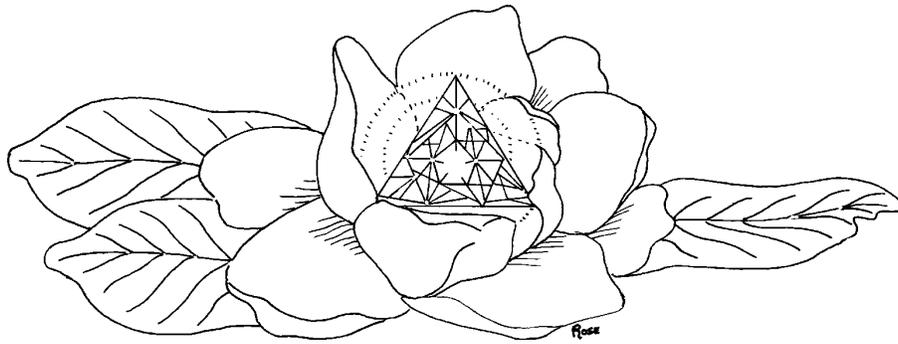


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All I can say is that synthesis is, whilst unity is achieved and is the reward of action and effort. As you progress upon the Path of Initiation the meaning of unity clarifies. As you direct yourself towards the Way of the Higher Evolution synthesis emerges. *Externalization of the Hierarchy p. 535*

Are We Up For This

The present time is severe. One can read in various Puranas [Sanskrit writings about primordial times.] about dates. If some scientists can calculate eclipses and earthquakes, other scientists can calculate other dates—the transition from Kali Yuga to Satya Yuga has been described with considerable accuracy, and the gravity of the time has been indicated. Fiery World I, 395.

Master Morya is not alone in his observations. Many folks in the esoteric community, and many of the world's more mainstream thinkers and intellectuals, have been saying for sometime now that Humanity is on the brink of great change. Personally, I think we passed the brink some time ago and that we are well into the Great Change, or the transformation of the world. That dye was cast longer ago than most of us can imagine. The future holds the promise of the Golden Age of Satya Yuga towards which the nebula of The Great Wheel of Cosmic Evolution has been relentlessly spinning lo these many years of Kali Yuga.

From most observers, we get one or another of two views of this presently grave, extremely fluid and totally confusing world situation. On the one hand we get a vision of gloom on the brink of doom, on the other, we are presented with the jumping off place into all sorts of salvation scenarios. It is very hard for us to see the changes that are actually happening because they are so in our face. Clear vision requires that we withdraw from the physical morass, the maya of the thing, and try to see the picture whole.

From an elevated position on the mountain, the valley becomes understandable, and the truth is that both of these options are going on simultaneously. We have, on the one hand, strident and unending messages, to say nothing of daily, graphic and horrendous examples of

gloom and doom or, to give these two frequencies their ancient Kali Yugic names, fear and death. And on the other we have, here and there, examples of joy and birth, new light and new life, new order and new living going on right now in the very center of the gloom and doom. You understand, of course, how all nebulas have these incredibly bright centers of impelling power.

As Life moves into manifestation, something has to make room for it. Something has to go. Those of us who endeavor to work on the subjective side of this equation understand this Cosmic fact as yin/yang, the ceaseless motion of creation, that two phase process of birth and

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death wherein death is simply the shattering of the old forms that have embodied or imprisoned the Life, and birth is the movement of the Life into new more appropriate forms or “stately mansions” as the poet said. Creation is the passage of truth and beauty—which two always and only co-exist—in and out of time and space.

This is all very well, lovely even. The knowing of it—and many of us really do know it—makes a comforting glow on the horizon of our daily lives, gives us hope and reassurance, fortifies our courage and strength in the darkness. We need these gifts of spirit, the strength and hope, and we are grateful for them, for the fact is that we do not dwell constantly, or even very much on the mountain top. We live and move and have our being right down

here, right in the middle of the vortex of change the Great Wheel is generating. The Master Morya put it very clear, “Man has fallen into a dark pit and closed the outlet with a black cover.” *Hierarchy, #118* Thus, we have Kali Yuga, the Dark Age.

This is where we are. And friends, it can be terminal for humanity if we forget or ignore that fact. We are in the trenches, where the action is. We are precisely where we need to be if we are to be useful to the Hierarchy, to the Custodians of the Plan and the “dispensers of assignments.” Another of Master Morya’s injunctions comes to mind. “...the complete task of the future Satya Yuga must be expressed now, amidst today’s animosity and destruction. *Agni Yoga #511*

So, that being the case, what I want to talk about this evening is what we need to do down here in this black pit. Let me assure you that

there is much that we can do. Indeed, friends, there is much that we absolutely must do. “One can see the end of Kali Yuga.” The Master says, but “It depends upon humanity where will be the beginning of Satya Yuga. We know that Satya Yuga is preordained, but its location and conditions may differ.” *Hierarchy, #118*

What we can do to make sure that Satya Yuga goes according to plan is easily summed up in the assignment that was given to all disciples by the Master Djwhal Khul. The assignment, you will recall, was that we were to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the kingdom of God, the planetary Hierarchy. This is, I know, a very strange sounding assignment, an awesome assignment to be sure, makes shivers run up and down my spine, but strange, indeed.

Frankly, I would prefer an assignment like the ones they used to give. Go out there and slay

that nasty old nine headed hydra. You will find him hanging out in this cave in such and such a place. Also, lets get rid of that crazy lion that’s been eating everyone in sight. He hangs out in a cave too, in a place called Nemea; and when you’re done with that stop by and clean out Augeas’ stables. Better take a facemask. They’re really a mess.

Now that’s what I call an assignment. Those were clear-cut, things you could see, you could do. They were somewhere. You go there. You get them and you get rid of them.

This present assignment, on the other hand, is very strange. First off, rather than get rid of something, a task at which we are quite good, we need to reveal something. That in itself is not such a big deal. In fact, it’s a nice change of

pace. The catch is that what we have to reveal is not hiding out in a cave somewhere... where all we have to do is go and get it and put

it on display. In fact, not only is what we have to reveal not hiding out somewhere, it doesn’t have any form at all. It can’t even be seen, at least by ordinary eyes.

Of course, as the Wisdom tells us, if you have the eyes to see it, well, then you can. This is all well and good for those with the high tech eyes. The issue is that we need to reveal this kingdom of God to people without these eyes.

This is our problem. And so, the question that today confronts every disciple everywhere is, “***Are we up for this?***” Part of the deal here—about getting the Satya Yuga going—is that until there are enough disciples who are evolved enough, that is who have the skill, the courage, the love, who have “the right stuff,” the right firepower; until the disciples of **this** world and **this** time, today’s Hercules are able

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and willing to do this “simple task”, as D.K. calls it, humanity, will not be going in any direction that resembles forward.

Well, we, the disciples of humanity, have come a long way. True, we look around; we think of Hercules with his muscles and his club and all, and we think, we’re not all that formidable. However, here we are, and we didn’t get here because we were weak or fearful. We have faced many challenges on the Path, and we are undaunted. I think that we, most of us anyway, accept the assignment without qualification. We can do this, and we are not afraid.

Among the earlier notions surfaced by my brain storming efforts to deal with this task was to figure out a way to get a bunch of those “eyes that can see” and make them available to folks on a mass scale—We could mount them in little goggles—designer shapes and colors, distribute them on the web, or Costco or maybe even Wal-Mart.

Well, so much for brain storming—which is, by the way, a lower mind technique, a kind of hard drive search of the horizontal files of the past. The solution to this problem and to most of the problems we are facing these days will not be found in that sort of research. We need to look to the future for solutions. That, I assume, is why we put so much of our energy into meditation.

There are two factors about this assignment that seem to differ widely from the earlier ones: First, rather than terminating something, those creepy swamp birds for example, or that dog with the three heads—You remember, Cerberus—anyway, rather than terminating something, we are revealing or birthing something.

The second factor is the absence of physicality, the very abstractness of the kingdom of God. It exists but can’t be seen, no convenient Club

Med location, in fact it has no dense manifestation at all.

These two facts were clues on how to proceed with the project. And they revealed the dangers we need to avoid in the execution of this task.

The First clue:

In this work, we are bringing something into manifestation. We are not personally involved with the demolition or destruction of the old forms. We are not terminating or removing anything. It is true that, in the degree to which we are successful in our task, there will be destruction, “**on a large scale,**” the destruction of, “... the present world structures in the field of religion, of economics, and of politics.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 300*

But the destruction of those forms is not the focus of our work. Like the quicksand around the Hydra’s cave, this is the lure and the trap for us. We cannot allow ourselves to be diverted into the destructive side of the field.

True we are very good at it. It is in fact, for many of us in the warrior caste, our line of least resistance. But, as we have demonstrated time and time again over the millennia, we also know how to use our firepower, our courage, our love of humanity, our intelligence to climb the mountain.

Now, in this assignment, our focus is and must be totally on the revelation or birthing side. It’s a Capricorn thing, really. “Lost am I in the light supernal, but on that light I turn my back.” *Esoteric Astrology P. 173-274*

This assignment will take everything we have—everything we have and everything we are.

The Second Clue:

The second clue on how to proceed with this revelation was the realization that what we were dealing with was not form, but substance. We are not being asked to manifest the Masters or

the Christ in the flesh here. We are dealing with Spirit and Divinity, with Love and Will. We are trying to reveal to humanity the fact that the formless world of the kingdom of God actually exists.

If we can do this, if we can make this fact a palpable, acceptable reality in the minds of the planetary intelligentsia, or even enough of them, we will be doing more to bring the individual man and woman and humanity as a whole closer to the Masters and the Christ and, therefore, the kingdom of God, than anything else we could possibly do.

So, for now, this all has to do with Light. In fact, D.K. quite specifically says, “[our] work is to let in the light, and where the light goes the Black Lodge must fade out and disappear.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 189*

We all know that Light and Love are. These are lives which exist. So, where are they? It finally becomes clear that something must be keeping them out, blocking their presence. We should have known.

And, friends, I am not talking about our personal hang-ups and blockages here, I am talking about the general condition of the dense planes. The goal of the forces of retrogression is to create an astral miasma so dense that the Light from on high cannot penetrate. As anyone who is tuned in at all to the world situation knows, these forces have whipped up the astral elementals into just such a frenzy. They have done and are doing this Master D.K. tells us through the “...uses [of] the voices of lying propaganda, the Word of death... and the Sound of the densest aspect in manifestation—the sound of power in the mineral kingdom.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 191-192*

Their primary effort is the creation of fear which they generate through constant and relentless references to and examples of terror and death. Fear, and its knee jerk brother, hatred, are the two densest formulations of deva life possible on the Astral Plane. The equivalent of astral lead, they present a layer of darkness that is virtually impenetrable to the Love/Wisdom Rays from the Hierarchy.

In *The Rays and The Initiations* D.K. says, “Today, desire for peace at any price, for adequate food, warmth and housing, for the restoration of stability and security and for the cessation of anxiety controls the mass of human

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reactions and makes the astral plane loom so large in men's affairs and in world decisions. This is so

dominantly so that the realization which the mind could reveal and of which the intelligentsia are the custodians is lost to sight and has small influence.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 674*

To give just one example of the accuracy of this observation, particularly the “peace at any price” statement, think of the US Patriot Act. Here we have a law that literally strips basic rights and freedoms from the people. This is a piece of freedom destroying legislation that people were willing to allow because they are so terror stricken.

So, it seems that we have to somehow counter this darkness with light. The only light we have is the light within ourselves, so we need to figure out ways to make that light shine. We need to make it brighter, steadfast and more like a flood light than a spot light.

A cautionary note: Just as becoming involved in the demolition side of the unfolding Plan is a

trap for us, so is focusing our attention on our own problems and blockages a trap. The quickest and actually the least painful way to transform our lives is to totally focus on the assignment. As D.K. has pointed out enumerable times, "When your interest in hierarchical work and the program of the Ashram ... is adequately strong, it will then dominate all your actions, and all your thoughts (waking or sleeping); you will then find that the grip of the Dweller will be broken, that its life has been destroyed by the force of attrition and its form destroyed in the fires of sacrifice." *Discipleship In The New Age Vol. II P. 47-48* Does this sound like transformation leading to transfiguration?

Firepower

In addition, keeping focused on the Plan gives us access to three kinds of firepower. These are our love for humanity, which is our motive power, and then we have two kinds of will power. We have the Will to Good, which, once we really get into this assignment will replace the need for motive, and we have Goodwill.

I do not need to say much about our love for humanity. If that were not a main staple of all of our lives we would have, long ago, left this worldwide company of brothers and sisters. The aspect of firepower that we know least about is the Will to Good, so I will save that for last.

It's the light of goodwill that we really need to focus on. I suppose we know a lot about goodwill. We think we do anyway. Still, I have observed that we have steadily learned more about this energy as the years have gone by. We have learned that the essence of goodwill, what really empowers and lies at its core, is the heart grasped realization of the essential divinity of all beings. We have also learned that at the core

of all efforts of goodwill in action lie the virtues of acceptance of personal faults and the forgiveness of other's harms.

We have had over the years much talk about the Mother of The World. It is interesting to realize that the primary energy of The Mother of the World is Goodwill. Goodwill is the mother, the nurturing aspect of the Will. It is the feminine side of the Will, a feminine energy. As such, it is interesting to understand that Goodwill is the energy body of the Mother of the World. Her energy body interpenetrates every atom of matter and is evident everywhere we look. Goodwill is not an object. It is an energy field. An aspect of God, it is omnipresent and omniscient, and we can draw on it at will.

Goodwill, simply does not deal with the illusory, old totalitarian world order concepts of superiority and inferiority. The power of goodwill flows exactly from its willingness to

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search for and find the inclusive common ground that weaves the diversity of the Father's Plan

together. Goodwill is the energy which discovers the unities in the diversities which in turn reveal the synthesis that is. The Mother omnisciently knows what forms will best embody the unfolding ideas of the Plan.

As D.K. has said, "When [people] of goodwill meet, no matter what their political party, nation or religion, there is no problem which they cannot eventually solve and solve to the satisfaction of the various parties involved." *Problems of Humanity P. 119*

This quote gives us an insight to what D.K. means when he says "that goodwill is the touchstone which will transform the world." *Discipleship in the New Age Vol. I P.65* This comment should not be taken lightly. It is

interesting to ponder on the notion that goodwill is the energy of transformation.

The New World Order cannot be constructed with the methodologies and techniques of old world order totalitarianism. The techniques and methodologies which we must use are to be found in the 3 principles and 3 laws "...which will control the coming era, the new civilization and the future world culture." *Discipleship In The New Age Vol. II P. 236* Those are the principles of Essential Divinity, Goodwill and Unanimity, and the Laws of Right Human Relations, Group Endeavor, Spiritual Approach. Embedded within these six ideas lie the methodologies and techniques for building the New World Order. These principles and laws hold the secrets of the Aquarian Age, of the long awaited Satya Yuga.

Is it possible that the disciple, Humanity, is approaching the 2nd gate, and that the conscious use of goodwill, on the part of the knowers is the key to the passage for all of humanity? Is this the power that will rent the veil from top to bottom once again? I have frequently thought that the ancient aphorism of the angels "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men" was more of a clue on how to do it than just a wish for humanity.

It is clear that a part of our task is to manifest a balance between the father and mother aspects of the Will. "The will-to-good is the Father aspect, whilst goodwill is the Mother aspect, and from the relation of these two the new civilization, based on sound spiritual (but utterly different) lines, can be founded. I would commend this thought to your consciousness, for it means that two aspects of spiritual work must be nurtured in the immediate future, for on them the more distant hope of happiness and of world peace depends." *The Rays and The Initiations P. 110*

Well, friends, this is what we have to work with. Our love of humanity brings us to the task. Goodwill is our primary firepower for our work in the veils. The Will to Good is the hidden driver behind all our work. The Will to Good is Inspiration, it is the Fire of God and it is, once we open ourselves to it, unquenchable. When we are driven by principle, we will overcome and the New Age will be upon us.

So, we are faced with this assignment to reveal with greater emphasis the fact of the kingdom of God, the planetary Hierarchy... The only way the Light of that kingdom can penetrate these lower veils is through the daily livingness of the disciples of the world. This is truly why we are here just now, why we chose to be here. As we employ the firepower of the Will to Good and goodwill, building relationships of mutual respect and care in every interface, throughout our environments, as we go about our daily lives being the light that is the kingdom of God, we will hasten the day when the Christ will once again walk among us.

Before we move into the meditation I want to mention just one example of a person, who is modeling this work for us. I am not endorsing anyone for anything here, but I think that if you would find the time to look in on what Dennis Kucinich is doing as he goes around the country campaigning for the office of the President of the United States, you will see a man using the power of goodwill releasing light into the veils with all the firepower I spoke of above: courage, love, clarity. This man is running for President of the United States. If he can stand up in front of large crowds and say the right stuff, surely we can build these kinds of bridges in our daily interfaces.

Tom Carney
Sagittarius, 2004

The One Pointed Disciple

Sagittarius has been depicted as a centaur and as an Archer upon a horse. The Astrological symbol that currently is most often used for Sagittarius is simply a partial bow with arrow.

The Centaur depiction originated in Atlantean days. The goal of the Centaur as a human attached to and identified with its animal nature, is the satisfaction of desire and of animal incentives. This earlier sign of the Centaur represents that time in the development of the human soul when human objectives, desires, selfishness, and identification with form predominate. The keynote of the Centaur is ambition. The injunction to the Sagittarian upon the orthodox zodiacal wheel is, "And the Word said: 'Let food be sought.'" The orthodox ruling planet associated with the personality aspect of is Jupiter. Jupiter is a medium for expression of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom.

A more recent depiction of Sagittarius, as a more advanced human in control of the animal nature, is the Archer upon a white horse, with bow and arrow aimed high. The Archer represents the aspirant, and the white horse the animal nature that the Archer/aspirant now controls. The white horse is also said to represent the developed and purified personality, and the rider the higher self—both depictions indicative of a stage of advanced evolution from that of the Centaur. The Archer's objective is to reorient toward some higher goal being guided by a directing purpose—the highest spiritual potential. The keynotes of the Archer are aspiration and direction. To the advanced disciple upon the reversed wheel, the Word goes forth: "I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another."

The Earth is the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius and relates to the Soul's purpose. Earth makes the

Third Ray energy of active intelligence available to the Sagittarian. This energy helps the disciple choose goals wisely again and again.

The Centaur and the Archer-upon-white-horse are not present in the current astrological symbol used for Sagittarius. Mainly, this is due to the emphasis or focus of disciplic living upon the inner life rather than the outer facts of the physical plane. When Lanoo, in an ancient catechism, is asked about what now remains that the horses of two kinds have left him, Lanoo replies:

"Naught but my bow and arrow, O Master of my Life, but they suffice, and, when the right time comes, I, thy Lanoo, will follow fast upon the shaft I sent. The horses I will leave upon this side of the door, for them I have no further need. I enter free, regain the arrow which I sent and speed upon my way, passing from door to door, and each time the arrow speeds ahead." Esoteric Astrology P. 177

An obvious metaphor for the Path of Initiation, this repetition of the deliberate choosing and setting of goals, attainment, then choosing again is sometimes referred to as the "returning arrow of the intuition." "It is the shaft of the arrow of aspiration which returns to the sender as the arrow of the intuition." Sagittarius is one of the intuitive signs, and, as our Tibetan Brother tells us, "only the intuition will suffice to carry [us through Sagittarius] to the foot of the mountain of initiation in Capricorn." *Esoteric Astrology P. 177*

Relating to the Hierarchies involved with Sagittarius, Mars is the ruling planet with its associated sixth Ray energy of devotion.

Sagittarius' fire, is a self-directing, one pointedness that is set on achievement. Gemini,

in polar opposition to Sagittarius, is an air sign that gains control of fluidity and balances opposites. In apparent contradiction to this—that Gemini balances opposites *and* is polar opposite to Sagittarius—is that Sagittarius is considered a sign of balance; here the balance referred to is that needed to “...hold a steady eye, hand and stance prior to firing the arrow which, when rightly directed and correctly followed, will lead through the portal of initiation in Capricorn”. *Esoteric Astrology P.190* So, when the soul is more active, Sagittarius is the sign of the one pointed disciple. Fluid response to matter becomes focused response to Spirit as the arrow of the mind is aimed with intent toward its goal.

For more detailed information regarding the Zodiacal energies, and origins and meanings of the stories of the stars, one could consult *The*

Labors of Hercules and *Esoteric Astrology*. *Full Moon Magic*, besides giving exact times for new and full moons, and the times of the Sun's entrance into the different signs, contains useful information on the Rays and Ruling planets, kinds of energy and their function, the interplay of opposites, and meditation themes and cycles. The current edition of *Full Moon Magic* pertains to information up to the end of this month. New editions of *Full Moon Magic* covering the years of 2004 through 2006 are available from Arcana Workshops. Please write or call for what you need and donate what you are able to. As meditators, full moon observance becomes more effective and more meaningful as we become more astrologically aware. So, I encourage you to bring more meaning into your life.

Jay Pietrzak
Sagittarius, 2003