

# Shamballa Influx Redux

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A warm welcome to everyone at this special moment within the spiritual year. As we gather together in our various physical plane groups, or lend our support at a distance, let us recall that we are *one*, a single subjective group on the inner planes focusing our energies in service to humanity and the Hierarchy.

The title of this Wesak address was inspired by the cyclic nature of the energies that are received by humanity each year at the time of the Wesak Festival, and which emanate from Shamballa, where our planetary Logos lives and works, and where the Will of God is known.

The title is also intended to convey a subtle allusion to the tenth anniversary – coming up in the next cycle of spring Festivals – of the Shamballa energy impact of 2000. Those who were working esotericists at that time remember how intense that occasion was. The regular annual influx of Shamballa energy is administered via the Hierarchy, who absorb the energies that are too powerful for human beings at this stage in our evolution. But in 2000 the impact was direct and unmediated, part of a large-scale cyclic pattern that occurs at irregular intervals. The previous direct impact took place in 1975, and the one before that was responsible for the energy conflagration that is known as the two world wars, and which the Tibetan refers to simply as the World War. Educated disciples now know enough to prepare adequately for such a powerful energy inflow, in order to avail themselves of the energy and not just become the victims of it.

Because the primary ray energy associated with Shamballa is the First Ray, this is risky business indeed! This energy of Will or Power, when misused, is capable of causing widespread destruction and misery as has been proven many times in recent history. For a constructive and beneficial use of this powerful energy, the energy of Love has to be present as a balancing factor. This is true of an individual and it is true of a group. The largest group – humanity as a whole – still has a distance to evolve before there is sufficient Love energy to provide a proper balance. Unaided, humanity is still unready to deal with the consequences of direct First Ray energy.

As individuals, many spiritual workers may also be unready because each of us carries a particular set of ray energies that condition our vehicles, and which are aimed at achieving a particular evolutionary purpose during this incarnation. We are also at different stages on the Path, and most of us are juggling issues that tend to distract us from a steady spiritual focus. We are told, “this outpouring of directed energy means a great stimulation of all sensitive and responsive aspirants; the result is not an easy one. Everything in [aspirants] is raised to the surface of consciousness, and while they are faced with a vital and beneficent opportunity, they are also faced with the problem of absorbing more ‘punishment’ than they would normally take. Will they break under the impact of self-discovery and the opportunity to eliminate personality? Or will they rise triumphant from the ashes of their dead selves into living power and beauty?”

Even groups such as SES are not exempt from challenges and surprises, and in 2000 we had our share. But an intentionally constituted group, whether it is small or large, and whether it is a self-contained entity or a subgroup of a larger one, has a distinct advantage during an important energy impact. The individuals that constitute the group can balance each other’s energies, so that weak areas are strengthened and individual strengths are broadened. And the united and simultaneous spiritual

focus of a group has many times the power of a lone individual. Therefore the spiritual group, as long as it is conscious of the energy picture, faces not a time of danger, but rather a time of *opportunity*.

It is an opportunity to serve by enabling “unready humanity” to absorb successfully the Shamballa energies at this time. It is an opportunity to receive special training in group formation, as we attempt to follow in the Hierarchy’s footsteps and perform the tasks that the Masters undertake in other years. Those of us who serve in this capacity can prepare ourselves for success in this undertaking by controlling our personal and group focus, and thus controlling the energies we will work with. In the early twentieth century Shamballa impact, people reacted according to the quality of their conditioning energies, so that “great and good individuals appeared and enunciated the truths needed for the New Age, but evil and pernicious individuals also emerged.” However, in spite of the chaotic energies that this impact initiated and which characterized much of the twentieth century, the Will-to-Good from Shamballa evoked the latent goodwill in humanity, so that there has also been a notable increase in general consideration for others and mass action to promote human welfare on a global basis. We are told that since that impact “human thinking has been more concerned with the production of unity and the attainment of synthesis in all human relations than ever before, and one result of this energy has been the forming of the United Nations.”



Before proceeding further let’s take a moment to recall the distinction between energy *contact* and energy *impact*.

In our discipleship work and meditation process we seek to expand our range of energy *contact*. We do this systematically, using recognized techniques, and gradually bring that which we envision as possible into the realm of actuality. Thus we reap the fruit of our past efforts. On the other hand an energy *impact* is sudden and extends forward into the future. As a sudden influx of energy from the Greater Life, it is revelatory in nature and opens up all kinds of possibilities for working disciples.

We can see how dealing with sudden impacting energies at this time is quite different from our usual work with energies and forces. We normally seek to become aware of our personality forces and of the energies we are immersed in. Our task is to align the energies of our microcosm with those of the macrocosm and gradually transform the human environment in line with the purpose of the One in Whom we live and move and have our being, transforming our own consciousness in the process. Our whole spiritual orientation – in fact, humanity’s whole spiritual orientation – has been aligned with the goal-oriented process illustrated by the definition of energy contact. The Path of discipleship is often viewed as an ascent and initiation is symbolized as a mountaintop.

Before 2000, probationers and most disciples didn’t consciously participate in “impacts.” These have been experienced mainly as disasters, or perhaps the “hand of God” working out the inscrutable will of Deity. The Deluge and the two World Wars of the twentieth century are examples that D.K. offers. But as humanity has grown in consciousness and the disciples of the world have made unexpected progress, the time was becoming ripe for group participation in Shamballa impact. In 1944, when the Tibetan was writing of these matters during the dark days of siege by the Forces of Evil, it was clear that there was inadequate Will-to-Good available to balance the first aspect of Shamballa energy, the will-to-power. But the Shamballa impact of 1975 showed that a change had taken place. Because of adequate preparation and the marshalling of the Will-to-Good by all disciples, a global process of spiritualization – of acceleration of humanity’s evolution – was the result.

I know personally several people who experienced that impact via circumstances in their lives, resulting in definite growth in consciousness. I responded to it myself by suddenly intensifying my spiritual search – it felt like an emergency! – and finding this group to work with. Since then I have

come to know how concerned the School staff was at the time, facing the first Shamballa impact since the one that precipitated the World War. They took more than three years and guided the School group through four sequential and linked Subjective Group Conferences calculated to produce an effective group energy field. It was a large effort, but definitely worth it, as the Will-to-Good predominated in this group and in others that were on the same wavelength.



Next I want to say a few words about the nature of the Shamballa energy, and then suggest how we might cooperate in its distribution during and after the Wesak Festival.

We are told that there are actually three great energies focused in Shamballa: the Energy of Purification, the Energy of Destruction, and the Energy of Organization. (See *The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 84ff.)

The Energy of Purification is the power to eliminate all that hinders Divinity from full expression. Although purification is commonly associated with physical processes, it actually originates in the subtle vehicles and then, if alignment is good, proceeds automatically through to the etheric and physical bodies. It is amazing to think that there is actually an energy out there that automatically “substitutes good for evil.” The process, when it works upon us, can be disorienting, but if we expand our consciousness to participate and even guide it through our deeper understanding, we can mitigate some of the unpleasant effects. Attributes supported by this energy are emotional loveliness, mental clarity, and intuitional illumination.

Closely related to this energy is the Energy of Destruction. Actually, destruction is an aspect of the purificatory nature of the Divine Life. To simplify the relationship of these energies, it could be thought of in the following way: purification is what the Greater Life experiences, and destruction is what we experience! This energy is wielded (1) by the Council at Shamballa, whose intent is to bring all forms into line with the evolving Purpose; and (2) by humanity who, through initiating causes that are responsible for the cyclic events and consequences in human affairs, becomes master of its own destiny.

The Energy of Organization originally set in motion the great Ray Lives and impulsed “intelligent manifestation” on the planet. Thus was created an ideal arena in which Divine Purpose could be worked out through the medium of the Plan.

We are told that Shamballa energy is available for right use by humanity. We are also told that the power to do so lies in *understanding* and *group use*. We all are members of a group that is seeking to understand the right use of energy and then to impulse that energy in service. Speaking for the group, I think I can say that our motives are clear and our capacities are growing. The group understanding and the group use protect us individually and lend power to our efforts. And we learn by following the teaching of the Hierarchy and seeking to pattern our group activity after Them.

What exactly does the Hierarchy do when it serves as the intermediary between Shamballa and humanity?

There are three ways in which the Shamballa energy is normally managed as it is projected forth at the time of the Wesak full moon. There is an “absorbing Agent” for the energy (the Buddha’s role), a “receiving Agent” (the Christ), and “directing Agents” (the seven groups of Masters). The task at Wesak is to place all this energy “on hold” for a month until at the time of the June full moon it can be released to humanity in seven categories corresponding to the seven subrays of the First Ray of Will or Power. These are:

1. *Power*, needed by the disciples and initiates of the world to direct efficiently and wisely the building of the new world.
2. The *will-to-love*, which will stimulate the seeds of love already in the human heart, and help to overcome all separateness.
3. The *will-to-action*, impelling people to inaugurate activities that will lay the foundation for a better world.
4. The *will-to-cooperate*, leading to right human relations.
5. The *will-to-know*, leading to an increasingly mental focus in the masses of humanity. This is needed before wisdom can prevail.
6. The *will-to-persist*. This sublimation of the basic instinct of self-preservation will be transformed into the demonstration of immortality.
7. The *will-to-organize*, enabling the continuing and growing cooperation with the Hierarchy.

If we can hold this spectrum of energies in mind as we visualize absorbing, receiving and directing the Will-to-Good from Shamballa during the Wesak Festival and beyond, we may be of real service.

Let us not forget that participating in the Wesak Festival – whether in an objective or subjective group – is an important service in itself. Even in this crucial year, the Hierarchy is with us and always ready to help. This is the spiritual high point of the year, a special moment of contact and impact. Then we must turn our back on that “light supernal” and assist in the realization of the greater Purpose on Earth.

One of my favorite passages beautifully describes our task together and is worth keeping in mind throughout the Wesak Festival.

What we are seeking to do is to carry forward a group endeavor which is of such moment that, at the right time, it could produce, in its growing momentum, such a potent, magnetic impulse that it will reach those Lives Who brood over humanity and our civilization, and Who work through the Masters of the Wisdom and the assembled Hierarchy. This group endeavor will call forth from Them a responsive and magnetic impulse, which will bring together, through the medium of all the aspiring groups, the overshadowing beneficent Forces. Through the concentrated effort of these groups in the world today (who constitute subjectively *One Group*) light and inspiration and spiritual revelation can be released in such a flood of power that it will work definite changes in the human consciousness and help to ameliorate conditions in this needy world. It will open men's eyes to the basic realities, which are, as yet, only dimly sensed by the thinking public. Humanity itself must apply the necessary correctives, believing it can do so in the strength of its own sensed wisdom and strength; yet all the time, behind the scenes, stand the grouped world aspirants, working silently, in unison with each other and the Hierarchy, and thus keeping the channel open through which the needed wisdom, strength and love can flow.

(*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. 2, pp. 113-114*)

