## The End Approaches the Beginning

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Our theme today, "the end approaches the beginning," is a line taken from an ancient mantram. It is a phrase that can have varied applications reflective of those critical turning points in the long trajectory of evolutionary development. These are times when the past and future come together through the medium of those who stand in the center, the bridging agents. This place where endings and beginnings merge and blend is sometimes called a no-man's land, a place out of time and space. A place where changes are wrought and an eventual new direction found. A place of the soul. Today the collective humanity, the NGWS, and the planet as a whole, are passing through major transitions within their different stages of development, each reflective of a no man's land when they are called to shift to a higher turn on the spiral. And all of these minor transitions are overshadowed by transitions within vast cycles of the two great zodiacal wheels—one a 25,000 year cycle and the other a 250,000 year cycle. These paralleling transition periods in the cycles great and small have resulted in the challenge and the opportunity of the times.

Standing within this middle ground at no matter what level of consciousness, subjects one to the fire. All around us today in the outer world we see these fires raging, often out of control. The past and those who cleave to it stand in sharp contrast to those who are forging, sometimes wildly, into the future. Extremes can never result in balance. The challenge for the new groups is to provide that bridging work through which the center can be found between the pairs of opposite. Through this means the group focalizes and becomes vehicles for another type of fire, one that purifies and transmutes the many conflicting forces and permits entry for the fire of spirit. The Tibetan calls it the avataric force—energies that emanate from outside our system from great Beings Who are hovering over the Christ, aiding in the preparatory work for the externalisation.

It's said that the Hierarchy is depending upon the discipleship group to become agents of this avataric fire. Although the long-established thoughtforms of the Piscean Savior as one Who comes forth to usher in a world of peace and harmony is held within the hearts of many, it's said in fact that the Coming Avatar comes to bring in the fire, the fire of love. This is "the fire which burns and destroys all barriers in man's nature, all separating walls between individuals, between groups and between nations." We're asked if we are prepared to submit ourselves to this fire (DINA I, 722)? We can all ask ourselves that question and be willing to accept the results of the choices we make.

During transition times when the Law is withering and there is an uprising of lawlessness on all sides, many people are hard-pressed to hold to the vision of a better world. The challenges of life in the three worlds are all engrossing. For many, these are cold and barren times when little light seems apparent. Such times are, however, periods for reflection, for the cultivation of the soil and the planting of seeds and through our work together in such service activities as Triangles we can fan the flames of light needed for new growth. Then, hidden within the darkness of the outer world, the seeds and tiny buds will begin to germinate and new life flower forth.

Then, despite the outer challenges or perhaps because of them, people will be encouraged and are being encouraged to cultivate a spirit of expectancy, the expectation for a coming revelation. During the past sixty years of the Stage of the Forerunner humanity has been subject to an intensification of

the light, which is reaching its zenith at this time as we approach 2025. As a result, the barriers that have long separated the known or material world from the subjective world of reality are breaking down, expanding human consciousness, creating greater receptivity to the unknown.

## Of this time the Tibetan writes:

"I challenge you above all to a deeper life, and I implore you for the sake of your fellow men to strengthen your contact with your own soul so that you will have done your share in making revelation possible; so that you will have served your part in bringing in the light, and will therefore be in a position to take advantage of that new light and new information, and so be better able to point the way and clear the path for the bewildered seeker at that time. Those who are not ready for the coming events will be blinded by the emerging light and bewildered by the revealing wonder; they will be swept by the living breath of God, and it is to you that we look to fit them for the event" (EP I, 189).

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