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THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT

December 2012

Dear Companion,

We are called from Refreshment to Labour at this time for the opportunity of the hour is great. We are all now fully aware of the imminent opportunity presented to us through the upcoming Festival of the N.G.W.S. to contribute something to the beauty of this Hierarchical enterprise and to the unique occasion which this Festival presents on behalf of humanity. The following words are therefore simply a digest and compilation of many suggestions and instructions that have already been presented to us from the Master D.K. in the attempt to cause us to be inspired to play our part at this momentous hour of opportunity.

As you well know, this unique Festival occurs every seven years, beginning at the Capricorn Solstice and continuing throughout the Festive week, which always and also includes—what should be—the Festive period of Christmas and all that it esoterically symbolizes. The Solstice Seal is the Signature of the Lord and is really and symbolically, the true *Christ-Mass*, the celebration of eternal life, of immortality, light, love and life, “the quickening Draught of Love Divine held forth in the cup for those within the deathly darkness of matter to sip.”

But certain punctuated statements of D.K.’s give us further insight into this unique occasion, as it occurs every seven years:

“This ‘week of group impact’ occurring every seven years, will run from December 21st till December 28th, and if this should at any time fall at the period of the full moon, the opportunity will be most significant. This possibility must be watched. This week should be regarded as pre-eminently the ‘festival week’ of the New Group of World Servers, and after 1942 advantage must be taken of this period, and special preparation made.”

Yes indeed, this imminent and particular week of the Festival of the N.G.W.S. begins with the Solstice and ends with a full moon in Capricorn. This is the last time that this cyclic seven-year festival occasion of the NGWS coincides with a full moon this side of 2025. This has been a period of a great Hierarchical ‘ingathering,’ which began in 1966 and will conclude in 2025 and we are still living through it, and for many of us it has transpired throughout the major portion of our current lives. The previous period of such an ‘ingathering’ was at the time of the Buddha, with His four-hundred arhats. Therefore, the opportunity is still with us to “overcome all obstacles and destroy all that stands in the way [of spiritual progress]. Not through the destruction of forms by force, but through the greatly strengthened *life* within the form.”

He further writes: “In December 1935, the energies of Capricorn were augmented by the pouring in of forces from a still greater constellation which is—to our zodiac—what the zodiac is to the earth. This augmentation will take place again in 1942. It must be remembered that, from certain angles, the circle of twelve signs or constellations constitutes a special unity which revolves with our universe of heavens as our planet

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revolves in the center of our circle of influences. By means of this augmentation—during the coming Aquarian zodiacal cycle—groups on earth can avail themselves of the tide of Capricornian influences which will flow into our radius of registration every seven years.”

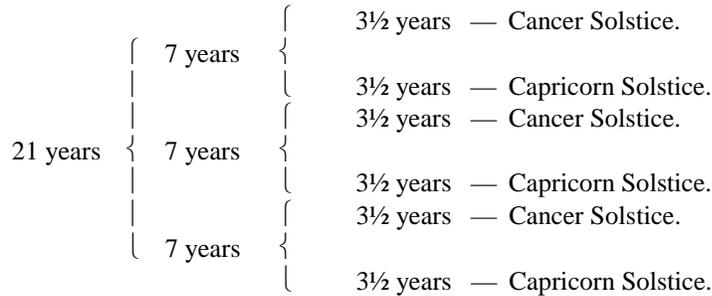
Now, this septenary cycle is no light thing for it coincides with and is embedded in another cycle of twenty-one years, that is, groupings of three septenary cycles within a larger cycle of twenty-one. This therefore informs us of a triple interplay (which concerns the spirit aspect) with septenary cycles—which ever pertains to the spirit in manifestation—for the number seven ever concerns the fires of manifestation. These cycles have therefore relevance to the *manifestation* of the Plan as it concerns humanity and pertain to the interplay of the apparent duality between spirit and matter. They pertain to the imposition of the energies of the spirit aspect upon the forces of the matter aspect, and, therefore, the preparation of the form by the builders in the light for the descent and expression of the emerging spirit aspect. A distinction must be grasped between these types of cycles and those that concern more specifically the subjective life, though they must be worked in conjunction with each other and with a knowledge of their superimposition. In all cases concerning the occult preparation of the matter aspect for the descent and expression of the spirit aspect, due reticence must be observed, for there are opposing forces which seek to emphasize the matter aspect. Therefore, wisdom, skill and precision must be observed through maintaining a conscious polarization in the second aspect of divinity, that of love through inclusive radiation. This type of polarization neutralizes opposing forces through its radiating quality of love and is that attractive energy which relates and unifies.

Because of the need of the hour and as an inspiration to workers in the light, information concerning these twenty-one year cycles is being given for the first time in order to inspire us to a greater conscious effort and constructive planning in cooperation with implementing the Plan itself. Patience and right timing are always factors the occultist must learn in seeking to cooperate with the larger plans and purposes of the Grand Lodge on High, and as he develops within himself the *will* aspect. However, increased knowledge incurs greater responsibility and is of no value unless it is put to practical use.

These cycles concern the welfare of humanity itself and service in implementing the Plan, and do not so much concern the individual and his or her own spiritual development except insofar as incidental to the work of meeting the need. These cycles of twenty-one years are cycles with which the inner Lodge on High work in connection with humanity and thus demand our conscious cooperation.

These cycles of twenty-one years are subdivided into three seven-year cycles, each taking its beginning pivotal spiral from the Cancer Solstice and concluding with the Capricorn Solstice. Each of these seven-year sub-divisions is further divided into two three-and-a-half year sub-divisions, producing six (the number of the perfect form) 3½-year sub-cycles within the twenty-one year period. These 3½-year cycles oscillate between the Cancer and Capricorn solstices. Thus we have:

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The *final* and sixth 3½-year period in any twenty-one-year cycle is the culminating period of opportunity for humanity in the entire 21-year cycle. If the opportunity is lost, then this level or degree of opportunity does not come again until the final 3½-years of a new cycle. Whatever occurs in the final 3½-year period in this twenty-one-year cycle determines the way that humanity will go in the subsequent twenty-one year cycle.

One of these twenty-one year cycles began in 1977 and concluded in 1998. It will be obvious, therefore, that from the beginning of 1995 (or rather the Capricorn Solstice of 1994, the final 3½-year period of that cycle) to the middle of 1998 was therefore a period of great opportunity for humanity; and lo, during that period the Internet was unleashed upon humanity and has since completely altered our whole way of living and being in just a few short years. A similar opportunity will be presented in the year 2016, which will commence the final 3½-year period of this current twenty-one year cycle and which will carry us through to 2019. It is quite possible during this period that new developments in light-technology will be forthcoming which will completely alter our modes of transportation.

Of course, this does not mean that other significant events do not occur within the 21-year cycle as a study of history reveals, but an observation of just how they *do* occur in relation to this cycle and its subdivisions is most interesting and significant. It is not so much a year-by-year analysis that is required, but an analysis of cyclic periods and durations, which appear to accumulate momentum towards a culminating result of the general trend.

Just as an illustration: a new 21-year cycle began in 1914 and the world went to war. From the point of view of the Grand Lodge on High this war was possibly destined to last 28-years (which is a full Saturn cycle), from the middle of 1914 to 1942 (which also accounts for the world war being considered esoterically *one* world war and not two, notwithstanding that the war continued on the inner planes between the two physical outbreaks). But the year 1942 was the deciding factor in the war, the year in which nearly all was lost, but also the year in which the turning point was made. It was then earlier considered that this would be followed by a 14-year period of adjustment that would carry the world to the middle of 1956 (the conclusion of a 21-year cycle) for the *final complete opportunity* for international cooperation, or otherwise face an impending and dire gloom. The good of humanity triumphed and here we are!

An earlier accumulated analysis is as follows:

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- Middle of 1914 to end of 1917 — 3½ years of indecisive fighting.
- End of 1917 to middle of 1921 — 3½ years of attempted suppression of the desire to fight and efforts towards a real peace.
- Middle of 1921 to middle of 1928 — Seven lean years for Germany and parts of Europe, though the years were fat for England and the U.S.A.
- Middle of 1928 to middle of 1935 — Seven lean years for all the world which was finding that its system was a failure.

This is the end of one 21-year cycle and the beginning of a new one:

- Middle of 1935 to beginning of 1939 — 3½ years of ferment and stirring of the forces of evil.
- Beginning of 1939 to middle of 1942 — 3½ years of indecisive fighting.
- Middle of 1942 to end of 1945 — 3½ years of attempted suppression of the desire to fight and much planning for a permanent peace.
- Beginning of 1946 to middle of 1949 — 3½ years where the fighting has ceased and constructive work is started for a real peace.
- Middle of 1949 to middle of 1956 — Seven years of satisfactory and visible work laying the foundations for the peace between all nations in 1956. This opportunity will *not* come again until after 1975, or the last 3½ years of a new 21-year cycle.

Indeed, we have much to be thankful for to those very brave and courageous men and women who fought for our future which we now enjoy and almost take for granted, not realizing just how close we came to ‘losing it all’! We have much to be grateful for!

The second phase of the war (World War II), concluded right at the middle point of that previous particular cycle (1945), as well as the formation of the United Nations—“*the Best Hope for Man!*” Unfortunately, after its founding, only an uneasy “peace” settled upon the world, with continuing local wars erupting in various parts of the world, especially in Indo-China and the Middle-East. With the advent of the so-called “Cold War,” the desired “peace between all nations” did not materialize fully, and all efforts to *change* the situation were thwarted, especially during the determining final 3½-years at the close of each cycle. The situation did change, however, with the conclusion of the Saturn cycle that began when the Berlin Wall was erected and its eventual dissolution. This coincided with the middle period of a twenty-one year cycle, just after it had entered upon its waxing cycle towards its second phase.

It may be of interest to many of you to review the subsequent twenty-one year cycles and their sub-cycles in terms of your own spiritual impulses and how you worked with them and how you can now cooperate with them:

<i>First Seven Years</i>	<i>Second Seven Years</i>	<i>Third Seven Years</i>
Mid 1956	Mid 1963	Mid 1970
1957	1964	1971
1958	1965	1972
End 1959 3½-years	End 1966 3½-years	End 1973 3½-years
Begin 1960	Begin 1967	Begin 1974 Final 3½-year
1961	1968	1975 Shamballa Impact
1962	1969	1976
Mid 1963 3½-years	Mid 1970 3½-years	Mid 1977 3½-years

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<i>First Seven Years</i>		<i>Second Seven Years</i>		<i>Third Seven Years</i>	
Mid	1977	Mid	1984	Mid	1991
	1978		1985		1992
	1979		1986		1993
End	1980 3½-years	End	1987 3½-years	End	1994 3½-years
Begin	1981	Begin	1988	Begin	1995 Final 3½-year
	1982		1989		1996
	1983		1990		1997
Mid	1984 3½-years	Mid	1991 3½-years	Mid	1998 3½-years
<i>First Seven Years</i>		<i>Second Seven Years</i>		<i>Third Seven Years</i>	
Mid	1998	Mid	2005	Mid	2012
	1999		2006		2013
	2000 Shamballa Impact		2007		2014
End	2001 3½-years Decision	End	2008 3½-years	End	2015 3½-years
Begin	2002	Begin	2009	Begin	2016 Final 3½-year
	2003		2010		2017
	2004		2011		2018
Mid	2005 3½-years	Mid	2012 3½-years	Mid	2019 3½-years

Thus it will be noted that we are now completing and beginning another seven-year cycle of the twenty-one, and the final seven year cycle of that twenty-one year period. In 2016 we therefore enter in upon the final 3½-year period of this current cycle and therefore have much to work for and get busy for and much to live up to between now and the next Festival of the NGWS in 2019.

This upcoming Solstice, beginning the Festival Week of the NGWS, is marked by the esoteric phrase, “when the sun moves northwards,” (pertaining to the northern hemisphere), which is an adjunct to disciples meaning “preparation for initiation” at the time of the high point of the three spiritual festivals in Aries, Taurus and Gemini. Let us thus prepare.

Let us thereby clarify in our minds more of the technical information pertaining to the NGWS with the aid of D.K.’s Instructions. The NGWS is really an advanced group and should not be diluted in the minds of the many who have read about them over the years. The following Instructions are from the instructions on the ‘Law of Group Progress’ from *Rays II*.

“These new groups are appearing everywhere all over the world. The groups upon the outer plane, with their diversity of names and stated aims, are not connected with this inner group which is sponsoring or “projecting” the new groups, except insofar as they have a definite, even if nebulous, connection. This becomes always possible where there are *three* members of the New Group of World Servers found in any one exoteric group; it then becomes ‘linked by a triple thread of golden light’ to the NGWS, and can in some measure be used. This great spiritual grouping of servers is, on the physical plane, only very loosely linked. On the astral plane the linking is stronger and is based upon love of humanity; on the mental plane the major linking takes place, from the three worlds as a whole. It will be apparent, therefore, that certain developments must have taken place in the individual before he can consciously become a functioning member of the NGWS,

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which is the principal group at this time definitely working under the Law of Group Progress.

1. He must have the heart center *awakened*, and be so out-going in his 'behaviour' that the heart is rapidly linked up with the heart centers of at least eight other people. Groups of nine awakened aspirants can then be occultly absorbed in the heart center of the planetary Logos. Through it, His life can flow and the group members can contribute their quota of energy to the life influences circulating throughout His body. The above piece of information is only of interest to those who are spiritually awakened, and will mean little or nothing to those who are asleep.
2. The head center must also be in process of awakening, and the ability to 'hold the mind steady in the light' must be somewhat developed.
3. Some forms of creative activity must likewise be found and the server must be active along some humanitarian, artistic, literary, philosophic or scientific lines.

All this involves personality integration and alignment and that magnetic, attractive appeal which is distinctive of all disciples in some form or another. In this way, from the standpoint of esotericism, certain great triangles of energy will be found in the individual and consequently increasingly in humanity. Then too the 'forces of creative life' will circulate from the 'point within the head' (the head center) along the 'line to the heart' and then, with the throat center, form a 'triangle of fiery light.' Such is the Way of Group Progress, and when this is being consummated, then the Law of Group Progress begins definitely to function and to control."

We are told that Taurus governs the work of the NGWS as the 'revealer of the vision,' the 'eye of the Gods,' the donor of illumination, governing and concerning the present; that Aquarius governs the work of the Spiritual Hierarchy, the future and that 'life more abundantly' which we are admonished to synchronise our efforts with as souls in incarnation; and that Pisces, as the 'Inspiration of the World Saviour' and also the field of salvation, governs a humanity made receptive by 2,000 years as the field of labour in which we must work, governing the past.

The NGWS is a unique experiment of the Spiritual Hierarchy, acting as it does, as an intermediary between the Hierarchy and Humanity. It is made possible by the spiritual growth of humanity as a whole and this current period in which we live, for this is the 1006th time that humanity is entering the Age of Aquarius, only that this is the first time that humanity is able to enter it consciously and in cooperation with the Hierarchy itself, and therefore the time and period for which the Spiritual Hierarchy has been preparing and working since it was founded on earth. Can we, for one moment, therefore consider the amazing and beautiful moment in which we now exist and do all we can to summon our forces to cooperate fully with this enterprise? We are so fortunate to be in such a position of conscious cooperation and to meet the opportunity of the hour. Something in our karma has ordained this. Let us not therefore let the moment slip.

"It is in the NGWS that the training of the needed disciples for the ashrams of the Masters takes place at this time in world history. This is a new hierarchical venture. In this group also accepted disciples learn to work in the same manner as does the

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Hierarchy.” With all the silly talk of yet another “end of the world” scenario (which never has a place in Hierarchical dispensations) it could simply indicate (with the so-called Mayan Calendar) the “end of the world as you know it,” meaning, that the time for the Atlantean consciousness dominating humanity has drawn to a close, and that now we will finally and fully enter upon a humanity more conditioned by an Aryan consciousness, (Aryan meaning of noble, dignified and elevated or aristocratic mind). The true aristocrat is of course the soul, the Prince and Son of the King, the Monad. The Fifth Kingdom of Souls is to be manifested in this Fifth Race.

We are told that Aquarius governs the Hierarchy and this energy is pouring into the Hierarchy at this time and therefore also calling us as souls to order. We are also told that Taurus rules the NGWS and ‘speeds it upon the upward Way.’ This divine Taurean energy brings ‘illumination and the attainment of the vision.’ From D.K.: “This group is, figuratively speaking, the ‘bull rushing forward upon a straight line with its one eye fixed upon the goal and beaming light.’ But what, my brother, is that goal? It is not the goal of Self-Illumination for that lies far behind; it is the goal of providing a center of light within the world of men and of holding up the vision to the sons of men. Let this never be forgotten and let the NGWS realise its mission and recognise the demands of humanity upon it. What are these demands? Let me enumerate them and then let me ask you to take them in all simplicity and *act* upon them.

1. To receive and transmit illumination from the kingdom of souls.
2. To receive inspiration from the Hierarchy and go forth, consequently, to inspire.
3. To hold the vision of the Plan before the eyes of men, for “where there is no vision, the people perish.”
4. To act as an intermediate group between the Hierarchy and humanity, receiving light and power and then using both these under the inspiration of love, to build the new world of tomorrow.
5. To toil in Pisces, illumined by Taurus and responsive in degree to the Aquarian impulse coming from the Hierarchy.

“These objectives are not only individual objectives but the goal for the entire group. All who respond to the life-giving force of Aquarius and to the light-giving force of Taurus can and will work in the New Group of World Servers, even though they have no occult knowledge and have never heard of their co-workers under that name. Forget this not. Recognition of the successful work of the New Group of World Servers will be accorded by the Hierarchy and the testimony to the recognition will be the appearing of a symbol in the aura of the group—of the entire group. This will be a symbol projected by the Hierarchy, specifically by the Christ. What that symbol will be it is not for me to say. It is not yet fully earned and only its dim and uncertain outline can be seen from the level on which I work and not at all from the level on which the group works. It is the “mark of the Saviour” and it will embody the mark or indication (the signature as medieval occultists used to call it) of a new type of salvation or salvage. Up till now the mark of the Saviour has been the Cross and the quality of the salvation offered has been freedom from substance or the lure of matter and from its hold—a freedom only to be achieved at

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a great cost. The future holds other modes of saving humanity within its silence. The cup of sorrow and the agony of the Cross are well-nigh finished. Joy and strength will take their place. Instead of sorrow we shall have a joy which will work out in happiness and lead eventually to bliss. We shall have a strength which will know naught but victory and will not recognise disaster. . . . Only the dawn is with us as yet—the dawn of the Aquarian Age. The full tide of light is inevitably moving upon its way towards us.”

We are further told that ‘the group toils in Pisces,’ which is to say that the field wherein the NGWS works is that of mankind, conditioned, ruled and made sensitive for the past two thousand years by Piscean energy.

We therefore have all the instructions that we need to go forth and plenty of material in those five ‘demands’ to employ for discussion in our upcoming one-day mini NGWS conferences. Of particular note is the need for *vision* and a holding forth of the vision of the Plan, for *vision* is perhaps one of the major needs of humanity at this time. That vision must be rooted in the idea that humanity is not ambling along an unchartered course but that there is a divine purpose to be worked out through humanity and that we can all cooperate in that purpose. Our task is to respond to that vision, identify with its purpose, and cooperate with the Plan, creatively applying expression to that vision according to need and aptitude and in the field of daily living wherever we find ourselves.

I am sure that all reading this letter are quite familiar with the calling together of the NGWS, but so that we may have somewhat of a clearer understanding of the unique nature of what it stands for and implies then it might be of use to assemble some of D.K.’s instructions about it so that they may inspire us with more clarity. Such information about the NGWS has been with us now for many years and familiarity sometimes dilutes the significance of what it stands for and blurs it with lesser groups as the concept becomes entangled with lower-manas.

The fact of the existence of the NGWS was brought to public attention through the writings of D.K. and thus humanity became aware of this bridging group of spiritual workers (within the ranks of humanity itself) who are actively relating mankind—in a new and more effective manner—to the Hierarchy. These spiritual workers, both men and women, are to be found in every school of thought; they belong to all nations and are active in every department of human welfare and thinking. They are, therefore, not only a bridging group but are also the germ of that synthesizing process which will eventually break down the walls of separateness, isolationism and nationalism between all nations. Though such spiritual workers have always been with humanity down the ages, their numbers were so few and their organisation so nebulous that they had evoked no recognition as a working world group. Today, their numbers are so great that they are now a powerful factor in world affairs, but they are not gathered together into any kind of super-organisation.

It is interesting to note that the first tentative attempts and experiments to establish recognition of them as a group began very early in the 19th Century with Beethoven, and subsequently all that marvelous galaxy of composers, musicians, poets, authors, philosophers, humanitarians and scientists, etc., whose primary task was to endeavour to help offset the impending evils of the Industrial Revolution by revealing the spiritual

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beauty that lay beneath the surface of daily living. They were all disciples and initiates between the first and fourth initiations. Unfortunately they were erroneously labeled “romantics” by the conventional media (and this even continues today) and this ‘veil’ short-circuited their spiritual message, for they were all really mystics and disciples of varying degrees, seeking to reveal an inner and spiritual beauty that they were sensitive to, but still labouring under the Piscean mode of concealing rather than revealing. This was mainly because lower-manas was quite extant and pervasive in that period of living. William Blake, among others, was quite blunt about it though, and especially in his poem, “Jerusalem,” which was subsequently set to music in Hurbert Parry’s beautiful hymn. Anyway, in spite of the fact that we are still the recipients of the beauty of their labours the experiment failed esoterically, not because of their work, but because humanity failed to respond to it. During the past (20th) century however, the world at war helped to change the direction towards the good and goodwill became really pervasive throughout the world and continues as such in spite of superficial appearances that still persist. The heart of humanity is now sound and it is because of that achievement that the Christ was able to make His Decision to reappear at some point in the future. In that earlier experiment that galaxy of disciples was mainly focussed individually through one avenue of expression, for instance, as a composer, or author, or poet, etc. Now and in this time, such disciples and especially individual members of the NGWS are expected to be skilled and proficient in several areas of creative expression.

D.K. tells us that: “It has now become possible to create the New Group of World Servers—men and women sensitive to the inner and newer vision and to the incoming forces and energies. Each group, therefore, whether it is the Hierarchy, the New Group of World Servers or mankind itself, is wrestling with its own interior problems of response, of recognition and of responsibility; each also is actuated by an outgoing movement in two directions: towards that which is higher and which indicates a better and more spiritual future with all that that implies, and also towards that which is rooted and related to the past, which is crystallizing, reactionary, blind in its selfishness and materiality, and which is implemented to retain the old things which should pass away and to fight that which is new.”

This next quote is really one of the keys to the understanding:

“Not only has the individual approach to the Hierarchy been superseded by a group approach but it is now found to be possible to make a certain measure of the training objective and exoteric. Hence the establishment of the New Group of World Servers. This is primarily a group which, while working on the outer plane of daily, physical living, yet preserves a close, ashramic integration. It thus provides a field of service for accepted disciples who are seeking service-expression and it also provides a rallying point for all determined aspirants where they can be tried out and where their motives and persistence can be tested, prior to direct acceptance. This is something new for it shifts the responsibility of preparing aspirants for accepted discipleship on to the shoulders of the pledged disciple and away from the immediate attention of the accepting Master. He is thus freed for other fields of service. This, in itself, is one of the major indications of the success of the evolutionary process as applied to humanity. This “shift” was initiated

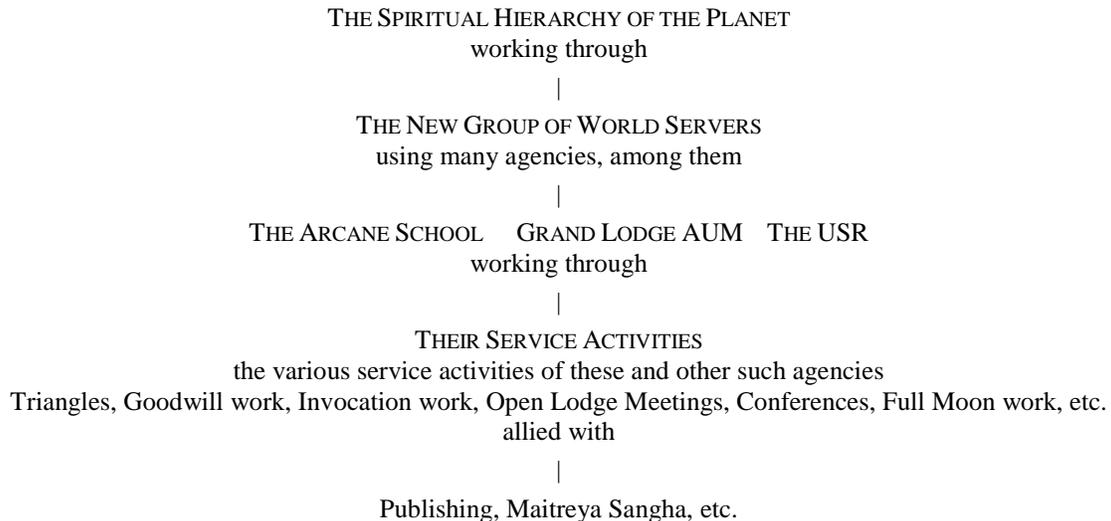
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by the Christ Himself; He worked with men very frequently through others, reaching humanity through the medium of His twelve Apostles, regarding Paul as substituting for Judas Iscariot. The Buddha tried the same system but the relation of His group was, in the first instance, to Him and not so much to the world of men. Christ sent His Apostles out into the world to feed the sheep, to seek, to guide and to become “fishers of men.” The relation of the disciples of the Christ was only secondarily to their Master and primarily to a demanding world; that attitude still controls the Hierarchy, yet with no loss of devotion to the Christ. What the Buddha had instituted symbolically and in embryo became factual and existent under the demands of the Piscean Age.”

Those whom the NGWS influences and with whom they seek to work and who can act as their agents, we call the *men and women of goodwill*.

D.K. mentions that the NGWS is an effort to anchor on earth an externalization or a symbol of the work of the Hierarchy. It was an effort to band together subjectively and—where possible—objectively all those people of spiritual purpose and a deep love of humanity who were actively working in many countries, either in organisations or alone. Their name is legion. He said that *thousands* are known to Him. “All are working under the inspiration of the Hierarchy and are, either consciously or unconsciously, fulfilling the duties of agents of the Masters. Together they form a band, closely knit on the inner side by spiritual intention and love. Some are occultists working in the various occult groups; some are mystics working with vision and love; others belong to the orthodox religions and some recognise no spiritual affiliations, so-called, at all. Others are working in many other departments of life. All are, however, animated by a sense of responsibility for human welfare and have interiorly pledged themselves to help their fellowmen. This great group constitutes the world Saviour at this time and will eventually salvage the world and inaugurate the new Era.”

An important point we are admonished to grasp is the *pattern* underlying the various aspects of the work in process of expansion. For example, the following diagram should help to indicate these types of relationships.



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D.K. has likened the NGWS to the Antahkarana which connects humanity with the Hierarchy and provides a channel of contact with the Ashrams of the Masters. The Arcane School, AUM and the USR can be considered as some of the results of the activity of the NGWS. There are many, many others scattered all over the world. The same holds true of their Service Activities. No esoteric group is soundly handled and correctly motivated unless the spiritual energies which are available to it and the knowledge and the wisdom unfolded find expression in definite service. These service activities are, therefore, an expression of the livingness of these agencies and that relationship must be valued and preserved.

If we are conscious disciples, and furthermore, conscious working disciples in an ashram, then our place is in the senior ranks of the NGWS and our responsibility, as a group, is to aid a phase of the work to be done which is strictly the project of the Hierarchy as a whole. We are asked therefore to throw all of our efforts into the work of preparation for the reappearance of the Christ. The world must be flooded with this information and through the hope and expectancy thus engendered may move forward into greater light, better and right human relations and a newer happiness.

Perhaps a few words may be mentioned pertaining to the still great need for right human relations.

The spiritual goal for this Aryan race is Brotherhood. This is a brotherhood anchored on the mental plane as soul to soul and manifest as such on the physical plane within the body of humanity. This is the *idea*.

The *ideal* of this *idea*, bringing it within the range of human comprehension and cognition, thus giving it the energy of *appeal* as an *ideal* towards which to work, is that of *right human relations*.

The technique for establishing right human relations is that of *goodwill*. This is 'love in action.' This energy reorients the 'desire' nature and personal will of the astral body of mankind. It 'tames' it, since the most violent eruptions of mankind originate there before precipitating onto the physical plane. *Goodwill* establishes magnetic lines of right relationship between persons, communities, groups and nations through the energy of love. This magnetic network of right human relations through goodwill must be established prior to the fuller emergence of the Aquarian Age, in just over 100 years from now.

The *will-to-good* characterizes the preservation of relationships of wholes to each other. D.K. has mentioned that it is "a complete expression of the love nature of Deity." It also preserves the relationship of the whole to the part and conveys the energy of the whole to the part. Therefore, *goodwill* must first be established on earth through magnetic lines of light relationships, relating all the parts to each other through the light of love before the more potent energy of the *will-to-good* can be poured through it. The 'Good' is the Being, the Be-ness characterizing the Identity of Divine Purpose. The 'will-to' implements this purpose in every direction simultaneously as a dynamic synthesis of the divine expressive purpose and power of Being Itself.

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It is perhaps significant that there is so much interest and anticipation about this upcoming solstice, ranging all the way from sensed spiritual opportunities to fanatical dire and dreadful scenarios. The latter trumpeted claims are always sponsored by the darks in their attempts to spread fear and confusion and divert people away from the spiritual opportunities. But we are fortunate in that we are conscious of this opportunity pertaining to the Festival Week of the NGWS and can constructively cooperate with it with courage and fearlessness.

The mind is the creative agent of the will. In previous times there were *not enough* spiritually minded people to educate, change and make vocal the irresistible voice of public opinion and humanity descended into war. By ‘spiritual’ is meant all those who love their fellowmen of whatever faith, and all men and women of goodwill in every land who put the welfare, happiness and opportunity of humanity before nation, party, or religious organisation, and all who give precedence—in their thinking and planning—to the welfare of the masses of individuals in need and not the welfare of the state. The situation in the world has now changed drastically and there are millions of people who are motivated under this general definition of ‘spiritual.’ There is every need, therefore, for optimism to combat and rise above the oft-time voiced pessimism. Thought is the expression of the will on the mental plane. Let us attend to our thoughts, therefore, and align our thinking and planning with the Plan itself, as much as we are able. As we think so shall we be.

We are asked to stand as a point of courage and of intelligent appeal and understanding, so that those around us may feel, flowing through us, that goodwill to all men (and this is the season of goodwill) which is our tiny reflection of and reaction to the *will-to-good* of God Himself. It is a practical, usable energy which can always aid others through attaining that inner position through which light and love can flow.

It is this *love* underlying all created things that another phase of *The Secret Doctrine* will instruct us in, and the significance of the *Heart of God* and its vibratory quality of love will be presented as the attractive Agent, producing meaning, evolutionary possibility and coherence underlying the created manifested world to which we were given the psychological key in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, which instructed us in the *Mind of God*, as the *Creative Agent* of the *Will of God*. Thus, let our hearts be aflame with love, a dynamic, fiery love!

There is no doubt that one of the major tasks of the spiritually inclined people of the world is the regeneration of the control of the money in the world so that that it is in the hands of the Forces of Light. This must be done before the Christ can reappear. If this can be done then it will drive the darks off the physical plane onto the astral plane where no doubt the Hierarchy will be waiting for them and where they can no longer hide from the light. The Forces of Light must gain control of the physical plane and to this enterprise we are all called. When money is applied in the cause of those in need, and to spiritual and altruistic purposes—which also includes spreading the light of the Ageless Wisdom—then it can never again return to the circuit of purely material and selfish interests. With this Festival of Giving now imminent upon us, perhaps we might consider just what our best ‘gifts’ might be.

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There are some attachments with this letter; some of them for use at your various NGWS conferences if you are convening them as such, and a slightly revised version of the 'forty-niner' returns again for your study and pondering, due to popular request and for those who perhaps did not receive it previously. It is all relevant to the opportunity of this hour. It is now with the forces of a progressive liberation that we must work; a liberation of the life from the imprisonment of the form into one of happiness and joy, right sharing and distribution, and the sacrifice of selfishness. This will result in a spiritual emergence.

If you wish to participate in a daily meditation that can be performed wherever you are for the NGWS Festival Week, linking with the larger Maitreya Sangha group world-wide, then please request it from www.maitreyasangha.org and a copy will be sent to you. Your location will then be entered on a list of participants so that the linking may be more direct and focussed.

President Obama has been giving speeches in which he is attempting to focus humanity's attention again on the need for the implementation of the Four Freedoms. Something beautiful is afoot. Let us accept with joy and confidence, and with a sense of comradeship, the responsibility for making the spiritual work in the world successful, and do this by strengthening the hands and cooperating consciously with the NGWS, wherever they may be found.

The Plan for man has three great goals:

The *evocation* of the will.

The *revelation* of love.

The *illumination* of the mind.

If we can understand these beautiful and inspiring statements correctly, then we have in this simple formula all we need to call us to order and set to work with joy, light, beauty and strength.

Let us go to it!

May it be said of us that we knew the spiritual facts and were a dynamic part of these upcoming spiritual events; may it not be said of us that we knew these things and did nothing . . . and that we failed to exert ourselves.

In Radiant Friendship!

Keith Bailey