

Alice Bailey Talks

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AAB: It is a rather sad Friday, the thirteenth. As a person said to me this afternoon, "It is the saddest day for the entire planet for several hundred years." There is just one thing that this death of President Franklin Roosevelt yesterday will have done; it will put us on the spot not to betray him, and I think that is the psychology of the entire country. It is an interesting thing to realize that Roosevelt came into power simultaneously with Hitler. Hitler goes out of power this month, and Roosevelt is no longer needed. The Black Lodge worked through Hitler and the White Lodge through Roosevelt.

I want to speak about something I have said before and I want to revise it, something that has been known to me for a long time but I cannot prove it. You can take it or reject it. I have frequently said that Roosevelt was a world disciple, and I have been challenged on that point. I thought this evening that it would be of value to you if I were to point out to you how we know he was. We know for several reasons. I knew he was because I myself am a world disciple. I work on the Second Ray. Roosevelt worked on the First Ray as a world disciple. His discipleship is of higher grade than Churchill's or Stalin's. Churchill is a disciple who summarizes in himself the past. Therefore Churchill has nothing for the future, and that is why many of us realize that when the war is over Churchill is through and should step down. Churchill won the war. He stood steady in the gap before we could come in, and he lifted the whole war on his shoulders just as Atlas lifted the world. Stalin is also a Second Ray disciple. He includes all of northern Asia and a good part of Europe in his consciousness. He is an oriental, and the oriental mind is always evasive. One of the things we need to get into our consciousness is that our idea of truth is what we have to hold to, but we have no right to judge others. Oriental ideas of truth and of money are very different from ours. I am not much stuck on western ideas of money. I think the Orient has made a mess of it too.

What is a disciple? Somebody who thinks in group terms for the largest good of the greatest number at any time. That is what Stalin has done, and he will go down in history. Communist principles don't belong here but they might be good for Germany. Stalin thinks in terms of large groups of people, which means that groups that are not thinking along with them are always their enemies. That is what Christ meant when he said, "I come not to bring peace but a sword." Wherever a disciple goes he creates cleavages in order that healing may take place eventually. When you get a

great disciple like Roosevelt, you will have cleavages. Roosevelt thought in terms of humanity and the entire planet and not in terms of his country alone. Do you realize what that means? It means you are wide open to every impact from every direction. And when you think of all that Roosevelt said, you will find that he thought and talked in terms of humanity. He planned for the welfare of humanity in the future, including the United States.

The second point that proves that Roosevelt was a disciple is that, when he came into power at the end of the Great Depression, the first thing he did was to attack materialism, to attack those forces that were responsible for bringing the world into the chaotic mess in which it was and which lies at the very root of the present war. Don't think of this war in terms of Hitler and the Black Lodge alone. It is a war brought about by selfishness and greed in every country without exception, except the very, very poor, and that is where Roosevelt began his fight, and he got in trouble for it, but he stood still and didn't care.

He was the greatest humanitarian of the age, and 500 years hence there will be two presidents of the United States who will be remembered – Abraham Lincoln and Roosevelt – and the others will be forgotten. When I was a little girl at school, Abraham Lincoln was the first name that was taught me. He is loved by the entire world.

The hallmark of every disciple, and the hallmark of Roosevelt, was the hatred he evoked from those who were fighting against him. You talk glibly about being disciples. Do you realize what you let yourself in for when you are a disciple? It opens you to attack from every side, for smearing, for accusations that are without foundation, and that is true for every single disciple. You all know the smear campaign that was applied to Roosevelt. You can't do a job of that magnitude unless you take care of the physical body. He led a most regular life. No disciple doing world work can ever play games with their physical body because they could not carry the force and do the work they do if they did. Fifteen years ago a book was published about me, and not a single sentence of it was true.

Roosevelt never defended himself because he was a darn good politician, and then he was a disciple and disciples never defend themselves. They just let the waves roll over them and go on with their job, which is what Roosevelt did.

A disciple is always afflicted with personal karma – the greater the disciple the greater the affliction. He surmounted his physical difficulty, and that is another hallmark of a disciple. I think it's about time that this country wake up to what they had and lost. His work was finished when he went. He has won the war along with Churchill and Stalin. He has laid the foundation for the peace. If there is one thing that is sound in the world, and I come increasingly to that opinion, it is the mass of the people of the nation. It was the mass of the people who put him in for the fourth term. It is the mass of the people who will put people out because they haven't got the vision. Harry Truman is a man of the people. He is not at all the same kind of a man that Roosevelt was or the other presidents, but he will stand steady and carry out the plans that had been laid by the Big Three. If he were a big man, he might want to upset the applecart. He says he will go on with what Roosevelt wanted, and he will because he is humble.

W: Isn't that our job to stand behind him?

AAB: I think the way in which that very simple, provincial, Midwest family has handled themselves is simply lovely. The first thing Truman said was, "I don't want to be called Mr. President." They must be staggered by the job and by their inadequacy.

R: Mr. Truman has the qualities we need – simplicity and goodness.

M: Don't you think that it might be sort of the group government idea?

AAB: Yes, because he is dependent upon his cabinet. It remains to be seen what the cabinet will do. Time will show that. We mustn't judge too soon.

GR: He asked the reporters at the first interview to pray for him.

AB: He said, "Boys, if you ever pray, pray for me now. I don't know if you fellows ever had a load of hay fall on you, but when they told me yesterday what had happened, I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me."

AAB: There is just a chance that Roosevelt will be more effective out of the physical body. He is a disciple that has been taken back into his Master's Ashram. He will be doing things.

RK: We were hoping to get people praying before the Conference. The hate that was focused on Roosevelt is dissipating. The radio is only playing beautiful things; the ether is being purified. That means the world is praying.

N: I believe that the whole planet is lifted spiritually. I heard one of the leading medical authorities speak, and he exalted the spiritual aspect.

M: They had his old Latin teacher from Groton speak and they asked him about Roosevelt. He said that Roosevelt didn't show great signs of leadership as a child. He was a good student, not particularly outstanding, but as he grew older his leadership became paramount.

AAB: He was a simple person; he had the Hierarchy behind him. It took time to educate the country into right action. Then he had to avail himself of the right arguments to swing this country into the war, and he did it against such ignorance, not willful ignorance, but based on material comfort and selfishness. We are entering, as Wallace says, the Age of Humanity.

Senator Barclay said to legislators this week that they were the most irresponsible Senate in history, that they didn't even know what the subject under discussion was. They rushed in, asked what the subject under discussion was, voted, and rushed out.

AP: I was amused by the distinction made between statesmen and legislators in the new prayer.

AAB: The thing for us to do is to go happily forward into the future and do what Roosevelt would have wanted us to do.

AP: I accept with joy all that has been said, but I cannot help very naughtily thinking that with the Buddha and the Christ focused on the other side of the veil, they might have spared us Roosevelt.

AAB: It was balancing energies between Black Lodge and White Lodge.

CH: David was not permitted to build the House of the Lord because he was a man of war.

AAB: That is quite true.

JL: We have seen one of those rare things, where a life has been finished by crucifixion. He was moved forward at the end of his work.

M: It will have tremendous psychological effect upon whole world.

JL: Nobody was hated so much as Lincoln. You can't buy a copy of any of the sermons delivered in Boston on the Sunday after his death because they expressed so much hatred.

AP: There are some who will take advantage. The Carpet Bag period took place in the South after Lincoln's death. That is what I mean when I say I wish he could have been here for the conference.

AAB: That is why I have the feeling that the emotional appeal of his death will steady the country.

BG: I wish I could feel confident that Roosevelt's work was done. I think the most difficult period of the work is the arrangement of the Peace Treaty.

AAB: Do you think we will have a Peace Treaty? We have to have an organization that will organize for peace.

BG: I am talking about an understanding between Russia, Great Britain and the United States, and I think that is where we need him.

AAB: I am not worried about our relationship with Great Britain, but I think there may be difficulty with Russia.

M: We could see Stalin's confidence in Roosevelt growing at the different meetings.

AAB: I think that is a definite problem. We will have to trust the Hierarchy and the people.

AB: I think Stalin will probably champion Roosevelt's cause. I think he has a deep appreciation of what Roosevelt stood for.

AAB: I don't see Stalin taking up any cudgel but his own, but the cudgels may be the same. [Reading from *The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 200-203]:

Step by step, Those who tread consciously the Lighted Way have removed Themselves from the lure of form; the Army of the Voice no longer can succeed in deflecting Their footsteps and the veils of illusion no longer block Their vision and Their moving forward. A relative freedom has been gained and the initiate stands free from much that has hitherto hindered progress; the world of form, of glamor and of seduction has no further appeal. He comprehends the significance of the injunction embodied in the third phrase of this tenth rule:

3. Let the Army of the Voice be no more heard, and let the brothers onward move within the Sound.

Putting the idea into esoteric terms, the above sentence could be paraphrased as follows: The voices and the Voice fade out. The AUM is replaced by the OM and at the center of that OM the brother stands.

The many voices of the world, the flesh and the devil are no longer distinguished; there is nothing within the consciousness of the initiate that can respond to them. The Voice of the Silence dies out also and the Word itself cannot be heard. Only the SOUND remains. This is the Sound that reverberates in the formless worlds; it is the Sound to which the Spiritual Triad responds and of which the initiate is a part, because the Sound that he makes as he proceeds upon his creative way is a part of the universal Sound. It should be pointed out that He Who stands at the very center of the Council Chamber of Shamballa sounds forth all words, the Word, and He also utters the SOUND. This is apt to be forgotten. He it is Who intones the AUM and all things come to be; He it is Who voices the Word, the OM, and God incarnate in humanity appears on earth: He it is Who utters the SOUND, and upon that outgoing Breath holds all things in life; and – in the rise and fall of its cadences – there is found the cyclic rhythm of the creative process. He it will be Who will withdraw the Sound and, centering the vibration within Himself, will someday bring to a close this periodic manifestation and carry the Sound to other localities in space, holding it in quiescence on the withdrawn breath until a later cycle of expression dawns. Then it will again be exhaled and sent forth to provide a new field of experience for the Lives that, in cyclic rhythm, again seek to manifest. The entire story of incarnation is hidden in the understanding of the SOUND and its differentiation into the OM and the AUM.

When we can identify the Sound and are no longer “moved” by the OM, then the initiate becomes a Christ in expression and makes an appearance, either in physical form or upon the planes of what to

us might be called the “areas of non-appearance.” He can then contain and utilize the energies of which the Spiritual Triad is the custodian and which are the expression of the Will and Purpose of God. Though the initiate may not be a part of the planetary government, and though he may not be a member of the Council at Shamballa (for only a limited number of initiates are so placed), he nevertheless has the right to move on identical levels and to prepare for those higher evolutionary processes that will allow entrance to the cosmic astral plane. This will enable him to “see through” and to recognize “cosmic glamor,” and will provide the hidden key to the world of feeling and of sentiency of which our feeling-response and our emotional and intuitional sensitivity are but the dim and distorted reflections. This is a factor of some importance to have in mind if a right sense of proportion is to be developed. The initiate has learned on earth that the astral plane is in fact non-existent – at least for those of the higher degrees of initiation. This knowledge constitutes the first step toward the comprehension of the secret of negation, toward a true understanding of the basis of the ever-existent pairs of opposites, and toward the knowledge that lies behind the significance of negation. The above sentence is in all probability of little meaning to you, but it nevertheless contains a truth for which the trials, experiences and initiations of planetary existence prepare the initiate. They endow those qualities that will enable him to contact cosmic evil and yet remain untouched, eventually to play his part in bringing the Black Lodge and its Brotherhood to an unholy finish. The roots of the Black Lodge are on the cosmic astral plane, as the roots of the White Lodge and its Brotherhood are on the cosmic mental plane; this is, in reality, only for the time being and in order to see certain organized activities upon the star Sirius perfected and carried to consummation. This has often been hinted in my writings.

“The Way of the Higher Evolution” leads to the cosmic astral plane, and the goal that carries a person there is the transcendent vision accorded at some of the higher initiations; the quality that enables one to work as a creative factor in the great White Lodge is the developed buddhic faculty. It is upon the “wings of Sound” that one travels, to use a well-known though little understood metaphor. This can only be when he can hear the OM as it is sounded forth by Him Who stands and waits at the very center of the Council Chamber of the Lord.

These are grave and solemn thoughts, and of small use to the average reader. It is essential, however, that we avoid the concept that the attainment of the highest initiation upon this planet marks the end or the consummation of a great and final stage. It only marks the beginning of significance. This is a statement of esoteric value. Just as the attainment of physical control sets the neophyte free for the learning of higher lessons in preparation for the major initiations, so the

surmounting of the conditions presented by the seven planes of our planetary life sets the initiate (such as the Buddha or the Christ) free for still higher and more important conditioning circumstances. Their real work as Members of the White Brotherhood is on the point of beginning, and the true purpose of the existence of the Great White Lodge begins faintly to dawn upon Their entranced and amazed understanding. It is of real value to us, therefore, to endeavor to grasp the continuity of revelation and the vast future or vista of unfolding wonder that, stage by stage, grade by grade and plane by plane, unfolds before the initiate consciousness.

AAB: It interests me to realize that, when we have taken the highest initiations, something that we call sin and struggle disappears. This idea of going on grade by grade, plane by plane, really has no meaning when once conceptions of sin and struggle are taken out of it. That is something we all could well think through. It's good for the creative imagination to try to picture a world in which you have no conscience. It means that all your values are adjusted, that there is no balancing of the pairs of opposites because you have overcome all glamor and all illusion. It means a release and liberation from that constant nagging of conscience that is the bane of life, but is the factor that is driving us to that point.

M: I wonder if that is what the Tibetan refers to when he speaks of right meaning of sacrifice. He gives you the meaning of sacrifice, which you could figure out as being greater energy. Not the old meaning.

AAB: [Continuing to read from *The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 203-205]:

We enter here into a consideration of realms of advancement of which even advanced humanity hasn't the faintest idea; we are touching upon goals and objectives that confront the advanced Members of the Hierarchy; we are dealing with ideas and concepts for which we have no adequate terminology and which are of such a nature that the human mechanism of thought proves incapable of registering them. What, for instance, do the words or phrases, "Divine Purpose, Shamballa, the Lord of the World, states of registration or awareness that have no relation to sentiency as it expresses itself through consciousness, the Lodge on Sirius" and similar concepts convey to you? I would venture to suggest that in reality they represent nothing, and this because the goal of all who read these words is contact with the Soul, recognition of and by the Hierarchy, and initiation. If I say to you that the words "the OM, as it is sounded forth by Him Who stands within the confines of Shamballa" signify that the one Sound, rounded and full, of O is sounded forth, but that the

concluding sound of the M is omitted, does that convey anything to your intelligence? Again I venture to say that it does not. It is therefore of small importance for me to enlarge upon this phase of the Rules. I would be more profitably employed if I elucidated somewhat the meaning of the words “the Council Chamber of the Lord.” Three concepts have perchance taken shape in your minds in connection with Shamballa, if you have sought the true esoteric attitude:

1. That Humanity exists as a great center of intelligent energy in the substance of the planetary Life.
2. That the spiritual center, where attractive, coherent, magnetic energy is focused and from whence it flows in two directions
 - a. Toward the three worlds and the four kingdoms of nature,
 - b. Toward Shamballa and the two higher kingdoms in manifestationis what we usually call the Hierarchy, the Kingdom of God, the center of love and mediating understanding (note these last two words).
3. That there is another center that is neither spiritual nor human but that is characterized by divinity. Divinity is the expression of the Will or Purpose of the One in Whom we live and move and have our being. That center where the Will of God is focused and dynamically sent forth to carry out the purpose is Shamballa.

The time has now come when a distinction must be made by esotericists between the words “spiritual” and “divine.” They are not the same, nor do they have the same significance. The quality of spirituality is Love. The quality of divinity is Will. There is a definite distinction between the two and the mediating principle (or that which relates or unites the two qualities) is Wisdom. Of that Wisdom the Buddha was the expression in time and space; that means that there was only a relative and limited manifestation of that fusing linking principle. His great achievement, unrealized by Him, was an innate and (at that time, not now) unconscious recognition of the distinction between love and will, and an ability to express in Himself a fusing, blending energy that could and did bring together love and will, Soul and Monad. At the same time (and later in full expression in Palestine) the Christ demonstrated – for the teaching of humanity – the at-one-ment of love and intelligence, of Soul and personality. These are points of real importance to have in mind.

Embodying, therefore, divinity in a sense and form incomprehensible to disciples, and which constitutes the goal of such advanced individuals as the Christ, are a group of Lives or focused integrated Beings Who stand around Sanat Kumara, the Lord of the World.

As I have earlier said, Sanat Kumara is to the Planetary Logos what the personality, plus Soul, is to the disciple. He is also the coherent force within the planet, holding, through His radiatory influence, all forms and all substances in the planetary form so that they constitute one coherent, energized and functioning whole. A parallel to this, though on a much smaller scale, can be seen in the radiatory influence of the Christ as it permeates, energizes and holds in coherent expression the Christian Church in all its many aspects in the world. A still smaller analogy can be seen in the influence wielded by a disciple who stands at the center of a group and holds it also in coherent and useful manifestation. Intermediate between these two symbols of will and love, united in manifestation (the Christ and a disciple), is the work of a world disciple, for the influence is wider and more far-reaching than that of a disciple, yet not as potent or comprehensive as that of the Christ.

AAB: Initiation is a recognition of the goals implemented by Shamballa.

R: We spoke last time that Hierarchy was created by humanity. That would have to be so if fusion between the two were to take place. Then there came to me that the position of the School is a lower correspondence of the point at which Christ created by giving entrance to the path into the higher evolution. He gathers everything up to a point of highest understanding of will on the planet. The School, at lower point of correspondence is also a door and, like the center of the hour glass, it seems a point of entrance, which is the lower correspondence of that point of Christ. That is if the School measures up.

RK: What you say has a bearing on conditions today. He mentions three conceptions that were supposed to have dawned upon our minds – the conception of Shamballa, of Hierarchy, of humanity. If humanity is a disciple, I think there is very great meaning. I feel that a leading disciple has stepped aside in order that humanity might function and take a step ahead. Humanity is on the spot now.

N: That's a profound truth. The Black Lodge has its roots in the cosmic astral, and the White Lodge in the cosmic mental. That gives the White Lodge more power and makes it impossible for the Black Lodge to succeed.

RK: That shows the importance of mental development along spiritual lines.

FG: What is meant by the idea that significance lies further ahead than consciousness?

AAB: I don't know what it means.

RK: Is it not that first we have appearance, then quality and then purpose? Registering significance means that we are beginning to perceive the quality aspect.

JL: Significance comes out of the world of meaning. When we get above the idea of time and space, we see both ends and the middle at the same time.

RK: I don't think we see it; we are it.

FG: Significance is a synthetic effect.

AAB: What is the origin of word "signify"? I am going to look it up.

N: The Latin root gives you the essence of its meaning.

CH: I thought his definition of wisdom seemed new – something that unites will and love. It must be in relation to the Antahkarana.

RK: It grows out of the lesser earth expression because the root of wisdom is in expression in three worlds as far as we are concerned.

JL: The Tibetan has told us that the first thing we get is the quality of the opposite sign. When Aquarius comes in, it is to follow a leader (Leo), a great number of leaders. The aspirant America has lost its leader, and it is a group that is in control and not a leader.

AAB: That means you are coming back to the Hierarchical thing when you are spiritual enough.

AP: I think that is a little ambitious.

AAB: Even the Hierarchy has leaders: the three, and then you have the seven Ashrams.

M: The Constitution of the U. S. was formed by a group of men. It was the flowering of the time.

JL: The Declaration of Independence was written by three men; five were appointed, but only three worked on it.

AAB: The Tibetan said somewhere that all governments have a triangle at center: the premier, the secretary of interior and the secretary of foreign relations.

FB: I think it is this statement about the work of the Christ that the Tibetan is calling attention to, the necessity of Hierarchy taking a hand in this world struggle because it was the result not only of humanity's mistakes, but of the struggle between the Hierarchy and the Black Lodge. We have put too much blame on humanity. I think Hitler was chosen by the Prince of Evil to be the spearhead of the Black Lodge, and I think Roosevelt was chosen to be the spearhead of the other side by the Forces of Light. Behind Hitler stands the Prince of Evil, behind Roosevelt stood the Christ, and when the battle was won, Roosevelt was through. What is left is humanity's job.

AP: He was the expression of and leader for humanity. We were told long ago that the battle was won on the other side, that Roosevelt had to do with precipitation. The victory has not yet come.

AAB: Hitler is absolutely finished; he will never have any more power.

M: Do you think that Germany will ever surrender?

AAB: We will take them; there is no coherency. The defeat is so complete that they are surrendering every few minutes. The nation is finished.

JL: If the Arcane School had continued to celebrate the New Moon, we would have been in session last night. Roosevelt went out as the New Moon came into power.