

Quotes, Notes For Lent, Pisces, Aries, Easter Webimar

I call you to discipline, for that is the meaning of fasting and to the constant effort to live at the highest possible point all the time; "This work," Christ said, "goeth not forth save by prayer and fasting." I call you to prayer and to meditation for both are needed today, fusing as they do the emotional and mental bodies into one aspiring whole

"Through purification comes also a quiet spirit ... and ability to see the Self.".... The word "purity" comes from the Sanskrit word *pur*, which means *freedom from* alloy, from limitation and from the imprisoning of the spirit in the chains of matter."

Leaves of Morya's Garden – Illumination (Book Two)

"One must manifest discipline of spirit; without it one cannot become free. To the slave, discipline of spirit will be a prison; to the liberated one it will be a wondrous healing garden...

One understands the discipline of spirit as wings.

Whosoever will is already prepared. He who comprehends the discipline of spirit as **illumination of the future worlds has envisioned evolution** will approach it carefully, **joyously brushing away the dust on the path. Most important, there will be no fear in him. And rejecting the unnecessary he will acquire simplicity. It is easy to understand that the realization of evolution is always beautiful.**

"In the world today a **great cleansing is going on**. An "ascetic purification" and an enforced abstinence from much that has hitherto been deemed desirable, is going on in the world, and none of us can escape it. This is due to the breakdown of the economic system and the many other systems (Climate and Healthcare) which are proving ineffectual in the modern world. Purification is being forced upon us, and as a consequence a truer sense of values must eventuate. A cleansing from wrong ideals, a racial purification from dishonest standards and undesirable objectives, is being powerfully applied at this time.

RELAYING CHANNELS IN THE DIVINE FLOW

It is essential that servers everywhere—the intelligent men and women of good will—get a grasp, fresh and clear, of the work to be done and that they become "relaying channels and not delaying points of selfish interest" in the divine flow. This takes vision and courage

Humanity has now reached a point in development where there is a definite grasp of the Plan of the Hierarchy—call it brotherhood, sharing, internationalism, unity or what you will. The disciple has to take himself as he is, at any time, with any given equipment, and under any given circumstances; he then proceeds to subordinate himself, his affairs and his time to the need of the hour—particularly during the phase of group, national or world crisis. When he does this within his own consciousness and is, therefore, thinking along lines of the true values, he will discover

that his own private affairs are taken care of, his capacities are increased and his limitations are forgotten.

With Ash Wednesday we began our process in true humility “on our knees” *surrendering* to a deep spiritual process. The Lenten process is a call of the spiritual will. Through Meditation III and the Disciplines of Spirit, prayer and fasting, we are cultivating in *real time* a high vibratory reality “all the time”. We unfold the virtues of the Soul through “right living, high thinking and loving activity”, releasing the higher forces of the Spiritual Triad to flow into the receptive, purified personality.

Lent leads to Easter. Working with *living energies* unfolding our Christ nature, we rise, released from the “tomb of matter” — the esoteric meaning of “resurrection”.

“Revelation” of one’s innate divinity is the risen Christ. Resurrection happens in form, and the purifying Mother substance of the form — for the hierarchical revelation of Risen Christ on Earth as in Heaven.

THE CHRIST - A PERFECT MAN

All the seven centres in the etheric vehicle of the Christ were rightly adjusted, correctly aligned, truly awakened and functioning, and properly receptive of all the seven streams of energy coming from the seven planetary centres; these put Him en rapport, therefore, and in full realised contact, with the One in Whom He lived and moved and had His being. [SK] The physiological result of this complete “esoteric surrender of the seven” (as it is sometimes called) to the incoming spiritual energies, in their right order and rhythm, was the appearance in the Christ **of a perfect endocrine system**. All His glands (both major and minor) were functioning correctly; this produced a “perfect man” — physically perfect, emotionally stable and mentally controlled.” **He lived the higher virtues while on earth, able to live at the highest point all the time.**

. THREE DAYS OF DISCIPLINE TO PONDER ON THE VIRTUES OF

◇ Spend one CONCENTRATED DAY APPLYING the discipline of “**Right Living**”

◇ Spend another day in the discipline of “**High Thinking**”

◇ Spend another day in the discipline of “**Loving Activity**”, **combining all three**

HARMLESSNESS [BENEFICENCE] Practice in the Right Use of Energy

“Perfection calls imperfection to the surface. Good drives evil always from the form of man in time and space. The method used by the Perfect One and that employed by Good is harmless. This is not negative [passivity] but **perfect poise, a completed point of view and divine understanding.**” (Three STATES of Soul Consciousness)

A vibration, an impulse, an emotion, and a desire originating from a lower aspect of the form side. The two impacts upon the sentient body must be recognized as different from an emanation coming from the soul

The question that has to be asked: is this reaction a response to (or from) the personality life or is it a response to or by soul consciousness? Does this impulse which seeks to sweep my sentient body into activity come from the divine Life within me or is it coming from the form aspect in any of its

manifestations? Does it cause my astral body to become active in such a way that those who are en rapport with me, are hurt or helped? Are they hindered or aided?

I tell you that the achieving of harmlessness in the positive sense (not in the negative) means the attainment of that step which leads definitely to the Portal of Initiation. But let him who so thinks practice the positive harmlessness which works out in **right thought** (because it is based on intelligent love), **on right speech** (because it is governed by selfcontrol), and **right action** (because it is founded on an understanding of the Law), and he will find that the attempt will call forth all the resources of his being and take much time to achieve.

It is the harmlessness (beneficence) that springs **from true understanding and control of the personality by the soul that leads inevitably to spiritual expression in every-day life**. It emanates from a capacity to enter into the consciousness of another, to penetrate into the realization of one's brother, and when this has been accomplished—all is forgiven and all is lost sight of in the desire to aid and to help.

HARMLESSNESS AS EMPLOYED BY THE HIERARCHY

"Perfect poise, a completed point of view and divine understanding."

The harmlessness to which I refer in connection with you is not negative [*receptive, passive*], or sweet or kindly activity, as so many believe; it is a state of mind and one which in no way negates firm or even drastic action; it concerns motive and involves the determination that the motive behind all activity is goodwill. That motive might lead to positive and sometimes disagreeable action or speech, but as harmlessness and goodwill condition the mental approach, nothing can eventuate but good."

"On a higher turn of the spiral, the Hierarchy also employs harmlessness, but it is related to **the will-to-good** and involves the use of **dynamic, electric energy under intuitive direction**; this type of energy is **never brought into activity by man**; it is energy which he cannot yet handle. **This type of harmlessness is based on complete self-sacrifice, wherein the will-to-sacrifice, the will-to-good and the will-to-power (three phases of the will aspect, as expressed through the Spiritual Triad) are all fused into one dynamic energy of a deeply spiritual nature**. This energy is the epitome of complete or perfect harmlessness, where humanity and the subsidiary kingdoms in nature are concerned, **but it is expulsive in its effect and dynamic in its annihilating impact, where the Forces of Evil are concerned.**"

PERFECT POISE

"Perfect Poise indicates complete control of the astral body, so that emotional upheavals are overcome, or at least are greatly minimised in the life of the disciple. It indicates also, on the higher turn of the spiral, an ability to function freely on buddhic levels, owing to complete liberation (and consequent poise) from all the influences and impulses which are motived from the three worlds. This perfect poise (which is a possible achievement for you who read) is arrived at by ruling out the pulls, the urges, impulses and attractions of the astral or emotional nature, and also by the practice of what I have earlier mentioned: Divine Indifference."

A COMPLETED POINT OF VIEW

This necessarily and primarily refers to the universal outlook of the Monad, and therefore to an initiate of the higher degrees. It can, however, be interpreted on a lower rung of the ladder of evolution and refers to the function of the soul as an Observer in the three worlds and the

completed all-round picture such an observer gradually attains. This is brought about by the development of the two qualities of detachment and discrimination. These two qualities, when expressed on the Way to the Higher Evolution, become Abstraction and the Will-to-good.

A completed point of view-as experienced on soul levels—**indicates the removal of all barriers and the freedom of the disciple from the great heresy of separateness; he has therefore created an unclogged channel for the inflow of pure love. Perfect poise**, viewed from the same level, has **removed all impediments and those emotional factors** which have hitherto blocked the channel, thus preparing the way for the Observer to see truly; the disciple then functions as a clear channel for love."

DIVINE UNDERSTANDING

"Divine Understanding must also be studied from two points of view. **As a soul quality**, it indicates **a mind which can be held steady in the light**, and can therefore **reflect the pure reason (pure love) which qualifies the reflections of the Son of Mind, the soul on its own plane**. On the higher **Way of the Master**, it relates to that **identification which supersedes the individualistic consciousness; all barriers have gone, and the initiate sees things as they are; he knows the causes of which all phenomena are the ephemeral effects**. This, consequently, **enables Him to understand the Purpose, as it emanates from Shamballa, just as the lesser initiate understands the Plan as it is formulated by the Hierarchy.**"

Pisces — The Light of the World. This is the light revealing the Light of Life itself. It forever ends the darkness of matter.

"In the first cycle of experience upon the wheel, the soul itself is in captivity to substance; it has come down into **the prison house of matter and linked itself to form. Hence the symbol of Pisces, of the two fishes linked together by a band. One fish stands for the soul and the other for the personality or form nature, and between them is to be found the "thread or sutratma,"** the silver cord which keeps them bound to each other throughout the cycle of manifested life. Later on, upon the reversed wheel, the personality is brought into captivity by the soul, but for long aeons the situation is reversed and the soul is the prisoner of the personality. This dual bondage is brought to an end by what is called the final death, when the complete release of the life aspect from the life of form takes place. **It should be borne in mind also that the soul itself is of the nature of form from the standpoint of the Monad, though it is a form far subtler than any that we know in the three worlds of human evolution.**

"There is also a dual renunciation referred to in these key words, for first of all the soul renounces the life and light of the Monad, its source (symbolized by the words "the Father's home"), and descends into the ocean of matter; then, reversing itself, the soul renounces the life of form, the personality centre. The soul detaches itself (in consciousness) from the Monad, the One, and functions from its own centre, making its own new and material attachments. Then, upon the reversal of the wheel, it proceeds to detach itself from the personality and re-attach itself in consciousness to the One Who sent it forth. Such is the climaxing story of Pisces.

"**The Lords of Will and Sacrifice** come down into manifestation, sacrificing their high position and opportunities upon the higher planes of manifestation in **order to redeem matter and raise the lives by which it is informed (the lower Creative Hierarchies) to the status of Themselves** in so far as They constitute the fourth Creative Hierarchy. This is **the subjective purpose**, underlying the sacrifice of these divine Lives Who are **ourselves** essentially, Who are qualified by knowledge, love and will, and

animated by ceaseless persevering devotion. They seek to bring about the death of the form in its occult significance and the consequent release of the indwelling lives into a higher state of consciousness.

“Of this process, all the world Saviours—past, present and to come—are the manifested symbols **and the eternal guarantees. It is in such recognitions as these that the mainspring to the life of service must be sought.** People born in this sign are frequently to be found serving the race and ministering to its needs upon some level of consciousness. Thus they are prepared for the final sacrifice in Pisces which "absorbs them back into their originating Motive," as the Old Commentary expresses it. It is for this reason that the life of service and the directed intention to serve constitute **a scientific mode of achieving release.** In Aquarius, the sign of world service, the lesson is finally learned which produces the world Saviour in Pisces. Hence my constant emphasis upon service.”

CONTEMPLATE. Our Lenten journey is a seasonal practice of discipline and renunciation — renouncing and relinquishing that which is not Real — the unreal, and reattaching to that which is Real: “Lead me from the unreal to the Real, from death to Immortality”.