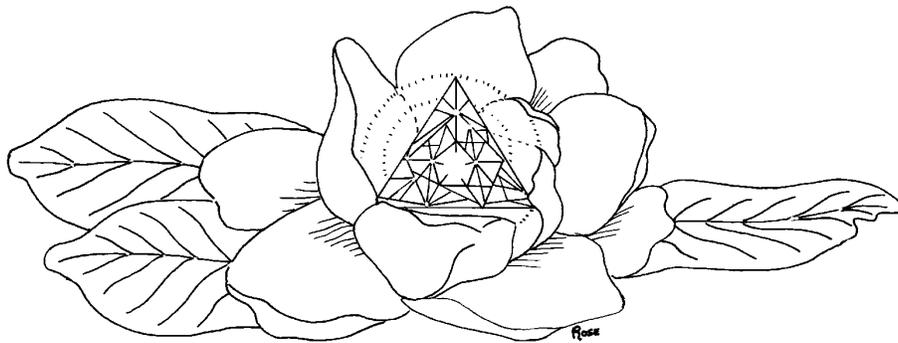


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And the heart will lead one by the path of the Christ to the step of Transfiguration. Thus we shall open the doors of the narrow house. Each fusion of consciousness already means open doors.

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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. ...[these] 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*

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Out Breathing Cancer 2004

Since the release of the Shamballa force in 1945 we have become accustomed to very strong in breathing cycles. However, the 2004 cycle, from which we are now emerging, does appear to have been, by all accounts, an unusually powerful in breathing cycle. The dominant energy during these in breathing cycles is always, as we know, along the first ray line of will and power. If you check the chart on “Rays and Rulers” in *Full Moon Magic** (available from Arcana Workshops) you will see that the odd numbered rays appear a total of 18 times during the cycle. The Second Ray line of Love Wisdom or the even numbered rays, by comparison, appear only 9 times during this cycle.

During the in breathing cycle, The First Ray Lord is very prominent in Capricorn, Pisces, Aries and Taurus, and we all know what happens when the First Ray Lord, “The Liberator from Form,” or “The Breath that Blasts,” as He is known, moves into a life. Meditators with whom I am in contact all over the world have been speaking of the unusually powerful impacts of this cycle, and particularly during those four full moon periods. Many of these disciples have had extraordinary, even peak life experiences.... seeing deeper and understanding at levels never before reached. These reports started to come in after Capricorn and increased as we moved through the full moon periods culminating in Aries, Taurus and Gemini.

The First Ray Lord
The Liberator from Form
The Breath that Blasts
The Opener of the Door
The Will that breaks into the Garden
The Finger of God
The Lightning which annihilates
The Lord of the Burning Ground
The Most High
Esoteric Psychology Volume 1 P.64

As might be expected, along with the Light and revelations brought to us by “The Opener of the Door” have come the many challenges that “The Will that breaks into the Garden” also brings. When we stand under Shamballa’s waterfall, we can expect to get soaked. The water of Life will penetrate all of our clothes or sheaths.

Unless I am greatly mistaken, every disciple who was engaged in the work of the externalization and reappearance during this cycle has been experiencing an unusual level of over stimulation and is being faced by serious points of decision on the mental plane to say nothing of having to deal with lots of old emotional stuff. Also, many folks have been experiencing great discomfort from unexplained fluctuations in their dense physical systems, and equipment: racing heart beats, symptoms of high blood pressure, various and sundry nerve inflammations with corresponding joint and muscle aches, sever head-aches, insomnia, and so forth.

It’s the old story, “No pain no gain.” What matters is how we cope, how we maintain a cheerful and loving attitude, which, as many of us know, is not that easy when the specters of despair and discouragement raise their 12 eyed, will sucking heads, or the old leg is killing us, or we feel like we are going to burst. But we manage. That is, disciples manage.

The challenge to our perseverance is probably the most difficult of the points of decision we face. And, we know from experience that we can count on facing this challenge at any number of junctions on the path. We meet the challenge to our perseverance with frequency as we cover the ground of the probationary way. Folks who are venturing for the first time in an incarnation onto the path of probation inevitably are faced with a severe challenge to their intent within the first two years of their attempt. When we eventually step on to the Path of Discipleship, this challenge faces us in more subtle ways, and with even greater frequency.

There is a place, or there comes a time, on the Path of Discipleship, to which many can attest, when we actually say yes, when we consciously and deliberately take up the life of the Spirit. We actually accept ourselves as disciples. After this point quitting is not an option. "Withdraw not now your application. You could not if you would; ..." are the words of the 2nd Rule for disciples and initiates. The focus of the perseverance requirement shifts then from the struggle of maintaining our presence on the Path to enduring the life of the Spirit. As D.K. says, "There is an inevitability in living the life of the Spirit which is at once its horror and its joy." *The Rays and the Initiations P. 59.*

As mentioned above, the challenges faced by Path Walkers at every level of the Path occur on all three planes of the lower worlds. However, at least until the 4th initiation, everything about the Path of ascent ultimately concerns registration at the brain level of the knowledge gained through the experience of either passing or failing in the challenge.

These challenges inevitably materialize in some area of the disciple's life. We are familiar with

the forms or the venues in which these challenges choose to appear in our family lives: the sickness or death of loved ones, the estrangement of husbands, wives, children, the loss of jobs and lots of moving and changing of living places. These challenges, of course, go on group levels too, and many discipleship groups have been encountering more frequent and greater than usual challenges and personality conflicts around leadership and the sacrificial demands of service.

These challenges must be met and solved at these levels. The solutions will be brain conscious and embodied aspects of new understanding and deeper appreciation of the Path.

It is good to remember that these are all part of the result of the inflowing First Ray, "The Lord of the Burning Ground."

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Looking at our own experiences as disciples is instructive especially when we realize that as disciples we are mirroring the esoteric and exoteric impacts of what is going on in humanity. All of the things I have mentioned are symbolic of the kinds of stresses the world community is experiencing. When, from a group conscious point of view, we are able to see the events and challenges that we encounter as microcosmic examples of what is being encountered by the One Humanity, we can realize that when we do triumph over our individual challenges, we do so for all of humanity because where one has trod others may more easily follow.

Thinking from the macrocosmic point of view of the One Humanity, we can see the inflows of massive waves of will energy being utilized by the various force centers and power manipulators around the world. We can also see

these initiations and manipulations working out in various forms. Terrorism, for example, is the result of the will being applied in a cruel, evil and binding way. Food for Peace is the result of the will being applied in a loving and releasing way.

Use of the will has little to do with who initiates the action that results in the manifestation, and everything to do with the motive behind the initiation. The use of force in Iraq—not only the war, but the torturing and starving and exposing of people too—is a good example. Here, a premeditated and unjust use of overwhelming force “shock and awe” is being employed to impose the will of some people on others. This is as much an act of terrorism as was the destroying of the World Trade Center.

The Full Moon Meditation Work

As I get it from the Teaching, all cycles are cycles of invocation and evocation. In the yearly inbreathing cycle, humanity is making an invocative appeal to the Lives who are directing our unfolding. The importance of the so-called Full Moon work lies precisely here.

The probationers and disciples who participate in this service gather up, and synthesize the invocative cry of help and light from the masses of humanity and the more focused invocation of the planet’s intelligentsia, and religious communities. To these they add the pledge of their intent to serve and the demand of light love and power. This package, one might say, is delivered with as much power as the world wide meditating group can generate to the doorstep of Shamballa.

The Science of Invocation and Evocation indicates that the power and quality of an evocative response is relative to the power and quality of the invocation that called it out. As D.K. says, “... the lesser ever invokes the higher, and higher factors are then evoked and

respond *according to the measure of understanding and the dynamic tension displayed by the invoking element.* (emphasis added) This many fail to realize. You do not work at the evocative process. That word simply connotes the response of that which has been reached. The task of the lesser aspect or group is invocative, and the success of the invocative rite is called evocation.” ***The Rays and initiations P. 35*** The quality and power which we all experienced during the recent inbreathing cycle was, therefore, a response to the quality and power of our united world wide invocation during the full moon meditations of the last cycle.

Another important realization here is to realize that these cycles are wholes. They are unities. We think in terms of the response and results from individual signs... the response, for example, from the Aries full moon meditation. We need to also think of the cycle from Capricorn through Gemini as one meditation. The response will come in the single meditation of Cancer through Sagittarius.

It would be wise for us to remember this as we move into and through the present Cancer through Sagittarius outbreathing cycle. Based on the evocative replies we have so far experienced, I think that humanity and those who serve it, that is the world discipleship group, are in for a very interesting time. I think that we have had just a taste of what is coming our way as a result of our invocative efforts over the Capricorn through Gemini cycle.

As I said, we should all be ready to be presented with unusual service opportunities some of which may require of us some rather interesting and challenging sacrifices. We will all be faced with “new opportunities to grow”, which is a disciple’s way of looking at challenges. As D.K. points out, “In terms of practical occultism, [the disciple or initiate] is

recognizing an ever widening sphere wherein he can serve with purpose and forward the Plan, once he has succeeded in identifying himself with that revelation. Until this revelation is an integral part of his life it is not possible for the initiate to comprehend the significance of these simple words. Identification is realization, plus esoteric experience, plus again an absorption into the Whole....” *The Rays and the Initiations P. 61*

The hindrances, both individual and group, we face as we face this cycle of opportunity will flow out of the idiosyncrasies of our Ray make-ups, and the gaps in our alignments. Although they will be relatively unique for each of us and for each group, these opportunities will still be best understood and coped with if seen from the detached context of the one humanity. These are not really our personal problems. There are no “personal” problems. These challenges are aspects of the struggle in which Humanity is engaged as it attempts to embody the Plan.

No matter the context or the specifics of the challenge, at this stage of the Path, the crux of the matter has to do with whether the control of the instrument and the resultant action will flow from the personal will, the Shadow, or the Spiritual Will. These issues, the Teachers have instructed us, will best be dealt with if we engage the Heart, the seat of Love/Wisdom, before we engage the dense vehicles, and particularly the tongue, in some form of action. In successful endeavors, meditation usually precedes action.

We are also instructed, again, whether we are talking about a group or an individual, that when our alignment is sound, the solutions that flow into our consciousness will be perfect in terms of meeting needs, timing, and power

levels. It is very important to maintain the alignment as we impress the lower equipment with these “felt” solutions because, almost immediately, the solutions will be questioned and challenged by the familiarity and comfort of the Old Life, which is another name for the Shadow.

This is to be expected because the solutions will frequently require some sacrificial changes in the way we have been living. The Old Life enjoys its way, even if it is suffering. The Old Life is not interested in dumping the known, the familiar, comfortable way it lives for some new and unknown path. Thus it will resist.

According to one’s ray make-up, the resistance will take many forms: doubt, denial, depression, discouragement, withdrawal. Where the mental equipment is very good, as it is in most disciples, there will be a blizzard of words and many clever arguments as to why the “felt” way is not a good one

and so forth. As we can see, it is here that the true challenge for most of us lies. Can we actually reach into the Triad touch the Wisdom and then... bring it into play or embody it in our daily lives with out getting side tracked or manipulated by the Old Life?

This of course has to do with our ability to identify with the new revelation.

The note, friends, for this cycle is one of wide-awake caution. And let us not confuse timidity with caution.

As we have come to realize, nothing that happens in the realm of the Path is disconnected from what has gone before and more importantly to what is coming in, or from the past and the future... remembering that future is not only a place in time; but esoterically, or

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energetically speaking, future is a place in consciousness and/or, for lack of any other word, identification.

Humanity's future on this planet, for example, is to create a civilization and culture of harmony and light where every individual has opportunity and support to grow to his or her subjective limit. However, it may take the One Humanity a long time to identify with that Truth.

So, friends, to sum this up, I think it was the invocative efforts that have been made this year by the world wide group of disciples, which have resulted in the tremendously powerful evocative response from the subjective side of Life that we have all been experiencing. I think that that evocative inflow is just starting, and it will continue to grow in power as we move through the months ahead.

Finally, I think that all of this has simply been by way of preparation for the coming 2005 Hierarchical nine-year conclave. Given the dire condition of the world situation, we need to be ready in 2005 to mount a supreme invocative effort, and we need likewise to be ready to receive and distribute a corresponding mighty response from the Inner Workers. What we have been experiencing and will continue to experience for the next few months is sort of a conditioning exercise for what is coming towards us in 2005.

In closing let me share with you one of the observations of the great disciple Martin Luther King. *"Human progress," he noted, "never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of [people] willing to be co-workers with God."*

That, friends, is us.

Tom Carney, June 2004

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The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all are seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastwards, springs--
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Gerard Manly Hopkins 1844-1889