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Earth Becoming a Sacred Planet

Just as do individuals and groups of human beings, the great beings which utilize planets as their bodies of manifestation undergo processes of initiation. In the Ageless Wisdom, these great beings are termed Planetary Logoi. Each Planetary Logos manifests in time and space through a scheme, with a scheme defined as seven chains made of seven globes each, thus resulting in a total of 49 globes as the body of manifestation for a Planetary Logos. Our planet Earth is therefore but 1/49th of the total life

expression of our Planetary Logos, a great being on its own spiritual journey of cosmic initiations.

As with humans, the initiatory processes of Planetary Logoi can involve dramatic alterations of consciousness and condition. According to the Ageless Wisdom as given by the Tibetan Master through Alice Bailey, the Planetary Logos of our Earth is very much in a cathartic and tumultuous process of achieving higher initiations, a fact which might account for much of the upheaval and destruction now seen on our planet. In fact, our Planetary Logos is at a very sensitive point on its initiatory journey, for according to the Ageless Wisdom, our Planetary Logos stands between the Third and Fifth Cosmic Initiations. The Third and Fifth Cosmic Initiations are analogous to the First Hierarchical and First Sirian initiations for human initiates. The point in between these two initiations would therefore be analogous to the Fourth or Renunciation Initiation for humans, a point on the path known for its startling effects as it shatters the inhibiting forms of the past and opens a new way of higher evolution. On the human level, the Fourth or Renunciation Initiation often entails profound experiences of relinquishment and sacrifice, that the Fourth Principle of buddhic or universal love and unfettered intuitive functioning may unfold. It is likely that on this Fourth Globe in the Fourth Chain and the Fourth Round, this is the step on which our Planetary Logos finds itself.

What's relevant here is the key difference between the Fourth and Fifth Initiations for Planetary Logoi. Planetary Logoi who have reached the Fifth Cosmic Initiation manifest through what is called a sacred planet. As a result, the Logos of our Earth having not yet reached that initiatory status thus manifests through what is considered a non-sacred planet, rendering our Earth quite simply a non-sacred planet. Interestingly, the difference between a non-sacred and a sacred planet hinges on the degree of sensitivity to the very stellar influence which is esoterically celebrated at

¹ Alice A. Bailey, Esoteric Astrology, 513.

the present time of the year. That's the stupendous star Sirius, the degree of sensitivity to which turns out to be a key factor distinguishing those Planetary Logoi who have passed the Fifth Cosmic Initiation and those who haven not. Writes the Tibetan,

"The Logos of a non-sacred planet is becoming inclusive in His consciousness to all that is found within the solar ring-pass-not. He is establishing an esoteric "understanding relation" with all that lives within the body of manifestation of a solar Logos and is likewise registering a sensitive response to the quality of the Life which informs the Sun, Sirius. He has taken three cosmic initiations.

The Logos of a sacred planet transcends the knowledges, reactions and responses which are purely those of the solar system, is conscious of or vitally responsive to the life of Sirius and is beginning to respond consciously to the vibratory influences of the Pleiades. You need here to bear in mind in this connection that the Pleiades—though they are regarded as embodying the matter aspect in manifestation—are in reality and literally the expression of that Principle of Life which we call vitality, prana in its various stages or degrees, ether or substance.

The Logos of a sacred planet has taken five cosmic initiations."2

Thus, the difference between a non-sacred planet (such as our Earth) and a sacred planet is that while indeed the Logos of a non-scared planet registers a sensitive response to Sirius, the Logos of a sacred planet is vitally responsive to Sirius. The difference is thus a matter of degree: the non-sacred planet is aware of Sirius, but the sacred planet is keenly attuned to Sirius.

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² Alice A. Bailey, Esoteric Astrology, 504.

It is of note that even though our Planetary Logos is not yet keenly attuned to Sirius, Earth is still closely related to Sirius. As the Tibetan states,

"There is a relationship of very ancient date between our Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara, and the Lord of Sirius, and this exists in spite of the fact that our planet is not a sacred planet."³

At the very least, this is so because the star Sirius functions as a karmic adjuster for Earth, with the bulk of Humanity slated to spiritually journey to that great star at the time of systemic pralaya, to be breathed out again into activity. Sirius therefore represents a point of dissolution, spiritual cleansing, renewal, and rebirth for most of Earth Humanity, just as was suggested by the ancient Egyptian religion with its emphasis on the after-death journey of the soul led by jackal-headed Anubis, the dog of the Dog Star, Sirius.



Yet while the processes of manifestation carry on for the vast periods of time known as systemic manvantara, Sirius remains vitally engaged with the evolutionary processes of planet Earth. As the Tibetan states,

³ Alice A. Bailey, Rays and Initiations, 414.

⁴ Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, 844.

"A stream of energy coming from the sun, Sirius...enters directly into the Hierarchy and carries with it the principle of buddhi, of cosmic love." 5

The energy of Sirius

"...by-passes (to use a modern word) Shamballa and is focussed in the Hierarchy."

Indeed,

"The entire work of the Great White Lodge is controlled from Sirius; the Ashrams are subjected to its cyclic inflow; the higher initiations are taken under its stimulation, for the principle of buddhi, of pure love (i.e., love-wisdom) must be active in the heart of every initiate prior to the initiation of the great decision; it is therefore only initiates of the fifth, sixth and higher initiations who can work consciously with the potent buddhic "livingness" which permeates all Ashrams..."

It might be asked in what way Sirius "controls" the work of our Planetary Hierarchy. The Tibetan answered that perhaps unspoken question eloquently when he dictated to Alice Bailey,

"...the Life which is manifesting through Sirius...is an expression which is organised and vital beyond anything man can vision and which is free to a completely unlimited extent, again beyond the power of man to comprehend. The principle of freedom is a leavening energy which can permeate substance in a unique manner; this divine principle represents an aspect of the influence which Sirius exerts on our solar system and particularly on our planet. This principle of freedom is one of the attributes of Deity (like will, love and mind) of which

⁵ Rays and Initiations, 415.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

humanity knows as yet little. The freedom for which men fight is one of the lowest aspects of this cosmic freedom, which is related to certain great evolutionary developments that enable the life or spirit aspect to free itself from the impact, the contact and the influence of substance."8

The Principle of Freedom is thus a portion of the nature of the energies which pour down from the star Sirius and direct the enterprises of the Planetary Hierarchy on planet Earth. Such energies have nothing to do with enslaving the human spirit and everything to do with pointing it towards light, joy, and the infinite initiatory path leading into Cosmos and beyond. Perhaps a measure of the Principle of Freedom might be intuited from the Tibetan's description of the Fourth Cosmic Path, which leads to Sirius. He states,

"Cosmic rapture and rhythmic bliss are the attributes of the fourth path. It is a form of identification which is divorced from consciousness altogether. The reason also why the majority of the sons of men follow this Path lies in the fact of its numerical position. These units of the fourth kingdom, the bulk of the fourth Creative Hierarchy on this fourth globe of the fourth scheme in a solar system of the fourth order are innately compelled to seek this fourth WAY in order to perfect themselves. They are called the "blissful dancing points of fanatical devotion." This is as near as we can get to the true description. They have also been described as the "revolving wheels which turn upon themselves, and find the open door to perfect bliss."

Here the Tibetan describes the effect of communion with the star Sirius as cosmic rapture, rhythmic bliss, and blissful dancing, words which suggest an ecstatic engagement with cosmic process so

⁸ Ibid., 416.

⁹ Cosmic Fire, 1259.

complete as to obliterate all else. Perhaps it is precisely this unfettered celebration of pure spirit energy which makes itself available each year at the time of what the Tibetan termed the Sirian Festival, or the Full Moon period of Leo. He wrote,

"August, which is ruled by Leo, is the month of the Dog-star, or of Sirius, which thus brings Sirius into close relation to Leo. Leo, in the cosmic sense (and apart from our solar system altogether) is ruled by Sirius. Sirius is the home of that greater Lodge to which our fifth initiation admits a man and to which it brings him, as a humble disciple. Later, when the new world religion is founded and is working, we shall find that the major, monthly festival in August, held at the time of the full moon, will be dedicated to the task of making contact, via the Hierarchy, with Sirian force." 10

Opportunity for alignment with Sirius is thus at hand, for the Full Moon period of Leo for 2020 takes place on August 3. As we participate in this alignment with Hierarchy and Sirius, we are doing our parts to help planet Earth become a sacred planet, for as the Tibetan has said, it is the function of the sacred planet to be vitally responsive to Sirian influence. Now is our moment to facilitate, albeit in a small way, that very process.

"The initiate has to be aware of the zodiacal influences which emanate from outside of the solar system altogether. These can be recognised as: a vibration, registered in one or other of the seven centres; a revelation of a particular type of light, conveying a specific colour to the initiate; a peculiar note; a directional sound."¹¹

¹⁰ Esoteric Astrology, 299.

¹¹ Ibid., 23.

Daily Analysis and Prediction for August 3 – 9, 2020

"...the disciple has to become consciously aware of the planetary influences and begin to use them for the carrying out of soul purpose...."

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The week of August 3 – 9 begins with Full Moon and then sees the intensity associated with lunar full phase slowly decelerate as the Moon wanes throughout the remainder of the week.

Three distinct trends emerge for the week:

- 1) high enthusiasm and dramatic efforts to overcome stubborn obstacles generated on Monday and Tuesday with Full Moon, Mercury opposite Saturn, and Mars square Jupiter;
- 2) a period of relative quietude on Wednesday and Thursday as the Moon in gentle Pisces forms harmonious aspects with the major powerful transits; and
- 3) Friday through Sunday when the urgent Aries Moon squares the stellium now transiting in demanding Capricorn and Mercury in outspoken Leo prepares to square revolutionary Uranus in determined Taurus.

Monday and Tuesday August 3 and 4 see the arrival of the high spiritual tides of the Full Moon, with exact Sun-Moon opposition taking place at 10:59 am CDT on August 3, the Moon positioned at 12 degrees Aquarius and the Sun at 12 degrees Leo. The Leo theme of individual development and leadership potential interacts intensively with the Aquarius theme of cooperation and collaboration. Hence, the role of the self-aware individual within the group-aware context garners attention and forms a point of meditation for this passage. Avatars as unique examples of highly attained units of being also enter much into consideration. The question of how rightly to disseminate higher energies rises top of mind. At the same time, Mercury opposes retrograde Saturn from 28

¹² Ibid., 23.

degrees Cancer to 28 degrees Capricorn, suggesting that sources of resistance from entrenched elitist forces play a significant role today. Impatience with privilege and vaunted status runs high, however, as Mars in individualistic Aries makes the square to potentially pompous Jupiter in all-too-frequently insensitive Capricorn. Individuals acting as informal representatives of the people thus confront power structures and question unjust policies. Many situations emerge as tense and volatile, attempts to squelch opposition bringing all the greater disruption. On Tuesday, Mercury enters outspoken Leo, there to remain through August 20.

Wednesday and Thursday August 5 and 6 usher in somewhat of a cooling influence, soothing emotions and dissolving some of the intensity from the previous two days. The Moon in mollifying Pisces makes only harmonious aspects to the major transiting configuration throughout this two-day period, sextiling Uranus and Jupiter, conjuncting mystic Neptune, and sextiling Pluto and Saturn. This interval will as a result provide an opportunity for healing, rest, peace, understanding, meditation, contemplation, and alignment with sources of higher inspiration.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 7, 8, and 9 bring back into the picture a sense of restlessness, dissatisfaction with excessive regulations and imposed controls, and the urgent desire for change and implementation of innovative approaches. The Moon enters impetuous Aries at 8:05 am CDT on Friday August 3, setting the stage for challenge, conflict, and confrontation. Throughout this three-day period, the spunky freedom-loving Aries Moon will go on to square Jupiter, Pluto, and Saturn in rule-bound, administrative Capricorn, thus bringing many long-simmering disturbances to the surface of public discussion. Inflaming the whole circumstance and forcefully pointing toward the need for innovative solutions is the forming square between Mercury in Leo and Uranus in Taurus, exact on Monday August 10 from 11 degrees Leo to 11 degrees Taurus.