

THE THREE SPIRITUAL FESTIVALS

The three spiritual high-points of the year are the full Moon's of Aries, Taurus and Gemini. As we approach the first of these, in April, we sound a blue note of joy from our essential selves. We know that we are about to participate in an alignment of energies which yearly takes Humanity one step closer to home.

Our understanding of these festivals hinges on our understanding of ourselves. There are three stages in this understanding. The first stage is the development and integration of the three-fold personality. In this stage we gain mastery of our physical plane life, our emotional or psychological life and our mental life. As we become successful at this, we integrate all three into an integrated whole and succeed at dominating our environment as separate units.

The second stage of our understanding of ourselves is a sequential revelation that we are souls. Our striving for personal success produces crisis in our relationships. Our heart begins to open and we seek to include the other in our sense of well-being. Essentially, we are, through our desire to help, to know and to be, stretching our minds from concrete reality to subtle intuitive and holistic awareness. In a series of crisis known as initiations, we increasingly identify with the soul until the personality completely mirrors the soul.

In the third stage of our understanding of ourselves we increase our awareness of the Will. By an act of will we create a bridge from our sense of soul to the world of intuition. Our life essentializes and all of our acquired qualities are expressed at will for the purpose of fulfilling an aspect of Planetary Purpose. This also proceeds in a series of initiations which bring us steadily to our source: the Sun.

The sequence of these three understandings of our self reveal that we are: a personality comprised of three vehicles, the soul and the Monad. We can use this to understand the three festivals by likening these three aspects of self to Humanity, Hierarchy and Shamballa.

The Aries festival is Christ's festival as the head of Hierarchy. He is our elder brother and represents our Soul self. The Taurus festival is the Buddha's festival as a representative of Shamballa. He too is our elder brother and represents our Spirit or Monad self. The Gemini festival is the festival of Humanity. The Christ presides; exemplifying the potential for the human personality to become its higher selves.

Each festival highlights an aspect of ourselves. It also directs our meditative attention to a centre in the light body of our Planetary Logos. (And, three centres within our own etheric body). Hierarchy is the heart, Shamballa is the head and Humanity is the throat. We are three centres in the body of our Lord; a vivid triangle of flowing energy.

The joy that we experience at this time of year is the joy of being some measure of our true self. By our identification with that Self, we lift all other units of consciousness upon this planet. Each unit finds its way home on a triple thread of Light, Love and Power.

We meditate in group formation as our elder brothers do through these three festivals. We sound The Great Invocation with increasing regularity and intention. We do this because we know that it is a formula for service and our own liberation as we find our Self.