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COOPERATING WITH THE WORLD PLAN

Life on earth is not following a haphazard course; there is a *Plan*. This is the blueprint underlying our planetary unfoldment, the pattern by which the Spiritual Hierarchy, the inner teachers of the world, seek to guide humanity toward its destiny.

This Plan does not directly control outer events; it deals first and foremost with the evolution of consciousness. Outer world changes result primarily from changes in consciousness.

Nor is the Plan imposed upon humanity, for it presupposes human *free will*. As the paleontologist-priest Teilhard de Chardin has said, the time has come when humanity can consciously work together with the forces of evolution.

More on this theme is given in a compilation from the writings of Alice A. Bailey: *There is a Plan; Cooperation of Humanity with the Spiritual Hierarchy*, part two of a four-part series published by:

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Our Second Year

The *Esoteric Quarterly* is now in its second year of publication. This is an exciting milestone, and we thank the authors, reviewers, readers, and everyone else who has made this possible. Response to the *Quarterly* has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are encouraged to go forward in our mission of providing a forum for discussion of esoteric philosophy and its applications.

One procedural change we have made is to realign our publication schedule so that the four issues in a particular volume fall in the same calendar year. To do this we delayed publication of the current issue: Volume 2, Number 1; and it has become the Winter 2006 issue. Please don't look for the Fall 2005 issue; there wasn't one!

All the articles in this first issue of our second volume relate in one way or another to the Trans-Himalayan teachings. The first article, by Bruce Lyon, provides a timely exploration of "Jerusalem," interpreted not as a place but as that larger City of Peace in which Judaism, Christianity and Islam can and must be brought together in a new global synthesis.

David Reigle's article reports the results of a unique experiment to put into practice plans outlined by the Planetary Hierarchy during the 20th century for future esoteric schools. These schools, not unlike traditional schools of initiation in the East, will emphasize meditation but will also include a rigorous curriculum of esoteric study.

The article by Donna Mitchell-Moniak, explores an interesting parallel between the translation of words from one language to another and the progressive replacement of cells in our bodies as the level of consciousness increases.

The fourth article explores esoteric teachings on the divine feminine, in her role as World Mother, contributed by two leading esotericists of the 20th century—the Russian Helena Ro-

erich, and the British-born Geoffrey Hodson who eventually made New Zealand his home. The two authorities do not always agree, but nevertheless they provide a remarkably coherent and evocative description of the World Mother, her divine status, and her relationship with humanity.

Our last full-length article is the conclusion of Temple Richmond's two-part article on the early 20th-century British esoteric astrologers Alan Leo and Sepharial. This article focuses on Leo's insights into the human personality and soul and on the remarkable degree to which his ideas were confirmed by Alice Bailey's channeled book *Esoteric Astrology*.

A short paper by Richard Barrett discusses Abraham Maslow's model of the seven levels of consciousness. Barrett interprets Maslow's progression from physical survival to self-actualization as a transformative process of overcoming the limitations of the ego to allow full expression for the soul.

Readers have asked that we provide a cumulative index for Volume 1 of the *Esoteric Quarterly*, and this is included in the present issue, following the book reviews.

Our success as a journal depends on the flow of high-quality articles. We encourage authors to submit articles relating to any of the many branches of esoteric studies. Most issues will continue to present a variety of topics, but from time to time we would like to dedicate an issue to a single topic of particular interest. One would be esoteric studies in one of the major world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, or Judaism. Another would be a cross-disciplinary topic such as the relationship between esoterica and the arts.

As always, we invite comments on the articles we publish or on any other aspect of the *Quarterly*. Comments of general interest will be published as letters to the editor. Readers

seem to like our Quotes of the Quarter. If you have a favorite quote, please share it with us. Suitable ones will be published as space permits.

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Publication Policies

Articles are selected for publication in the *Esoteric Quarterly* because we believe they represent a sincere search for truth, support the service mission to which we aspire, or contribute to the expansion of human consciousness.

Publication of an article does not necessarily imply that the Editorial Board or the School

for Esoteric Studies agrees with the views expressed. Nor do we have the means to verify all facts stated in published articles.

We encourage critical thinking and evaluation of ideas. However, we will not allow this journal to be used as a platform for attacks on individuals, institutions or nations. This policy applies to articles and features as well as to letters to the editor. In turn, we understand that the author of an article may not necessarily agree with the views, attitudes or values expressed by a referenced source. Indeed, serious scholarship sometimes requires reference to work that the author finds abhorrent. We will not reject an article for publication simply on the grounds that it contains a reference to an objectionable source.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Temple Richmond's article on esoteric astrology [Summer 2005, continued in this issue] was very interesting and thought provoking. I am a Moorish Freemason and follower of the teachings of Noble Drew Ali; Drew had many Masonic influences and compiled a book called *The Holy Koran Circle 7*. Eight-five percent of this book consists of the teachings of Tibetan Buddhists, teachings from the books of *Kiu-Ti*, *Kanjur* and *Rig Veda*. I find Helena P. Blavat-

sky's book of *Dzyan* to be mostly Tibetan teachings which I link back to the book of *Kanjur*. These teachings in the book of *Dzyan* coincide with the the teachings of Drew Ali. As your article suggests the key to humanity's success may very well lie with astrology practiced on a higher esoteric level, never before seen, and "maybe" presented to the world through the Freemasonic medium.

Timothy Myers-El
Queens, New York

Quotes of the Quarter

As they fared on into Mesopotamia, the tax-gatherer who presided over the Bridge of Zeugma led them into the registry and asked them what they were taking out of the country

with them. And Apollonius replied: "I am taking with me temperance, justice, virtue, continence, valour, discipline." And in this way he strung together a number of feminine nouns or

names. The other, already scenting his own perquisites, said: "You must then write down in the register these female slaves." Apollonius answered: "Impossible, for they are not female slaves that I am taking with me, but ladies of quality."

Philostratus. *Life of Apollonius of Tyana*.
217 CE. Harvard University Press.

It is not everybody who is ready for initiation. It is said that it takes three lives of steadfast effort to find the Path; but even if we see no likelihood of the goal being achieved in this life, let us remember that everything must have a beginning... and it may be that we shall achieve more than we had ever thought possible... [W]e shall be lifted into a serene air, clear of the accumulated heap of daily pettiness that threatens to bury us. We shall have ceased to wander aimlessly through life, day succeeding day and bringing us nowhere... The philosophy of the initiates... throws light on many of the dark places of life. The wider it is spread among mankind, the better is the purpose of the Inner Plane hierarchy served. Let no one turn away because they feel they are not ready for it or it too profound for them.

Dion Fortune. *The Training and Work of an Initiate*. Aquarian Press, 1930.

Those who discover the Divine Wisdom, the Wisdom of the Supreme Deity, at any stage of life are fortunate. Still more fortunate are those who find and intuitively accept the deeper secret knowledge which leads directly to God-consciousness.

A new world of inquiry, thought, and study then opens before such awakening ones. They experience an almost passionate longing for still deeper wisdom, and the opportunity to study and apply it to the processes of living. Sooner or later the earnest and determined student will find himself metaphorically standing

before the entrance to Ali Baba's cave... [Students] prayerfully continue to seek. Such prayers, expressive of their ardent searchings, discovery, and application of Divine Wisdom, then prove to be the "Open Sesame" which will swing wide the door of that cave wherein not worldly but philosophic and spiritual treasures have ever been stored and the supernal Wisdom preserved.

Geoffrey Hodson. *The Call to the Heights*.
Quest Books, 1975.

What I have to say first on this subject is entirely of a preliminary nature. I seek to lay the ground for a somewhat new approach—a far more esoteric approach—to the science of astrology. Certain things I may say will probably be regarded by the academic and uninspired astrologer as revolutionary, or as erroneous, as improbable or unprovable. As yet, however, astrology has not really proved itself to the world of thought and science, in spite of many definitely demonstrable successes. I would ask all of you, therefore, who read and study this section of *A Treatise on the Seven Rays* to bear in mind the above comments and to preserve a willingness to consider hypotheses and to make an effort to weigh a theory or suggestion and to test out conclusions over the course of a few years. If you can do this, there may come to you an awakening of the intuition which will translate modern astrology into something of real moment and significance to the world. It is intuitional astrology which must eventually supersede what is today called astrology, thus bringing about a return to the knowledge of that ancient science which related the constellations and our solar system, drew attention to the nature of the zodiac and informed humanity as to the basic interrelations which govern and control the phenomenal and subjective worlds.

Alice A. Bailey. *Esoteric Astrology*.
Lucis Publishing Company, 1951.

