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### **The World Crisis of 2020 and the Approach to 2025**

In contemplating the implications of the world crisis of 2020, students of the Alice Bailey writings can't fail to notice the conspicuous proximity of 2020 to the portentous year 2025, pinpointed in the Bailey teachings as significant for a number of reasons. That the political, demographic, mental, emotional, and economic crisis of 2020 has emerged just as time draws nigh to the year 2025 suggests to many that the crisis unfolding right before our very eyes is both prelude and introduction to the powerful developments predicted in the Bailey material.

In seven of the twenty-four Bailey books, the year 2025 is mentioned as a turning point of great importance in the spiritual evolution of our planet. Primary amongst the reasons for this is that the year 2025 marks the moment when the first stages of the much-awaited externalization of the Hierarchy will be set in motion. In *Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, the Tibetan Master through Alice Bailey sets the stage and explains why the year 2025 assumes such great importance, stating:

“...the door which symbolically stands between humanity and the Hierarchy...today stands wide open, so that accepted disciples are taking initiation, pledged disciples are being accepted, and accepting disciples are taking their pledges. Thus a great and new movement is proceeding and a tremendously increased interplay and interaction is taking place. This will go on until A.D. 2025. During the years intervening between now and then very great changes will be seen taking place, and at the great General Assembly of the Hierarchy — held as usual every century — in 2025 the date in all probability will be set for the first stage of the externalisation of the Hierarchy. The present cycle (from now until that date) is called technically "The Stage of the Forerunner". It is preparatory in nature, testing in its methods, and intended to be revelatory in its techniques and results.”<sup>1</sup>

Thus, as the Tibetan Master made plain, 2025 stands out because it constitutes a decisive moment in time, one in which Hierarchy will make definite commitments to the next steps ahead in manifesting the Divine Plan. Likewise, the Tibetan identified the year 2025 as the cap or target date for a period of intensive action undertaken by the Planetary Logos from the late 1950s to 2025 with the objective of manifesting the Divine Plan on Earth through the three major planetary centers of Shamballa, Hierarchy, and Humanity.<sup>2</sup> In keeping with that timeline, the Tibetan Master urged all world servers to step up their efforts in advocating three basic realizations, “a recognition of the world of meaning, a recognition of Those Who implement world affairs and Who engineer those steps which lead mankind onward towards its destined goal, plus a steadily increased recognition of the Plan on the part of the masses.”<sup>3</sup> These three recognitions were to be put in place, according to the Tibetan, “if the total destruction of

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<sup>1</sup> *Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, 529 – 530. First published 1957.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 562.

<sup>3</sup> *Discipleship in the New Age II*, 164.

mankind is to be averted.”<sup>4</sup> These three objectives were to form the core of efforts to be made right up to the year 2025,<sup>5</sup> again pegging 2025 as a key moment in planetary karma. Thus, the year 2025 emerges as a year in which the destiny of Humanity and the planet are to be determined, with the total annihilation of Humanity a distinct possibility if certain evolutionary advances are not made.

The year 2025 is further characterized in the Bailey writings as the capstone of a noted period of planetary spiritual development slated to unfold from 1965 through 2025. In the late 1920s, the prediction was made in the Bailey material that the sixty-year interval running 1965 through 2025 would see the flowering of esoteric spirituality in the western world.<sup>6</sup> Observers of history will note that indeed the mid-1960s correlated to a world-wide cultural revolution which included the embrace of eastern religions and many forms of esoteric teachings, including the Ageless Wisdom articulated in the writings of H.P. Blavatsky and Alice Bailey, thus powering the New Age Spiritual Movement of the 1980s and beyond. The shift in consciousness accomplished in this period is said by the Bailey materials to peak and reach maximum expression in 2025. Interestingly, the period 1965 – 2025 correlates closely to the action of the most recent Uranus-Pluto planetary pair cycle, which had its last conjunction in the mid-1960s and which reaches the waxing trine relationship throughout 2025, becoming exact in September of 2026. Descriptive of a revolution in consciousness, this cycle would appear to quite precisely time and encapsulate the movement in consciousness pinpointed in the Bailey material, thus again targeting the year 2025 as pivotal.

Writing in the late 1930s, the Tibetan Teacher provided yet another reason why the year 2025 ranks as significant. From the late 1930s through

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<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> *The Light of the Soul*, xi – xii. First published 1927.

the year 2025, stated the Tibetan, light of a higher vibratory nature would subjectively pour into planet Earth, leading to a period of relative stability and of steady shining.<sup>7</sup> This greater light would shine for all, leading to the dissipation of distorted beliefs and images and thereby purge the mental, astral, and etheric zones of pernicious images, peaking with a greater world clarity in the year 2025.<sup>8</sup> In this greater light, Humanity would see its way free to the establishment of a cooperative federation of nations, not yet perfected but still meaningful, a development the Tibetan pegged to the year 2025.<sup>9</sup>

Finally, the Tibetan identified the year 2025 as critical in the area of restorative economic justice, writing that by that year, the Bodhisattvic or Christ-ideal would take over human society, radically transforming the nature of commerce and finance, shifting it away from the impoverishment of the many to the advantage of a few, and instead, making the resources of the planet available for the needs of all. As the Tibetan stated it, “The unfoldment of the Christ life—as a result of the presence and activities of the second divine aspect of love—will result in the ending of economic fear, and the “house of bread” will become the “house of plenty.” Bread—as the symbol of material human need—will eventually be controlled by a vast group of initiates of the first initiation—by those whose lives are beginning to be controlled by the Christ-consciousness, which is the consciousness of responsibility and service. These initiates exist in their thousands today; they will be present in their millions by the time the year 2025 arrives.”<sup>10</sup>

Thus, the year 2025 is characterized as a power point in the destiny of the Earth because it marks the earliest stages of the return of the Elder

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<sup>7</sup> *Esoteric Psychology I*, 103.

<sup>8</sup> *Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, 363; *Glamour: A World Problem*, 170 – 171.

<sup>9</sup> *Esoteric Psychology I*, 177.

<sup>10</sup> *The Rays and the Initiations*, 571.

Guides to outer manifestation, functions as a decision-point for the continued evolution of Humanity on this planet, caps a sixty-year phase of development in esoteric and world spirituality, signifies a point in time in which occult forces will act to purify the planetary atmosphere enabling Humanity to more plainly see truth, and because it contains the karmic moment when the soul-conscious forces of the Christ will tip the scales of planetary balance toward just economic conditions for all.

In 2020 with the partial collapse of the world economy and simultaneous immense public pressure on government and business to change from preference for the few to acknowledgement of the many, it is perhaps not so hard to believe that karmic forces inexorably towing planetary life toward restorative economic justice may be at work. Presently, these forces work through the immense Capricornian stimulus which has been present in the zodiac increasingly since 2008, when transiting Pluto entered Capricorn, sign of karmic consequences. Transiting Saturn added its weight to the Capricornian message in late December 2017, vastly increasing the teaching point that cruelty, greed, and inequity do not go unnoticed. Finally, Jupiter piled on in December of 2019, making for a transiting stellium in the sign ruled by Saturn, Lord of Karma and compeller of choice between right and wrong. Jupiter and Saturn will depart the sign of Capricorn in December 2020, but transiting Pluto shall remain in Capricorn right through late November 2024, neatly delivering time right to the doorstep of the 2025 portal. Thus, the inescapable and obvious implication is that the economic, demographic, political, mental, emotional, and physical disruptions and convulsions of 2020 driven by the Capricorn activation serve as the final course corrections preceding the destined dramatic events of 2025. Is that serious? Yes, but according to the vision of a Great Knower, it is not only survivable, but thrivable.

## Daily Analysis and Prediction for the Week Ahead

**This entire week is conditioned by two potent factors: the Wesak Full Moon on Thursday May 7 and Saturn stationary retrograde on Sunday May 10. These are both powerful forces which tend to force choices and create conditions in which individuals and groups have the opportunity to prove who they are. Saturn is the planet of discipleship opportunity.**

**Monday May 4 and Tuesday May 5** are conditioned by a conjunction between the Sun and Mercury in the sign of Taurus, stimulating the mind nature with thoughts of resources and their right uses. The Moon in Libra waxes toward the important Wesak Full Moon, which takes place on **Thursday, May 7**. On the head-end of the week is thus the right time to settle in for special spiritual quietude and alignment. The Sun-Mercury conjunction acting on Monday and Tuesday will create focus, facilitate mental polarization, and activate intuitive receptivity. Mercury distributes Ray Four, the natural correlate of the Fourth or buddhic principle, thus when intensified through conjunction to the Sun, it will provide a positive tune-up for the important meditative work to be done throughout this Wesak Week.

**Wednesday May 6 and Thursday May 7** are suffused with the powerful impact of the Wesak Full Moon. The exact moment of the Sun-Moon opposition is 5:45 am CDT on Thursday May 7, when the Moon at 17 degrees of Scorpio stands precisely opposite the Sun at 17 degrees Taurus. The tension of electromagnetic interplay between the potent signs of Taurus and Scorpio will be evident on many levels. Both signs distribute the Fourth Ray, the Ray of Harmony through Conflict and the ray of Humanity itself. Thus, Ray Four will be much in evidence. This can bring deep buddhic peace as well as intuitive revelations. Creative types will receive much inspiration for new works and techniques. Humanity will receive a tremendous subjective blast of spiritual energy helping to resolve

conflicts and find middle ground. Many things hidden will stand revealed, both to dismay and delight.

**Friday May 8** sees the power of the Wesak Full Moon lingering yet, even though technically, the waning phase of the Moon shall have been entered.

**Friday May 8 through Sunday May 9** are days conditioned by three passing aspects and one of greater gravity. The passing aspects are Mercury trine Pluto, exact on Saturday May 9, Mercury trine Jupiter, exact on Sunday May 10, and the Sun sextile Neptune, exact on Sunday May 10. These three passing or less powerful impacts will bring pleasant conditions and circumstances excellent for reflection, study, understanding, comprehension of complex matters, articulation of important ideas, and creative solution to artistic and spiritual challenges. The influence of much greater gravity is the Saturn retrograde station, which occurs late on Sunday May 10/early on Monday May 11. The Saturn station brings important matters to a head and clarifies the mental atmosphere, making it evident that choices and decisions must be made. At the same time, governmental powers flex their muscles through regulatory powers. The population is not docile, however as talk-back Mercury squares feisty Mars early on Monday May 11, setting the stage for pushback and volatile discussions. Even so, the serious energies of Saturn stationary retrograde on Sunday May 10 and Monday May 11 reach out over everything and counsel caution and self-control. We think about how we can do more for what is good and necessary by limiting ourselves to the essential.

