Hold the Vision

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Although we live in this physical world, all the while our soul, our true self, exists in a different state of reality, in a state of constant meditation—described in the teachings as meditation deep. And since our soul represents our true self, in one sense we can say in utter truthfulness that we, too, exist within that other, true reality and that the object of our lives is to become increasingly cognizant of this fact and to become increasingly porous so that the inner reality can express itself more fully through us within the midst of this material world. This is the dual life of the disciple.

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In order to become more responsive to this inner reality we work to conform our lives to the cycles and rhythms of the soul—cycles and rhythms that often align with the natural world and find resonance with the tides of the oceans and the cycles of both the moon and the sun. We likewise have our individual rhythms which are reflections of our particular ray and astrological makeup but which nonetheless form part of a larger group, planetary, systemic and cosmic rhythm.

And while life has its periods of inbreathing and outbreathing – the key moments both individually and collectively are the interlude periods, the times of greatest potency when the energies are magnified, held at a point of tension. The collective interlude periods are of course those of the full and new moons and the solstice and equinox points. Twice a year these interludes are magnified and exponentially so. This occurs at the eclipse periods. And we stand in the middle of one such potent period now, having just experienced a solar eclipse on the Scorpio new moon last week and we are now approach the lunar eclipse on the Scorpio full moon which lines up exactly with the planet Uranus, the planet known as the hierophant, the initiator, the planet that transmits and thereby focalises the incoming seventh ray energies of ceremonial order and magic—a key planetary influence governing the entire Aquarian age. We know that the seventh ray keynote is "The highest and the lowest meet" and, as such, this planet serves to ground the will energy that is always released through the eclipse periods and in the case of this Scorpio-Taurus cycle the will is fully available through the esoteric rulership by the two first ray planets – the non-sacred Pluto and the sacred, synthesizing Vulcan.

The will is impersonal, stimulating both the good and the bad hence the need for its appropriation by the discipleship group in order to seize and make manifest the energies and direct them into the service of the masses of humanity, stimulating the release of the energy of goodwill. This particular eclipse period and the subsequent one at the time of Wesak next April can provide a powerful stimulation that will serve to invigorate the new group of world servers, that group that is sensing the Plan and formulating the next steps needed for the implementation of that Plan. And it's always helpful to hold within consciousness the line that was discussed a few weeks ago from the closing passage of *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* wherein it's highlighted that "nothing" can possibly stop the implementation of that Plan.

This eclipse period can aid humanity to break free from those factors that are seeking to stop that implementation for Scorpio is the sign of discipleship, the sign of transformations deep within the recesses of the psyche and the eventual rising of the phoenix from the ashes of its dead self, in this case, the dead self of humanity as a whole. Taurus, the opposite sign to Scorpio, rules the new group of world servers. During this time, it might be helpful to hold in mind the four tasks with which this group is charged:

To work in the interludes, so keeping the Plan progressing.

To hold the vision before the eyes of humanity, for without vision the people perish

To free the prisoners of the planet

To synthesize and integrate all constructive activity as a demonstration of the Glory of the One.

Each of these points can be pondered and understood on multiple levels. This last point is particularly interesting as it charges us to broaden our understanding of how the Plan works out. Too often spiritual aspirants and groups might tend to only look for indications of spiritual activity within the ranks of the esoteric or spiritual organizations of the world. But clearly this is not the case and the teaching on the new group of world servers encourages us to seek out such individuals and groups that are the thinkers, the thought leaders, those who are forging new paths within the contours of their minds and support them and "strengthen their hands."

Often such people, such forerunners, are controversial, upsetting the status quo. The periods surrounding eclipses are interesting for they often can bring forth events that while challenging can serve as catalysts for change. In this regard it was interesting that on Friday Elon Musk bought Twitter.

It was quite refreshing that at least one of the social media platforms will move to reinstate many users who had been canceled for their views, leaving people free to make their own decisions as to what they wish to have access to. This action is a move towards freedom and alignment with the first amendment to the constitution of the United States which protects freedom of religion, speech, the press and the right to assemble and petition the Government for a redress of grievances."