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Imagine the great heavenly bodies, stars and planets alike, ensouled by living Beings of inconceivable force and majesty and beauty.

Imagine, emanating from each of these living centres, vital currents which thrill through space.

Imagine these currents, which represent the life-essence of each of these mysterious stellar and planetary existences, radiating from them as mighty waves of colour, waves of sound, which although beyond the power of human sense to apprehend, nevertheless influence every particle and atom which they contact, every psychic and spiritual factor of Man's being.

The law of the Universe being absolute Unity, not one single emanation from the most far-off star-being but what must affect, to a greater or lesser degree, his brothers in space.

¹ Sage

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The mystery of Life is indeed hidden in the stars, and it is for the true astrologer to decipher and interpret it to his fellows.

To certain Masters whose line of evolution in the past has enabled Them to sense and see the cosmic life-currents as realities, falls the task of adapting them to the needs of this particular planet. Like outposts they stand to guard it from the impact of powers so tremendous that they prove destructive and disintegrating unless transmuted before coming into contact with the earth. This applies to the forces emanating from Uranus and Neptune, while the gentler currents of Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury and Venus, in the charge of Adepts who have evolved along those particular lines, are allowed full scope.

But occasionally for the evolution of humanity, the vibrations of the outside planets are permitted to play upon the earth. This inevitably brings in its train upheavals, wars and crises of all descriptions, for it is the especial function of the aforesaid planets to destroy for the sake of building anew. The recent inrush of Neptunian and Uranian forces, seen by us

as great waves of indigo and rapid shafts of white light alternating with other colours, were responsible for the world war¹, in itself but a reflection of the turmoil on the inner planes, which is to lead to ultimate regeneration, and has involved the taking of higher initiations by even such mighty Beings as the Planetary and Solar Logoi.

This occult and physical upheaval will in course of time involve a change in the whole race. Among other things, certain *chakrams* or centres in the etheric body will need to be developed in an order different from what has hitherto been found essential by Him who is the Manu² of the Fifth Root Race. We who

¹ Note for astrological students. The cause of this upheaval was the Lutation of January 11h, 1910, when the opposition of Uranus to Neptune was in evil aspect to the exoteric planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars. With the benefics Venus and Mercury rendered powerless, there was nothing to stop the combination of Uranian destruction and Neptunian disintegration from demonstrating the full malefic effect of the opposition aspect, and acting as exoteric influences upon the earth.

Needless to say, if humanity had so far transcended the vices and passions which lead to war, these aspects would not have had to work in this particular way, but would have manifested in some less physically destructive fashion, or even taken the form of some great mental stimulus.

But as it was, many egos took the opportunity of the war to wipe off past Karma and purify their higher vehicles through the sacrifice entailed.

² When Vaivasvata, the Manu or Ruler, founded the Fifth Root Race, he reversed the order in the occult development of the etheric centres in the body. This he did partly to counteract Black Magic, prevailing at the time, and partly to separate off his new sub-race from the old and enable them to respond to higher vibrations. Similarly several centuries in advance, he will make a change in the etheric centres in that sub-race from which the new

specialize in the study of this type of work as well as in the direction of the cosmic currents, are ever hoping, searching for possible pupils, sufficiently sensitive, yet able to approach these problems in what your Western World calls the scientific spirit.

Even before the war, you, my son, through your astrological studies, were learning to become responsive to the vibrations of the outside planets.

It was I who caused you to be led to India and to live for several years within the aura of my *ashrama*¹ in the Nilgiri Hills. Here you were gradually prepared for the work of helping us to focus the higher forces of Uranus and Neptune upon those who will ultimately learn to express them both as Power and Love, as breadth of mental vision and spiritual intuition.

During this period of transition, when the outcome of chaos has not yet resolved itself into harmony, those chelas on the second or Love Ray feel most of

Sixth Root Race is to spring ; this is in order to assist the next Manu in his future work. This change is even now taking place in the United States of America, the horoscope of which contains powerful planetary influences in the three airy signs, Libra, Aquarius and Gemini. The last sign contains the occult key to a development which must remain esoteric for some time. See *Adepts of the Five Elements* by David Anrias (Routledge).

¹ Occult centre and home.

all the lack of love around them. Many have felt it so much that they have withered and died for want of the great nourishing force which has hitherto sustained them.

Others like Krishnamurti, who have been inspired by Devas associated with the new planetary forces to assume the *rôle* of Shiva, the Destroyer, have lost touch with their original ray in their attempt to live and live positively in this grim cycle. You who were able to predict his future development can realize the difficulties which beset him.

Cosmic Aquarian forces, impersonal as the wind itself, playing upon his consciousness, impelled him ceaselessly to express that which he had acquired with so much difficulty—the Aquarian ability to become liberated from all need of human and super-human associations. This ability in itself is only an exercise in meditation, and no more than an aid to the ideal of attaining union with God through the entire subjugation of personal desire. Many exponents of this school of philosophy, however, instead of becoming "liberated", will find themselves so placed when they reincarnate that they will be

forced to learn, first the lessons of physical plane co-operation, and then self-conscious control of the astral body.

For the astral body can neither be ignored nor dispensed with. On the contrary it is frequently the only means through which the majority of the Fifth Race and the whole of the Fourth Race can learn their lessons and train the will. Similarly a repressed astral body is no acquisition and leads nowhither. Your modern Western psychology, our gift to the world through inspired sources, has proved this. But what the West has yet to evolve is the *desire to control* the emotional body. When this desire becomes sufficiently powerful, a form of Yoga will be given and tested through a group of pupils, to become general knowledge only when the time is ripe.

Those noble souls who are capable of controlling and transmuting every desire, every emotion in order to attain some great ideal, respond to the higher vibrations of Mars. The whole sympathetic system, in their case, is polarized to that centre within the heart which answers to the call of Service. The astral body is raised to the Buddhic plane through the

transmuting fire of selfless action.* Great soldiers and organizers frequently take this line, and through their self-sacrifice become pupils of my Brother Morya. Meditate upon him if you would comprehend something of the lofty aims which he is ever seeking to inspire in the leading minds of to-day.

* The Master Morya has decided during the last fourteen years, that the world in general is destined to evolve through the study and then the control of the subconscious mind. Hence some sort of training must be evolved to enable people to accomplish this.

To those who have already "arrived" this training is not essential. He, as potential Manu of the Coming Race, is now making a study of the race subconscious, particularly that aspect which relates to the desire for domination over others. This desire has menaced every civilization and is largely responsible for conflicts in personal, national and international relationships. By using his Arhat form, and projecting it into the race subconscious, through the element air and the planet Uranus, he is helping those responsive to the Aquarian vibration to rise above personal desires, and achieve victory over the self.

This procedure is admirably expressed by Him in *Agni Yoga*:

"The subtle body of the Yogi, liberated, visits different planes of existence. Flights into space and plunges into the depths of the planet are equally attainable. . . . Such realization is needed to the progress of the spirit. Such striving towards perfection will come through the realization of imperfection."