

Rising of the Solar Force

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Invocation:

Almighty, everlasting Spirit, we Thy children seek the blessing of Thy light, Thy wisdom, Thy love. In Thy holy name we call upon the angels of the Christ Circle and our illumined brethren to direct the solar rays upon this gathering, so that each one present may receive illumination, inward peace and the blessing of Thy Son.

Amen.

We greet all our brethren with joy. We delight to come like this and bring through, when we can, some light and blessing from our world of spirit. You are approaching the festival of Christ-mass. Many esoteric truths concerning this grand and glorious festival have already been given to you. The earth at the present time is drawing near to a great blessing, which only comes at the end of a spiritual cycle, when a happening occurs cosmically. This is a conjunction between the sun and that spiritual sphere of light which is animating the sun, which is behind the sun and all life on earth. At the end of each two thousand years comes this very special outpouring of solar force. You will realise as time passes the truth of this statement. You will recognise signs of the stimulation of man's* spiritual powers. You will recognise the rising of the solar force both in man and in the earth itself. Some of you already know something about this solar force. It is of this that we wish to speak tonight, in order to bring to your minds certain hidden truths.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the Introduction.]*

We have often told you the purpose of man's incarnation, of man's life here on the earth. Through pain, perhaps, and also through joy and happiness, man has slowly to develop his higher body, referred to by many of the saints and masters of past and present, the body of light known as the solar body. Growth and development and full birth of this divine self or God-self in man is a slow process. This is the purpose of your life, as was also the purpose of the great teachers, the masters, the saints of all time: all have striven to develop this spiritual force. Many different methods have been adopted. Today men are travelling along their own particular path, but the goal remains the same. You will find this inner teaching in all religions throughout the ages.

This same teaching is sent forth—we are going to put it simply—from a circle or sphere of light in the heavens which we describe as the Christ Circle, but which is sometimes referred to as the Great White Brotherhood, or as the Brotherhood or Order of Melchizedek. Always it is the same truth which is being given—teaching concerning the way to stimulate the growth of man's solar body, the celestial body referred to by the master Paul and many other masters. This same force is referred to, not only in the Bible but also in the Upanishads and in the Koran, and in the books in the Kabala, sometimes as the serpent fire. If you study the Old Testament you will recognise references to this power which God has placed within the soul, within the being of every man and woman.

An early reference comes in Genesis. Take note, because you will hear the reading in your churches many times during the Christ-mass and will possibly have wondered about its inner

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meaning. 'And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.' (Genesis chapter 3 verse 15). This was the voice of the Lord speaking, you will remember. Now the serpent is the symbol employed throughout the scriptures for this solar-power, this serpent-power. In Indian scriptures it is referred to as the centre of kundalini. Man is always warned to be very careful about stimulating or causing this serpent-power to rise, for if it does so before man is spiritually strong and spiritually awakened it causes his lower desires to run riot. This is such a tremendous power and can only be controlled by one who has attained a degree of spiritual strength, nobility and purity of nature and of character.

The scriptures say, 'I will put enmity between thee.' This means the serpent, the solar force which is the power of generation and the power of re-generation, but man has turned that power downwards. In this turning of the serpent-power downwards into the lower nature he has caused the serpent's head to be bruised. It goes on to say, 'Thou shalt bruise his heel.' What does that mean? Who was 'he'? *He* is man, and as man uses this creative power for bodily gratification, uses this power in ungoverned passion, selfishness and darkness, he has to suffer. This is the basis of human suffering. You will see how the words of the scriptures are fulfilled. 'Thou shalt bruise his heel,' the heel being the symbol of the lowest aspect of man, meaning that part of him closest to the earth. This is his earthly body, his earthly passions, his earthly appetites. Through these things man suffers. Man's 'heel' is bruised through the suffering that the serpent force brings to him when it is turned downwards. In other words when a man or woman gives way to the lower nature in greed [and] in passion, he brings upon himself a great deal of pain.

We know that this will arouse many thoughts, many questions in your minds. It is good for you to think. We do not mind your asking questions concerning the things that we say. We say them for the express purpose of stimulating your thought because it is by your own thought (far more than by studying books) that you learn to aspire, to grow and learn in due time about these heavenly mysteries. So get into your minds as clearly as you can the meaning of these scriptural words. The bruising of the serpent's head is the bruising or injury done to the solar body by the man or woman deliberately turning downwards to the lower nature and abusing the body and life generally by the wrong use of that solar force.

As man evolves, that serpent turns its head upward and will gradually, through stimulation of the sympathetic nervous system, cause the eyes of the soul to open. The eyes of the soul are the seven ganglia, the seven chakras in the etheric body, and as this force arises and stimulates these centres they open and become the windows of the soul. The solar force comes into man and shines forth through the ganglia or chakra, developing in man that Christ power, that supreme heavenly light.

If you study the lives of the saints you will read of miraculous happenings. If you have knowledge of this serpent power you will understand why these saints, devoted to a wonderful life of contemplation, prayer and desire for union with God, at a certain stage seem to have an inrush of miraculous power so that miracles are recorded which no ordinary man can understand. These things are therefore left unexplained by man's lower mind, but those

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who have commenced to tread the upward path recognise in these happenings the arising of this solar force. By this same power the saints, the disciples, the prophets of the past have demonstrated to earthly men the reality of this supreme solar fire.

Can we illustrate this? Yes. You will remember the episode of Elijah being caught up in a chariot of fire to heaven. That is how it looked to the onlookers. The inner truth was that he became so filled with solar force that he was raised from earth and carried up out of the sight of men. This is not impossible, and although called a miracle you will understand that these spiritual demonstrations are not in truth miraculous, but rather the natural outworking of the divine power using man. This is what is to be expected, particularly in this age of Aquarius into which we are now advancing. There will come to the earth a great baptism of this spiritual sun. There will come a great stimulation of the holy, the divine fire, the Christ spirit in the heart of all peoples. You may say it is a long way ahead. You cannot be sure. We cannot; we do not know, but we do know the spiritual laws which govern life. We know that the law is for this serpent-fire gradually to rise and illumine man's mind and his heart. We know that man's heart will then be filled with kindness, with love for God and his fellow creatures.

Knowledge concerning this solar force, this serpent power has always been. Throughout the scriptures you will find references to the serpent power. Moses gave a clear indication when dealing with the children of Israel in the wilderness. Moses was an initiate of high degree. His very name means that. It originated from Osiris, that is, the chief priest of the solar force. Moses was therefore a priest of the order of Osiris, which means of the order of Melchizedek. When Moses led the children into the wilderness they became weary and commenced to grumble. They were wandering in the same wilderness as do all men.

Everyone on the path leading towards the light comes to a time of loneliness and desolation. You have all experienced such times. Then you wander in the desert feeling very despondent and are inclined to murmur and grumble. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty days or 'years,' a period likened to the waiting time of the child in the mother's womb waiting for birth. Those Israelites aspiring to reach the Promised Land were led to where all was barren and where they had no food but white manna from heaven. This white food is indicative of mental food, food that feeds the mental body, silver being the metal that signifies the intellect. Such food was not really satisfying to the children of Israel. They grew tired of it. They wanted something better but did not know what.

When Moses came down from the mountain, from that state of higher consciousness, back to his pupils, he found that they had made for themselves a graven image. In other words they were worshipping the brazen serpent, indicative of the wrong use to which they were putting their newly awakened, slightly stimulated psychic and occult powers. When Moses descended he saw the graven image and realised the misuse which his people had made of their knowledge. Is this not like all occultists who miss the way because they go so keenly for the things of the mind and long to possess occult power that can so easily be put to wrong use?

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Moses was very grieved. Then he took the serpent and raised it up upon a rod and taught the people in symbolic language that what they must do was to raise this serpent power to the highest part of their being, which is the heart and the head. Then they would receive divine illumination and be taken to the Promised Land. Do we make clear the wonderful meaning of this old scripture?—the teaching to the aspirant and to those who were ready, those who were eager to progress along the path of evolution, that they must not use the serpent power for selfish ends or selfish gratification. It must be raised and worshipped as a holy and precious thing. Did not Jesus say, 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.'? This same arising refers to the serpent power that has to be raised up into the head and the heart, so that man becomes not a man of earth but of eternal life. This is—how can we put this to you?—the coming of the supreme Sun-Light, the *Life*, in the form of Christ through Jesus. Although this light had been demonstrated through other initiates in the past, there came again this full manifestation of the Christ life. The solar body of Jesus had been brought to perfection. The Christ Light manifested through him and spoke with clear and definite authority saying, '*I am the way, the truth and the life.*' That was this solar force, this divine life which was speaking.

Again Jesus gave the teaching concerning eternal life: 'Except ye believe in me....' 'Believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me....' 'Believe on me and ye shall be saved....' 'I come to give you life; I come to bring you out of darkness into light. 'I am the resurrection and the life.'* Do you not see, my children, in the death of the physical body the great promise of the coming of the solar being, the solar body? The physical, earthly body dies—of course the lower aspect of man dies—but that supreme solar body which is being brought into being, which is creating and evolving, which is developing through all the incarnations of the soul in the physical body, that is leading man eventually to eternal life.

Man does not enter upon eternal life until the full consciousness of the Christ life is born in him, until he has developed his solar body. That body is only created when that force is turned upward. This is the way that all men must tread. The Christ speaking through Jesus made it so plain: 'I come that ye might have eternal life'—the solar force, the Christ force, the Christ life and light. I come into you that you may use this creative force, become a being of light having dominion over the earth and over all creatures of the earth. I come that you may become master of your life, of your body, of your conditions, of your circumstances in the world. I am the way, the truth and the life.

Dear children, we are trying so earnestly to convey to you this deep esoteric truth. We cannot find language which will clothe the beauty, the glory of that solar body. There are beings, we were going to say around the throne of God, who are those who have passed along the same pathway as you journey, and who are portrayed as wearing wings with a radiance round their head. They have been described by some people as 'plumed serpents.' You see, the serpent fire which is rising, having taken full possession, the head becomes radiant with plumes of the inner light, the light of the sun shining from it. Such beings as these carry with them the power to heal all sickness and to raise the dead, because they have inherited eternal life. Do you not see now the wonderful meaning in the old orthodox teaching which we fear has lost

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its power, because people do not understand the full meaning of the words. The word so often killeth, but when man's spirit is awakened then he feels the spiritual power which giveth life.

So, beloved, if during the Christ-mass you should hear the reading we have quoted tonight, you will remember the inner significance of the words, and see in them a profound truth. May it help you to overcome the little frets and fears and anxieties of your body. May it help you to look up and bring through your being that solar force so that your Christ-mass will be glorified by the presence of the Solar Logos—which in symbolic language means the presence of the Christ life and light in your homes, in your heart. May you at that time give thanks for all gifts of body, soul and spirit. We trust that those on a bed of sickness or stricken with some infirmity will take to heart our message tonight and realise that your true body is a body of solar light. That body can be seen by us and by all people with a clear vision of spiritual things, spiritual forms, spiritual life. You may know by this that the Christ-mass is celebrated in our world, and ours is a very glorious and powerful celebration, when the light of God floods the whole sphere. Its beauty is impossible to describe, as is the joy in the hearts of all who participate.

We conclude with one more truth, which some may accept and others may not yet be able to accept. It is about this body of earth which has been for many ages imprisoned and held down by ignorance and slothfulness; in most cases through lack of development. The soul is still on the path of physical and spiritual evolution. Then there comes a time when the solar force so interpenetrates the physical body that its deadness and earthiness gradually falls away, gradually dies—dust to dust, ashes to ashes. Those words are in your burial service. We want to give a more beautiful outlook. We want you to understand that this refers not just to the disintegration of a physical body that you know and love. It has a far deeper meaning. This is the gradual falling away of those atoms which are of the earth, earthy, but there are spiritual atoms which at the same time are entering the physical body and gradually recreating it and making it a body of light, a true solar body. Instead of being subject to disease and decay, it has entered into eternal life. 'I will give you eternal life!' This is the real meaning of what Jesus Christ said, and is the truth of all time. Man's body will be revived, re-created, glorified by the Solar Logos. Thus there will be no more death, no more wailing and gnashing of teeth, no more sorrow because man will have entered into the full glory of his being, that which was intended for him when the world began. Man will have entered into the Promised Land.

Enough for tonight. We pray that we have brought you light, hope [and] certainty that life is eternal and grows beautiful and glorious. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

There comes a time on the path of spiritual evolution when you recognise the futility of satisfying the mind, and you surrender to the infinite love of God, and you learn to accept. Humility and acceptance are two great barriers which have to be passed. When you have learned the lesson of humility of spirit and acceptance of the wisdom of God in all that happens to you in your earthly life, then you will have indeed made considerable progress.

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Every initiate knows that you come to a point at some time where the mind cannot be satisfied. This is illustrated for you in the story of Moses and the children of Israel. When that time comes perhaps it is good, because to bridge the gulf all you can do is to rise in full joy and simplicity and humility and go to your Father in heaven. Accept and believe on Him and you will be saved. So do not worry about the little questions of the earthly mind, and remember that the answers which come are only little bits of manna, which means mental food, and will not satisfy for long. You want something more than mental satisfaction, and you will find that through the great love for the Solar Logos, Christ the Son of God.

We bless you with all our love; and may you feel this blessing as a living power in your heart, and may it bring to you the joys of the Christ-mass.

Benediction:

We humbly thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for our creation, preservation and all the blessing of spiritual and mortal life. May these, Thy beloved children, receive in full measure the great blessing of Thy light, Thy love and Thy peace.

Amen.

