

THE PRESENCE OF THE DIVINE MOTHER

It was close to midnight when Little Lady – Alcyone became unusually insistent “in every which way” to go outside on an unusually cold (20’ F) night here in the moderate elevation of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains (1500’). Knowing this could go on for hours, I finally gave in to her persistent insistence. I rose to put on my thickest cotton robe, let her out and sat down on the couch in the cool of the dark night to wait for her return. Inhaling the fragrance of the evergreen tree was heavenly ... Absorbed in the tree lights, I became aware the magically meaningful ornaments were still in their boxes. Now that the major portion of Christmas had passed, would I have time to unpack them, I wondered.

Sitting in the cool, sweet darkness and stillness of the night, I became aware of a large Presence ... The Divine Mother ... Who I understood to be Mary – sensing Her name in my Mind as She Who had been giving birth to “Christs and Gods” all through the Night. Awareness spoke to me, “She is still with us” – She is standing behind our entire 12 Days of Christmas process. Feeling profoundly magnified by this realization, She seemed even larger, looming, imminent and all-encompassing. Her Presence was soft, humming and Real.

As I reflected, I realized ‘how would it be otherwise?’ The “Christ in You, the Hope of Glory” esoterically understood is Her purpose to nurture and birth on higher levels of consciousness - through time. These 12 Days are for further unfolding “The Christ in You born anew during the Christmas Solstice Days” at ever higher levels of expression. It is Her sacred role, together with the *will* of the inner Christ, to facilitate the revelation of Glory – until it is a full fact in expression and experience – in and through our forms. Only then can She step away. The enormity of Her Presence struck me. The Master DK wrote in TCF, ‘Mary is the greatest of all Devas’. Tonight I came closer to understanding this mystery. I saw another factor of this Truth, another facet of this Mystery. She is indelibly linked with Virgo as the Great Mother principle preparing the form to give birth “to Christs” throughout the long night of time – until the Day Be With Us. Until we fully proclaim our Identity as “I God, I Matter Am” (Spirit and Matter, the Mother and the Christ) – and in Leo – “I Am That and That Am I”.

Alleluia came to mind ... its refrains sounding softly throughout the ONE Day (of our 5 Days).

On Christmas morning, I awoke emerging out of a field that I can only describe as a memory of a huge energy blanket descending over the material world, onto the plane of form – and over the body lying in repose all through the night. Waking, I’d been aware of a sweet golden magic. When rising, I felt lighter, lifted, flowed-through and energetically vibrant. Was I born anew, I wondered? The answer came, ‘this is a process’. Yes, of course it is a process, and yes, I was. We know of those sudden, cumulative moments when the photon escapes its orbit and “everything is new”. This was not one of those times, but we have all had them when the time is ripe. This is a ‘process’, not ‘a moment-ous event’, at least not today.

The 4th Sunday Ritual Meditation was another combination of “process and moment/event”. I was struck by the beauty, depth and power of the ritual. Sheldon had read it to me aloud, “as the Soul would read it” on Christmas Eve night while I was preparing dinner. The words “sung” with such integrity and beauty and living Potential. The music Christmas playlist was playing in the background – at times the songs being played had an amazing synchronicity and corresponding rightness to what was being spoken in the ritual, all coming together as “living” word, every word. After it was completed, I thought, well – it seems as if we have done it now and there is no longer any need to do it again tomorrow morning.

Yet when the morning came, Sheldon suggested we do it again. This time in the consecrated Soul Chamber – a womb-like chamber atmosphere from which ‘Esoteric Advent’ issues forth, with music playing softly in the background, ... the candle lights lit at the appropriate moments, incense resins and Frankincense burning in the incense pot ... the atmosphere filled with angels and *expectancy*. Each sacred Word sounded, each thought spoken built one upon the next ... and the next. The stupendous Presences to Whom we were aspiring and invoking, in Whose Auric field we were stepping into ... began to be felt and more pronounced... the profound emanations of Love of These Beings circulating in circles ... attuned to the Plan of God The Plan that is unfolding and also in latency intending to unfold ... the sacred text of Truths - word thoughts offered by the Master DK, ... AB, ... inspirations from the Soul-Self ... and more And us, We Who have here gathered in the Soul Star Group, as One All of it came to a heightening closure of beauty, potency and Peace of the culminating process and Night.

Afterwards, though waking in the morning full of energy and deeply rested, I soon became sleepy and tired, realizing upon reflection that the energy fields we had just invoked and stepped into was like being in the Sun for many hours. Feeling the need to lay down to rest a little while (something I tend not to do, pushing through tiredness or fatigue), I recognized this was a different kind of tiredness. As I laid down, immediately the energies began integrating ... giving way to a warm fire in the heart and then, as if a portal in the heart had opened, Love poured through ! ... leaving a sense that “everything is Holy now”. Yes, Christ was born *anew*.

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The next day, the process continued to speak in my awareness which had me recall more that I had not shared above.

Last night whilst sitting in the fragrance of the Holy Darkness, as the silent looming Presence of the Holy Mother came into my awareness, I realized something more was being asked of us, to be impressed upon us, during these 12 Days. The mystic and the *occultist* (who ‘sees’, the esotericist): the Feeling and Heart nature (the mystic) and the intelligent Mind (occultist) that understands the science of the Soul and ‘Reality as it Is – the way things are’, are each sacred in their own right. Yet, their togetherness is the necessity for today for the modern Disciple/Initiate to move forward upon the Way.

A 'thought of willed intention' came to mind—asking me to 'insert into Her velvet night a conscious intention'. I did not want to do anything with thought in this moment and late hour because it required effort, I did not want "to go there" – to make the effort. I wanted to be empty, to simply enjoy and experience non-doing, to simply "Be With Her". ... Yet, like the 'search beam', I adjusted my vibrational focus and recalled to mind the First Day of the 12 Days of Christmas (Aries). Words came floating into my awareness: "Christ anchored on Earth the Will of God in the Matrix of Love" ... repeating this phrase over and over: "the Will of God in the matrix of Love"... I then turned my mind to focus on the Keyword and managed to remember part of it: "From the plane of Mind I Rule" ("I Come Forth and from the Plane of Mind, I Rule"). These two thoughts began relating and interacting.

After sufficient time had passed and noting the energy had now shifted, I got up to open the door and called out firmly to Little Lady – Alcyone. In the flash of an instant, her energy through the form of her small little body landed on the porch with a sounding precision and she bolted through the door, inside "where all is well", safe and warm.

The Star Alcyone is the brightest star in the constellation Pleiades – of the Seven Mothers, the "Sisters Seven". Thank you Alcyone... thank you Mother Night ... thank you MARY – for "being with me" – with "all of Us" in the continuing labor of the 'birthing Hour' that is as old as the night of time and as young as the unfolding future.

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