

DISCIPLESHIP IN THE NEW AGE - VOLUME II

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To sum up:

The Lord of the World, through meditation, is carrying forward processes which He instituted in His original, creative meditation back in the darkest night of the time when He decided to create this planet of ours for strictly redemptive purposes. The whole creation is the result of His directed and controlled thought, a process of sustained thinking which sweeps all the creative energies into evolutionary and cyclic activity in conformity to the pattern which He eternally visualises.

He has organised a group which is responsive to His meditative intention; these Beings aid Him by Their concentrated and realised Purpose to bring into our planetary livingness certain extra-planetary energies which are needed to carry forward the planned work of the planetary Logos. Shamballa itself is also permeated with His thought and conscious (if I may speak symbolically) of that which the Logos has visualised. They are the Custodians of His Purpose, as it is revealed to Them, cycle by cycle.

The length of these cycles is one of the mysteries which is strictly guarded in the Council Chamber of the Lord of the World; these cycles have reference only to manifestation in the three worlds wherein the concepts of time and space control.

The Hierarchy is the Custodian of that aspect of the cyclic, planetary Purpose, which is called the Plan; this covers such relatively brief periods as civilisations where humanity is concerned. In relation to Shamballa, the intermediate group of meditating, creative Workers is called into activity in order to receive impression of the immediate, desired hierarchical activity, to transmit the needed energies from Shamballa to the united Ashrams and thus, esoterically, "inform" the Hierarchy of that which merits immediate attention.

Again, upon a lower level of the evolutionary spiral, the Hierarchy, in its turn, impresses the New Group of World Servers with the Plan to be at once applied to the helping of humanity. This group is the major creative agent in the three worlds for the remainder of this cycle of planetary experience. This has not always been the case. Humanity can now intelligently work with the presented Plan, and this for the first time in human history. I would have you note this. Men and women and women can now do their little share in bringing the divine Purpose into manifestation because they have now unfolded the needed mental capacity. The control and the creative development of the three lower kingdoms in nature is slowly

being taken out of the hands of the deva evolution (hitherto responsible) and placed under the supervision of mankind; as it is said in the ancient Archives of the Masters:

"Eventually, the solar Lords, through manas (the mind), will control the lunar lords of elemental substance, and not alone their own but that which looks to them for aid. Thus will redemption come to Philosophy all through man and woman, and thus the glory of the Lord of Life be seen."

Focused intention, concentrated meditation, visualisation, directed invocation (producing evocation) and leading to responsive results are the major processes of creation upon all levels and by all beings. Prayer, focussed desire, meditation, and focussed intention are the graded and sequential lessons which mankind has to learn. Worship, or recognition of divine Transcendence and divine Immanence, underlies all the mass recognition of spiritual potency. Thus the meditation of the planet penetrates into that which lies beyond the planet and is fused and blended in a solar sense with the Voice of Him, Who has brought all into being, and with the Will of Him, Who is carrying all forms of His livingness towards the perfection which He purposes; in so doing, the great processes of Redemption are furthered, to which all World Saviours (in relation to humanity) are the symbol, the guarantee and the eternal testimony.

In giving you these two meditations, I would remind all who undertake to use these meditative forms that they will not prove effective and of the needed vital potency unless the one who thus meditates identifies himself with the purpose and objective of the meditation, dedicates himself to cooperation with this objective and redeems all aspects of his own life in conformity with the focussed desire expressed in this spiritual appeal. It is useless, my brothers, to meditate along lines which will aid in preparing the world for the coming of the Hierarchy and for the reappearance of the Christ unless, again, that preparation is an integral part of your own constant daily endeavour and is not just simply wishful thinking and the formulation of a hopeful theory anent the future of humanity. It is useless for you to meditate in order to reorient money, for instance, towards spiritual work (and by "spiritual work" I do not here refer to the work of the churches and of the world religions) unless all the monies which you individually have to handle are dedicated to right usage, the fulfilment of your right obligations and the covering of your karmic responsibilities, plus the constant recognition of the relation of all money to the spiritual future of the race and the requirements of the hierarchical Plan.

There must always be, in your consciousness, a recognition of the needs of all men and women and women, and this must be true of all spiritually-minded people, of all true esotericists and of the religiously inclined man and woman whose heart and understanding are more divinely inclusive than are the hearts of the average followers of any religious doctrine, enunciated by the theologians of any faith.

It must be realised that money is the energy which can set in motion and make possible the activities of the New Group of World Servers, no matter what their colour, caste or church. Money does not yet lie in their hands. Their need for it is great. Millions are needed to spread the required knowledge of the hierarchical Plan; millions are needed to further the work of men and women and women of goodwill; millions are needed to educate the masses in the fact that He for Whom all men and women and women wait is on His way back to ordinary visibility.

The billions which are spent at present on luxuries, on expensive and unnecessary objects of desire, the billions (and, my brother, it is billions, as world statistics show) which go towards the purchase of candy, liquor, tobacco, jewellery and expensive furs, the millions which go in the violent search for excitement and for ceaseless nightly pleasure and, finally, the billions which go the way of armed conflict in all nations must be deflected towards those expenditures which will make the plans of the Hierarchy possible, which will aid humanity in its search for the new, spiritual and free way, and which will therefore bring into being the new civilisation. Billions are required to overcome the materialism which has dominated mankind for untold aeons; billions are also needed to bring about the reconstruction of human affairs and thus purify and beautify our modern world to such an extent that the Christ can appear among men and women and women; through the wise expenditure of the financial resources of the world in the many fields of human betterment and uplift, the Christ will be enabled to "see of the travail of His Soul and be satisfied."

I ask you, therefore, to follow these two meditations at least once a week and upon different days.

These two forms of invocative appeal can be used by all who are willing to participate in the indicated service.

REFLECTIVE MEDITATION UPON PREPARATION FOR THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE CHRIST

Stage I.

After achieving a positive and intended personality quietness, formulate clearly to yourself, in your own words, the answers to the following questions:

1. As a Member of the New Group of World Servers, what is my specific, fixed intention at this moment of dedicated contact with my Soul?
2. Is my concentrated and expressed personality purpose in line with hierarchical intention, as far as I am permitted to know it?
3. Have I, in my own personal daily life, earned the right (because of definite effort and not so much because of success) to stand with those Servers Who are now undertaking the work of Preparation?

This is the one time in the meditation where you think of yourself, and it is here because it is a method of personality, focussed attention and aligns your personality upon the mental plane.

Stage II.

Having answered these three questions in the light of the Soul, then say with emphasis:

"Forgetting the things which lie behind, I will strive towards my higher spiritual possibilities. I dedicate myself anew to the service of the Coming One and will do all I can to prepare men and women and women's minds and hearts for that event. I have no other life intention."

PAUSE

Stage III.

1. Visualise the world situation as best you can and in terms of your major world interest and with what knowledge of world affairs you may possess. See the mass of men and women and women everywhere glowing with a dim light and, here and there, points of brighter light where Members of the New Group of World Servers and men and women and women of spiritual intention and of loving hearts are working for their fellowmen.

2. Then, visualise (through the creative imagination) the vivid light of the Hierarchy, streaming towards humanity and slowly merging with the light which is already in men and women and women. Then say the first stanza of the Invocation:

"From the point of Light within the Mind of God

Let Light stream forth into the minds of men and women and women.

Let Light descend on Earth."

3. Then ponder upon the reappearance of the Christ; realise that no matter by what name He may be called in the many world religions, He is still the same great Identity; reflect and speculate upon the possible results of His appearance. Then say the second stanza of the Invocation:

"From the point of Love within the Heart of God

Let Love stream forth into the hearts of men and women and women.

May Christ return to Earth."

4. Endeavour to concentrate your fixed intention to serve and to spread love in your surroundings and realise that in so far as can do these things, you are attempting to blend your personal will with the divine Will. Then say stanza three of the Invocation:

"From the Centre where the Will of God is known

Let Purpose guide the little wills of men and women and women,

The Purpose which the Masters know and serve."

5. Consider practically what you can do in the coming week to further the preparations for the Coming of the Christ.

PAUSE

Then Sound the OM three times, dedicating the threefold personality to the work of preparation.

Suggestions:

1. It is suggested that you do this meditation once every week, each Thursday, in the place of your

usual meditation; endeavour to assume an attitude of aspiration, devotion, prayer and fixed intention (in this order) prior to following the outline. Esoteric students need the heart approach, as well as the mental approach, in order to make this meditation the powerful instrument which it can be.

2. Between Thursdays, endeavour to carry out the results of the reflection expressed in this meditation. Lay practical plans and then review each week the planned activities when you sit down to this meditation in the light of your expressed Intention.

3. Make this meditation brief and dynamic. After doing it a few times, this should be easily possible; forget the various stages and be impelled by the sequence and the synthesis of the form.

REFLECTIVE MEDITATION ON ATTRACTING MONEY FOR HIERARCHICAL

PURPOSES

Stage I.

After achieving a positive and intended personality quietness, formulate clearly to yourself and, in your own words, the answers to the following questions:

1. If money is one of the most important things needed today for spiritual work, what is the factor

which is at present deflecting it away from the work of the Hierarchy?

2. What is my personal attitude towards money? Do I regard it as a great and possible spiritual asset, or do I think of it in material terms?

3. What is my personal responsibility in regard to money which passes through my hands? Am I

handling it as a disciple of the Masters should handle it?

PAUSE

Stage II.

1. Ponder on the redemption of humanity through the right use of money. Visualise the money in the world today as

a. Concretised energy, at present largely used for purely material purposes and for the satisfaction

(where the individual is concerned) of purely personal desires.

b. Visualise money as a great stream of flowing golden substance, passing out of the control of the

Forces of Materialism into the control of the Forces of Light.

2. Then say the following invocative prayer, with focussed mental concentration and from a heartfelt desire to meet spiritual demands:

"O Thou in Whom we live and move and have our being, the Power that can make all things new, turn to spiritual purposes the money in the world; touch the hearts of men and women and women everywhere so that they may give to the work of the Hierarchy that which has hitherto been given to material satisfaction. The New Group of World Servers needs money in large quantities. I ask that the needed vast sums may be made available. May this potent energy of Thine be in the hands of the Forces of Light."

3. Then, visualise the work to be done by those groups which claim your present allegiance (i.e., the Arcane School and the Service Activities or any other group which you know is attempting to carry out the Hierarchical Plan). Then, through the creative imagination and by an act of the will, see untold and unlimited sums of money pouring into the hands of those who seek to do the Master's work.

4. Then say aloud, with conviction and emphasis:

"He for Whom the whole world waits has said that whatsoever shall be asked in His Name and with Faith in the response will see it accomplished."

Remember at the same time that "faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." Then add:

"I ask for the needed money for the Elemental Grace Alliance and can demand it because *'From the Centre, which we call the race of men and women and women Let the Plan of Love and Light work out. And may it seal the door where evil dwells.'*"

5. Close with a careful consideration of your own responsibility to the Plan, and each week plan your financial cooperation with the Hierarchy. Be practical and realistic, and know that if you do not give, you may not ask, for you have no right to evoke that which you do not share.

Suggestions:

1. This meditation is so simple that many of you may regard it as innocuous and perhaps futile. Used by many simultaneously, it may shatter the impasse, which at present prevents adequate funds pouring into the work which the Hierarchy seeks to accomplish.

2. Do this meditation every Sunday morning. Take what you have saved during the previous week and dedicate it to the work and present it in meditation to the Christ and His Hierarchy. Whether the sum is large or small, it can become an attractive and magnetic unit in the Masters' plans.

3. Realise the occult Law that "to those who give shall be given" so that they can give again.

4. Attempt to feel true love sweeping through you, and have the fixed intention to express this love to all you contact. It is the great attractive, and selfless agent in world affairs.

PART XIV

In my last series of instructions, I gave you a group meditation which was based upon the furthering of the work of the New Group of World Servers as they sought to prepare humanity for the reappearance of the Christ. That preparatory work is the major incentive lying back of all that I do and was the prime reason for the formation of the group in the early part of this century. Pioneers of this group appeared in the nineteenth century, but the organisation, as it now exists, is of relatively modern days.

In this instruction, we will consider the relation of group meditation to the work of the New Group of World Servers and the necessity of establishing in the world a united world group,

given to unanimous and simultaneous meditation upon the work of preparing the world for the new order and for the jurisdiction of the Christ (if I may use such a phrase).

It is necessary for you all to get a wider vision of the enterprise which this group has undertaken, or else the meditation work which you will do will hinder and not help. The task of the group of World Servers is not the spreading of esoteric or occult information. In preparing the world of men and women and women for the reappearance of the Christ, the needs of all the many grades in the social order must be met; world groups of every description have to be contacted. Much of the work to be done, therefore, will be purely economic and will concern the right feeding and the development of true security for millions who, for many lives, will not be interested in matters esoteric. The reform of the churches of the many world religions is another aspect of the same work, requiring no occult information but the introduction of common sense and progressive ideas into theology and the shift of the ecclesiastical emphasis from material values to the spiritual. The political regimes of the world need orienting to each other; it has never been the divine plan that all nations and races should conform to some standard political ideology or be reduced to a uniform general form of government. Nations differ; they have different cultures and traditions; they can function adequately under varying and distinctive governments; nevertheless, they can at the same time attain a unity of purpose based upon a genuine desire for the true welfare and progress of all men and women and women everywhere.

In all these spheres of human thought and activity, the New Group of World Servers are playing a prominent part. At the very heart of that worldwide group are those who are in the Ashrams of the Masters, as are some of you, or on the periphery or within the sphere of influence of these Ashrams. Their task is largely a meditative one, carried on in order to influence the minds of those members of the group who are not yet in touch with any Ashram; they work thus from humanitarian, interested, and basically, ray reasons and all such members are more or less under the control of their Soul ray; this affects most definitely the varying fields of service. These are the areas of thought within the human family wherein the preparation for the coming of the Christ must be carried forward, but this activity is not, as a Rule, associated with the esoteric angle or approach to truth but strictly with the angle of the betterment of human relationships. The Christ Himself (two thousand years ago) tried to demonstrate this mode of helpful activity; He kept the esoteric teaching for the few, the very few, who could approach understanding, but He dealt with the masses from the angle of common sense and physical plane helpfulness. Have this ever in mind.

I have been for some time seeking to impress upon you the eternal fact that the entire universe has been created and its evolution processed through the power of thought, which is only another word for controlled meditation. This covers the combined meditation of numerous subjective, spiritual and mental groups; the laws of this meditative work are the result of certain mental determinations, which embody the will of the planetary Logos and are imposed upon all lesser groups of lives by Those Whose task it is to wield the divine laws

and enforce them. Freedom of the will is here to be noted in relation to the Time concept but not in relation to the final and inevitable divine results at the end of the immense world period. The major thoughtform of the spiritual Hierarchy, created by joint Ashramic meditation, is called by us the Plan. The basic purpose of Sanat Kumara is revealed from cycle to cycle by His Agents in Shamballa and is by Them impressed upon the minds of the senior Members of the Hierarchy. They, in Their turn, make this impression the subject of Their Ashramic meditation, adapting its various concepts and the outlined purpose to a most carefully formulated Plan, presenting, as far as humanity is concerned, seven aspects or phases of evolutionary development and endeavour, according to the work desired of any Ray Ashram implicated at any particular time. Each Ashram thus undertakes meditation upon the general Plan, and thus (if you could but realise it) each initiate and disciple finds his place and sphere of activity and service, from the very highest initiate to the least important disciple.

You might here ask:

What is the value of the meditation and contribution of a new disciple, unaccustomed to Ashramic patterns of thought and unable to carry much weight in the general group meditation? That is a questioning worth answering and of great encouragement to the neophyte. The various grades and ranks of initiates and disciples are so constituted that the result of their meditation upon the Plan is that the many needs of the varying masses of humanity (from those of the advanced intelligentsia down to those of the unskilled labourer) can be adequately met and the great mass of men and women and women swung accurately into line with evolutionary purpose.

Have you ever stopped to think that the meditation of a Master upon the Plan of which He is custodian, and His formulation of what He can do along the line of effective cooperation, is of no service or usefulness to the illiterate inhabitants of our great cities and agricultural areas? The need of these unthinking masses must be met by disciples of less spiritual development, and probably their greatest appeal is through the application of economic help; the task of these lesser disciples is to prove to the ignorant masses that, as the centuries slip away, spiritual living and true spiritual understanding include every aspect of physical plane expression and not simply the religious or the philosophic modes of thought. The meditation, therefore, of every grade of disciple and initiate has its use, for by their meditation (carried forward on their own level), they can adapt the Plan to the widely differing masses, and thus the hierarchical Plan can reach from the Masters of the Hierarchy, through the Ashrams to the New Group of World Servers, and thus to the whole of the human family. I would like you to grasp the true simplicity of this picture if you can, for you can have a share also in this great meditative task.

One of the things which I set myself to achieve when I undertook this work of making the Plan clearer to the minds of men and women and women, and thus preparing the way for the

Master of all the Masters, was to prove not only that the Plan was based upon planetary meditation but that, in its progress towards expression, it met the need of all possible groups and grades of human beings; and that, more important still, it could be proved that the word '*spiritual*' covered every phase of living experience. Ponder on this statement. That is spiritual, which lies beyond the point of present achievement; it is that which embodies the vision and which urges the man and woman on towards a goal higher than the one attained. The ecclesiastics of the world have made a great line of demarcation between what is human and what is spiritual, between what is material and what is not; in so doing, they have created sin and greatly complicated human living and understanding. They have given a selfish import to human aspiration; they have not taught mankind that meditation and prayer were simply phases of cooperation with the divine Plan. Individualism was fostered, and group understanding was lost. Maybe, owing to the work of the Brothers of Darkness, there was no way to avoid this dangerous side-tracking of human intent and truth. But the time has now come when the great rhythm of meditation, ranging from desire through prayer to worship and from thence to meditation and invocation, can be imposed by men and women upon their own thinking.

This is the immediate task of the New Group of World Servers, cooperating everywhere with the men and women of goodwill; each member of the New Group has to ascertain for himself where he stands, where his meditative responsibility lies and in what field destiny indicates his service to the race of men and women must be found. This is no easy task, brother of mine. Men and women are frequently so spiritually ambitious and waste their time in doing that which is not their destined task because, in so doing, they satisfy their spiritual pride.

You must learn to give a wider connotation to the word '*meditation*' than you have hitherto given. Concentrated thought is part of the planetary meditation; planning with care for the helping of the needy and pursuing all avenues of thinking to make that plan useful and effective is meditation; laying oneself open to spiritual impression and thus to cooperation with the Hierarchy is meditation; in this enumeration of meditative possibilities I have not touched upon the major creative meditation which is responsible for the evolutionary process and the controlled moving forward of all the world of forms into greater glory and light.

The work hitherto done in such occult groups as the Arcane School and others, as they teach meditation, has been nothing but the learning of a needed concentration. Only in the meditation work of the fourth degree has some of the creative work become possible and that in its most elementary stages; yet the Arcane School leads the aspirants of the world in meditation of an occult nature, though not in any way a mystical nature. The mystical type of meditation is of ancient formulation, and its use indicates the next step for the masses of men and women; the practice of mystical meditation is not that which should be followed by aspirants and disciples who seek to work in an Ashram in cooperation with the Plan and under the guidance of a Master.

Meditation only becomes effective creatively and on all the three planes in the three worlds when the Antahkarana is in process of construction. The worlds of the personality are the worlds of the third divine aspect, and the creation of thoughtforms therein (as usually carried forward by the concrete mind) is related to form, to the acquisition of that which is desired and dedicated largely to the material values. But when a man and woman is beginning to function as a Soul-infused personality and is occupied with the task of rendering himself sensitive to the higher spiritual impression, then the creative work of the Spiritual Triad can be developed, and a higher form of creative meditation can be employed. It is a form which each person has to find and discover for himself because it must be the expression of his own spiritual understanding, initiated by a conscious construction or creation of the Antahkarana and subject to impression from the Ashram with which he may be affiliated.

Earlier in this instruction, I used the words: *'A united world group given to unanimous and simultaneous meditation ... for the jurisdiction of the Christ.'* I particularly want to call your attention to this last phrase which introduces a new concept into the preparatory work to be done by the New Group of World Servers. The task is, through meditation, to establish the knowledge of and the functioning of those laws and principles which will control the coming era, the new civilisation and the future world culture. Until the foundation for the coming *'jurisdiction'* is at least laid, the Christ cannot reappear; if He came without this due preparation, much time, effort, and spiritual energy would be lost.

Therefore, we must assume (if these premises are accepted) that there must be organised, in the near future, a group of men and women and women in every country who, under due and proper organisation, will *'simultaneously and unanimously'* meditate upon those juridical measures and those basic laws upon which the Rule of Christ will be founded and which are essentially the laws of the Kingdom of God, the fifth kingdom in the evolutionary and natural processes of planetary unfoldment.

So much has been discussed in relation to these laws from the mystical and strictly Christian angle that the terms used are essentially meaningless; the whole subject requires revitalising; it needs to be endowed with a fresh and new presentation and a new terminology, more suited to the growing mental grasp of the scientific and modern mind. There has been endless talk about Brotherhood and Sisterhood and the establishing of the principle that we are all the children of God, and this has done little to change men and women's approach to each other and to the shared human problems.

The New Group of World Servers will talk in other terms, and their emphasis will be upon:

- 1. The Law of Right Human Relations.**
- 2. The Principle of Goodwill.**
- 3. The Law of Group Endeavour.**

4. The Principle of Unanimity.

5. The Law of Spiritual Approach.

6. The Principle of Essential Divinity.

If you will study the many books which I have written, you will discover that they have been basically occupied with the Rules which Govern the ability to do group work, which is the work to which the Hierarchy is eternally committed. I have given you the Rules for Disciples in A Treatise on White Magic, the Rules for Aspirants in Initiation, Human and Solar, the Rules for Disciples and Initiates in A Treatise on the Seven Rays, Volume V. In other volumes, you will find the Rules for Group Work; all these Rules are, in essence, modes of conduct which, when imposed upon, impressed upon and followed up by an aspirant, will enable him to reach an understanding of spiritual law and of the nature of the Kingdom of God. All these are preparatory to the establishing of the new dispensation on Earth.

I would also call your attention to the words "unanimous and simultaneous" meditation; they are not idly chosen. A situation which is unanimous is not one which is, from the spiritual angle, imposed. It is in the nature of a spontaneous mutual reaction, a reaction which is evoked by the immediate response of a Soul, in touch with its personality, to a spiritual truth or intuition, and from this, there is no lower mind escape. The concept of unanimity, which has been presented by Soviet Russia, runs completely counter to the truth. Their idea is that the concept, the idea, the decision and the interpretation of a group of powerful men and women establishes the truth, and to this truth, the docile masses render prompt allegiance. This is a basic misconception, and to it, no member of the New Group of World Servers will render homage; they will fight this imprisonment of the human Soul to the last gasp.

True unanimity is free decision in response to a presentation of truth which is as near the achieved reality as possible. Therefore, it is in the enunciation of truth that security for all men and women lies. This necessarily involves a deeply spiritual presentation of essential facts. The Principle of Simultaneity is allied to this, for a mutual recognition of an identical approach to truth renders inevitably activity in unison.

The whole point, Brothers and Sisters of Mine, is that in both connections, the incentive towards activity lies with the individual, and there is no imposing authority. The only authority recognised is the truth as it emerges in the human consciousness, in any world or historical cycle. Today more truth is being recognised (and incidentally, repudiated) than at any other time in human history. Men and women have attained the point in evolution where they are able to know the truth if and when presented because the concrete human mind is now more highly responsive to abstract truth and, therefore, to the next evolutionary presentation. It is this which the Totalitarian Powers, the unconscious (and I mean that, Brothers and Sisters of mine) agents of the Black Lodge are fighting; they will not win; in the long run, they cannot, for the human spirit is eternally sound and sane.

I would have you consider these suggestions with care and thus prepare yourselves for an elucidation of the spiritual laws and principles as themes for meditation. I herein present to you six themes for group meditation; this is essentially your next consideration if the *'unanimous and simultaneous'* meditation, which can be immediately effective, is Organised and Developed.