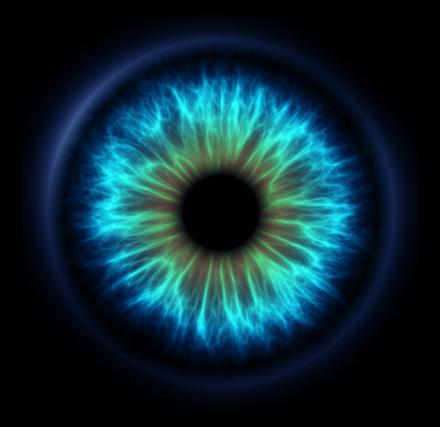
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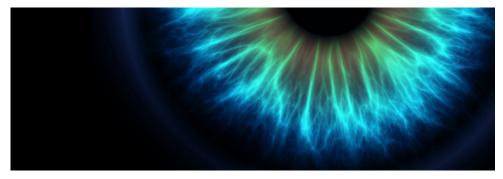
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"What is the WILL? Can 'exact science' tell? What is the nature of that intelligent, intangible, and powerful something which reigns supreme over all inert matter? The great Universal Idea willed, and the cosmos sprang into existence. I will, and my limbs obey." Helena Blavatsky

Dear co-worker,

In *Isis Unveiled*, Helena Blavatsky writes of a Sufi ascetic, who, in her words, "has attained to that state of purification at which the spirit becomes nearly freed from its prison, and can produce wonders. His will, nay, a simple desire of his has become creative force, and he can command the elements and powers of nature. His body is no more an impediment to him; hence he can converse 'spirit to spirit, breath to breath.' Under his extended palms, a seed... will germinate instantly, and push its way through the soil... Is this a miracle? By no means... the fakir, coming to the help of nature with his powerful will and spirit purified from the contact with matter, condenses, so to speak, the essence of plant-life into its germ, and forces it to maturity ahead of its time. This blind force being totally submissive to his will, obeys it with servility...".²

Madame Blavatsky described 'Will' as the "one and sole principle of abstract, eternal MOTION, or its ensouling essence". "The Will creates", she said, "for the will in motion is force, and force produces matter."

These profound words not only demystify some of the magical phenomena recounted in religion and myth – they equally point towards the science of the future. As the world today would seem a magical place to our distant ancestors, so too would the world of the coming centuries seem to us. Humanity will doubtless uncover more of Nature's secrets to enable amazing changes in the quality and structure of the planet. In such a time, humanity will no longer seek to exploit Nature, but to give to Her in harmony with the energy of the divine Will that thrills throughout the cosmos. The potential for such transformation lies in each and every one of us and is eloquently portrayed in the mantram, "The Affirmation of the Disciple":

I am a point of light within a greater Light. I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of Love divine. I am a point of sacrificial Fire, focussed within the fiery Will of God.

These words affirm the individual as part of a universal current of Will energy, electrical in essence, carrying love to all parts of the system and lighting up (to a greater or lesser degree) every unit of consciousness it passes through. Science is already close to uncovering new electrical laws of nature that will help humanity understand this in terms of the electric will of Divinity. Some intuitive thinkers are noting, for instance, that the recently discovered filaments that link galaxies together in one vast network in the heavens are akin to the nervous system of a great Being. And as scientific discoveries steadily reveal more evidence of this, philosophy will consider the implications in terms of human purpose and meaning; in fact, the Alice Bailey writings predict that the present philosophical schools will eventually be replaced by "those who will in deed and in truth be cosmologists... Philosophic students will endeavour simultaneously to link [the scientific and religious] schools of thought, and to demonstrate the factor of intelligent adaptation of the electrical phenomena which we call matter...to the life purpose of a cosmic Being."4

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Admittedly, this inspiring vision may seem remote considering the present divide between science and religion. However, an imminent discovery that will move things along is the phenomenon of 'biological transmutation'. Evidence suggests that, in the metabolism of living organisms, chemical elements can be transmuted into other elements. Despite a long history of experiments demonstrating this phenomenon, current scientific theory holds that the creation and transmutation of elements can only take place in the colossal temperatures and pressures thought to be generated in the core of stars. Indeed, nuclear physicists all over the world are collaborating to emulate such a process through the construction of huge nuclear fusion reactors like JET and ITER. The aim of these reactors is to force the nuclei of atoms together and release tremendous amounts of atomic energy in the process to satisfy the energy requirements of modern civilizations. In contrast to this, a small number of scientific thinkers believe that low energy nuclear fusion reactions are quietly taking place through the metabolic processes of all living things.

If biological transmutation can be proved, it would support the view that the universe is alive and conscious – its building forces constantly creating and transmuting matter in line with some majestic purpose. Such a realization might offer religious thinkers new perspectives on the subject of redemption too – how and why the soul's journey towards the Divine necessitates the steady refinement of its form of expression. Here we see prospects for collaboration between science and religion in the redemptive process; while the new world religion will concern itself with the invocation and evocation of energetic qualities that stimulate the growth of human consciousness towards the Divine, the new science will be concerned with the transmutation of the forms in which that takes place.

This is outlined in the book *Discipleship in the New Age*, where we read:

"... They [the scientific seed group] will reveal... [that]... which relates science and religion and brings to light the glory of God through the medium of His tangible world and His works. They have a most interesting function but one which will not become evident for a long time – not until the

building forces of the universe are better understood. This will be co-incident with the development of etheric vision. This group will act as a channel of communication or intermediary between the energies which constitute the forces which construct the forms and fabricate the outer garment of Deity and the human spirits."⁵

While the development of etheric vision mentioned in this passage may lie some time ahead, for those developing an esoteric understanding of the way the universe evolves, it is clear that a key factor in cooperating with the Divine Will is 'vision.' This is indicated in the idea of FOCUS in the *Affirmation of the Disciple:* "I am a point of sacrificial Fire, focused within the fiery Will of God." Focus concerns inner vision and outer transmission through the All-seeing Eye of Shiva. It is through the awakening of this 'third eye' that true inner vision becomes possible. Through this eye, the initiate looks within to behold the Divine Plan and then, looking outwardly, the energy of Will is directed to guide the activities of the deva lives who are the building agents on the planet. Through this eye, thought structures are directed upon their intended path of service; and through this eye, specific energy currents are transmitted to help and stimulate the work of the New Group of World Servers.

The Eye of Shiva is starting to awaken in all who practice meditation, for just as the physical eye formed in response to the impact of the Sun's rays, so too, is this eye awakened through the stimulating light of the Soul. The Eye of Shiva forms a force-triangle with the two physical eyes through which the energies of the Plan can be consciously directed by the trained esotericist. And in this connection, it is encouraging to learn that science has confirmed Plato's belief that the physical eyes transmit light as well as receiving it. In the words of astrophysicist, Michael Clarage:

"Life emits light... We have light shooting out of our eyes... Now we have proof that our eyes emit light. To a physicist this was always an obvious possibility since all receivers are also transmitters. A radio antenna can send a signal or receive the same signal, it has to work both ways... When electric currents change light is produced. When light is absorbed, electric currents change.

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Light and electric currents are two sides of the same coin. We have within us antennas [DNA] whose combined length happens to be the right size to resonate with the entire body of the sun, the planets, all the comets, even out to the heliopause. Who could believe such a thing? How could there be a connection with the life of a person and the entire Solar System? Whether any one of us can knowingly receive these signals or is capable of intentionally broadcasting up to the whole solar system is a good question. I dare say it's a very important question."

Michael Clarage goes on to describe an experiment in which someone is placed in a dark room. A photon detector is placed against the area of the visual cortex and a baseline reading is taken. If the person is asked to imagine a bright light, the photon count will immediately shoot up. "Your brain", he says, "gives off more light when you imagine light!" Putting all this together, we have the scientific foundation for all esoteric work. In meditation, light accumulates in consciousness – light that can be sculpted by the imagination and transmitted to the world on a stream of divine, electric, Will.

As the chemist and physiologist, Jan Baptist van Helmont declared, "The will is the first of all powers... The will is the property of all spiritual beings and displays itself in them the more actively the more they are freed from matter." As we move towards the three spiritual festivals, the incoming light intensifies and opportunity increases; therefore, may we all renew our efforts to overcome personal desire, and with renewed commitment, work in compliance with the great esoteric truth: *The eye directs, the will streams forth, matter obeys.*

In the companionship of the One Work, Lucis Trust

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Three Spiritual Festivals Meetings

The high point in the annual flow of spiritual energies is a potent time to invoke light, love and goodwill on behalf of all humanity.

On the dates and times below, you are invited to join a full moon meditation meeting in person, or by tuning in to the simultaneous audio broadcasts.

Venue for physical meetings

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Broadcast

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Easter Festival

Aries full moon meeting (physical/zoom), Wednesday, 5 April, 6.30pm BST* Time of full moon, Thursday, 6 April, 5.34am BST (4.34am GMT*)

*Keynote: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.

Wesak Festival

Taurus full moon physical meeting, Friday, 5 May, **6.00pm BST** *Please note:* the online Wesak Meeting will be broadcast simultaneously at **6.00pm BST** on Friday, 5 May. The time change is to accommodate the peak time of the full moon which occurs at 6.34pm BST (5.34pm GMT) *Keynote: I see and when the eye is opened, all is light.*

Christ's Festival and Festival of Humanity/Goodwill

Gemini full moon meeting (physical/zoom), Saturday, 3 June, 4.30pm BST Time of full moon, Sunday, 4 June, 4.42am BST (3.42am GMT)

Keynote: I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self,
I grow and glow.

* For a meeting in your area: **www.lucistrust.org/worldwide_network**BST: British Summer Time, GMT: Greenwich Mean Time

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Easter Festival: Aries

Easter brings us the opportunity for conscious cooperation with the inflowing Forces of Restoration. These can be particularly potent in restoring "the will-to-live and the will-to-good" in the new group of world servers and disciples everywhere. They inspire all who are treading the spiritual path with the vision of right relationships at all levels of society, and with every kingdom of nature.

The sun moves into Aries at the vernal equinox around 21 March, the beginning of Spring in the Northern hemisphere. With Spring arrives a universal awakening of the life force and a sense of hope and new beginnings as nature wakes up after the sleep and seeming death of winter. Seeds and leaves break through the confinement of the old coverings that restrict growth. Plants push through the soil toward the light and heat of the sun. Nothing can stop the emergence of new life as the old dies to make way for the new.

Easter is always a special occasion – the spirit of resurrection that characterises this Festival brings a wonderful sense of upliftment to all who are sensitive to its influence. The tension and anxieties of the times, experienced personally, or vicariously through the suffering of others, connects us to an energy that especially "brings to life" our spiritual purpose.

Humanity is being assaulted by storms and crises on all sides, but through it all, many are working hard to dispel the sense of separateness. Countless voices of unity are to be heard amidst the separative rhetoric. Let us visualize Humanity as a unified field of vibrant and lighted energies within the planetary life, a centre in which many are preparing to move forward into an awareness of Life's essential oneness, and towards the door of initiation into a new kingdom of nature.

Wesak Festival: Taurus

For centuries Wesak has been observed as the Festival of the Buddha, the Messenger of Light. Legend has it that at the exact time of the Wesak full moon, the Buddha confers a blessing to the Christ on behalf of all humanity. This sacred event continues to demonstrate the deep and lasting brotherhood that exists between these two great Lords of Compassion. It is a beautiful symbol of essential world unity.

In the Alice Bailey teachings it was predicted that in 1981 the keynote of Wesak would change. Forty-two years on we might ponder what this change might be. Surely it is related to the preparation for the externalisation of the Hierarchy and the consequent changing role of the Buddha who is destined to soon move on to other responsibilities outside our planetary Life to buttress the work of the Christ. As this occurs, the released energies at Wesak would be transmitted directly to the Christ, without the intermediary of the Buddha as had hitherto been the case. This change will presuppose a deepened attunement between Shamballa and the spiritual Hierarchy, which includes the New Group of World Servers.

This group is governed by Taurus and understood esoterically as the "bull, rushing forward upon a straight line with its one eye fixed upon the goal and beaming light." It is this bull of God that is charged with harnessing will energy and using it to arrest the forces of materialism running rampant in the world. We can visualise that at Wesak a representative of this group in each country will soon stand consciously as a distributing agent of the released energies. As we play our part in preparing for this great annual event we might wonder if the potent influx of will energy that has been appropriated by the group over the past decades has now enabled it to assume this new responsibility in concert with the Christ.

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Christ's Festival: Gemini

Every year the Christ's Festival marks the culminating point in the flow of spiritual energies pouring into the collective consciousness of humanity during the three great festivals. Recognition of our essential divinity, and of the will-to-good which flows from that divinity, is held in the light. Servers everywhere are stimulated by the heightened presence of the Christ energies to purposefully shape the worlds of time and space in ways that bring these worlds into closer alignment with the divine Plan. Because of work done during this Festival, and through the alignments that have been built, the uniquely human energy of goodwill IS growing and deepening in communities across the globe.

Known also as the Festival of Humanity, of Goodwill and of Unification, the Christ's Festival occurs during the full moon when the sun is in the sign of Gemini. During the Festival, the esoteric group meditates upon what it means for the personal self to 'grow and glow' as its desires and appetites are freely sacrificed so that a higher light can shine. There is always something of a tension between this higher light of the living Christ, and the lesser light of the incarnated personal 'form' and echoes of this tension exist in each person, as well as each group, each nation, and the entire human kingdom.

The Will-to-Good and its expression in Goodwill is the key to this Festival. It directs our attention to the human response to the presence of the Universal Christ within the heart. The Festival reminds us that it is only in sacrificing the lesser that we are able as individuals and as a species to move beyond all the trauma accompanying these last dying embers of an age of materialism. Now we can enter a new relationship with the living potencies of the Christ and bring purpose and joy to the human kingdom.

World Invocation Day, Saturday, 3 June 2023

This day of focused power and appeal to the Divine has been observed annually since 1952. On this day, countless people around the world sound the Great Invocation with heartfelt intent to invoke spiritual energies of Light, Love and Purpose. Invocation is in reality the intelligent organisation of spiritual energy and of the forces of love. At its heart lies an appeal to the Coming One to return – the One in Whom all major faiths share a belief though they call Him by different names.

Amidst the ongoing crises taking place in humanity and the natural world, each person who sounds the Great Invocation participates in a great energy formula which can bring real and lasting changes in consciousness. Together we invoke Light to reveal the way forward, Love to fill our hearts, and Enlightened Purpose to guide us. These divine energies are abundantly available – we can invoke them now, on behalf of all humanity and for the evolution of a new world.

We invite you to join us in using the Great Invocation on Saturday, 3 June, on World Invocation Day, and every day, for the benefit of all peoples and the restoration of the Plan on Earth. **www.worldinvocationday.org**

The Great Invocation (adapted)

From the point of Light within the Mind of God Let light stream forth into human minds. Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God Let love stream forth into human hearts. May the Coming One return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known Let purpose guide all little human wills – The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the human race Let the Plan of Love and Light work out And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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Meditation: Letting in the Light

I. GROUP FUSION We affirm the fact of group fusion and integration within the heart centre of the new group of world servers, mediating between Hierarchy and humanity:

I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs. May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them. May the strength which is in me lift and aid them. May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.

II. ALIGNMENT We project a line of lighted energy towards the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, the planetary heart, the great Ashram of Sanat Kumara; and towards the Christ at the heart of Hierarchy.

Extend the line of light towards Shamballa, the centre where the Will of God is known.

III. HIGHER INTERLUDE Hold the contemplative mind open to the extra-planetary energies streaming into Shamballa and radiated through Hierarchy. Using the creative imagination, endeavour to see the three planetary centres – Shamballa, Hierarchy, and Humanity – gradually coming into alignment and interplay.

IV. MEDITATION Reflect on the applicable seed thought:

Easter Festival: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.

Wesak Festival: I see and when the Eye is opened, all is light.

Christ's Festival: I recognise my other self and in the waning of

that self, I grow and glow.

V. PRECIPITATION Using the creative imagination, visualise the energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good pouring throughout the planet and becoming anchored on Earth in prepared physical plane centres through which the Plan can manifest. (Use the six-fold progression of divine Love as the sequence of energy precipitation – Shamballa/Hierarchy/the Christ/the new group of world servers/men and women of goodwill everywhere in the world/physical centres of distribution.)

VI. LOWER INTERLUDE Refocus the consciousness, as a group, within the periphery of the great Ashram. Together sound the affirmation:

In the centre of all Love I stand. From that centre I, the soul, will outward move. From that centre 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.

Visualise the downpouring spiritual inflow released from Shamballa through the Hierarchy and streaming into humanity through the prepared channel. Consider how these inpouring energies are establishing the "Pathway of Light" for the coming World Teacher, the Christ.

VII. DISTRIBUTION As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the outpouring of Light and Love and Power from the spiritual Hierarchy through the five planetary inlets (London/Darjeeling/New York/Geneva/Tokyo) irradiating the consciousness of the whole human race:

From the point of Light within the Mind of God Let light stream forth into the minds of men. Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God Let love stream forth into the hearts of men. May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known Let purpose guide the little wills of men – The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men Let the Plan of Love and Light work out And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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You are warmly invited to attend the Arcane School Conference which will be held by the three centres – New York, Geneva and London. They will include talks, meditations, visualization and discussion inspired by the Keynote:

Let the group affirm the Will as an expression of the Law of Sacrifice.

Arcane School Conference, New York

A physical and online event

Venue: 3 West Club, 3 W 51st Street, New York, NY 10104.

Saturday, 6 May, 2.00pm – 5.00pm EDT* (7.00pm – 10.00pm BST*) Sunday, 7 May, 2.00pm – 5.00pm EDT (7.00pm – 10.00pm BST)

Arcane School Conference, Geneva

A physical and online event

Venue: College de Cayla, Chemin William-Lescaze 8, 1203 Geneva. Saturday, 27 May, 1.30pm – 5.30pm CEST* (12.30pm – 4.30pm BST) Sunday, 28 May, 1.30pm – 5.00pm CEST (12.30pm – 4.00pm BST)

Arcane School Conference, London

A physical event for students-only due to limited space at the venue, and an online event for everyone

Venue: Lucis Trust, Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF Saturday, 3 June, 2.00pm – 5.30pm BST (9.00am – 12.30pm EDT) Sunday, 4 June, 2.00pm – 5.00pm BST (9.00am – 12.00noon EDT)

* EDT: US Eastern Daylight Time.

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