

INSTRUCTIONS
on
GROUP DISCIPLESHIP



"Flowers of Timur" by Nicholas Roerich



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Letter of 6 August 2014



These *Instructions on Group Discipleship* are offered as a source of inspiration to aspirants and disciples seeking to become a living link in the planetary chain of hierarchy. May the writings serve all who are called to tread the path of living discipleship by realizing the higher potential of group consciousness.

Originally transmitted as letters, these instructions were given to a group of disciples involved in an experiment to bridge the gap between the human and spiritual kingdoms – the next frontier in spiritual evolution. This document is the fruit of a stage in this experiment.



A Note to Readers: The text that follows has been slightly modified from the original to preserve the anonymity of group members and make it appropriate to a wider audience.

Letters to a Group of Disciples

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The main purpose of this experiment, at this stage, is for everyone concerned to recognize the value of working consciously together with Us in a unified effort toward bridging the gap between the 4th and 5th kingdoms. This purpose is twofold: (1) to demonstrate the Reality of the second span of the antahkarana as more than mere concept; and (2) to carry across that bridge the light that will eliminate fear and the spiritual energies that will counterbalance what is now occurring in the outer world, thus shielding many from the dangerous thought-forms of destruction. Yours is a task of deliverance from darkness and ignorance through discernment of the True from the False.

In this experiment lies a key to humanity's role as mediator between the kingdoms of Earth. It is that pivotal. No, this is not an overstatement. As you know from the Master Djwhal Khul, experiment with new energies leads to experience, which leads to expression in the world. This group experiment is gradually moving into the phase of experience. The experiment has proven successful enough to glean from it the basis of experiential perception, which is the basis of future expression. To have an impact on the world, expression relies upon a firm foundation of experience, which unfolds over time. At the moment of expression something new will arise in the world that has never previously existed: a solid link in the chain of Hierarchy will emerge into human awareness.

The intention of the Hierarchy is to establish a Group Disciple comprised of souls gathered from groups who are again at the forefront of human responsiveness to the evolutionary call to a new world. This time, however, the task is to create this new world from out of your own substance, like the Path that unfolds from within the soul who becomes one with the Path. In the past, humanity has had the expectancy of a new kingdom or world that would somehow 'just appear.' People were waiting for it to be created by Divine Forces and delivered into human living. Now you are learning, in part through this experiment, how much depends on you in bringing this about.

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One purpose of the K Messages was to lay the groundwork for what is occurring among you: the formation of a Group Disciple, something never fully achieved in modern times. The reason is that for the average disciple, life is concerned with gaining momentum on the path, yes, but as secondary to the life challenges set in motion by karmic effects from the past.

They are preoccupied with arranging life into a pleasant set of circumstances to provide a zone of comfort from which they can pursue studies of an occult and esoteric nature and the path. In many cases, the true nature of the spiritual Path is unknown; its reality falls on deaf ears. In other cases, there is a mental comprehension of the nature of the Path and a working grasp of its essentials, but a lack of livingness due to more compelling preoccupations.

For the most part the Path remains un-lived, its lessons unrealized, for fear of letting go of what is familiar and comfortable: that which has been acquired on the material plane and which nurtures the personality – ranging from home and family to possessions like cars, houses, and stock shares, which to them represent physical security. This is the state of many disciples who face the daunting task of building the antahkarana – the span of the bridge that forges the Way into the Hierarchy. They have yet to register the reality that there is no death, there is no loss, there are no others, there is only one continuous Life in which all souls form an eternal and inextricable part.

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This group was a Hierarchical initiative with a Hierarchical purpose proceeding from the point of first contact. That purpose was the following: to set in motion a projection of the Hierarchy into the world by establishing a suitable group of disciples able to work in unison with Us toward the descent of the Ashram, first in the form of ideas, and then of living Beings, into the heart of humanity. For this to be possible there must be a cadre of advanced Disciples who share Our purposes. Thus can the ‘marriage’ be made. From out of the initial group, just as two are created from one in nature, will come a group disciple, as all things emerge organically from inner processes of growth and, in this case, of awareness. And then there is the learning of the path of group discipleship, which requires striking a balance between detachment from any outcome and pursuing a goal as an experiment in evolution.

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The word ‘experience’ in the context of this group means a ‘steady-state’ operation that endures for a cycle as a reality for those who take part in it. In the experimental stage there may be elements that clash and conflict, as old and entrenched patterns of behavior of the members confront each other. Numerous reasons surface on the personality level to cause members to question whether the experiment will last or will dissolve into the ethers like so many others.

When a seed is planted in a mother's womb, whether a hen or a human being, there is a phase when its viability is in question. There is a waiting period during which it is determined whether or not a woman's pregnancy is viable. There is the potential for life but there is still no guarantee. The same is true for an entity like a group, and especially a group of this nature.

The fate of any group of individuals is unpredictable; when it comes to highly autonomous individuals it is all the more so. Reaching the stage of accepted discipleship bears testimony to the strength of character of an individual thinker and knower, but there is still the risk of hubris. Hubris can enter in when the disciple is convinced he or she knows much more than other human beings and is thus superior. There is greater knowledge than much of humanity, to be sure, but not in relationship to the grander cosmic design. Human knowledge has to be co-measured with Higher Knowledge, which requires the disciple and early initiate to recognize the reality of the Chain of Hierarchy.

It is in that place between feeling superior to humanity as a whole and being humble with regard to the Hierarchy that a new 'growing field' can emerge. One begins all over again with regard to a sense of inferiority, as with a child to a grown-up, until the light dawns and the disciple realizes that living life as an autonomous individual has come to an end if further progress on the Path is to be made. If one aspires to be absorbed into the Hierarchy, all that lies ahead is group life and the discovery of one's place and function within the Group.

The difference between the new group life of Aquarius and that of the Piscean past is vast. In groups composed strictly of human beings and human consciousness, with no active involvement of the Hierarchy and no genuine sensitivity to higher impression, the clash of personalities and ideas is unavoidable – as seen throughout the world at present, even among groups seeking the highest good in their particular field of expertise. This is why they make a small impact on the world by comparison with the resources flowing through them and the commitment of their members to the cause.

The next stage in human evolution will depend upon a mutual acknowledgment by humanity of a Higher Force or God who is the driving force behind all of creation and the mover of the wheels of evolution. If this acknowledgment were to come in time, it could still possibly save humanity from itself. [This was the purpose of DK's call for humanity to awaken to the reality of the Soul, the Hierarchy, and the Plan.] Without it, power struggles will continue to devastate humanity, spreading carnage throughout the lands and decimating life across the planet.

Now you see how crucial group experiments such as this one are. If they can successfully graduate into group experience, they will demonstrate a new dimension of being human and sow seeds of Aquarian civilization in a completely unique way. The success of an experiment is determined by its passage into the stage of experience, whereby the original premise that inspired the experiment is tested and its validity proven, or not. The stated purpose of this group was to access the spiritual kingdom by building a group antahkarana. As the experiment enters the stage of experience, you will have the opportunity to prove this hypothetical possibility. If it is proven that a functioning bridge of telepathic communication can exist between our two kingdoms, and if this reality becomes expressed or manifest in the world, it will startle the human psyche into accepting the new revelation about the divine constitution of man and woman.

But let Us not jump too far ahead. At present, the group is still an experiment. It is not yet the case that all members view themselves as pendant between the realities of the two kingdoms with a readiness to surrender to the higher one. To proceed further into the spiritual kingdom one must truly be born again and learn to see with the eyes of a neophyte, in terms of one's service. The disciple must undergo a conscious surrendering of identity with his or her position on the plane of human living, i.e. with the persona, and reverse the poles of identification from I to Thou. In this instance, Thou represents the Master and His Ashram. Its ranks are filled with those who have preceded you on the Way, elder brothers and sisters who see in you the makings of the finest instruments of service to humanity and to the Plan.

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By projecting your energy into the Future, you are helping to establish its Reality here and now.

On the eve of a deadly war, there is a desperate need for the Light of the Hierarchy to flow into human minds. Let it be known that the future rests in the hands of those who have shifted their consciousness to the degree that 'naught can deflect their will from Ours.' The time to demonstrate disciplic will is now—to embody all that can be perceived by other human beings as the Higher Way of the Future. This can be attained most effectively through the will of a group of disciples aligned with its hierarchical counterpart, becoming a single vehicle for the distribution of the dawning Light.

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The process of group immersion in Our Letters will reveal many capacities lying dormant until now. In time you will notice a higher level of cooperation based upon the mutually perceived reasoning of the Heart. This is a new development, heretofore not possible of achievement due to a dearth of individuals with a similar resonance to Truth, and a similar willingness to co-measure themselves with it. It is Truth that fires the progress of the soul under the impress of the monad.

A shared love of higher Truth and a shared commitment to approach it more courageously will embolden the soul of the Group Disciple, fanning the flame of the heart while burning away the remnants of barriers to oneness. At the level of consciousness of a group at this stage on the path only a dispersion of ancient glammers and illusions is required for the flower of the group soul to present itself in the larger world.

It is the flowering into visibility for which We work. The pinnacle of your spiritual achievements in the past constitutes the milestone marker from which We begin to travel together toward a new horizon. This is possible because the necessary qualities are awake and alive in each one who chooses consciously to enter into this partnership between humanity and Hierarchy. You have responded to Our Call because it stirs in you the love of the Higher Worlds. Now we must establish a beachhead for the journey into fuller cooperation.

In the course of this journey you may expect to hear the following: the call of your own soul to adhere to the highest standards of spiritual living known to you; fleeting impressions of the call of the Ashram to arrive at closer adherence to the wisdom of the Master; the call of the group heart to greater responsibility for the well-being of this Group Disciple. This well-being will depend upon a continuous refinement of your comprehension of the Hierarchy's purpose for forming this group at the present time.

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As the soul awakens and the Path unfolds, there is a natural striving to know where one stands on this Path of Return. That striving continues until this knowledge becomes accessible through inner sight, while the mind gains insight into the initiations as stages on the higher way of human evolution. An inner map presents itself and the path is clarified for the aspirant, with all of its exigent tests and trials. A parallel striving to know can be expected to emerge from within a group organism as it awakens to the rare beauty of its own Soul.

However, as the petals of the group lotus begin to open, there is far less distance to travel before the flower itself becomes a unit of activity in the chain of hierarchical living.

For the lone pilgrim making the journey to Our Abode, the portals into the inner worlds open slowly, gradually, at times almost imperceptibly. The way is riddled with searing recognitions of long-established emotional residues that slow and often block the downpour of the Soul's light. Moreover, the tenaciousness of glammers and illusions, acting like subtle chimeras, prove even more challenging to eliminate in their entirety, from root to stem.

Within a group of more advanced disciples, there is little probationary work to be done. The 'Tree of Life' has already taken root in the Soul; the realm of Spirit is not unfamiliar; the path is well nigh trod. What remains is the gentle fine-tuning of the heart that brings the wheels of karma to a final stop. Only the dharmic task remains. When this occurs for most disciples in a group, revealed in all its glory is the group Initiate, tracing its branches back to the Father, singing the hymn of resurrection.

In the merging of the kingdoms, great economy can be achieved by such a group. When functioning properly, the tensions experienced by the individual disciple in building the higher span of the antahkarana are diminished and the pace of the journey into the Ashram is vastly quickened. The group itself begins to function like a tuning-fork. When held to the ear of those with subtle perception, the note of the Ashram is registered for the attunement of the entire group, quickening the resonance by means of vibration. As each group member attunes to a given frequency, the frequency is raised by a half-note, again and again, until the note of synthesis is struck and the group itself is absorbed into the folds of the Brotherhood of Light.

Keep watch for any notable changes of an unwanted nature within the group. As the sound of each group member blends into an increasingly synthetic note, the vibratory power of the group will expand exponentially. Personalities in need of further integration will be drawn into the intensifying energy field, perhaps more quickly and suddenly than desirable. Some may need encouragement to keep pace with the rapid unfoldment of the group Soul.

The fate of this experiment will depend upon two forces: one force residing on the human level; the other residing within the Kingdom of Souls. We continue to seek your attention to the degree that We may draw you further into Our ranks. Having heard the Call and having registered its vibratory quality, it is up to each of you, still dwelling in the 4th kingdom to a large extent, to respond to the fullest extent of your capacities. It is not by wishful thinking that the life of the Hierarchy will find a foothold in the human kingdom.

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We are aware that the group has attained a higher degree of cohesion. It will continue as each member rises to the new watermark, so to speak. This is another crucible of spiritual growth but without the suffering of previous ones. You have reached the stage of learning through the love and joy of the soul rather than the painful lash of karmic lessons on the path to integration and alignment with the Soul. That alignment is sufficiently stable within the members of the group – the Son of God is prominent enough – for the Forces of Attraction to replace the Karmic Lords as the major propellant of spiritual unfoldment.

This point deserves further elaboration as the sweetness of the sound of these words belies the significance of the achievement. The path to Life More Abundant begins where a purity of heart displaces the mind absorbed in its own pursuits. To mark this stage as the “Anointment by Love” is to reflect the magnitude of this fork in the road. This is where the goat approaching the mountaintop separates itself from the sheep remaining below. In preparation for group discipleship each individual experiences countless lifetimes as sheep, hearing the voice of separative belonging before hearing the Call of the Soul to higher altitudes of reality.

To be anointed by love is to experience the power of the Soul to transform the lesser self into an instrument of divine expression. It is to realize oneself as a messenger of light, and to recognize the impossibility of radiating spiritual light separate and apart from the downpouring Love of the Christ and His Ashram, the living stream that continuously nurtures the thirsty soul ascending to the mountaintop.

The fire of this love is known when the dross has been sufficiently burned and the Dweller courageously faced, though it may remain a flickering flame until the overriding influence of the persona has been overcome. It is possible for a group of disciples aspiring to solidify a conscious relationship with the Hierarchy to register the anointment by love as a single organism. Those who have experienced it will intuitively share its healing powers with those whose flames may flicker still, until the group Soul comes under the direct and unimpeded impress of the planetary heart center.

A group that knows this anointing power of love will in time become a group Initiate and, as a group, a full-fledged member of the spiritual Hierarchy of Earth. Even now, this group is being infused with a greater apprehension of what is possible when the Path of Return becomes the Way of Love and Joy, replacing the trail of lifetimes of sorrow and suffering. When the light of the mind is joined to the heart of sacrificial service, the gates to the New Jerusalem open wide.

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As you may realize, all Masters within the Ashram of the Christ serve the unfolding Plan in a multiplicity of ways in a given cycle. Each of Us is assigned duties and responsibilities to carry out specific, yet overlapping, hierarchical goals. My Ashram has the duty to shepherd a group of disciples into Our folds in order to anchor Our presence within the human family in this transition to a new age. The emphasis should be placed on *Our* presence, as *We* extend a hierarchical line of light into your midst in the aim of evoking a dynamic response.

My particular role in establishing this association lies in two spheres for which I have long assumed responsibility. One involves the actualization of the vast esoteric teachings given by the Hierarchy to humanity over the past century. All too often they have languished on the plane of mind. Esoteric schools of the future will specialize in drawing forth from their students capacities that remain untapped by humanity as a whole, particularly those dependent upon the heart and the intuition. My responsibility in furthering the Plan is to evoke into livingness the *reality* of the Soul which has resided, until recently, in the dimly lit backwaters of human civilization.

The second sphere that concerns My Ashram and the cause of its growing proximity to humanity is the urgent need for a direct channel of communication, as the skies darken over the present order to the point that few can see the light apart from those whose light arises from within. For the sustenance of the human soul, through the harrowing birth of a new world, the time has come to make Our presence known. Toward this end We have trained several disciples for many years, some of whom have developed a facility for communication with Us. The soul of the individual who is transmitting these instructions is of the First Ray and therefore has the necessary qualities for the work of an amanuensis in a time of crisis.

A question about the gestation period of a group disciple has been posed. Our answer is that in order to move mountains, the capacities of the white Magician are required. The true Magician, free of all glamour and ambition, is capable of any imaginable feat on the plane of illusory reality. He or she can attract the assistance of the Ashram in pursuits that are in keeping with the plan of evolution. In a group of numerous white Magicians, working in unison toward a hierarchical goal, the time needed to materialize such an entity could be negligible.

The work to be done occurs on the plane of the soul, where time is non-existent. It is achieved largely through subtle re-alignments of the wise heart, which knows the right priority of all things. When the soul is in control of its vehicle, the alignment between wise understanding and wise action can occur in a flash of illumination. It involves the watchful

eye of the soul and the transmutation of any wayward impulses, however subtle, that could cause a detour from the straight and narrow path into the Ashram of the Christ.

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The primary difference between a group of disciples and a group disciple is this: a group disciple is a harmoniously functioning unit to which each member brings his or her integrated and consecrated Self, withholding nothing—no skill or ability, no talent or capacity, no insight or foresight, no strand of wisdom or of love—that could aid the full flowering of the group unit into an effective vehicle of ashramic service. To achieve this requires a level of self-sacrifice only rarely demonstrated in the annals of human history and never before for this Purpose.

A group of disciples, by contrast, can, if allowed, become an arena for the display of individual achievements. In a grouping of highly autonomous souls, cognizant of their own place on the path and their own developed minds and intuitive perceptions, members offer their service from an established individuality within a ring-pass-not of consciousness that may have barely changed, in nature, from the time of awakening. This is a subtle point to convey as the first response of most such disciples would be to protest. Sadly, it is true and represents the primary obstacle to the level of group work of which We speak.

The success of this experiment in group discipleship requires, quite simply, that this long-established pattern be dissolved by spiritual love. The line of least resistance for the isolated persona is always to shine forth in a blaze of recognition by its peers. The movement forward as a group involves incremental refinements of the heart and of conscious awareness more broadly speaking, including the ability to co-measure one's status with the Inner Group. It is a matter of taking one step at a time into a brotherhood of Elders, in full awareness of one's place among Those Who passed this way before you. Peers fade into oblivion as Co-workers emerge into view gazing into the future of evolutionary possibility.

The reality is this: To the degree that one is concerned with the shining forth of the persona and the recognition of one's fellow disciples, to that same degree does the Brotherhood of Wisdom suffer from neglect. A group disciple is a member of an Ashram, which has a distinct function to perform within a given evolutionary cycle. As you now realize, to form such a unit requires the sacrifice of self. This is no romantic notion but rather an enormous leap in evolution that requires breaking free from the ring-pass-not of consciousness that has defined the human experience until this time.

To be part of such a breakthrough is an opportunity of massive proportions. Opportunities for group entry into an Ashram are scarce, as you will realize if you take stock of groups

that are known to you. Few are those who have the aspiration or capacity to meet Us halfway – to hone the ‘rough edges’ that stand as points of interference in the group field. The heart may leap at such a possibility but the personality may still recoil at the sacrifice required, as in the perennial struggle between the Dweller and the Angel. The requirements of the third Initiation apply to the Group Disciple with this exception: it is not required that every member arrive at this juncture at once. In fact, that could not be the case. The value of such a group lies in its capacity to rapidly catalyze the growth of each of its members, wherever they find themselves in the scheme of initiations.

Our role in the life of a discipleship group lies in bringing the parts that compose the whole into a higher synthesis of Being. For such a convergence of lives to become possible, planning takes place over decades and, in some cases, lifetimes. Individuals are carefully chosen for this ‘engagement,’ a word selected with care, indicating a capacity, if not yet fully demonstrated, for accepting a life of responsibility and commitment to serving the Plan and the Hierarchy. The degree to which you choose to develop this capacity is entirely up to each one of you.

As you now realize, it is Our goal to forge an unbroken chain of conscious beings linking us with humanity. You have a chance to realize this functionality – another word chosen with precision. If carried out with the fire of inspiration, it is a function that can illuminate for many others the Future in which the Hierarchy will reappear to masses of human beings. To become a conscious intermediary between the two higher dimensions of planetary Life is to actualize the Teachings that have pointed to this eventuality.

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The stage of development that We look for in the disciple is the fire of the heart rising up to meet the electric fire of mind. Visualize two flames meeting at a point above the head and there you will sense the descending flame of the Monad signaling the readiness of the pilgrim to enter Our gates. The appearance of threefold flames of group members who are achieving or approaching this rare state of readiness affirms that the life of the Ashram will be renewed and revitalized once more, when the gates swing wide open to admit this group as a functioning unit.

Several requirements remain before this possibility can be realized: (1) the sounding by the group of the ashramic note of purpose; (2) the conscious realization of the ashramic intent; and (3) the unobstructed flow through the group field of a vortex of ashramic energies with the potency to precipitate a force field of transformative power. Let Us examine each of these requirements.

First, to sound the ashramic note means to develop a single-minded focus of the soul, on its own plane, of the higher purpose for the fusion of a group of disciples into a group unit of service, and to hold this note until the threefold personality vibrates to it. The present purpose of the First Ray Ashram is to unveil the lighted pathway between the 4th and 5th kingdoms in the life of the Planetary Logos. As the impulse to destruction takes hold in the outer world of dense form, We seek to externalize the Reality of the subtle world of Light that holds the future.

Second, the ashramic intent for this group is to nurture the love of the Soul until it prevails over the deeply engrained dominance of the separative mind, whose powers have brought humanity to the brink of self-destruction. To aid you in this We offer a simple exercise: visualize a stream of divine Love pouring into every breath you take. If you can achieve this at least on several occasions each day, the flame of group love will rise to meet the towering flame of mind, attracting the 'seal' of monadic fire.

Third, there is an energy vortex circulating above you, awaiting the moment of convergence of the two flames. Events will begin to unfold as the flame of the heart rises to meet the fire of the mind. At the convergence of the two flames a conflagration will occur, revealing the monadic purpose of this group disciple. The conscious absorption of this purpose by the higher mind of the group will quicken its descent into livingness and thus the Spirit of Life contained in this precipitating Event will find expression in the world of women and men.

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Restlessness grows in these times as people await the Externalization and the Reappearance, by whatever name. Humanity continues to ask where, oh where, are the lords and saviors promised since the beginning of time? When will they come to change the face of the Earth into a promised land where goodness and mercy shall reign? The myth of St. Nicholas, arriving each year at Christmas with sacks of gifts is lodged so deeply in the psyche of the Western world that the child-like expectation of a savior persists. It is still widely believed, by some of the most highly developed minds, that an external event will occur *to* humanity, to prevent its extinction, without the need for fundamental internal change.

This is why We reach out to you – as Co-workers and change agents. If We were to give a name to a Group Disciple in-the-making it would be a “pre-externalizing vehicle” for the Hierarchy. Through you We stand to gain a foothold within humanity that has been lacking heretofore. There is within awakening humanity an inner call for greater light of understanding and this group can facilitate Our response. In the light of understanding, flashes of illumination can occur that lead the seeker to the true source of salvation within

the Soul. That light reveals the laws of cause and effect and the need to balance the scales of justice before a new dispensation can be given to humanity.

For disciples leading the way into the new world, those scales have largely come into balance. Few are those within the race as a whole about whom that can be said. To you who are struggling to rid yourselves of the last vestiges of karma, the light of Christ already burns within your souls. He returns in you and through you as you realize your part in fostering this Great Event. With each stride you make toward the Ashram, you solidify the path of His Return. We ask that you dwell on these words until they light a fire in every cell of your being.

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The goal to be achieved by the Group Disciple is to strike a note that harmonizes with the note of the Ashram. Yours will be a note that strikes a balance between the seen and the unseen, the heard and the unheard, the sensed and the unsensed, the known and the unknown. We strive to bring into your line of sight an array of stimuli to ring the bells and light the lights that will trigger your awareness of the higher worlds in which the Future is taking form.

Bear in mind that you already know and sense a great deal about these subtle worlds through your 'out-of-the-body' experiences at night and those that occur during the day, as you fall into meditation and deep contemplation, extracting the soul's awareness from its form and enabling its expansion into boundlessness. The subtler purpose of these disciplines is to condition the consciousness to experience the inner worlds where higher contacts can be made.

There is another facet of meditation taught by Our Brother DK which remains sadly underutilized. It involves the building aspect of the mind, whose full capacity can only be attained through the energies of the heart. If you would become builders of the future, you could start with even a single element known to you, adding fuel to that element every day, immersing it in the light of the mind, 'watering it' through the tendrils of the heart. By this means you will pave the avenues and boulevards into the new City.

Building the new world also occurs through the total clearing of the mind, by withdrawing your awareness from all exterior stimuli and creating the experience of emptiness. Dwell in that space for awhile, allowing the Silence to waft over you, filling you with Itself until the self is no longer aware of breathing and the mind is devoid of thought. When the emptiness settles in, you will enter a state in which a higher octave of building work is possible, for there We can commune with you if invited to do so.

In the emptiness We are able to work through the channels of the heart whereby the Truth to be delivered to the mind finds its first spawning ground. If you comprehend these words, you will realize why Truth so often fails to land in the mind in a way that it makes an impact on the soul. Without the activation of the heart channels, where the Word is brought into livingness, it lays dead, for all intents and purposes, like a stillborn child. It remains a trace element in the bloodstream awaiting a time when the Word of Truth comes forth once again, like a seed of Life, attempting to electrify the dormant cells of the heart.

A parallel can be drawn between the muscles of the heart that keep the valves opening and closing to allow the blood to flow through, and the petals of the subtle heart that also open and close, figuratively speaking, before they fully open in all their glory. When this occurs, the gates between Our kingdom and yours are thrown open wide and remain open permanently. Until that time, as the petals open one by one, Our access to the light of the soul increases gradually until the moment of illumination when barriers of time and space completely vanish and there is One Thought, One Thinker, and One Goal for humanity.

For now, We ask that you prepare that silent furrowed field of the heart into which We can implant a living seed of the new world. Here is the first seed from the divine storehouse: to descend into the well of the heart requires courage, so deep are the scars of betrayal and distrust, so deeply etched are the stains of tears spilled in the longing for pure and incorruptible love. Take courage in the knowledge that Our love never ebbs, but ever flows into the heart that allows Our entry into the chambers where true healing begins.

Take this thought into the clarified field of Silence: This is a crucial stage on the path to integrity and wholeness. The love that heals the human heart pours forth from Us, who form the planetary heart center, a fact that escapes the recognition of most esoteric students. Another way to state this truth is that the soul first awakens to the light of Truth that is anchored in the heart center. As that light gradually increases, it evokes ever more light from Us until the moment arrives when the light of mind irradiates the cause of continual human suffering: the woundedness of the human heart.

That condition is healed most effectively through the marriage between Our kingdom and yours. The light of the soul irradiated by the love of the soul clears the path to the planetary heart center and, in turn, to the Heart of the Sun. When the love pouring forth from these centers finds an open channel into the human heart, the last vestiges of scars from the past are, relatively speaking, easily removed. The soul's love then flows freely, unreservedly and uninterruptedly, from heart to heart, in deepening recognition on the disciple's part of the underlying cause of a world without spiritual love.

Have the courage to throw off the remaining armor-plated shields protecting the heart to expose the pain that may still reside there. By this means you can observe and remove

whatever splinters may be shoring up the walls of separation. Allow yourself to feel the tender healing touch of the Mother of the World to the point where the heart itself becomes a rung on the ladder of ascension into the New World, where the love of the Hierarchy will permeate the living essence of all that exists.

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The next stage in the unfoldment of the Group Disciple revolves around the principle of shared identity. The words 'shared identity' may seem simple to comprehend on the surface. But, as happens with the limited vocabulary available to demystify the process of spiritual unfoldment, and of evolution itself, these words fail to convey much of anything that is essential to the living processes of transmutation, transformation and transfiguration. Let Us try to pierce the veil of limitation to the core reality.

To share an identity with another human being requires ascending the ladder of evolution into the Kingdom of the Soul. This can be achieved only by the soul infused with the light of understanding of the laws that guide the pilgrim on the path into the Ashram. The idea of sharing identity applies to the essential, stripped-down nature of the soul in incarnation—the conscious, living spark of divinity. To exist *consciously* as a divine spark, temporarily clothed in a bodily form, is to radiate the pure spirit of divinity. To share this identity with other human beings in the form world is to fulfill the divine plan of evolution for the cycle governed by Aquarius. We present you with a forecast of the future, yet even now great progress toward this goal is being made.

For the average human being, to share means to give to others a portion of one's material possessions, whether it be of food, or money, or some other resource. In practice, it usually means bestowing upon another that which one has in abundance, and not necessarily that which is most needed. To share one's identity, however, involves a shift in consciousness from the three worlds to the realm of the Soul. It requires the realization that the Mind of God is a fiery furnace for the creation of the worlds, and that every single divine spark emanating from it is destined to return to its Source through a recognition of shared substance. Thus will the world of human living be elevated into the Kingdom of Souls.

Until this recognition lights the fire of the heart of the disciple with the blazing heat of the Sun, the words 'shared identity' stand like empty vessels lacking heat, light, and life. They may indicate a lofty goal to be achieved by the disciple, but the fire that transforms is absent. One may recognize a fellow disciple for their work in the world, for the depth of their perception, for the wisdom flowing through them, for the beauty of their heart, while continuing to see that person as 'other.' He or she is *not* me, not who *I* am, not part of *my*

identity. The path into the next kingdom requires a restructuring of the inner man or woman—an erosion of the separated identity engrained over the course of millions of years of dwelling in the 4th kingdom in nature. That identity has to be replaced by the love issuing from the Kingdom of Souls.

Can you see, my friends, how everything related to the Future depends on the heart beating to a new rhythm and a new melody? Our goal in the formation of a group disciple is to escalate the progress of evolution by providing you with a direct channel to the Heart of Earth where the glow of love pervades all of life. We Ourselves embody the love dwelling within the heart of God. We arrived here by eliminating all facets of personality that held hostage the spark of divinity, which seeks to rejoin its brethren in the fiery crucible of love.

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The Group Disciple represents an essential link in the chain of Earth's hierarchy. There is no better language to describe its function, though We have searched for a metaphor that does equally well at conveying its essential nature. For communication purposes, the simple phrase 'link in a chain' serves well for now. What concerns Us more at this time is communicating more effectively the point in the chain where this link comes to bear great significance.

Perhaps this metaphor will serve to make the point: In heat of summer, with the melting of mountain glaciers, the crystalline patterns of snowflakes dissolve into flowing water. When this liquid begins its descent from the highest peaks, the water droplets are perfectly clean and uncontaminated. They act as carriers of the purest air existing on Earth as this air contains a high proportion of unadulterated prana. As the descent continues, the water absorbs elements in the surrounding environment, which in the beginning are in a relative state of purity. And so it goes until the precipitation that originated at altitudes towering over the physical earth enters places where the detritus of human civilization pollutes the once pristine, virginal stream.

This is a crude way of conveying the nature of the descending chain of hierarchy. If you can perceive it as a river originating on the tallest mountain peaks in the purest air, you will grasp the point We wish to make. To become a Group Disciple is to advance upward to join the stream at a higher point than where most of humanity is located and to considerably *widen* the stream at a place of greater purity. This will allow more of the semi-crystalline waters to reach the swelling ranks of struggling pilgrims who, in turn, will have more 'holy water' with which to anoint those who follow in their stream.

To amplify this point, let Us explore the meaning of the phrase 'to become the Path.' If you could observe the path of an individual soul, covering an expanse of several lifetimes, you would note a turning-point marked by an actual change in the atomic substance of the individual's vehicles. The probationer who starts out quite tentatively, uncertain of anything that is not tangible, measurable or visible, works through vehicles comprised of the same substance as ordinary human beings. In fact, there is no observable change in the structure of the atoms of the bodies until the seeker leaves behind the status of aspirant and becomes unswervingly committed to treading the path into the Hierarchy.

When this commitment is made, in full awareness of the consequences likely to result in the life of the personality, it marks the personality's first true act of surrender to the Soul. In a flash, a switch is flipped on allowing light of a higher frequency to pour into the disciple's vehicles, in response to that inner vow to mount the Path of Ascent. From that point onward, there is a need for intermittent reaffirmations of that vow, as this path is anything but straight. But there comes a time when the personality's surrender is irreversible and Hierarchical light floods the soul, easing the remainder of the way beyond previous imaginings. At each forward step in the zigzag course of the disciple's journey, another modicum of light is added to the soul and its vehicles until the point is reached where the individual becomes an embodiment of light in ways observable to others, thus *becoming* the Path—a way by which others may achieve.

You will now understand with greater clarity the Task for which We are preparing you. It is to embody this greater light as a group, to make visible the descending stream of pure mountain water—the water of life, the golden river of life—at a point above the place where it enters the realm of human living, in the goal of uplifting those who are awakening into greater Life. The goal is to stand in spiritual unity as a beacon of light, an outpost of the Hierarchy, to demonstrate as a group unit the next stage on the ladder of human evolution and to signal, for those equipped to see, the further descent of the Ashram into the world of human living.

❧ 18 August 2014 ❧

The stage has been set for the revelation to which these Letters have been leading. It has been made possible by your responses to what We have previously communicated and yet it will sound, at first, foreign to your ears. Give yourselves some time for this revelation to sink in to the depths of awareness. If you can allow its full and complete penetration into the buddhic Mind of Christ in you, the portal into the next dimension will open wider.

At the time of the next Full Moon, in Virgo, the status quo of the present planetary order will be further weakened. A wave of change will have swept the planet in the form of volcanoes, fires, floods, mudslides, earthquakes and other seismic events that will disrupt the normal flow of human affairs. Into this 'window of time,' when patterns of daily living cannot be reliably sustained as in the past, the world of the Soul will beckon more loudly.

The divine intent behind these shattering events is to raise human awareness to the frequency where the voice of the soul can be heard and its reality sensed. Were you to form a cohesive unit, We could put it to good use right now. The Ashram sees this time as a rare and almost unprecedented opportunity to broadcast Its message of deliverance from darkness to light, from the unreal to the real, from death to immortality. Lying before you is the possibility of demonstrating the transformative power of the Path of Light and the factual reality of eternal Life. We cannot be more explicit at this time except to say that you can, if you so will it, become a living exemplar of the lighted way into the Kingdom of Souls.

If this is to take place, it will occur in two stages: 1. the building of the rainbow bridge into Our Abode and 2. the descent of Our Emissaries across this bridge, providing living evidence of the union of the human and spiritual kingdoms. Again We emphasize the need for the commitment of the heart that soars with love magnified by the clear-eyed perception of the One Life and the One Soul, along with the vision of a new world order under the aegis of the Christ and His Hierarchy of Masters.

❧ 19 August 2014 ❧

Try to envision a large honeycomb. Most of the cavities are full of honey but some are vacant, awaiting another 'shipment' from new occupants. This is a rough picture of the life of the planetary Hierarchy. The bees that produce the honey are the most fertile in the hive. They leave their deposits and pass onward, leaving vacancies for others to fill. In the case of Our Ashram, there is a passing onward from posts or positions when there is an overflow of light that threatens to create imbalances in the system. At that point, the Law of Economy is set in motion. A Chohan releases his post and is freed for higher service, leaving a vacancy to be filled by a Master, and so it is down through the ranks of the Hierarchy.

The Abode of Light is a vortex of living energies affecting the entirety of planetary life. The long-established concept of a stagnant, unchanging group of Elders dwelling at great remove from the life of the planet is anything but accurate. Ours is a thoroughly dynamic

existence, devoted primarily to the generation of thought currents with the power to move the consciousness of humanity into closer alignment with the Forces of Evolution.

If you can grasp the subtler implications of these words, you will realize three things that are essential to the future effectiveness of groups such as this: 1. You are being trained to fulfill a role in the life of the greater Hierarchy. 2. You will be prepared to play the part, as a group, which was played in the past by a single disciple or initiate, but with a vastly magnified impact in keeping with the energies of Aquarius. 3. You will be able to demonstrate, if you so choose, the potencies of a group in accelerating the spiritual growth of others. Could you see yourselves from Our vantage point, you would perceive an engine of evolutionary change in the making.

The wheels of evolution are spinning faster all the time and these Letters are part of the acceleration process. They are intended to bring you in touch with Our reality, and with your potential to grow beyond the strictly human evolution by realizing your worthiness to enter Our midst. The sooner each of you faces whatever remains of the Dweller, whatever facets of the persona you consider unredeemed, the sooner will the group be poised to enter into true Hierarchical service. This does not imply that group members are not already serving the Plan, only that We eagerly await the availability of a Group Disciple to take its place within the Kingdom of Souls. To achieve this would forever change the composition of the Brotherhood. The fact that this possibility coincides with the dawn of the new age offers much to ponder on.

We have stated that the wheels of evolution are spinning faster, but perhaps a clearer explanation is needed. As you know, the next cycle of evolution will occur on a subtler plane of Earth. The next stage of consciousness to be attained by awakened human beings will be rooted in a less densely physical experience of living. Life will be understood, to a far greater degree, as an immersion of consciousness in the world of form to redeem the consequences of past actions for the healing of the world. In the comprehension of this reality lies, in part, the service of this group in working out the Plan.

Keep in mind that the greatest changes now occurring in your lives are taking place in the depths of your souls. This may *seem* to be unrelated to the vortex of world events in which you are now living. However, it is in part the pressure of these events that has been 'forcing' you to scour the inner recesses of your minds in search of blockages to the influx of light whose removal is necessary to complete the passage out of darkness. For you, the Soul is becoming the principle player on the stage of life. So will it be for the generations that will populate the New Earth.

🌀 20 August 2014 🌀

We have long awaited a coterie of coworkers on your side of the bridge between our two kingdoms which means, in this case, on the other side of the etheric veil between our two dimensions of life. There are ways in which the current discipleship groups diverge from previous groups to which certain parallels might be drawn. For example, in the group that surrounded A.A.B. during the crucial years when she brought forth those foundational teachings from Our Brother, DK, Alice was the sole contact point for the Ashram. In groups today there may be several such points of contact, even if only one plays the role of amanuensis.

Many decades have passed since the time when Teachings were given from the Ashram to prepare humanity for the coming forth into recognized existence, or into manifest form, of members of the Hierarchy *in their ashramic groups*. Since the days of Atlantis, the rare physicalized appearances of the Great Ones in Our midst have consisted of Individuals powerful enough to draw the attention of their followers to the light of Divinity incarnate in human form.

This pattern of divine manifestation is now going to shift from the individual to the group – on each plane of consciousness. The method by which the newest Teachings will be delivered is by groups of lighted Souls working harmoniously together for the Good and consciously performing a linking role in the chain of planetary living. The new order will conspire to teach by living example rather than by ideas. The yawning gap between levels of consciousness will gradually be narrowed as disciples are steadily drawn into the next kingdom to play the part of agents of transformation through the changing substance of their beings.

Imagine a realm where the colors and hues of one's aura depict the substance of one's character, and where the underlying motives of all people are unfurled, like banners, for those who have eyes to see. This hints at the context in which future lifetimes will unfold, as gradations of light and beauty become palpable to the subtler sensory organs of advanced human beings. If you could see what We see, you would sense the glory of what is to come.

The Law of Attraction will be 'the law of the land.' No longer hidden by the density of form, the workings of this law will be transparent to the higher senses. Evolution will proceed by affinity – of one soul to another, one group to another – as the Way opens up into the Brotherhood of Light, the ultimate group on this planet in terms of unification to the point of fusion. Beings admitted to the Council Chamber at Shamballa still arrive as individual 'units of highly distilled light,' but most are preparing for a still more highly exalted experience of group fusion beyond the bounds of Earth.

The principal message We wish to convey at present is that groups like yours are being trained for a particular role in affiliation with the Brotherhood of Light on the eve of the age of group consciousness and group living. Only by the way of the heart can the truth of Our words be heard. Only by this way can the evolutionary design be fulfilled. Everything is predicated on the opening of those 'petals' that can absorb the Christ Presence. Thus We say unto you: Love one another. He who embodies the love that flows forth from the Heart of the Sun has not changed His fundamental message in two thousand years, but only now are some of you able to hear it. In this way, the new world unfolds in you even now.

❧ 25 August 2014 ❧

Teachers of the future will enter the heart chakra of their students. In this statement you will find a clue to the differentiation between love, widely perceived as sentiment, and the vibratory influence of spiritual love as it can affect the entire bodily organism. This love that quickens the sensitivity of the entire organism exists at a higher octave than the passion that ignites the lesser vehicles of the persona. It is a force whose vibratory quality animates the web of energies comprising the etheric body. When the Force of Love courses through the golden web of the etheric vehicle its effect is to raise the frequency of the whole web. It is a force that words cannot fully describe. Perhaps you know of what We speak.

Beauty has a similar effect on the sensitive soul, as it ignites the fire of love. The impact of Beauty on those who are deeply struck by it is to arouse the aspiration to know its Source. They recognize the footprints of the Source in the deliverance to humanity of those expressions of divine love that are made manifest in genuine beauty. In actuality, beauty is a 'way-station' on the path to the direct experience of divine love. So great is its power that few individuals are able to contain the purity of its energy without distorting it into established personality patterns that reflect idealized, romantic love.

This lesser form of love, which brings enormous pleasure to those fortunate enough to experience it, generally endures for a brief moment in time before it is ravaged by the incessant demands of the persona for more. Peak moments of personal love can be likened to fireworks displays on a balmy summer's night. As soon as they end and the dark sky reappears, the three-fold personality craves more and more. This love, deriving largely from glammers and illusions, cannot endure longer than chimerical perceptions of the beloved.

The higher form of love toward which We draw your attention belongs to the soul on its own plane. It enters the world of form when soul contact is established and grows into a radiant force—at the point where the soul infuses the outer vehicle. If you have ever been in the presence of a highly evolved being you will know the immensity of his/her radiatory

field. Such a being is 'powered' internally as if by a hundred suns, without need of love from other human beings. This life-giving power is what you can anticipate from Teachers of the future.

In describing love as a force We refer to the most powerful force in the solar system and the universe. Here is why. Everything in manifestation is searching for its beloved – from the smallest animal or child awaiting the warmth of its mother to a galaxy gravitating toward its counterpart in the Heavens. All entities in manifest form seek to merge and fuse with another, as each in its own way is impelled by the Law of Attraction to embody the reality of synthesis.

From Our perspective, the planetary Lives in the Sun's system are wending their way into a synthetic whole – starting on the level of consciousness. Just as advanced human beings learning to live as souls come to realize the illusion of 'otherness,' so do planetary Logoi reach this point of recognition. The quest then becomes one of consciously demonstrating this recognition on the plane of etheric living, as is occurring with humanity's awakening to Earth's subtle layer of livingness.

On this subtler plane, the energy of Love emitted from the Heart of the Sun, pouring into and through the spiritual Hierarchy of Earth, will flow more freely into human lives via the network of chakras that form the vehicle of the Soul in incarnation. The heart chakra, the center of this network, will be exposed to the 'warmth of the Sun' through the energies generated by the Ashram of the Christ, which will draw into Itself those beings within the human kingdom who pulsate in resonance with the frequencies of love.

Consider, if you will, the power of the Sun to unfold the petals of a flower in a mere few days after its arising from the soil. Imagine how it will be to experience Love from the Sun, coursing through the Ashram of the Son and pouring into your heart chakra, and you will sense the meaning of Love perhaps for the first time. This is love that binds the scattered fragments of the self into a Self made whole and which becomes, in Its turn, a healing force. This is the love that will characterize the spiritual Teachers of the Aquarian Age. They will embody the love of Christ while teaching the principles of the path through which this love unfolds.

🌀 26 August 2014 🌀

The spiral staircase is an excellent symbol for the journey of discipleship groups at this stage of development. As you realize, the spiral represents a circling/cycling back to the starting point before ascending to a higher level. The starting point for this group was significantly advanced and yet, as We have mentioned previously, there are some rough

stones to be polished before the next level of ascent. That polishing is well underway and the gears are in place to reach a higher step on the ladder, except for this: the role of the group must be understood and embraced with greater clarity. Once that understanding arrives, with its attendant growth into fuller discipleship service, conditions of a subjective nature will arrange themselves to catalyze the next turn upward on the spiral staircase.

The members of this group have been culled from different groups around the globe. All of you share many values; most of you share a set of expectations about the future; each of you has prepared yourself for this task in different ways. Yet none of you could have foreseen it earlier as the role that We hold before you had not descended into “the raincloud of knowable things” until rather recently. We avail Ourselves of opportunities much in the way that alert and awakened human beings do. We seize whatever opportunities emerge that can serve the unfoldment of the Plan. But in addition, We are able to ‘seed the raincloud’ in ways that stimulate such opportunities to come into being.

To help you see how We work subjectively ‘behind the veil,’ We will cite one small example. The image of the golden cathedral that furtively entered the awareness of the greater group was received by the group without resistance. The reason is twofold: The person who ‘caught’ the image has had access to the raincloud. He telepathically registered an image with universal appeal to this group of meditators on the path of discipleship. It was seeded by one of Our Brothers in the hope that it would be received and utilized as it has been. It now has a place in your consciousness as an etheric meeting-ground between Our plane of reality and yours. Such things eventuate through careful planning that includes the stimulation of receptive minds that seek to serve the Hierarchy and the Plan.

We utilize many means to achieve Our goals but they all come down to these: the sending forth of ideas through the fire of Mind; the stimulation of sensitivity and receptivity in the human soul; and the human awakening into awareness of this interaction. Until this time of transition the last element, human awareness, had been fairly dormant. One of the potential roles of this group disciple is to demonstrate objectively what has been the rare and subjective experience of individuals, many of whom interpret the results of this interplay as ‘an idea that I had.’

There is, of course, a steady stream of new ideas entering the minds of human beings that are germane to their sphere of interests. Nearly all arise from the confluence of streams of thought of a horizontal nature. This process is not unlike adding 1 and 2 to get 3. By the logical induction of the concrete mind, one can arrive at the next in a sequence of ideas or events, and the convergence of several streams of such logic can advance a given field by leaps and bounds. When an idea is impressed upon human minds by the Hierarchy, it will always bear the hallmark of evolutionary purpose—the intention to uplift the human and lesser kingdoms in some way. Whether the field be science, education, health or law, the

fiery arrows sent forth from Our Abode into human minds will always bear the seal of the Greater Good.

In the case of this small group of disciples, the purpose We are trying to achieve on behalf of the Hierarchy is to 'announce' the potential for conscious interrelatedness between the human and spiritual kingdoms. A positive outcome would be to let it be known to those with ears to hear that it has proven possible for human beings to work cooperatively with the Abode of the Masters, cementing the links of consciousness in the chain of planetary hierarchy that lies behind the objective and visible life of Earth.

To date, our cooperative work has consisted of building a cohesive group field for the integration of each of the members into a single unit. The next turn up the spiral toward a living relationship with the Ashram will involve, in part, a parallel cementing of links with those whom you can serve. Working out the methods to accomplish this will require the Wisdom of Solomon. You may count on Our assistance, but the creative fire to do this, the spiritual will, must arise from within you as individuals and as a group. As it does, and as many souls are forged into a unitary whole, you will realize the monadic purpose for which this group has been called into being.

❧ 27 August 2014 ❧

Underneath the superficial outer appearance of the western world, as presented by the mass media, eruptions are occurring to further doom the present order and breathe new life into the age taking root in human consciousness. You realize by now that you are, each and all, at the forefront of this advancing wave of new awareness that is not only higher but deeper, and not only deeper but wider than any previous level of human awareness. It is now expanding within you to contain the spiritual Hierarchy as a living reality, edging ever closer to the forefront of your consciousness. When it arrives at full frontal awareness you will find yourselves at the portal to the Kingdom of Souls. When you have entered this kingdom, having made the requisite adjustments of priorities and fulfillment of karmic necessities, and having rid yourselves of all concern save your service to Our Brotherhood, then We shall unveil to you the *full* dimensions of this group's service.

You are only now coming to envision your potentialities, in brief glimpses, as Our co-workers. But given the speed of your development, We feel justified in stating that you are already enabling the Plan to unfold in unanticipated ways. One of the elements that was missing in previous groups that We attempted to contact has been provided by you collectively: an unwavering commitment to the Ashram's aim to precipitate on Earth a new

kingdom—part human, part divine. Your adherence to this purpose has taken it out of the realm of long-range possibilities and given it impetus for these times of dire necessity.

Your group dharma is to turn the concept of the spiritual kingdom into a living reality through *expressions* of this group in the world of form. As you are now fully immersed in the stage of experience, Our greatest hope is that you will proceed to the stage of group expression. This is where you will face the strongest challenges to your inner commitment. Expressing qualities of the Kingdom of Souls, without stating so in words, will require the highest sensitivity, courage, and subtlety.

You will have to learn to speak without reference to texts and from the authority of the Soul. What this means will have to be discovered inwardly by each of you and also together as a group. The soul speaks gently yet assuredly, with love for all who may hear, in the full knowledge of the Reality of which it forms a small though conscious part. The Soul never shouts nor draws attention to Itself, but quietly goes about fulfilling the 'will of the Father.' In the case of this group, the will of the Father would find its highest expression in the downpouring light of Truth that desperately needs outlets in the world.

The way ahead, in furtherance of the Plan's unfoldment, requires a feat never before accomplished. We have stated this idea previously but present it here in a new guise. We have understood from past experience that the divide between our kingdoms was too vast to be filled by words alone. The reality of a higher kingdom that We had hoped would take hold among advanced human beings appeared too far-fetched to be believed by all but devoted students of esoteric truth. They themselves, however, proved unable to narrow the divide when it came to reaching the state of consciousness in which We are a living reality. Instead, as with all religious beliefs of the past, there arose a devotion to an ideal. The spiritual Hierarchy remains in this category to this day, even among those who most cherish the ideal.

With the waning of the 6th Ray and the waxing of the 7th Ray it becomes more possible, experientially, to uproot this spiritual log-jam. Yet the gap between concept and livingness remains wide. Every member of this group now comprehends what it will require to close the gap between the worship of divinity and the embodiment of divinity. Past attempts to flood the world with knowledge *about* the Kingdom of God have failed on that account. The mantle of responsibility now falls on the shoulders of those who are awake to their divine potentials and are moving consciously toward fulfilling them, in ways observable by fellow human beings. Only this can transform a wished-for reality into an emergent Reality.

🌀 2 September 2014 🌀

These are the long-predicted 'times and half-times.' The old world passes away and the new world is yet to come in a form that is perceptible to you. On the planes of energy and consciousness you shall soon become aware of the good that you have wrought, for the time is coming when the veil will disappear and all that will remain is consciousness flowing through etheric form in a vast ocean of currents, waves, moving lines and points of energy. If you could but see it, you would be enthralled by the view.

As has been stated many times, by Us and by other Members of Our Ashram, the aim of the new civilization is to bring about the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth—a blending of Souls at many grades of light who will together form what amounts to a new kingdom. With the emergence of this new kingdom, Earth itself will be transfigured by the love of the Soul, thereby initiating a golden age of genuinely enlightened living. All will proceed from the conscious awareness that God is Love. The way-showers into the new world will be those who have inscribed these words upon the tablets of their hearts.

Let Us provide an illustration of the new world by means of contrast with the old. The violence overshadowing today's dying world is fueled by instincts remaining from the epoch of animal-man. In this instinctually driven world, the weak are ever prey to the strong and powerful. There is nothing to restrain the lower man from engorging himself on his weaker prey, vulnerable as they are to the power of fear. This world has become a fear-driven world in which there is no mercy, for mercy derives from the soul that recognizes essential unity. The present world order is without a soul, feeding itself into oblivion on the by-products of fear.

The new world will be born of the Soul, which has no fear because it recognizes in itself the eternal flame of spirit. Where such recognition exists, the grip of instinctual fear dissolves. It is then that love enters the life and in the new cycle of living "the end can be known from the beginning." Where there is love, there is no death. Where there is love, there is the recognition of shared Selfhood that fosters the Reality of the One indivisible Self that is Life. Where there is love, the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" is fulfilled by knowing that to kill another is to kill oneself. To disobey the heart's commandments is not possible for the fully awakened soul.

There are, of course, many methods and forms of killing that exist on planes subtler than the dense physical. We shall not enumerate them here for each of you knows them well. In the future the arrow of evolution will be aimed at eliminating even these subtle forms, such as competition and rivalry, whose effects serve to diminish the self-esteem of a fellow seeker and brother on the path. The refinement of the soul who would do no harm demands a level

of self-scrutiny unknown until now by all but those who have advanced into the Kingdom of Souls.

You, who are among the pioneers of the New World, know of what We speak. It is in you that we confide the yearning of the human soul for greater love, for there is in you the capacity to embody this love—in your relations with one another and with those whom you encounter in your daily lives. This is the time for planting seeds that will blossom under the sun of Aquarius when war will be no more. That sentiment has long been held in the hearts of sensitive humans who cannot abide the act of killing. But the principle means of making peace, not war, has eluded the race until now. It is up to those who know to lead the way.

As you well know, the way ahead is steep. Thus We rejoice all the more in watching your steps approach closer to Our Abode, in spite of the tests each of you is facing and precisely because of them. It behooves you not to falter for you are bearing the flag of peace for the new humanity. This is the peace born of the ultimate surrender of the personality to the Soul. From that final surrender the way opens up to a vale of exquisite beauty, harmony, and peace. In that vale We grasp your hands firmly in Ours as we walk the final stretch to the summit together, and you shall know war no more.

🌀 3 September 2014 🌀

Each of the Labors of Hercules begins with a single step. To take a single step is to conquer the world of human living when the taking of this step is a conscious and deliberate act of loving will. In such an act, the soul asserts itself and affirms its existence in a way that as a result of this step in a new direction, the lesser self loses some of its centralized power. From there, the Path to the New World consists of successive acts of will resulting in a whittling down of the persona's base of power. This path of conscious will is not easy to sustain.

Consider the action of a metronome—the device that helps musicians learn to keep a steady rhythm or beat. The unfolding human soul could benefit from such a device to reduce the cycles of flaccidity that follow spurts of growth in the life of the disciple. Insights come, peaks of illumination occur, and then the normal course of events is to allow time for the assimilation of higher gradients of light. But often these periods of assimilation result in fallowness, until the soul is once again shaken to its core by a new revelation of light. Thus the progress of the pilgrim typically occurs in spurts of growth rather than at a steady, rhythmic pace.

The life of this group disciple-in-the-making is serving as a metronome for the growth of the group soul. Such fallow periods no longer exist for those of you who are keeping pace with the rapid unfoldment of the consciousness of this entity. For some this may be

experienced as burdensome, for the personality desires release from the steady pace of growth and a falling back into those comfortable cycles of rest. However, there is no rest for the weary on this highly accelerated path. Knowing this, if you desire to stay the course We invite you to continue reading.

The key difference between this path and the one you were on previously is what you may experience as relentless pressure from Our Abode to stay the course. The journey ahead will lift you to new heights of Self-realization whose attainment requires further self-discipline. We realize that this is not something you are eager to hear but it is the truth. Each of you understands intellectually the requirements of the Initiate, on the path that lies before you.

Given that the purpose of this letter is to hasten your steps, We assert the following principles:

1. The thrust of the Initiate's life is the sacrifice of the soul-infused persona to the demands of the eagerly awaiting Monad.
2. The Hierarchy of planet Earth is a concentration of 'will-infused' Beings, ever mindful of Logoc purpose and striving constantly to fulfill it.
3. The course of events now unfolding on Earth requires that incarnate souls, with the capacity for telepathic rapport, further develop this capacity in group formation in service to the Plan.
4. A ladder of evolution is to be built in the outer world of appearances by those who 'tread this way the ways of men and know the ways of God.'
5. Knowers of this ilk are members of the spiritual kingdom—either in actuality or in increasingly developing potential.

To know the ways of God is to know many things, of which a few are highlighted here:

1. To know beyond the shadow of a doubt the divinity of one's essential nature—the Christ-like nature of the Soul—and to release whatever falls outside of its sphere of radiance.
2. To know through experience the currents of evolution driving the transformation of human nature into the stream of Life that transfigures.
3. To realize that the stream of transfiguring energies is the causal agent of the birth of God within the human kingdom;
4. To see oneself as a pioneer in the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth. There is no higher calling at this time. It is the aspiration to fulfill this calling that has manifested the Group Disciple as 'metronome' for the birthing of a Group Initiate.

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This will be the last group letter for a period of time... This group has the potential to be an outpost of universal love on this small planet as it ascends into etheric realms during the rapid evolution into a new age, where all apparent divisions will dissolve into a breathtaking panorama of lighted lives.

The constant vibratory activity emanating from the plane of this new world enfolds you even now. It will continue to produce the energetic alliances needed to further open the planetary heart to the cascading inflow of cosmic elements inaugurating the Aquarian era of group living. Be ever mindful of the larger context in which this group of disciples is emerging into increasingly greater unity.

At this moment We cannot foretell the degree to which the members of this group will integrate the teachings already given, and thus the group's future cannot be clearly foreseen. Yet this cycle of Letters has to a great extent achieved Our aim: releasing the hold of ancient patterns of separative identity and establishing a field of energy stabilizing the experience of union on the plane of the soul. This itself is a major accomplishment needing no further development to prove the readiness of advanced humanity for the next stage in evolution.

In terms of more practical outcomes, however, there is still ground to cover before the group experience flowers into expression in the world of form. For that to occur, there is need for a further leap into the Mind of Christ – the mind that achieves at-one-ment with the Father's will by means of sacrifice to the point of achieving freedom from the pull of the lesser self. It appears that this degree of willing sacrifice may still lie in the future, but We are open to being proven wrong and hopeful that this will be the case.

Considerable learning has taken place through the stages of group experiment and experience. You have demonstrated that spiritual love is attainable by disciples, and thus in turn by awakened humanity. Having tasted the nectar of Love that will eventually permeate the air of the coming age, you will be purveyors of the consciousness that propels the ascent into the soul's realm where love is freely given, gratefully received, and reciprocated simply because it is the vital air inhaled and exhaled by the purified Soul.

To be approaching that goal, to understand its monumental significance in evolutionary terms, is to identify with a future possibility that still remains beyond the comprehension of the race. Even at the close of the Aquarian cycle it will remain poorly understood by the masses. We are speaking of a state of consciousness so advanced that few individuals, aside from the Masters and Their Ashrams, can contemplate what it means to exist in it – to live as a radiatory force of divine love. That you are now in touch with the Spirit of Life that disposes you to seek this blissful state assures Us that the Plan of evolution remains on course.

This experiment has succeeded brilliantly in many ways. It has shown Us where to place the emphasis of future teachings for disciples and refined Our perception of possibilities existing even now, before the veil is lifted to reveal the landscape of light on the etheric plane. The overwhelming sight of cascading waves of the music of light, intermixed with and indistinguishable from sounds of utter beauty, will alter human consciousness radically and set members of the 4th Kingdom (that portion able to respond) on a new course.

Our experiment with this group of disciples and initiates establishes a high water mark for the development of human potential prior to the planetary shift into the new world. You have made Us aware of several facts that serve Us well in further closing the gap between our kingdoms. First, the heart of humanity is not only sound but is capable of beating at a vastly higher frequency. Second, human beings at the forefront of evolution are becoming prepared to acknowledge the divine potentials lying within the soul – their own and others. Third, with the realization of potential divinity, some are approaching the acceptance of responsibility that flows from this realization. This is where the will comes to bear. The underdeveloped seed of sacrifice will fall on fallow ground.

Such observations have greatly enhanced the Hierarchy's perception of teaching requirements for the future – for that time in the new era when the consciousness of members of our two kingdoms can blend and fuse as a result of vibratory resonance. Everything is in perfect order for that to occur. The next frontier for disciples is to sow the fields of the new world with seeds of the soul imbued with the Christ's love and the Buddha's light. This is the fertile soil upon which the tower of the will can be firmly erected. But here We point to a distant future even for those in the ranks of the new humanity.

At this moment We leave you temporarily with another version of Christ's injunction to His Disciples: "Love one another *as I have loved you.*" After two thousand years, the nature of the love of which He spoke is arising simultaneously in many human souls. You have each experienced the life-giving power of this Love whose Source is the light of Our systemic life. For that reason, your souls have become bearers of the brush strokes of the new era. For that reason, you are congregating under the Banner of Love that flies over the quest for realized discipleship. For that reason, the gates of the Hierarchy remain open, awaiting the moment when We can rejoice all together in the full sovereignty of the living Soul.

Until that time, We urge you to remain on the Path of Love, advancing under the Banner of Love, pushing further into the new territory of the heart. For reasons that will be obvious to you this path cannot be trod alone, outside of a group of resonant souls. It is a way that can be learned *about* but scarcely imagined until it has been etched into the consciousness of the Christ that dwells in the heart. It is the path that has a single exit point – in the Kingdom of Souls.

This path is now familiar to you. May it lead you further into the new world as a team— a band of spiritual warriors paving the way for those who follow just behind you, those who can serve awakening humanity more expeditiously for being closer to the probationers and early aspirants. You will not be without Our guidance, for each of you now rests within the folds of the Ashram. And each one is capable of attracting Our attention for critical needs. To be sure Our signs will be different for each, like words spoken in a tongue best understood by the individual listener. This you already know. We simply state it for the record.

We assure you of the availability of Our guidance when requested by you as a group. This is inherent in the Law of Invocation and Evocation through which Our union with you unfolds, and which has been adroitly set in motion by this divine experiment.



"Agni-Vidya" by Nicholas Roerich