

A Tearing Asunder

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Good evening everyone. We extend a warm welcome to all of you as we come together during this Scorpio blue moon. The exact time of the full moon occurs tomorrow morning at 10:49 a.m.

The full moon is a monthly opportunity for planetary service. Through this work we become part of a global meditative effort that contributes to aligning the planetary centers, establishing the divine circulatory flow, and letting the Plan can work out on Earth. This full moon work aligns us with our soul, with the soul of our group, with the soul of our nation, with the soul of humanity, with Hierarchy and with the Logos Himself. This all sounds rather grandiose except for the fact that this indeed is what we are doing when we work together. And the encouraging thing today is that the whole idea of full moon meditation is becoming increasingly widespread and the electronic platforms are bringing it to people everywhere.

At the time of the full moon --a five or seven day period--it's as if a portal opens up, we might say a door stands open, whereby potent energies, qualified by the sign under consideration, are released as if in a great inpouring tide. It's interesting to note as well that the energies available during this period are bolstered by a powerful planetary alignment occurring at almost the exact time in which the moon is full--a near exact alignment with the planet Uranus. Uranus is the key planet for the times as it is the distributor of the energy of the seventh ray, grounding the spiritual will. This alignment is lending added potency to the already potent energies always available through the sign of Scorpio..

This alignment with Uranus generates an increased sense of expectancy surrounding this full moon period, coupled with the fact of its proximity to the US elections which are being watched by millions of people throughout the world. Clearly the soul of the United States is going through another burning ground experience in its spiritual journey, caught within the crosshairs between its personality and its soul. The result is a type of tearing asunder, as if the nation is pendant upon two wheels simultaneously moving in the opposite directions.

One wheel is moving in the ordinary clockwise way, following the current of personality inclinations; while the other wheel is moving in the anti-clockwise direction, in a current to which the disciples in any land are responsive, currents that emanate from the soul. The friction between these two directions is generating an extreme point of tension, a point which is clearly global and not limited to the United States. This dual activity of the wheel of life results in initiation and illumination, and the destruction of the veil of illusion. All the current chaos is, therefore, actually a hopeful sign.

The United States is, spiritually speaking, a young nation, in fact a teenager in terms of our evolutionary development. We are not yet very wise. But, at the same time, because of our

youthful exuberance we are not held back by challenges and can bounce back quite readily from difficulties.

So, now, as we always do, let's take a moment to visualise the group of all true servers everywhere, standing with massed intent and a sense of expectancy for the work we can do together at this full moon opportunity. We will then follow that pause by a sounding of the mantram of the new group of world servers:

May the Power of the one Life pour through the group of all true servers.

May the Love of the one Soul, characterize the lives of all who seek to aid the Great Ones.

May I fulfill my part in the one Work, through self-forgetfulness, harmlessness and right speech.

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Every day as we use this mantram we have the opportunity to serve spiritually, by supporting and strengthening the members of this world-wide group of servers. Energetically we can help the group to carry out the tremendous task before it in its role as the group saviour, mediating between the spiritual Hierarchy and Humanity and meditating the Plan into existence. The spiritual Hierarchy provides the impression and the new group has the challenging task of alchemizing the great ideas and expressing them in such a way that they can successfully foster the forces of planetary evolution.

This emerging group has a direct relationship to the sign of Scorpio for Scorpio is preeminently the sign of discipleship, the planetary Hercules. All the signs of the zodiac are completed and made whole by coming into relationship with their opposite sign. It's interesting therefore to note that the opposite sign to Scorpio, the sign of Taurus, is the ruling energy qualifying the new group. So as we combine these two energies of Taurus--ruling the group-- and Scorpio--the sign of discipleship-- we recognize them as the preeminent pair of energies working upon the horizontal axis of the fixed cross of discipleship.. This is the group that reaches above and releases the energies into the field of service.

The planets are messengers of the energies of the constellations. In the Taurus--Scorpio axis these planetary messengers for the disciple the two first ray planets -- Vulcan and Pluto. Therefore, as the disciple aligns himself within the new group of world servers, he opens himself to a repository of spiritual will that can galvanize his life. This will stands as a counterbalance to the more destructive aspects of the will that are being manipulated by those who work for materialistic purposes and which are playing out so powerfully upon the physical plane. To access this will, the group learns to stand upon the periphery of the great ashram and, through that means, extends its alignment to that touch of Aquarian life that flows in from the lighted pools of substance found within the highest center.

The new group of world servers has as one of its keynotes the task of working in the interludes. An interlude is defined as a pause between two activities. To pause confers an ability to listen, to cease from speech and attune to that which is seeking expression at any particular moment. It is the cultivation of a point of tension.

The full moon is one such interlude but so is this time of year -- the lower interlude during the Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius cycle. The Scorpio point is the lower correspondence to the high point of the Wesak Festival in Taurus. It is a challenging task to ground these energies and we need look no farther than the Scorpio labour to understand this fact. Here the work is undertaken in the depth and darkness and, eventually, much is brought to light.

The new group occupies the position of the planetary ajna center. The function of this center is to link and bridge between the spiritual Hierarchy and humanity. In the life of an individual, this center comes rapidly into functioning activity as the stage of discipleship is reached. The awakening of the ajna center brings with it the ability to envision hierarchical ideas and transmit them to humanity. The new group has only come into existence during the past century. Prior to this time there were only a limited number of disciples working actively in the world. Today their name is legion.

Sometimes our very familiarity with the concept of this serving group belies its importance. It's helpful, therefore, to remember that of all the vast array of ideas and teachings which the Tibetan brought forward to the world, he said the teaching on the new group, along with the teaching on the reappearance, were considered the most important of all. The Tibetan wrote of this group, "...let the New Group of World Servers realise its mission and recognise the demands of humanity upon it. What are these demands? Let me enumerate them, and then let me ask you to take them in all simplicity and act upon them.

1. To receive and transmit illumination from the kingdom of souls.
2. To receive inspiration from the Hierarchy and go forth, consequently, to inspire.
3. To hold the vision of the Plan before the eyes of [humanity], for "where there is no vision, the people perish."
4. To act as an intermediate group between the Hierarchy and humanity...to build the new world of tomorrow.
5. To toil in Pisces, illumined by Taurus and responsive in degree to the Aquarian impulse coming from the Hierarchy. (*The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 432-33).

The energy of this group enables its members to become the directors of their forces rather than being directed by them. At this time in planetary history the intensity of the inpouring energies is increasingly potent, particularly after the powerful alignments during last December's Festival Week period and the growing point of tension that is being generated as we move towards 2025.

The group's work is primarily bridging work--work which is sorely needed in order to realize the soul amidst the raucous nature of the times. As conditions in the world become increasingly

polarized, members of the new group have an important function--mediating as they do between the extremes. Instead of vainly battling to destroy the many hydras rising all around, the disciple learns to kneel and raise them into the light, into the soul, wherein they lose their effectiveness.

The new group members display the wisdom of the soul bridging between different traditions and groups, seeking commonality and goodwill. Members of the group seek to listen and understand other perspectives and points of view. They let go of their hatreds and their antipathies and come to think in terms of the one humanity. This is what we need to do as individuals, groups, nations and within the different kingdoms of nature.

Symbols are powerful evocators of energy. Let us therefore envision the symbol of the phoenix, one of the symbols of Scorpio -- the mythical bird of great beauty and the emblem of immortality, reborn idealism and hope. Every 500 years the bird is said to rise from the ashes of its funeral pyre to greet the world anew, with the freshness of youth and live through another cycle.

During this powerful full moon opportunity let us hold to the phoenix and visualize the new group rising from the ashes of a passing age and entering into the light of day through the transformational energies held out to us at this full moon of Scorpio.
