

Initiating Right Human Relations: What Is Our Role in Healing the Cleavages?

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As we enter the period of the Three Linked Festivals and prepare to celebrate the Festival of Easter this year, we find ourselves at a time of crisis. Cleavages that reflect the great heresy of separateness, which is unfortunately characteristic of humanity, mask the reality that we are all part of the One Life and all Souls are One. We are experiencing an unprecedented degree of divisiveness between the rich and poor, owners and workers, men and women, the educated and uneducated, the haves and have-nots, religious groups, racial groups, people of different sexual preferences, and people of different political beliefs.

Differences between members of humanity are inevitable, but hate crimes and autocratic repression are not. The cleavages that we nurture or tolerate are being exacerbated by an accumulation of crises that are being played out as Sanat Kumara, our Planetary Logos, prepares for an initiation that “requires the reorganization of the energies flowing through and composing that center which we call the human race.”¹ This reorganization, or crisis, is being facilitated by three major happenings:

1. The conclusion of a twenty-five thousand year cycle or movement around what is called the lesser zodiac. This connotes a major cycle of experience in the life of our Planetary Logos. It is related to the interplay between the Planetary Logos and the Solar Logos as the latter responds to energies emanating from the twelve zodiacal constellations.
2. The end of the Piscean Age [with] the energies coming from Pisces [the age of materialism and authoritarianism] during the last two thousand years ... being rapidly superseded by energies coming from Aquarius [the age of spirituality and universal consciousness]. These result in major changes in the life of the Planetary Logos and potently affect Its body of manifestation through the medium of Its three major centers: Shamballa, the Spiritual Hierarchy, and Humanity.
3. The increasingly dominant activity of the Seventh Ray of Order or Ceremonial Magic, as it is somewhat erroneously called. This Ray is now coming into manifestation and is in close cooperation with the two above factors; it produces also the lessening of the power of the Sixth Ray of Idealism.²

So how do we move forward? What is the path that will heal the divisiveness we are experiencing? We may long for peace, but that is not the goal for which we need to strive. The Tibetan tells us:

If the will-to-peace is conditioning you, then you are still working on emotional levels.³

The *Will-to-Good* ... is of more importance in this world cycle than the *will-to-peace*.⁴

Peace is not the goal for our race or time. ... This is a cycle of steadily growing activity, with the aim in view of establishing right human relations.⁵

We, as members of the New Group of World Servers, are charged with invoking the *Will-to-Good* on Earth through the full expression of goodwill. The *Will-to-Good* is grounded in a recognition of the universality of life and an acceptance of responsibility for the whole. Goodwill reflects the potential of loving determination to establish right human relations. We are told:

There is only one way in which focused evil will, with its responsiveness to the Shamballa force, can be overcome, and that is by the opposition of an equally focused spiritual will, displayed by responsive men and women of goodwill who can train themselves to be sensitive to this type of new incoming energy, and can learn how to invoke and evoke it.⁶

The Tibetan gives us detailed instructions on how these cleavages among humanity may be removed, including the following:

There must be no interference with national preferences and programs, and no belittling of national governments, no matter what they may be. No political activity should be carried on in the name of the New Group of World Servers. Such action would continue the old methods and perpetuate the old hatreds. There must be no attack upon any party or group, and no criticism of any leader or national activity. Such old methods have long been tried and have failed.⁷

The Spiritual Hierarchy cannot work through people whose tongues are critical, whose ideas and attitudes are separative, and who are violently partisan in their beliefs and comments. This is a statement of fact. I seek to have you train yourselves in ... right activity.⁸

Bring together the members of the New Group of World Servers and those associated with them through similarity of ideas and vision so that in every country and major city the World Servers can find those whose aims are the same as theirs and who are pledged to the same service and activity.⁹

The New Group of World Servers is not an organization. It has no headquarters, but only units of service throughout the world. It has no president or lists of officers; it has only servers in every country who are occupied simply with the task of discovering the men and women of goodwill. This is the immediate task. These men and women of goodwill must be found and trained in the doctrine of non-separateness, and educated in the principles of cooperation and the characteristics of the new social order, which is essentially a subjective re-alignment. ... Year by year there should develop much active work and much dissemination of the teachings upon universal goodwill, so that it changes from a beautiful sentiment and becomes the practical application of goodwill by action in the affairs of everyday life, in every country throughout the world.¹⁰

What is it about the energy of Aries that we can leverage at this time of the Festival of Easter in order to advance and strengthen the development of right human relations? The keynote for Aries, “I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule,” describes Aries as a powerful mental energy that works aggressively to implement the divine Will. However, the Tibetan gives us another set of keywords for Aries in *Esoteric Astrology*, p. 93, which more explicitly express the Aries qualities as they relate to the healing of cleavages:¹¹

Express the Will to be and do.

Unfold the power to manifest.

Arrive at unity through effort.

Enter into battle for the Lord.

“Express the Will to be and do” and “Unfold the power to manifest” describe the Aries First Ray impulse to initiate, for it is in Aries that the idea to incarnate in form is first expressed. Likewise, Aries also expresses the Seventh Ray, the ray of fusion between Soul and matter in which it seeks to “arrive at unity through effort.” Via its personality-centered planet of Mars, Aries enters into battle against that which obstructs, thereby eventually resolving all points of friction into unity. Aries’ Soul-centered planet is Mercury, which is described as the “Messenger of the Gods.”¹² Thus the dynamic of Aries can act as an intermediary between the higher and lower mind, the Soul and the brain, and also the Soul and Spirit. As a planet on the Fourth Ray, Mercury can also serve as a vehicle for creativity, which serves to relate opposites or opposing forces so that they can fuse.

The Tibetan tells us clearly and unequivocally that this work of healing cleavages must be done by humanity alone:

The responsibility for right action and for the effort to reach the public rests upon the aspirants and disciples of the world who read my words. There is nothing that I, personally can do. It is your time (and all of you, without exception, can give some) for which Christ and humanity are today calling. It is your activity and skill in reaching those you can reach for which we make demand. It is your money that is needed to enable us to reach the interested public. It is your meditation and intense inner cooperation that will construct that channel through which the spirit of peace can work and the forces of Light enter. *The Hierarchy waits*. It has done all that is possible from the angle of Its opportunity. The Christ stands in patient silence, attentive to the effort that will make His work materialize on Earth and enable Him to consummate the effort He made 2000 years ago in Palestine. The Buddha hovers over the planet, ready to play His part if the opportunity is offered to Him by humanity. I beg you to note what I here have said. Everything now depends upon the right action of the men and women of goodwill.¹³

Let us take advantage of the unique energies available to us at this time of the full moon in Aries, and go forth and do our part. So let it be.

¹ Alice A. Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations* (New York, Lucis Publishing, 1960), 550.

² *Ibid.*, 550-551.

³ Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology* (New York, Lucis Publishing, 1951), 578.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 572.

⁵ Alice A. Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* (New York, Lucis Publishing, 1957), 227.

⁶ *Op. cit.*, *Esoteric Astrology*, 586.

⁷ Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. 2* (New York, Lucis Publishing, 1942), 676.

⁸ *Ibid.*, 748.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 682.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, 644-645.

¹¹ *Op. cit.*, *Esoteric Astrology*, 93.

¹² *Ibid.*, *Esoteric Astrology*, 353-354.

¹³ *Op. cit.*, *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. 2*, 750-751.