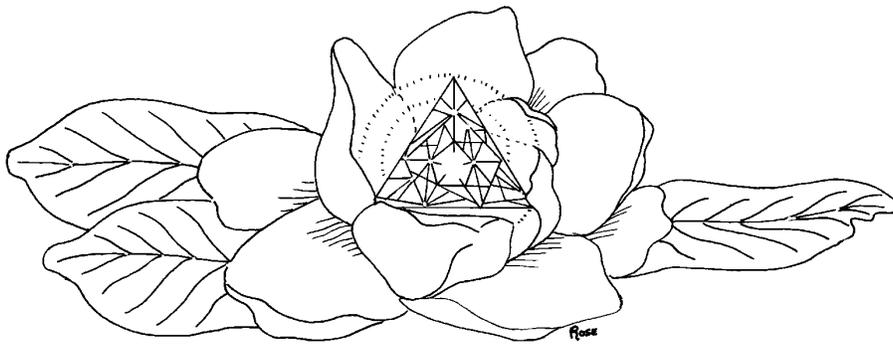


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Where The Heart Meets The Need The Warrior Architects of the 7th Ray

Good Evening Friends. I thought it would be appropriate this evening, on the cusp of the year between the in-breathing and out-breathing cycle, to say a few words about the process we call discipleship, a living process in which we all find ourselves immersed. As I see it just now, just this evening anyway, and within the context of the new Aquarian paradigm, I see us— regardless of our actual current soul and personality rays— I see us and all disciples as 7th Ray Warrior Architects, working, not so much where the rubber meets the road, as where the Heart meets the need. This new—for me, anyway— vision of the Aquarian Disciple as a warrior/architect working where the heart meets the need is paramount in what I have to say this evening.

As we are coming to realize, the new discipleship, or Aquarian Discipleship, always occurs within the context of a group. This is so because the Aquarian disciple sees from a group perspective. He or she understands that life is an interconnected whole. He is consciously, both metaphorically and factually, at one with the field of living energy within which he is living and moving. We call this attitude, this point of view or awareness, group consciousness. Usually, on the person to person level, group consciousness manifests as the kinds and qualities of ones relationships with ones environment, and especially with ones family, ones working situation or social circle or actual conscious discipleship groups. However, as most of us know from much “in our face” experience, discipleship is also an intensely individual and personal thing.

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After we have been consciously with it for a few years, we began to see that, again, regardless of ones individual ray makeup, discipleship itself is a 2nd Ray process of unfolding relationship. It is, as I said, a living process. It is the process of a gradually shifting identification between one’s form life, the personality, and ones spiritual Life, the Monad. Or as the lore of the ages has pointed out to us, discipleship is the process of moving from the unreal to the real, from the darkness to the Light and finally from the death which we have miss taken as life to the Life which we have miss taken as death.

Even though it occurs with in a group context, discipleship is now, and always has been, of course, an internal and personal process of relationship that gradually and more or less painfully unfolds within the deep recesses of one’s heart. Although, when deeply immersed in it, one would never know, seen from a higher point of view, the process of discipleship is very much like the unfolding of a rose, the petals unbending, not with out pain, in the Sun, until they finally reveal, in the deep heart’s core, the hidden jewel of Life.

Since discipleship is such an intensely personal and private process, it seems inappropriate for one disciple to lay out a bunch of “shoulds” and “coulds” and “ought tos” for other disciples to follow. However, since discipleship always takes place within the context of a group life, it might be helpful to indicate some of the common ground that all disciples share. For, friends, the countless, seemingly independent paths we walk with their multi leveled windings and layers really differ only in form, and they all lead eventually to the inner sanctum, the holy of holies where waits the One Initiator.

So, a few words about the common ground of discipleship, the common ground which in this day and this Age is the place where the heart meets the need.

The Big Picture

In keeping with the esoteric flow, let's start this evening with the big picture and work down to the tiny picture of each of us as disciples. The big picture which I have in mind, while not totally cosmic, encompasses two Ages, and is perhaps a bit larger than the picture about which most people think. The two Ages are the old age, the Piscean Age and the new age, the Aquarian Age. As this New Age moves into us and we move into it, we are becoming ever more deeply immersed in the energy field and frequencies of the recently released Shamballa force, the incoming 7th Ray and the rapidly waxing influence of the constellation Aquarius with its dominant 2nd, 5th and 7th Rays. Simultaneously, we are gradually leaving behind the overwhelming influences of the 3rd and 6th Rays and the constellation Pisces. That's a pretty big picture.

Imagine, for a moment, these two Ages as the in and out-breathing phases of one 5000 yearlong cycle. Just as we are standing this evening on the threshold of the embodiment phase of the tiny cycle of this year, we are also standing on the threshold of the embodiment phase of a very much greater cycle. The preceding Age under the influence of Pisces and the 6th and 3rd Rays can be seen as the very long, very deep inbreathing phase of this cycle. It was a phase of 2500 years or so in which mankind's focus including the focus of the Piscean disciple was literally out of this world. It was an inbreathing, a phase in which mankind reached for the stars, reached for knowledge, reached for love, searched relentlessly and pointedly into the realms of lore and into the abstract levels of mind for

answers to eternal questions: Who am I? What are we doing here? What is this about? Why do we die? Where is God? Who is God? and on and on.

Well, after a taking this very deep 2500 year long breath, we are beginning to exhale. The Aquarian Age is destined to be an age of manifestation, a 2500 year long phase of embodiment. As humanity moves into this new age, we are already beginning to see the signs of the shifting focus. Walls of separation are crashing down, and previously seen as unbridgeable divides and gorges in human relations and attitudes are being bridged and united. Let me mention just a two mega examples:

First, the scientific community has demonstrated, and it is accepted beyond question by the rest of the planetary intelligentsia, that ***the world is an ecologically interdependent unit***. In all of nature, there is no evidence of separation. This realization constitutes an as yet to be comprehended mega leap up and out of the Great Illusion of materialism. And although we have a way to go yet, this demonstrated physical plane fact alone is enough to doom the influence of the forces of separation.

Next, through television, radio and print media, we have the unrelenting 24/7 coverage of world events. Unfortunately, this coverage mostly deals with sad and awful things: hurricanes, cyclones, avalanches, starvation and famine, terrorist atrocities, wars, and an occasional positive event, like the Olympics. However, as a broad floodlight, as a revelatory medium, the coverage has served to demonstrate beyond question that ***there is only One Humanity***.

We have all seen as a result of the revelations of this coverage, that, regardless of race, culture,

religion, or geographic location, all humanity shares a common ground of values. We have seen, in countless hours of video tape and print stories, and heard, over countless hours of radio broadcasts, that family, including the children and the elders, and health and happiness and work, and education, that dignity with decency and respect from all, for all are the core values of humanity and are vital to all people everywhere. We have discovered that what it means to be human to you and me as we sit here in the heart center of the most powerful nation on earth, on the edge, if not in the lap, of luxury is exactly the same as it is for those people who in Darjeeling India right now are catching rain water in battered pots and pans as it runs off the muddy hill sides so that they can have something to drink and something in which to cook whatever meager food they have.

The fact of the One Humanity is, for anyone who thinks, beyond question. This too constitutes an as yet to be comprehended mega leap up and out of the illusion of separation. One of the very first steps the intelligentsia needs to take out of the illusion of separation is to realize that *all war is civil war*.

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True, we are still working on mustering the united courage and will to act upon these two mega shifts. However these two shifts—the realization and acceptance by the planetary intelligentsia of the fact of the interdependent reality of life and the fact of the One Humanity— have occurred. They have only been in place for a brief time, given the time spans about which we are talking; however, they are imbedded as incontrovertible facts of reality in humanity's consciousness. Our continuing thought regarding them will eventually result in their manifestation in a new social contract for mankind. Energy does

indeed follow thought. We really do not need any scientific proof of the etheric planes and so forth. This would be nice, and I do believe such revelations are closer than we think, but these two ideas alone will in the days ahead lead to the complete reforming of the social, economic and political landscape of planet Earth. That is coming. It is coming and, like the sunrise, it can not be stopped.

For the Warrior/Architects of the 7th Ray, The Sword of the Initiator, there remain, however, many barriers to be destroyed or removed and many gorges to bridge. Chief among these is the last gorge, the gulf that separates the 4th Kingdom from the 5th, that separates mankind from Hierarchy, the prodigal Son from the Father. This is the chasm of the shadow, the abyss of glamour, doubt, fear and illusion that lies between the three lower worlds and the Reality of the One Life. As disciples, as warriors, as meditators and builders, we know this abyss as the space in consciousness where the real battle rages and the final tests of the warrior occur. It is the space that lies between the form and the Light, the personality and the Triad. But this gulf too is daily being spanned by all true disciples who,

true to the principles of the 7th Ray warrior/Architects, are demonstrating that to exist the bridge must be a two way street. A bridge that goes only one way is no real bridge. Real bridges connect two places and provide a Way for the disciple to come and go.

There are a few points to be made about the general nature of discipleship on a somewhat more individual scale. For example, the Age in which we find our selves living is first of all an Age in which we chose to live. That is an important fact for disciples to comprehend. Disciples choose themselves, and part of the

choice we made was to incarnate, was to be here now. Having, by our very incarnation, freely chosen to cooperate with the Plan, we can realize that we have a role to play in the epic unfolding of Humanity's journey back to the Father.

We are part of that journey. In fact, we are the designated leaders in that journey. We are the leaders because we know the direction in which to go. The disciples of the Age, of any Age, are the Way showers, the true leaders of mankind. As such, we have the opportunity and the spiritual, self chosen obligation— if we can find and exercise the courage— to help shift world culture and the civilizations which make it up into a range of livingness, a quality of life and a level of harmony and beauty which we, this evening, can only imagine.

Contemplating this opportunity for just a moment will reveal the enormous forces of opposition that are arrayed, both inwardly and outwardly, against such a shift. A quick review of the cost and funding of the so-called free elections in our country over the past 50 years is indicative. The effort underway by the Forces of Retrogression in this quadrant of the battle is to replace the old, exclusive and evil concept of leadership by the divine right of kings with leadership by the divine right of wealth. This will help us realize just why today's disciples must be warrior/architects. The battle, friends, both the inner and outer phases, is far from over.

The Lord of the 7th Ray is also known as The Manipulator of the Wand. Imagination is his primary tool of embodiment. As warrior/architects we may not be able to imagine the precise look of the civilizations and

cultures that will be in place on the planet in 500 or 2000 years, but we can start toward them by imagining what we can do to bring the wisdom of the heart to bear on humanity's most pressing needs. "It is", as D.K. tells us, "the imagination or the picture-making faculty which links the mind and brain together and thus produces the exteriorization of the veiled splendor." *Esoteric Psychology II P. 249.*

Registering the "veiled splendor" is another part of the warrior/architect's work. We all know that we must cross the void into the Light. And we all know that this is not just a matter of sitting down to meditation, for meditation is really only the central part of the process through which the Warrior/Architect goes in the effort to bring the heart into relationship with the need. The first part is the courage and the willingness to expose the mind to the splendor. To the uninitiated, to those who have not yet had an encounter with what will be, who have not yet had a momentary glimpse of the approaching Glory, of the beauty, the simplicity, the wonder of the inner truth, who have not experienced the pain of that encounter and the sense of loss which accompanies the retreat from the vision, this need for courage and will is all but impossible to understand.

But these things are primary aspects of the life the Warrior/Architect leads. It is my observation that many struggling disciples fail right at this juncture. Looking into the face of God is more than the wonder of the vision. Seeing has repercussions. Seeing carries responsibilities and obligations. Also, one cannot stand very long in such a presence, and there follows the double pain of the loss of the vision plus the overwhelming need to do something with that tiny fraction one has seen. Having seen and experienced, some are too

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timid to go again. It takes a powerful love of humanity to generate the will that moves the warrior/architect again and again into that Light. And it takes the power of a seasoned and loving warrior developed only through these repeated journeys into the space of splendor “to hold on to the high point of consciousness at which the revelation comes.” *Esoteric Psychology II P. 248.*

Tonight, my fellow warrior/architects, as we stand on the threshold of this years out-breathing or embodiment cycle, let us first recognize and honor our fellow disciples, men and women just like us all over the world who have made and are making that daily journey into and out of the Light for the benefit or Humanity. We, who, let us recall, are among the planed leaders of men, stand where the vertical and the horizontal cross. We stand this evening at the junction of power. We stand where the heart meets the need. Looking out over the next few months, let us affirm this evening that *we will*, not that we will try, but that we will full fill the highest purpose of our incarnating plan. As Master Yoda said to the young disciple, “*Not try. Do!*”

The 7th Ray Lord, The Watcher in the East, is known as the Lord of Ceremonial Magic And Order. We have learned that the creation of a new form, the embodiment of an idea, no matter how simple or complex, is in fact a ritual of ceremonial magic. We know that this ritual requires the warrior/architect to invade the splendor, to stand in its presence and to return with a comprehension of the wonder intact and understood, so that it can then be imagined into existence. We know that a new form requires a space in which to manifest, and therefore, always, as an initiating step in this ritual, the 7th Ray Warrior/Architect will participate in a ceremony of sacrifice in which something which is no longer of service is renounced or

set aside in order to make a space for the incoming Life.

In closing this evening I would share with you the tiny glimpse of the coming splendor that I was once fortunate enough to register:

As the warrior/architects, the disciples and leaders of humanity continue to unitedly develop the larger vision, we will begin to see that our entire incarnation is one inner and outer related ceremony of magic, from birth to death. We will see that it is in fact a life long ceremony that involves the movement of the splendor of the Monad into a new form. Each day will dawn as a ritual, each decision of each day will be a movement in a sacred dance, a ritual of power that we are just now beginning to comprehend. Gradually, over the next, who can say how many years, our daily lives will increasingly take on the sense of ceremony. Beauty and ritual, a new kind of ritual, not the rigid and formed ritual of the old age, but a new fluid and graceful ritual will become central to our daily livingness, and eventually our lives, our individual lives and our, our collective Life will come to be seen for what they are, the unfolding of a Cosmic Rose.



From The Heart of the Group

Occasionally we should pause and formulate the meaning of the meditative way of life. Meditation, and more precisely group meditation, is essential to the peculiar gathering of disciples in whose company we find ourselves today as members of an esoteric training center. We have consciously chosen an endeavor to approach the Angel of Light and to affiliate ourselves with the white magicians who walk among men.

Practically, our aim in meditation is dual: 1) to contact the place of higher learning called Hierarchy, designated to be of the invisible world of ageless truths, a center of initiating energies and of synthesizing, unifying vision; *and to be impressed* by this contact; 2) simultaneously to develop a detached, inclusive perspective of Humanity as the workshop of eternal principles, the completion aspect in the eternal cyclic process of life, *and ourselves impress something upon this outer world.*

This dual activity and approach requires that we participate deliberately and fully at the meeting place where these two worlds can be known at once— the plane of the soul. This constitutes the place of work for the *true* esoteric worker -- our group work. This is in keeping with the age long progressive revelations of divinity -- ever the creative. Today the instrument -- the receptive -- is group. *Through our unified effort as a vital group* we propose to accomplish a unique task— to usher in the new enlightened vision that will create the new civilization of man, much desired. Meditation is the way of achievement.

Effective, daily meditation then, is our very first obligation and duty to our chosen task. Without meditation there will be no true vision in either of the above directions. Without this developed dual contact there will be no accomplishment, for the true bridging work is one process; the true worker must learn to be a mediator in this interplay, to pass freely between two worlds; there is no half way for this kind of endeavor.

One cannot get far in this kind of discussion without a consideration of sacrifice. The relationship of meditation and sacrifice is an important factor to be *accepted* and *appreciated* by every member in the group. The ability to sacrifice (as designed in the foregoing thoughts) is the evidence that the meditative link is made. We dedicate our time and interest to the Teaching because we sense the timely message in these writings. These teachings confirm that accomplishment is possible for those hearty souls who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices of individual self-fulfilling goals for an impersonal creative group experiment that will verify the capacity of men to love inclusively and unselfishly; to love and serve the larger life, the group life, principles, with all of the brilliance and joy this brings.

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This is a remarkable endeavor. When you pause to consider its meaning, is it not the essential message of our World Teacher?

The ancient ritual of sacrifice has meaning for us today in our work. The depth of loving selfless service inherent in each consecrated sacrificial act demands and consequently evokes a very basic liberation from form identity, the very basis of limitation and ignorance. Every true sacrifice is a sacrifice of form identity, a sacrifice that releases love. Sacrifice is release, not limitation. The practical factor is that involvement in too many forms, and too serious involvement in form activity, produce form identity. Then the beauty of the vision is sacrificed. Priorities must be constantly monitored. Essentials and non-essentials must be scrutinized. Right sacrifice (right measure, rightly timed) empowers service because as the person releases him or her self from identity in and with

form through intelligent willing choice, is or her act unveils ever more fully the vision and wisdom that lie beyond the prison house of self-interest.

The higher contact proceeds apace. In the expanding silence, the triad -- the world of ideas, intuitions, and spiritual purpose -- which is the soul's area of interest and work, gradually unfolds to the meditator's field of vision as informing synthesizing jewels of perception which, by nature, embody the creative impulse to change and transform things of moment.

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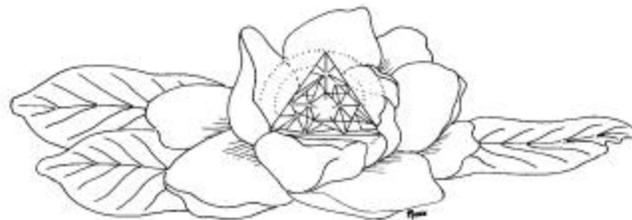
Such is the interplay and the resulting challenge to stand steady in the light. The meditator moves through stages of unfolding realization. Initially, in meditation a disciple contacts his soul. He then begins the long road of changing priorities, which is the path of conscious sacrifice first of one thing for another in order to make way for service, later the sacrifice of one good for another more inclusive enlightened good to make for precise vision. Directed by the soul, the

meditator moves toward the middle ground, an orientation to the field of consciousness as distinguished from orientation to the world of forms, able there through growing detachment from form identity to see and understand the human complexity with clear unmistakable certainty. Simultaneously, at the middle ground, the meditator is creating a steady dependable place of silence (in the field of consciousness) where impressions of a profound nature can find a pure medium upon which to be inscribed for safe keeping upon their journey into the world of forms. This journey, significantly enough, hinges upon the efforts of men.

The field of consciousness is an expansive field, as you can see, a place of dynamic interplay of forces and energies, a place of sacred meetings, the tower of the observer, the place of magic. It is readily accessible to the trained meditator, who moves freely within this field to locate centers of energy to facilitate his inner work and his outer service wherever the daily life places him. Each sacrifice creates a more clear and certain foundation in this field of awareness.

Soul infused individuals are the lighted beings in our highest visions for human awareness, free to work, to love truly, to know life more abundantly, and accept the divine task joyously. ***As meditation gives the soul access to the individual to create the soul infused personality, groups of soul infused individuals, meditating in unison, give Hierarchy access to Humanity.***

Rose Ellis



Its In The Stars

“Re-Forming” Our Forms

Welcome to our Community Meditation Meeting in the solar month of Cancer. The United States was born at 13 degrees Cancer, on the 4th of July 1776. The esoteric version of our history suggests the founding fathers were initiates, who came into incarnation as a group, to found a country more in line with hierarchical principles. Thus, it is likely no accident that 13 degrees Cancer is also the galactic address of the great 2nd Ray star, Sirius. Sirius is home to the Great White Lodge on which our own Spiritual Hierarchy is modeled.

In founding the U.S., our forefathers used the same method of spiritual creativity that we have just observed during the Three Linked Festivals. The idea of a land where there could be “liberty and justice for all” was Aries’ contribution. Taurus provided the illumination that a New World not only existed, but also could be reached and was worth desiring. Gemini then provided the etheric force to build the subtle form of the project as well as the human relationships to carry it forward, until the U.S. emerged in Cancer on the physical plane.

As a nation, the U.S. is still a baby, but from Cancer’s view, this is a good thing. The sacred 2nd Ray planet, Jupiter, is exalted in Cancer, and to our good fortune, Jupiter just happens to be in Cancer right now. “Exalted” means Jupiter can do its very best work in Cancer, because when forms are relatively new, they are simply more open to higher impression. New forms are not yet rigid. They are still flexible and permeable. New forms have also just come from the subjective realm and have not yet forgotten the frequency of home.

Cancer allows us to see in physical manifestation whatever we have been feeding on the mental, emotional and etheric planes. The saving grace of Cancer is that if we do not like what we see, Cancer gives us lots of 2nd chances to “re-form” our forms and relationships. In this salvage process, we set our intent to rebuild, invoke Cancer’s aid and attune to the spiritual purpose at the center of all forms. Such chances come not only in the solar month of Cancer, but every month when the moon passes through Cancer, as well as the transits of other planets with this constellation etc.

Cancer's watery energy can dissolve even our most distorted crystallized forms back into a more fluid matrix, where we can more easily redesign them in line with Spirit. To aid in this redemption of matter, Cancer distributes the 3rd Ray of intelligent form making, and the 7th Ray, which seeks to release the spiritual purpose at the center of any form into a more lighted house.

One small example of how Cancer’s distribution of the 3rd and 7th Rays can be harnessed is Arcana’s altar in one of the corners of our meeting room. The 3rd Ray governs money, whose real purpose is to facilitate right sharing. On this corner altar, Arcana is collecting the new U.S. quarters being minted over the next several years on a map of the U.S. with coin slots for each state. We have placed a flag of the One World over this map with the Great Invocation in front of it. We light a candle on this altar every Sunday morning, (the day DK suggests for redirecting money to the Forces of Light) as we hold one of our weekly

workshops and meditations. We, thus, help condition consciousness toward the non-separative uses of money every time we see a quarter. We also participate in a rhythmic group ritual, which is a favorite method of the 7th Ray to release spiritual purpose into a more refined form. Just think how different the world would be if all U.S. money were consciously aligned with Spirit and only used in service of the greater good.

Not only is our entire country influenced by the constellation Cancer, but both our national capital and head center, Washington D.C., and our national throat center, New York City, are ruled by this sign. If we invoke the country's 2nd Ray Soul, under the auspices of Cancer, these two cities can play pivotal roles in spiritualizing the forms of our government activities and business enterprises.

Cancer's influence on New York City affects not just the U.S., but also the world, as New York is also one of the five planetary inlets for higher energies. Some have even hypothesized New York City as the planetary throat center.

If true, New York City, as home to the United Nations, eventually could become humanity's corner of a conscious working triangle with both The Hierarchy and Shamballa.

If you are still not sold on Cancer's deep and wide-ranging spiritual influence, consider the creative hierarchy associated with Cancer. It is said to be on the verge of liberation to the cosmic astral plane of divine love. This hierarchy is also said to have a special relationship with both the Christ and humanity. Perhaps its liberation will be the final boost to realize Christ's reappearance.

Let us do our part to invoke Cancer's reforming gifts at this time of powerful opportunity and critical need. Exalted Jupiter is not only here to help, but this full moon comes with an eclipse as well, which always intensifies the spiritual energies present. Let us build anew, releasing the spiritual purpose of our country into full expression from our strategic location here in the country's heart center.

Miki Webb, Cancer 2002