

THE WORLD TEACHER by Kathy Newburn

"It is the Fire of Love which He will bring; it is the message of the purificatory fire which He will sound; ...He will impart the fire which burns and destroys all barriers in human nature, all separating walls between individuals, between groups and between nations. Are you prepared as individuals, as disciples and aspirants to submit yourselves to this fire?" -Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II, pp. 721-22

Throughout time there has been speculation about an inner group of knowers, enlightened beings of compassion and wisdom, who work behind the scenes to guard and protect humanity. They have been known by many names in the different wisdom traditions of the world--the White Brotherhood, the Illuminati, the Masters of the Wisdom, and the spiritual Hierarchy. They are coming forward to set the tone for the Aquarian Age, to usher in the new truths, and to reorient the entire tenor life on Earth in alignment with the divine Plan. And even their work is preparatory in nature as they prepare the way for the even greater One who follows after.

These Teachers have been defined as "extraordinary individuals Who from time to time appear to change the face of the world and inaugurate a new era in the destinies of humanity." They have ever come in times of difficulty and crisis, when the problems confronting us seemed beyond our capacity to adequately resolve, and today will be no different. They work to bring to an end the old and the undesirable ways of living and being and to make way for the new forms that will house the incoming light. They come in times of excess and apparent darkness--when humanity has turned its back upon the light and lost its way. And for this very reason, if for no other, such Teachers may be looked for at this time.

These are, however, difficult ideas to attempt to get across to many people today because we live in a highly secular world in which many peoples' minds have become the "slayers of the Real." These subjects are generally only seriously discussed within the Christian evangelical movement and are, consequently, linked in many peoples' minds with a purely Christian and religious orientation. But the wisdom teachings are attempting to convey a new and broader perspective on these concepts, one that is inclusive of many traditions, in the recognition that the Teacher that is coming at this dawning of the Aquarian Age comes for all humanity, and not for the religious, or Christian world alone. Some teachers, such as Rudolf Steiner, taught that the returning Teacher would appear in the etheric plane, and that the energy would work out with a great flowering of spirituality within many human hearts and minds. Other teachers today are attracting considerable attention with purported channeled messages from the World Teacher known by the Buddhist name Maitreya, but the quality of these messages belies the claim.

A Teacher for a Modern World

According to the wisdom teachings of Alice Bailey and the Tibetan teacher Djwhal Khul, the coming Teacher will work through a physical body because in this way he will be able to reach many more people than he would if his work remained subjective. But clearly this Teacher will work through all planes and his energy will permeate all states of consciousness. It would be helpful, however, if we could try and get a clearer picture of how a contemporary spiritual Teacher would look and act. We have no such understanding and that is part of the problem when discussing such things. Many people, especially those who possess a deep religious faith, tend to imagine this Teacher in the form of the historical Jesus. But He is not as he has been portrayed in the scriptures and religious art work of the world--a sorrowful and submissively sweet-natured individual. He has much more accurately been described as a "supreme spiritual executive," a man of extraordinary leadership capacities who comes to oversee a complete reordering of the world along the lines of goodwill and right human relations.

All great spiritual Teachers have been revolutionaries who create radical changes in their wake and the coming Teachers will be no exception. Their mere presence in the world, with the powerful energy that emanates from both their ideas and their very being, cannot help but upset the status quo

and bring about dramatic changes on all levels. Some people will embrace their message with enthusiasm and will do all they can to support and encourage forward change; others will do all they can to tear it down.

The great Teachers in the past worked through their group of followers and the larger group of those who accepted their teaching. The same will be true at this time. The difference today is that the cooperating group will be much larger, encompassing all corners of the earth. This group is active in all the many departments of human living--politics, religion, education, finance, the arts, science, labor and race relations. Its work demonstrates the fact that spiritual activity embraces all avenues of expression. Never before has a spiritual Teacher had the cooperation of such a talented, well-organized group of workers preceding him, as well as a global system of communications technology available for his use. People recognize that spiritual impression has been interrupted on our planet, creating interference within the divine circulatory flow of energy. It is the task of all seekers, everywhere, to restore this flow and stop this interference. Gandhi's maxim that we must be the change that we wish to see in the world admonishes us to use our spiritual growth as a vehicle for planetary change and transformation. It is this group that holds the responsibility for the destiny of the planet in its hands. We can, by the sheer power of our collective spiritual will, implement the necessary changes, especially as we increasingly come together for group work.

When the timing is right, when the invocatory power of the masses of people is adequately mobilized and effective, then always He has come and today will be no exception to what is an ancient and universal law. Meditation and the use of prayer and invocation become some of our most powerful tools in expanding our minds and hearts so creating a great channel of approach. Our goal, as a group, is to "let in the light." In the past there were many individuals capable of this alignment with their souls but there was little group effort. Today this is changing and what is beginning to emerge is a group alignment and consecration as individuals everywhere are offering themselves as channels for service, in pure self-forgetfulness. The group stimulation and the united effort enable the entire group to reach a point of realization that would be unimaginable alone. Over time, we come to realize that our "sitting for development" has a much larger, universal purpose and is, in fact, part of a vast planetary process through which we effectively place ourselves in alignment with the rhythm of the planetary heart beat.

If this group work is able to be carried forward successfully, we're told that its growing momentum will create such a potent magnetic impulse that it will be able to reach those exalted Lives Who watch over humanity bringing about a more rapid realization of the process of planetary transformation. Working silently, in unison, behind the scenes, we can release a floodtide of light and inspiration upon the worlds that will work out in vast changes in consciousness and the amelioration of conditions in our needy world. This is happening now.

The following thoughts from the Tibetan teacher might bring a measure of understanding of the objective that stands before us at this time:

"Radiance we are and power. We stand forever with our hands stretched out, linking the heavens and the earth, the inner world of meaning and the subtle world of glamour.

"We reach into the Light and bring it down to meet the need. We reach into the silent Place and bring from thence the gift of understanding. Thus with the light we work and turn the darkness into day." ¹

¹ Alice Bailey, *Glamour: A World Problem*, Lucis Publishing Company, 1950, p. 232. The ideas contained within this article are adapted from the writing of Alice Bailey, which are published by the Lucis Publishing Company that holds copyright.

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