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A new planetary epoch

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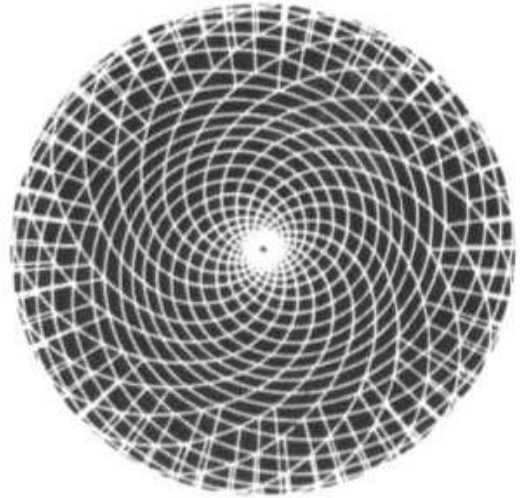
We are living in exciting and crucial times. Great enterprises are being brought into being, and others long planned are coming to fruition. People are being brought together in extraordinary and meaningful circumstances by synchronistic guidance, as if a hidden intelligence were arranging things behind the scenes. We can guess at the inner meaning of such events, but there is no way we can fully understand the intricate web which links us invisibly together, much less divine our ultimate destinies.

Yet the constantly emerging outcomes of these mysterious links reassure us continually of the magnificent inspiration behind it all. We -- through our own free choice -- are part of the planning process, and of some sort of chain of command, but necessarily are only dimly aware of the overall scheme. The Network of Light is a way of externalizing, or manifesting in the physical, the great operation that is now under way on Planet Earth. This is nothing less than the rebirth of the human, animal, plant and mineral kingdoms of the planet on a new, higher level.

The old infrastructure will not suddenly cease to be. All that is positive from the past will continue to be relevant and operative, and will stand as a pillar of support and inspiration throughout times of crisis and trial. But the new must be given space to come in and prepare the way for the next phase of humanity's evolution here on Earth. This phase is the beginning of what the Tibetan Teachings of Shambhala have sometimes referred to as the Age of the Heart, and we in the West often as the age of Aquarius, the age of the group or of the consciousness soul.

Essentially, this is the epoch in which we humans come together in inspired groups in a spirit of unconditional love, with no dogma or binding attachments, but in free and open gatherings of goodwill and sacred resolve. In this way our power for good is multiplied many times. It has been said that there is no limit to the good we can do if we don't care who gets the credit. Concepts such as credit and debit belong properly to a bygone age. They belong to the limited paradigms of profit-making, retributive reckonings and numerical assessments.

Let us now move on to a new and invigorating era of open decisions openly arrived at, shared inspirations, creative visions, universal compassion and unobstructed spiritual ideals. Only in this way can we do any sort of justice to the great epoch into which Mother Earth, and the very Solar System of



which it is part, are inexorably moving.

"Now our image of the goal changes: not Enlightened Man, who sees, the seer, but Transparent Man, who is seen and seen through, foolish, who has nothing left to hide, who has become transparent through self-acceptance; his soul is loved, wholly revealed, wholly existential; he is just what he is, freed from paranoid concealment, from the knowledge of his secrets and his secret knowledge; his transparency serves as a prism for the world and the not-world. For it is impossible reflectively to know thyself; only the last reflection of an obituary may tell the truth, and only God knows our real names.", James Hillman, "The Myth of Analysis - 3 Essays in Archetypal Psychology", Northwestern University Press, Evanston, USA, 1972, page 92.

"The divine spirit alone is the whole assemblage of the gods; all worlds are seated in the divine spirit; and the divine spirit no doubt produces, by a chain of causes and effects consistent with free will, a connected series of acts performed by individual souls." -- William Kingsland, "The Gnosis or Ancient Wisdom in the Christian Scriptures or The Wisdom in a Mystery", George Allen & Unwin Ltd, London, 1973, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1962, page 126.

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The Network of Light in the West Midlands by Philomena Houlihan-Wood

The Network of Light is alive and vibrant here in the West Midlands. I live in an ordinary street in the south of Birmingham not far from the city centre. Although I am surrounded by the usual bombardments of city life in the forms of constant traffic, noise, pollution, and litter, I am also intensely aware of and uplifted by a tangible continuous stream of Light and Love emanating from many and varied sources all around me.

Around the corner from my house there is a small Buddhist Centre which runs a "Peaceful Mind Café". Many people are attracted by the tranquil loving atmosphere, where smiles and loving kindness are the order of the day alongside delicious soup and toasted sandwiches. It is the focused intention to operate this cafe from a point of love and service to humanity that creates such a restful atmosphere. Customers who drop in for a cup of tea leave feeling refreshed in body and soul. On another nearby street there is a small Yoga Centre offering ways of coming into resonance with the heart, mind and body in an atmosphere of community and fun.

There are many stores and shops where I experience smiles and heart warmth being directed towards me. I increasingly feel a sense of community with many people going about their daily business who know and experience the power of the radiant heart energy. One such shop is called simply "People". It sells beautiful hand-made clothes and jewellery. When I step across its threshold I am always aware of the qualities of love and joy which the owners have in abundance. Everyone who comes into contact with them is made to feel cherished and beautiful. What draws people of all ages to return again and again to this shop? It is not necessarily to buy

anything. It is to experience that expansiveness of the heart when they step into the magnetic energy of joy and happiness.

I experience all of these places and many more besides, as places of Love and Light - places where ordinary folk going about their ordinary everyday chores are actually doing something quite extra-ordinary. They are radiating the Light of Love. As the first day of each month draws near, I begin to turn my thoughts in a more consciously focused and directed way to what is being asked of us all at this time. How to make my daily life, in community and brotherhood, be an expression of the Divine. I gather together all the remembrances of loving kindness and joy and I place them like precious jewels in what Sir George Trevelyan called the "chamber of silence within the heart."

As I enter into the Network of Light Meditation I keep in my awareness all the loving connections here in Birmingham. I focus this awareness with firm dedicated intention in my heart centre. I visualise it streaming outwards in glorious Divine luminosity to all the Light Centres around the British Isles and beyond into the wider world. Light and Love spreading and anchoring throughout the Earth, spiralling upwards in a clarion call of Peace and Harmony. Light streaming, encircling our planet, ascending and descending, energising and harmonising, transforming lives in a continuous wave of emerging consciousness. A vast dome of light cradling the Earth. Our task is to simply wake up to this ocean of Light being poured into the ordinary events of our lives and to radiate it outwards through an alignment of all of our hearts. This is surely Love made manifest.

Expansion and Integration Network update by Paul Fletcher

The Network has continued to expand with many new people joining the meditation each month. Behind each name listed there are often several more people who link up with us yet wish to remain anonymous. Several more groups, organisations and networks are also linking in with the 9.00 pm meditation on the first evening of each month. After each meditation reports reach us of wonderful moments and happenings during the link ups, not only from around Britain but from far afield in Hawaii, Australia, Africa, Switzerland and India.

On occasion the flaming intersections of the web have

been lit with triple flames and there has been a real sense of all the kingdoms co-operating in this Grand Exercise of Purpose. Part of this purpose is that human consciousness, being essentially divine, can raise the level of energy flowing along the etheric web and so effect and influence the physical world for the better. Now new energies are being released for this effort. Because Britain contains some of the oldest energy centres its potency is considerable. The re-emerging landscape temples and zodiacs of these islands inform our future work and will have to be defended against the developers and forces of materialism. Over winter 2004 we aim to publish a small booklet explaining more

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about this subject, outlining some of the recent history of this work during the twentieth century.

Although many people use The Great Invocation at the nine o'clock point there is no ritual, no form of words and no limitation in our thoughts. Everyone should feel that they can participate and give expression to the highest ideals to which they can attain, serving the well-being of humanity with love in co-operation with the Great Unseen Forces.

Someone asked recently, "what does the meditation do?" It enables those who participate in it to experience entry into a new dimension. It brings us all into a deeper spiritual union or stronger resonance with each other. Additionally it strengthens the links which we already have with the Spiritual Spheres or Realms.

During the meditation we can rededicate our lives offering ourselves as channels through which Divine Power can freely flow.

As the world struggles to birth the new forms of sustainable living we recognise that we are still in a period of transition. However by simultaneously joining together in silence at the beginning of each month we allow the light of the soul to bathe the world, awakening humanity to its spiritual destiny. From within ourselves we can now call forth the light into active external manifestation so that it may play upon the urgency of world need and heal and bless those towards whom we direct its radiating power.

If you do not already participate in the meditation at 9.00 pm on the first day of each month we hope you will consider joining with us in the coming months.

Additional news: The Network of Light website is now operational at www.networkoflight.org containing articles about the network, contact lists, links to other interesting sites and a message board. This newsletter (published twice a year) is available free from Nigel Blair at Beech Cottage, 79 Acreman Street, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3PH or Paul Fletcher, 102 Wells Road, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9AG or in Scotland from Margot Daru-Elliott, Darrick, Nine Mile Burn by Penicuik, Mid Lothian, EH26 9LP. If any of the contact listings are incorrect please let us know and we will update them. If you would like to become a contact for the Network in your area do not hesitate to contact us. For further information and leaflets about the Wessex Research Group Network, the Schools and Universities Network (SUN), the Wholistic College Network and his forth coming series of books contact Nigel Blair.

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