ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE NEXT 100 YEARS OF AGNI YOGA

21 - 24 May 2020
Dear friends in Agni Yoga,

As you know, the conference of Agni Yoga “Humanity and Cosmos: crucial challenge for the future” has been postponed to 1st – 4th October 2020.

The Teaching of Agni Yoga specifically underlines the value of dates: once the date on which an event should take place is established, it becomes a "time magnet". That time imagined to welcome the event represents a cycle, that is, a space that will be filled with quality, thought, encounters, knowledge, light, energy...

Even that cycle, which runs from 21 to 24 May, had already begun to magnetize, that is, to fill with our aspiration, commitment, enthusiasm, expectation, images, ideas...

So we do not think we should simply drop that date and wait for the October date.

We pondered the kind of activity, connected to Agni Yoga, that could respond to the needs that are placed on us by humanity's current experience. The idea that arose was to invest those four days in preparing ourselves for the new cycle which we are entering.

In the light of the history of the Teaching, which celebrates its 100 years of life at this time, it is now time to open ourselves to the next 100 years: a future that awaits us and that must find us firm and creative, because it is through us that that future can be realized.

Just as we were already focused on the theme of the conference, ‘Humanity and the cosmos’, certain that in a new relationship between these two poles we would find answers for the future, we were stopped by a world crisis, which considered from the external point of view, has literally paralyzed the world of known and familiar forms.

But this crisis does not have the power to paralyze the consciousness, which, indeed, can avail itself precisely from the driving force generated by the state of precariousness and destruction of many of the previous landmarks. Perhaps it is now, in the midst of the crisis, that we can really begin to experience that “crucial challenge for the future” that is part of the title of the Conference: living it in full in the forms of our lives and within our cells, so that we can come out regenerated and refreshed, ready to build the luminous destiny that awaits us.

Introduction

The first step toward is to decide that you want to be a bearer of light in the middle of the darkness that threatens the planet. The second step is to gather the courage to enter, with all of ourselves, into the battle that rages in the world. Then comes the experiment in imagining the future, knowing what great creative power is enclosed in the imagination. Finally, the time will come when we will be really ready to cross, in full awareness, the threshold that leads to the new world.

These are four steps, therefore, that we will live together day after day by connecting on the subtle plane and focusing them with the thought of the heart.

In this process we will be accompanied by some passages of the Teaching, a daily image, a concise statement that we will all repeat together, regardless of geographical distance and time difference.

On the fourth day, 24 May, an online meditation, held in various languages, will complete the inner work and open the door to the next phase of the process, to the months that will lead us out of the current emergency, within the cycle that will take us into the new era, and also to the meeting of the October Conference.

Below are the overall theme for this period and the themes of the individual days.

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May 21: Become a light bearer
May 22: Facing the battle
May 23: Imagining the future
May 24: Crossing the threshold
BECOME A LIGHT BEARER

Agni Yoga, § 376
How do We define success? Truly, works are successful when their very trail is followed by friend and foe alike. Examine the deeds of those who follow, and say to yourself, “All comes from our fire.” All mistakes are burned away by the fire of following. One may traverse life with courage when the beacon-fires light the way, when the dangers themselves are part of the design of the Veil of the Mother of the World. The Mother of the World does not fear the Great Play.

Infinity I, § 14
Coordination of the planetary life with the higher spheres will provide a better possibility for man. Then the rhythm of our forces will increase threefold and the reason will accept this power. Thus will the Covenant of the Wise Ones be fulfilled.

Letters of Helena Roerich
Letters II, 19 July 1937
Thus I shall end my letter of JOY for lofty collaboration. Be full of light and joy. Walk the path of great service to humanity, and in everything and to everything apply the measure of the highest path; precisely, do not lose sight of great COMMENSURABILITY.

Affirmation
We answer The Call and walk the Path of Beauty, one of knowing, service, and joy as a special wisdom.
NEW ERA COMMUNITY, § 49

The more anyone renounces, the more he receives. But nations have forgotten how to renounce; even the smallest thinks only how to receive. Meanwhile, the planet is ill and all is sinking in this sickness. And someone wishes to evade the final battle through infection of the whole planet. And some hope to be setting sail in broken fragments, forgetting that the ocean is also departing. It is easy to picture that the planetary body can be just as sick as any other organism, and the spirit of the planet is affected by the condition of its body. How to name the illness of the planet? Best of all as a fever from poisoning. Suffocating gases, from the accumulations of the lower strata of the Subtle World, cut the planet off from the worlds which could send assistance. The Earth’s destiny can be ended by a gigantic explosion if the thickness of the cover be not pierced. A stupendous acceleration is forcing all lines to shake. It could have been expected that acceleration was urgent for a certain country, but it is needed for the whole planet.

HEART, § 149

Do not be surprised that even in these days of great tension I speak with you calmly about the mystery of the worlds. This comes out of long experience, and it is the only way to lead the warriors in spiritual battle on a battleground where countless abysses yawn wide! The times are so tense that if we think in a worldly way we will walk about in despondency, but the supermundane law leads us upward. Thus, the person who does not go down goes up; but only by spirit do we avoid descent. So above the earthly decision is the heavenly one. And above the brain is the heart.

INFINITY II, § 372

Each intensified force has its affirmed opposition. Each intensified force has its purpose. The bridges consolidated by the enemy are the best ascent. Only when all adversaries are strained in opposition can the greatest plan be introduced into life. Thus, every foundation employs Tactica Adversa.

AFFIRMATION:

Let us leave destruction to the wisdom of Cosmos, let us create.
IMAGINING THE FUTURE

Fiery World II, § 70
Man must always be on the threshold of the future. Man is new every moment. Man cannot affirm himself upon the past, because it does not exist any longer. Man can know the past, but woe to him if he wants to apply the measures of the past. The past is incompatible with the future. The wisdom of the realization of new combinations unites the past with the future. It is not easy to know constantly and courageously that each moment renovates the worlds, but out of this source is born inexhaustible vigor. A council of wise men can convene, but let him who is senile in spirit, who has turned his face to the past, not come there. The light of the future is the Light of Hierarchy.

Infinity II, § 76
Fire directs all processes in Cosmos. The invisible process of life is directed by the fire of spirit. Immutable is the law of fiery creativeness; in it all manifestations are contained, and it carries in itself all creative possibilities. Thus, amidst all inexplicable cosmic manifestations of Be-ness, let us seek the Fire. The inception of life and the shiftings are one and the same manifestation of Fire. The ineffable creativeness has Fire in its seed—Fire invisible, pure, creative.

Fiery World III, § 311
Each great reconstruction summons from space great energies. Nets of constructiveness are cast far beyond the limits of the earthly spheres. But together with all the pressure of the Forces of Light, there are intensified also the forces of darkness. As one substance manifests a reaction against contact, another, likewise, reacts to each dislocation. During cosmic transformation space reacts to each vibration. Indeed, events are being compressed, as is a substance through chemical reaction. Spatial Fire begins to assemble new forces, but subterranean fire seeks to break through. So, too, the forces of the spirit are expanding, manifesting their strivings subject to their accumulations. A great transmutation draws near and the Fiery World awaits an affirmation.

Affirmation
We launch into the future, supported by the Fire, and so we change every earthly condition.

The flying carpet
CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Letters of Helena Roerich,
Vol I, 9 January 1935

How beautiful is the Image of the Mother of the World! So much beauty, self-renunciation and tragedy is in this majestic Image! Aspire in your heart to the Highest, and joy and exultation will enter your soul. The whole creativeness of man, all mystic exaltation, is the result of that same Love, be it expressed or concealed. And we should remember that for the pure, all is pure. Someday, you will write beautiful hymns, dedicated to the Raiment of the Mother of the Universe, which flashes with all the colors of the rainbow and with all the joys of Be-ness and great creativeness. For there is no life, no expression of spirit, without the Mother of the Universe, the Great Matter of All-Being.

Illumination, § 192

Cryptogram about Christ: Night fell. Christ was seated at a threshold. A scribe approached and asked: “Why do you sit in the passageway?” Christ answered: “Because I am the threshold of the Spirit. If you would like to pass, pass through Me.”

Illumination, § 88

Shamballa is the indispensable site where the spiritual world unites with the material one. As in a magnet there exists the point of utmost attraction, so the gates of the spiritual world open into the Mountain Dwelling. Jacob’s Ladder is the symbol of Our Abode.

Heart, § 74

The Epoch of Maitreya is the Age of the Heart! Only with the heart can you fathom the value of Maitreya’s treasures! Only with the heart can you understand how greatly all accumulations and all straight-knowledge are needed for the future.

Affirmation

Victory over fear will be the threshold of new consciousness. Remember the battle leads to the threshold of victory!