

The Human Condition

Goodwill has been described as the highest expression of love that humanity is able to express today. It is revealed through right relationships, through an ability to become more aware of the many parts or lives that make up the greater Whole --- divine, human or within the natural world. We recognise that no person is an 'island'. All have distinctive and individual expressions but share a common humanity, journey and goal. And, there are as many paths to God, as there are human beings. No path is better or worse than the other, just different, with its own peculiarities, idiosyncrasies and note. As human beings, although we have our own distinctive dharma and karma, collectively we are an intrinsic part of the evolving human kingdom, the world disciple.

The human condition is a remarkable journey of self-discovery, of an inner and outer adventure, and progresses from a focus on the outer world of sensuous perception and experience, to a deepening awareness of the beauty, intricacy and subtle impressions of the inner worlds. One has only to consider the beauty and depth of art, music and literature that carries us heavenwards to glimpse fleetingly the hand of God in all things. The human family acts as a vast bridge spanning and linking the spiritual and material worlds --- the Kingdom of God and the lower kingdoms.

There is an underlying beauty, courage, and selflessness innate in human nature, which is a reflection of the qualities of the higher worlds. We might ask ourselves: what is it to be human?; how would we define it?; how do we perceive our fellow human beings?; and how do we learn to relate with increasing love, wisdom and skill in action? We do not come into this world with a manual on how to overcome and transcend the problems and challenges that confront us on a daily basis, from the first stirrings of self-consciousness as a child to the maturity of adulthood, we evolve, drawing upon our own spiritual resources, attentive to the voice of conscience, which has been described as the 'whispers of the soul'.

As we move closer and deeper into the Aquarian era, the obstructions that prevent the expression and flow of the new ideals, the seeds of hope and of inspiration, will rise to the surface, in order that they can be held in the clear light and focus of an increasing enlightened world mind. Only this way can the obstructions be acknowledged and eventually transcended in the light of human understanding, wisdom and resolve. This process is unrelenting and instrumental in preparing the way for the return of the Christ, the world Teacher.

Each year there is a renewed opportunity to deepen and strengthen the alignment and livingness of our connection and rapport with the Christ and the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, the guides of the race, as we celebrate the three spiritual Festivals. The Easter Festival, the festival of the risen, living Christ, is held on Saturday, 31 March. This is the great western and Christian festival. The Wesak festival, the festival of the Buddha is celebrated a month later, on 29 April. This is the great Eastern festival, and marks the higher water mark of the spiritual year. The three spiritual Festivals conclude with the Festival of Goodwill, on 29 May, and celebrates the spirit of humanity aspiring towards God, the "One in Whom we live and move and have our being", Who through great self-sacrifice has brought all life upon our planet into manifestation, in order that they too can know God, as does He. For the lower

ever advances through the action of the higher. We do hope that you will avail yourselves of the opportunity to participate in these three festivals and in this meditative work of planetary proportions. Please note that the dates of the actual meetings may vary according to locality. And, further information can be found on our website or we will be pleased to send you details by email or by post.