

# Three Spiritual Festivals 2022

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Dear co-worker,

‘Sacraments’ are commonly associated with the ceremonies of the Christian Church such as baptism, communion and marriage; and during these sacred rituals, it is believed that God’s blessing or Divine grace is poured forth on the participants. Sacraments are not confined to religious congregations though – a sacramental approach to life can be practiced by anyone – inside or outside of any specific religion or faith. Sacraments are defined by the Catholic Church as “visible rites seen as signs and efficacious channels of the grace of God to all those who receive them with the proper disposition”.<sup>1</sup> In the spirit of this definition, sacramental living is an approach to life wherein all forms are regarded as symbols of an inner reality; and under the right conditions, when certain alignments come into play, the energy of this realm can surge into the mundane world, setting all things, all activities, ablaze with new life. The author, Marilynne Robinson, describes the experience of this in her novel *Gilead*:

*“It has seemed to me sometimes as though the Lord breathes on this poor grey ember of Creation and it turns to radiance – for a moment or a year or the span of a life. And then it sinks back into itself again, and to look at it no one would know it had anything to do with fire, or light... Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don’t have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see.”<sup>2</sup>*

The term, ‘sacrament’, has its roots in the Latin words for ‘consecrate’ and ‘sacred’, which, in turn, were translated from the word ‘mysterion’, used in the Greek Old Testament for *secret counsel of God*. And when life is lived in this spirit with a “willingness to see”, the daily routine of activities, along with all the forms that make up the surrounding environment, have sacramental value. This truly religious approach to life is the first step on the way to becoming an agent of sacred transformation – both in the local and in the global environment; in short, it is to follow in the footsteps of the Christ, as Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians worldwide, explains:

*“The Feast of Christ’s Transfiguration... highlights the integral connection between **metamorphosis** and **theophany** [the appearance of Deity in form], extending the divine light and transformative power to all creation... The breadth and depth of the Orthodox cosmic vision implies that humanity is a part of a theophany... Thus, in **The Brothers Karamazov**, Dostoevsky urges: Love all God’s creation, the whole of it and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of God’s light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things...*

*... In order to achieve this sacramental vision of creation, human beings are called to practice a spirituality of thanksgiving and self-discipline... we are also called to practice an ‘ascetic ethos’, namely self-restraint and self-control, so that we no longer wilfully consume every fruit, but instead manifest a sense of frugality from some things for the sake of valuing all things. Then, we shall learn to care for plants and animals, for trees and rivers, for mountains and seas, for all human beings and the world. Then, we shall be instruments of peace and life, not tools of violence and death. Then, everything will assume its divine purpose, as God originally intended the world.”<sup>3</sup>*

It’s not difficult to comprehend why an ‘ascetic ethos’ is needed for “extending the divine light and transformative power to all creation”, as Patriarch Bartholomew so eloquently describes it. This sacramental approach to life is of the highest order of creativity and one wherein all

thought, emotions and deeds, are dedicated to the consecration of each moment in time and space that it may be filled with the energy of the Christ force. In this way the whole of life experience becomes one of ceremonial rhythm and ritual, for sacrament is to do with movement, transition, passage – a type of spiritual motion that enables Divine Grace to pour into the world – remembering that Grace also means “beauty and ease of movement”. We can all move gracefully through this busy world, conducting our time and energy from the eye of the storm, and extending the light, love and power that we contact within to all that we contact without.

Such an approach to life might be thought of as a new sacrament – a life lived in the spirit of ceremony and ritual – a life that moves in concert with the magical light and sound of the Kingdom of the Soul within; and it is a way of life that can be practiced by all who are aspiring to live in the light, think in the light, and transform in the light. And in the Alice Bailey writings we are given a “solar instrument” to help us in this quest – The Great Invocation – the giving out of which was the first step in the planned precipitation of Light Supernal right down on to the physical plane; the second step, we are told, will be “the reappearance of the Great Lord, Who will act as the lens through which the light can be focused and adapted to human need”.<sup>4</sup>

It is the destiny of all human beings to become agents of transformation in accordance with divine purpose; and those who are becoming so are referred to collectively as the New Group of World Servers in Alice Bailey’s writings. Each of these creative individuals is to be found working in one of the three great areas of human endeavour that is under the influence of a major stream of divine energy: **Government** (reflecting the Divine energy of Will and Purpose), **Religion** (reflecting the Divine energy of Love and Wisdom), **Education** (reflecting the Divine energy of Active Intelligence). In conformity with the Godhead itself, the energies of these three great departments of the Divine Plan are seeking expression in human affairs as a “trinity in unity”.

Accordingly, the religious spirit has an important part to play in the transition to a new world civilization. The ceremonies and rituals of the great world religions have served humanity well in their time and place, but the new energies now flowing into human consciousness are

demanding correspondingly new forms through which to manifest to suit the modern, scientific age. The concept of “energy as the basis of all life, all forms and all action and the medium of all relationships” can be the springboard for those new and living ceremonials and rituals whose grace and power are needed to lift humanity towards the light. While the core values of all the great religions have served as a firm foundation, the spiritual principles that are currently seeking expression – for example group consciousness and the unity of all life – require a new embodied emphasis more suited to our contemporary world society. The step ahead, in Alice Bailey’s words, is for all people “of vision and of inclusive thinking in all the ‘churches’ of every world faith... [to]... end their doctrinal differences, agree on the essential religious truths and then proceed unitedly and with some uniformity of ritual and ceremonial to approach *together* the centre of spiritual power”.<sup>5</sup>

While this will clearly take time to develop, all who study the Ageless Wisdom teachings can hasten this by attuning to the great Ray energy of Ceremonial Magic and Ritual that is now growing in power. As we approach the Three Spiritual Festivals when the energies seeking entrance into the world are at their peak, we can each work to transform our personal life into “an efficacious channel for the grace of God” – and let daily living and the mundane round of activities and duties – become the new sacrament.

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1. Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacraments\\_of\\_the\\_Catholic\\_Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacraments_of_the_Catholic_Church)
2. Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead*, p. 279
3. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, *The World as Sacrament*, <https://mospat.ru/en/news/57191/>
4. A.A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol II, pp. 425-6
5. A.A. Bailey, *Problems of Humanity*, p. 162

# 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.

**Beginning in April, all full and new moon meetings from New York will be held in-person and online via Zoom – please try to attend if safe and possible.**

## Broadcast

Simultaneous zoom audio broadcasts: [www.lucistrust.org/3sf](http://www.lucistrust.org/3sf)

## Easter Festival

Aries full moon meeting, Friday, April 15, 6.00pm EDT\*

Venue: Lucis Trust, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 482, New York, NY 10017

Time of full moon: April 16, 2.55 pm EDT

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

## Wesak Festival

Taurus full moon meeting, Sunday, May 15, 3.30 pm EDT\*

Venue: Anthroposophical Society in America New York Branch, 138 West 15th Street (b/t 6 & 7th Ave.), New York, NY 10011

Time of full moon, May 16, 12.14 am EDT\*

*Keynote: I see and when the eye is opened, all is light.*

## Christ's Festival and Festival of Humanity/Goodwill

Gemini full moon meeting, Monday, June 13, 6.00 pm EDT\*

Venue: Lucis Trust, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 482, New York, NY 10017

Time of full moon, Tuesday, June 14, 7.52 am EDT

*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](http://www.lucistrust.org/worldwide_network)

\*EDT: US Eastern Daylight Time

## Easter Festival: Aries

Since 1945, the spiritual grouping known as the Forces of Restoration have made a significant contribution to the incoming energies during the Festival of Easter. Their impact is primarily on the mass consciousness of humanity. What is it that needs to be restored? Put simply, it is our confidence in the proper functioning of society.

Just as after the Second World War, today there is a deep yearning for a sense of wholeness and strength within society, which has suffered grievously not just from physical disease and related economic impacts, but from tidal waves of propaganda designed to misinform and polarise. What is lacking is confidence – collective trust – in those who have assumed the role of leadership. Part of this is an unavoidable outcome of moving from a Piscean to an Aquarian mindset, where the growing intelligence of people everywhere acts as a searching spotlight on all structures of thought, including those political, legal and cultural agreements to which we give the name ‘society’. It is these agreements that need to be revitalised and restored, to become safe repositories of a renewed public confidence.

Thus, at this time of Easter, conscious cooperation with the inflowing Forces of Restoration 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, inspiring them with the vision which will bring about right relations at all levels of society, and with every kingdom of nature. Sharing this vision, dynamically implementing this vision, can restore the sense of the Will-to-Good which “underlies the happenings of the time”. Humanity can then move forward into a society illumined by the Light Supernal.

## Wesak Festival: Taurus

The Festival of Wesak, or Festival of the Buddha, is the highpoint of the spiritual calendar, and is a planetary alignment of such magnitude that it evokes responses from extra-planetary sources. At the time of this full moon, the Buddha is said to make an annual appearance in a secluded valley in the Himalayas. For a brief period, He appears and enacts a water ceremony before the Christ and the assembled Spiritual Hierarchy. The Buddha's blessing carries within its stream the imprint of Divine Purpose and the life from which humanity can draw spiritual sustenance in the months ahead.

It is quite a thought that such exalted beings as the Spiritual Hierarchy of this planet can only safely receive this particular Divine impact once a year and then only with due preparation. Even though the Hierarchy are spiritually perfect from our perspective, everything is relative, and the transmission of spiritual energy from one divine centre to another requires a specific capacity to safely absorb the voltage received. The advent of the new group of world servers, who are illumined in Taurus, was such a pivotal point in human history for this reason: it meant that, for the first time, the Hierarchy could transmit energy to this group to safely step it down for humanity.

According to the Ageless Wisdom, the bridge of Light linking and aligning the planetary centres of Shamballa, Hierarchy and humanity was completed in its basic form more than 700 years ago. At Wesak and at every full moon, we participate in widening, strengthening, and beautifying this bridge, using the sacred word, the OM, to transmit the vibration of the soul's loving and unifying intent into the world. Its radiation beating upon the shores of human consciousness breaks up static patterns of world thought to let in the light by which humanity can "see" more clearly. This shattering inevitably brings crisis and chaos, but the entering light also brings about a renewal of spiritual awakening.

## Christ's Festival: Gemini

The three major festivals in the spiritual year culminate in this, the Christ's festival. This is always an event of great significance and opportunity for humanity. This is especially true today. To outer eyes humanity, the centre of planetary creativity, is still riven with conflict, is still seriously tainted with selfishness and the tendency towards separateness.

But to inner eyes – the eyes that see through illusion to the underlying reality – humanity is preparing to shoulder its part in precipitating the Divine Plan on Earth. It can do this because the inner reality of the Christ nature is coming to the surface in response to the growing insistence of that 'still small voice' which we call Conscience, the Christ in the human heart. Magnified by the ever-nearing presence of the Hierarchy and of the Christ Himself, it is enhancing the goodness present in so many. This is especially so in the work of holding the vision of a new world of right relationships before the eyes of humanity. This is based on the priceless gift of freedom and the revelation of goodwill through the myriad initiatives across the globe to relieve suffering, heal the environment and lift all hearts and minds nearer to the divine. It is also, and benevolently, bringing all that is undesirable to the surface. Many now understand that it is no longer an option to put off dealing with the unredeemed aspects of ourselves if that new world, for which so many yearn, is to manifest.

In this Festival the Christ stands before the Hierarchy as the archetype of what humanity as a whole is destined to achieve. We can achieve this, because he has first achieved. Because of this we can and will do those "greater things" that he prophesied when last outwardly present within humanity. It helps to constantly recall that the reality of the soul, of loving purpose, which the Christ embodies, is the truth at the heart of every human being.

## World Invocation Day, 14 June 2022

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. At its heart lies an appeal to the Coming One. All major faiths share a belief in such a Coming One, knowing him under such names as the Christ, Maitreya, the Kalki Avatar, the Messiah, the Imam Mahdi. Translations into around eighty languages are available at **[www.greatinvocation.org](http://www.greatinvocation.org)**

Amidst the ongoing crises taking place in humanity and the natural world, the Great Invocation is an energy formula which can help to 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. They can be invoked on behalf of all humanity and to support the evolution of a new world.

Please join with others around the globe on World Invocation Day to sound the Great Invocation on Tuesday, 14 June, and every day, for the benefit of all peoples. **[www.worldinvocationday.org](http://www.worldinvocationday.org)**

### The Great Invocation

*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.  
(adapted)*

# 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:

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Let light stream forth into the minds of men.  
Let Light descend on Earth.*

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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 –  
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Let the Plan of Love and Light work out  
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OM OM OM

## Arcane School Conference, 2022

You are warmly invited to attend the Arcane School Conference which will be held by the three centres – New York, Geneva and London.

These conference meetings will include talks, meditations, visualisation and discussion inspired by the Keynote:

*Let the light of the Seven Rays blend with the Seventh Ray, and Light Supernal usher in the new civilization.*

### **Arcane School Conference, New York**

A hybrid event consisting of an in-person meeting at:

**Anthroposophical Society, 138 West 15th Street (b/t 6 & 7th Ave.), New York, NY 10011**, with simultaneous zoom broadcast.

Saturday, 14 May, 2.00 – 5.00 PM EDT\*

Sunday, 15 May, 2.00 – 4.30 EDT EDT

### **Arcane School Conference, Geneva**

Zoom online events

Saturday, 4 June, 15.00 – 17.30 CEST\* (9.00 – 11.30 AM EDT\*)

Sunday, 5 June, 15.00 – 17.30 CEST (9.00 – 11.30 AM EDT)

### **Arcane School Conference, London**

Zoom online events

Saturday, 11 June, 14.00 – 16.30 BST\* (09.00 – 11.30 EDT\*)

Sunday, 12 June, 14.00 – 16.30 BST (09.00 – 11.30 EDT)

*\*EDT: US Eastern Daylight Time, BST: British Summer Time, CEST: Central European Summer Time*

To view all 3 programmes and to register for any of the Zoom events, please go to our website:

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