here :

“Where is the animal, O Lanoo? And where the Man?

Fused into one. O Master of my Life.

The two are one. But both have disappeared

And naught remains but the deep fire of my desire.

Where is the horse, the white horse of the soul?

Where is the rider of that horse, O Lanoo?

Gone towards the gate, O Master of my Life.

But something speeds ahead between the pillars of an open door--

Something that I myself have loosed.

And what remains to thee, O wise Lanoo, now that the horses of two kinds have left thee and the rider, unattached stands free? Now what remains?

Naught but my bow and arrow, O Master of my Life, but they suffice, and

When the right time comes, I, thy Lanoo, will follow fast upon the shaft I

sent.

The horses I will leave upon this side of the door, for them I have no further need. I enter free, regain the arrow which I sent and speed upon my way, passing from door to door, and each time the arrow speeds ahead.”

Let us commence our work of "Letting in the Light"