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## The Eye of Revelation - I see and when the eye is opened, all is Light.

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We are now approaching the peak time of the full moon of Taurus, so let's visualise ourselves joining the gathering in the Wesak valley and keying up our group vibration to resonate with the auric field of those stupendous lives Who attend this ceremony. All eyes will be fixed upon the Buddha as he makes his annual appearance to transmit the Purpose of the Planetary Logos for the immediate time ahead. And though the Logos Himself remains unseen, His attention will doubtless be on the event by means of His "all seeing eye," through which He reviews at will all that is transpiring throughout His body of manifestation.

Indeed, there are many unseen eyes watching over our planetary life. These silent watchers take many forms, from the solar angels who overshadow each and every one of us, to the Adepts and their ashrams, who silently impress the energies of the Divine Plan on the New Group of World Servers as opportunity arises. Then there are the watchers who look on from the highest planetary centre, Shamballa, and higher still, on extra-planetary levels, great Beings await humanity's spiritual awakening so that Their energies can be safely transmitted into the human kingdom.

We cultivate a period of sustained inner silence around the time of the Wesak full moon and emulate these "silent watchers" – in our case, watching the flow of our thoughts and feelings but remaining detached from them as we prepare for active engagement with the energies released at the time of the full moon. Through the silent tension of this preparation, we put ourselves in touch, not only with the soul, but with the Spirit aspect whose Presence awaits our contact and invocation. From our human perspective, the spirit aspect is a silent watcher in its own right, for as the Theosophist, G. de Purucker wrote:

"Following the same rule of repetitive action in nature, there is a Silent Watcher for every man, his own inner god – the buddha within him – which is the core of his being, the origin of the fundamental law or consciousness of his hierarchical structure. And there is a Silent Watcher for every atom. As the entire framework of kosmos is built throughout on correspondences and repetitives, there are no absolutes anywhere, and everything is strictly relative to everything else. The divine of one hierarchy is actually grossest matter to another far superior hierarchy; but within one and the other the repetitive rules apply very strictly, because nature has one general and *throughout-repeated* course of action."

Purucker says that a human being's own silent watcher, the inner Buddha, is himself, and yet not himself. It is the solitary spiritual entity who will not go higher alone, and who reproduces as from a source every new re-embodiment of the man as a human soul. He continues:

"As the Pythagoreans phrased it, the highest triad remains in 'silence and darkness', and verily is the root of our being. It is silence and darkness to us; but actually our human life is the darkness. In its own being this upper triad is

supernal light, unspeakable glory, and its silence is such to us only because our ears are not trained to hear what there takes place."  $^{\rm 1}$ 

This seems a good moment to pause for silence and to reflect on the preparations being made by thousands of individuals and groups across the world. We can then say together the Gayatri:

O Thou Who givest 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 disc of golden light
That we may know the truth
And do our whole duty
As we journey to Thy sacred Feet.
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These opening thoughts on those who observe human activity on the lower planes of evolution, lead us to consider how humanity might, in turn, learn to observe the activities of those who operate on the higher planes of evolution. As long as humanity searches for truth through physical sight alone, only that which veils this inner reality will be found, for the inner realms can only be seen by an instrument of vision that operates in the corresponding frequency and bandwidth.

The eye holds many secrets, but discoveries are being made all the time. Last year, scientists detected a new visual capacity of the human eye previously thought to be possible to detect only by a computer technique known as 'ghost imaging'.<sup>2</sup> As we know, the human eye sees objects by the light that is reflected from them; but computer programs can build up images of objects from light that is reflected in the invisible parts of the spectrum. Experiments have revealed however, that human eyes also have the capacity to see beyond the visible spectrum. These researchers now think that our eyes and brains have yet undiscovered superpowers for viewing the world around us and can be trained to see that which is currently invisible. This is etheric vision – the ability to see in the finer matter of the physical plane.

Etheric vision isn't a psychic faculty: it is a natural but latent function of the physical eye which has an inherent capacity to see the much finer gradations of etheric substance. The physical eye has its counterpart in all the subtle vehicles of men and women too, as would be expected, and these can be utilized by the awakening of a centre of energy between the physical eyes known as the ajna centre. When the ajna centre is consciously employed as an instrument of vision, God or Spirit will be clearly seen working on the inner side of life within all forms, for as the Christ said, "when thine eye is single, thy whole body is full of light."

In *Esoteric Psychology*, Vol I, we read: "The three words: electricity, light and life, express divinity, and their synthesis is God. The lowest aspect we are now using, and of it we are increasingly aware. The second aspect of light is on the point of revelation, through the right understanding of electrical phenomena. There lies the clue to the new age, the age of light, of illumination and of revelation. The esotericists of the world will understand a little of that... and in their hands lies the training of humanity so that [humanity] may use that true vision and learn to utilise the 'single eye'." p182/3

"The single eye, the unalloyed desire, the consecrated purpose, and the ear that turns in deafness to all earth's noise" is the goal towards which all the disciples of the world are aspiring towards. Of course, this does not mean becoming deaf and blind to human suffering but keeping in sight the larger vision of the Plan of light of love that streams from the heart of the Sun. It also means keeping attuned to the instructive sounds that reverberate down the planes from those who are guiding planetary evolution.

In this connection another recent discovery has shown that vision and hearing are more closely related than was thought and the visual cortex "listens" while it processes information. Scientists at the university of Glasgow have discovered that the area of the brain that takes up and processes visual information, simultaneously uses auditory signals. A second experiment showed that even imagined images, in the absence of both sight and sound, evoked activity in the early visual cortex.<sup>3</sup> When we consider this in connection with the discovery of the eye's potential to see beyond the visible spectrum, we can see that the human instrument is set up to penetrate into the inner worlds and what is still considered psychic hocus pocus will be rational science in times to come.

As well as seeing, the eye also directs energy as we well know when we become aware of someone staring at us. The ajna centre, the eye of the mind, as well as seeing into the inner realms, is the means by which the light of those realms is directed into the outer worlds of human activity. One of the initial methods of bringing the mind's eye into functioning activity is through the use of seed thoughts in meditation, and this was discussed in a recent letter to Arcane School students which some of you may recall. To understand this activity, let's take as an example, the second part of the conference keynote: *Know, express, reveal, destroy and resurrect.* As the structure, quality and meaning of a seed thought like this is pondered repeatedly and regularly, a pattern of inner light builds up in the mind, even though there may only be a dim awareness of it. As the mind's eye is brought to rest upon these gathering forces of light day by day, they steadily become more defined, more alive, more dynamic. Eventually, the seed thought feels so magnetic that we enter into a state of contemplation with it. We no longer think about it with the lower mind, instead, the whole of our being simply bathes in its lighted energy, as it showers its qualities and virtues on the personality.

Through the daily practice of meditation, an area of magnetic tension gradually develops in the head itself, shaping etheric matter into an organ of inner sight, often referred to as the eye of Shiva. As this "all-seeing eye" opens, the initiate can see inwardly and then direct energy outwardly with precision. An agent of the divine will is born, eventually to see as the adept sees. In the words of St. Columba:

"Some there are, though very few, to whom divine grace has granted this: that they can clearly and most distinctly see, at one and the same moment, as though under one ray of the sun, even the entire circuit of the whole world with its surroundings of ocean and sky, the innermost part of their mind being marvellously enlarged."

While we are only concerned with the early stages of this arcane process, it is inspiring to contemplate the powers of the mind which will naturally unfold in the whole of humanity during the course of evolution. Those who are undergoing esoteric

training accelerate this process by the potency of their thought and spiritual meditation. The third eye unfolds gradually but naturally and a new world of light is steadily revealed. The advice, given by many Adepts, on how to hasten this process was passed on by William Judge, the Theosophist, who wrote: "every day and as often as you can, and upon going to sleep and as you wake – think, think, on the truth that you are not body, brain, or astral man, but that you are THAT, and THAT is the Supreme Soul. For by this practice you will gradually kill out the false notion which lurks inside that the false is the true, and the true, the false. By persistence in this, by submitting your daily thoughts each night to the judgment of your Higher Self, you will at last gain light" (Letters That Have Helped Me, p170)

This simple advice is testimony to the fact that the goal of evolution, as far as humanity is concerned, is the development of the sense of sight leading to enlightenment. Esoteric doctrines say that in earlier races the inner eye was once a physiological organ, and that later on, owing to the gradual disappearance of spirituality and increase of materiality, it became an atrophied organ [the pineal gland]. This was in line with evolutionary plans, for involution into matter is the first and necessary stage of evolution. The time is approaching for this inner eye to be reactivated and assume its natural function but on a higher turn of the spiral and with more wisdom than was the case in the earlier races. Now the greatest impediment in the way of spiritual development and the acquirement of inner powers, especially, is the over-dominant activity of our physiological senses.

There are many obstacles and hindrances to the development of inner vision and access to the world of meaning that it reveals. Each zodiacal sign highlights one of these obstacles as well as the means to overcome it. Taurus symbolizes the blind force of "bullish" desire and selfish will in action. The higher influence of Taurus, however, conveys one-pointed dynamic qualities which make this sign a bestower of light. Referring to the words on the school conference program, "What the eye, the inner eye reveals, to us throughout evolution is the sublime plan of Deity." The Plan is the source of meaning, of spiritual order and of group inspiration. This thought focuses the mind, directing it to share the Hierarchy's work to implement divine intent. The vision of the Plan as given in the Alice Bailey writings are full of inspiration and beauty. They convey a sense of awe over the divine potential of all human beings on this arduous but magnificent journey of rediscovery. The soul enlightens our perception of the Plan through the illumined mind, and then we can begin to see and work towards its expression upon the physical plane so that it can be recognised consciously by humanity as a whole.

It's a beautiful visualisation to see ourselves [and everyone else] as this living unfolding Plan, all awakening in various degrees, to new vistas, with possibilities to go beyond the often painful and harsh realities of living on this planet. We can take the opportunity while working in the energies of Taurus to utilise its powers as a catalyst for transformation under the creative plan. Amidst the current upheavals and wilful suffering inflicted by some groups and individuals, the Group of World Servers works. The NGWS is the eye of illumination for human consciousness at this time, enlightening and preparing the way for the incoming Aquarian influences of the spiritual kingdom which will revolutionize our perceptions, as well as our relationships to each other and all other kingdoms. As a group it powers its light one-pointedly towards hierarchy and

towards humanity. By its collective meditation on resolving current global problems, the NGWS is progressively entering into the rhythm of the ongoing planetary meditation, called the Plan.

In *The Rays and the Initiations*, the goal ahead is stated to be the attainment of non-separateness with the secondary goal being to reveal the nature of reality. The esoteric perspective always turns the ordinary perception of things on its head whilst at the same time, removing from view all self-referencing. The hard part of this, of course, is to achieve this non-separateness within and for ourselves, whilst simultaneously facilitating the same sense of planetary unity in humanity. The Buddha was a great Revealer in this process of rendering the mind as a "clear sheet of glass" in order to see the reality of Oneness. His techniques of dispassion, detachment and discrimination help to sweep away all the veils and hindrances to this. The underlying message is simple: before we can truly see we have to free ourselves from the many forms of desire that impede our vision.

As we work to discover the new range of contacts and relationships that can only be seen in the light of the soul, we can stimulate within ourselves a sense of expectancy. A new world is now being conceived by many – it is being actively looked for, and when the eye of the soul is opened, it will be seen to be more real than the world that is revealed by the five senses. The new light is on its way, let us open our minds and hearts to perceive it.

It's now time for group meditation using the keynote for the disciple in Taurus: "I see and when the eye is opened, all is Light.

<sup>1</sup> Fountain-Source of Occultism, G. de Purucker

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.sciencealert.com/human-eye-sees-ghosted-images-reflected-light

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.gla.ac.uk/news/archiveofnews/2014/may/headline 333617 en.html