

The Closing Section of the Great Invocation

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You may have noticed that this ancient mantra does not conceive mankind as a multitude of separate units, but as a ***center of consciousness***, and therefore with the mission of distributing love and light, as expressions of Will. The three aspects or potencies of Mind, Love, and Will, have been invoked in the first three stanzas; and in the fourth three lines we have an indication of the anchoring of all these powers in humanity itself, in "*the centre which we call the race of men.*" In some way, it is the heart of humanity the hope of the future of this planet; it is humanity where the possibility lies, to truly express all divine qualities in time and space. At this critical moment of human history, it is humanity in whom can love be truly born, intelligence correctly function, and the Will of God demonstrate its effective goodwill.

The phrase "which we call" has interesting implications. It is not our prejudiced and biased understanding of what humanity, is, or should be, what is here referred to; but that one consciousness with a definite role within the Plan, namely, humanity as the Masters see it: **we** call this center the human race, but we are indeed a spiritual hierarchy on the level of the soul. This Plan calls mankind to the expression of the Love of the soul and challenges men to become centers of distribution of that Light, to "let their light shine." Love and light are the great revealers, and underlying all the vast esoteric knowledge we have been given, there lies a simple, basic and beautiful idea: that *we are called to love more deeply*, and see to it that we can make that light shine forth in all darkened places of the earth, for "in that light shall we see Light." Only the golden disc of soul light reveals the light of the higher Spiritual Sun, as the Gayatri sings. It is the lesser light within that reveals the greater light; when the light of the soul combines with the light of the lower man, then that fused and blended light will enable the aspirant humanity to see and approach the Gates which open up upon the Way of Return to the Father in heaven.

Then comes the final solemn demand that this Plan of Love and Light, working through mankind, may "*seal the door where evil dwells.*" We may wonder why we should "seal the door" and imprison evil? Cannot "evil" be rooted out, erased, once and for all? It seems clear that the evil referred to has nothing to do with the mean inclinations, the selfish instincts and the separateness found in the hearts and minds of many human beings in incarnation today, in these difficult times. This sort of "evil" we have to overcome and eliminate for ourselves, as human beings. But then what kind of evil does the GI refer to? As the Ancient Wisdom explains, both, light and darkness, are inescapable at present. Imperfection is inherent in the nature of matter itself and constitutes an inheritance from a previous solar system (yes, the Great solar Being is born, and eventually dies, to be reborn again: this great Consciousness is also treading the Path to perfection under the Law of Cycles and Karma, as everything in nature, both great and small) and this inherited imperfection lying at the root of matter is related to the fact that all our planes, even that level on which our own immortal spirit lives, are composed of substance of one greater cosmic physical plane. As above so below, isn't it? When the emphasis of humanity is turned away from material conditions, then there will be nothing those evil forces can get hold of. At this stage, once light has revealed the darkness, it will also dispell it, as the

Agni Yoga explains. Nothing can prevent ultimate good, and the fulfillment of the Plan. But the reduction to powerlessness of the released forces of evil which took advantage of the world situation such as the last great war, or perhaps all present widespread conditions which work through cruelty, murder, sadism, lying propaganda, corruption and control by unknown heads, those forces which prevent the resources of the planet to be fairly distributed and which prostitute science, medicine and laboratories to achieve selfish ends, these conditions might require the imposition of a power beyond the human. And here is the deal: for this power to be available, it must be invoked, and only the right invocation, with the right group tension, will meet with evocation and response. Behind invocation, there always is a fixed intention, a profound desire to see the recognized need met, and the power of will. It is intention which can make the GI truly powerful, and the resulting invocative power can force these evil potencies back into their own place, being thus occultly "sealed" within. Through humanity, alone and unaided (except by the divine Spirit in every human being), can the "door where evil dwells be sealed." It is not the One Initiator who seals that door; it is not the Hierarchy and the group of Masters which forces evil back into the place from whence it comes. It is struggling, aspiring and suffering humanity to whom the task is committed, if we measure up to the task.

Another interesting idea may be found in this Grand Finale, or closing section, of the GI. There is a Plan to be implemented, and this task is in the nature of a restoration. When you think of restoring, you imply that something has deviated from its original purpose and it must be brought back on track; that some original quality has to be returned. This takes us again to the idea of cycles. We tend to consider human history as a straight line, but Nature has given us abundant proof that ultimate achievement is inevitable, but progress proceeds through cycles of ups and downs. Any deep observer of the world as it is now can conclude that we are certainly not living in a glorious age, and we see humanity having reached a crossroads. On the other hand, myths of past golden ages are to be found in almost every cosmogony of the world. If these ancient stories, as we certainly believe, hide a kernel of truth, it follows that once the Masters walked freely and openly upon the Earth, and the Mystery Schools were there to be found by anyone prepared, here on the ground we tread. The advance of darkness and egoism has caused a withdrawal, and if we are now reciting the GI we can infer that at least some of the Great Beings want us to invoke those glorious times back. We are thus living a cycle of opportunity, and the thought about cycles brings us the idea that, in order for the new things to be ushered in, some others inevitably end. This idea of restoration, indicates the keynote for the future and that the day will come when God's original idea and His initial intention will no longer be frustrated by human materialism and selfishness, so frequently mistaken today for true freedom; the divine purpose will then, through the changed hearts and goals of humanity, be achieved, and the Plan will then be restored on Earth.
