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SPOT ON

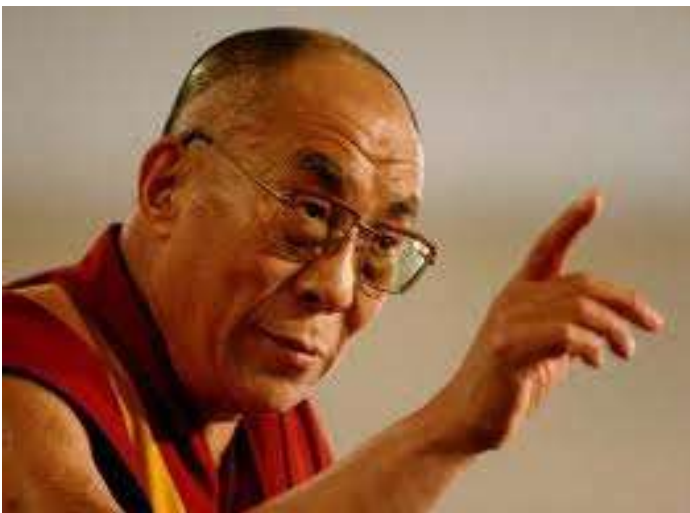
The Dalai Lama has just made a visit to New Zealand to offer blessing and encouragement to the earthquake-weary people of Christchurch. A large group assembled in an arena. They were not disappointed.

Widely regarded as one of the most conscious people on the planet, here is what I think we can learn from watching and listening to him: Giggling is good; he does it a lot. Others will begin to giggle with you.

Share your own experiences with others; they will laugh or sigh at the resonance with their experience.

Do not get hung up on the small stuff. He noted that death is a fact of life. It happens all the time and it happens to every living thing.

Step up to the challenge. He encouraged the young people to recognize and act upon a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a better city and community.

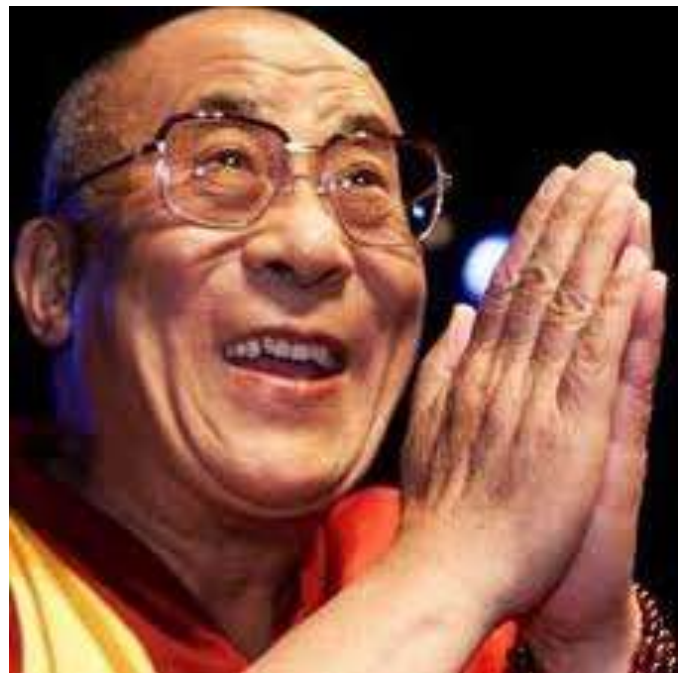


Let go of yourself in the momentary relationship. The other becomes the only show in town and it is a good one.

Have the courage to say what you believe. When asked about his reaction to the Australian Prime Minister choosing not to see him, he said, "When a moral principle is involved it is not good to choose political and economic expediency".

The Dalai Lama will be 75 on 6 July. May he be sustained on waves of gratitude.

Lawson



Compassion weaves a crystal thread,
the images are real
the global strife, the early dread
are difficult to feel.

There is a deeper meaning here
when all our hearts are lent
the Mother feels her souls intent
Creation is alight!

Barbara McCombs

THE GREAT INVOCATION

Those of us who know the history, purpose and have a partial understanding of The Great Invocation would hope that it would be on the lips of each individual of Humanity. Although this is not yet true, each year increasing numbers say The Great Invocation every 15 minutes on the day of the Gemini Full Moon. Slowly we are picking up and using an instrument which can be regarded as the greatest tool we have to liberate ourselves from darkness.

The history is quite astounding. This mantra was held within the Great White Lodge within our parent greater system: Sirius. In 1946 it was given to the Christ to use. At the time of the Gemini Full Moon of 1946, it was released via the Master D.K. via Alice Bailey for general use. We might surmise that it was Humanity's near readiness to take the first initiation that evoked its release.

It was deliberately written in the English language and, for maximum effect, must be used in this language. (It can and should be used in other languages and has been translated into many). But it is written with mantric value: no word or phrase can be altered and still retain the original power of the mantra.

It has a hidden inner language which can be deciphered with numerology. (John Berges in his books, Hidden Foundations of the Great Invocation and Sacred Vessel of the Mysteries, has done a masterful job of numerological analysis). Much of the logo for Christ College comes from his research.



The central image is an even-arm cross with IS at the centre and each arm has 28 dots in it. It represents the words of The Great Invocation laid out in four arms or wings. (There are four major stanzas in The Great Invocation). They are laid out in the pattern of the triangular number of seven (7+6+5+4+3+2+1). Each of these sets sums to 28 which sums to 1. The central word in the 113 words of The Great Invocation is the word IS which sums numerologically $9+1=10=1$.

What does this tell us? First, that it has the same beautiful symmetry that a leaf or snow flake has. It is a word of God much like an aspect of nature is. Its pattern is highly refined, deliberate and in integrity. Second, there is an emphasis on the number 1. We might say that it is telling us that it is a unity and a word of power. Third, it evokes Sirius, since Sirius is symbolized by the equal-armed cross. The Goddess Isis embodied Sirius and we find the essence of her name at the centre of the mantra.

The Tibetan Master D.K. tells us that the Solar Angels came from Sirius in order to initiate a process of accelerated growth on our planet. Their bonding with animal man created the fourth kingdom in nature: Humanity. As part of a great Sirian experiment, they have guided us out of our misidentification with our bodies and into an identification with the loving power of our fiery nature.

The fact that we now have use of The Great Invocation indicates that the experiment has progressed to the point where we can take responsibility for acting as if we are the solar angels. We have both the mental and love energy to wield force and aid in the liberation of ourselves and others.

The wording of The Great Invocation has been studied in great detail and is rich in meaning. (I highly recommend The Compass of Light series by Starling David Hunter III). During this Gemini period, I focused on the fact that the first two stanzas refer to points of light and points of love while the third and fourth stanza refers to the centre where the Will of God and the centre which we call the race of men.

What is the difference between a point and centre? (Both sum to 11 which is a prime number and the Tibetan says that the meaning is “an adept wielding force”. A point is of a higher order than a centre. Points do not have dimension. Centres emerge from points and are forms with a specific ring-pass-not. In a hierarchical structure, a point may be a centre for a higher or subtler point. This is much like the relationship between energy and force. Energy is dynamic substance of a higher or subtler nature than the field which experiences its force.

Therefore, the author of The Great Invocation is giving a cosmological energy map in the use of point and centre. The “point of Light within the Mind of God” and the “point of Love within the Heart of God” concern aspects of a being or beings that are of a higher order than the being or beings referred to as centres.

My hypothesis is that the “point of Light within the Mind of God” refers to Sirius. Seven solar systems make up the chakras of our local One About Whom Naught May Be Said (God). Sirius is most likely the head centre. Our entire solar system is said to be the heart centre of this God. We know that our solar system is a love coloured system. The point of love seems to be our Solar Logos.

I believe that the two centres referred to are within the body of our Planetary God who is one centre within the body of the solar God. The “centre where the Will of God is known” is the head centre: Shamballa. The centre which we call the race of men is the throat centre. Shamballa is the centre referred to as the place where the Will of God is known through the Tibetan’s teachings. We are also told that Humanity occupies the throat centre. It is our responsibility to develop the mental polarization to be able to implement the Plan of Light, Love and Power streaming from the Planetary Heart of Hierarchy. The evil which must be blocked is the desires of our animal nature which take us backwards into separation from our greater Self.

The Great Invocation is a gold mine. Penetration into its nature will increasingly reveal who we are and what our role is in furthering the plan of love and light. But, more than anything else, awareness will make us more effective users of this greatest of all possible spiritual tools.

Lawson Bracewell

THE GREAT INVOCATION

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

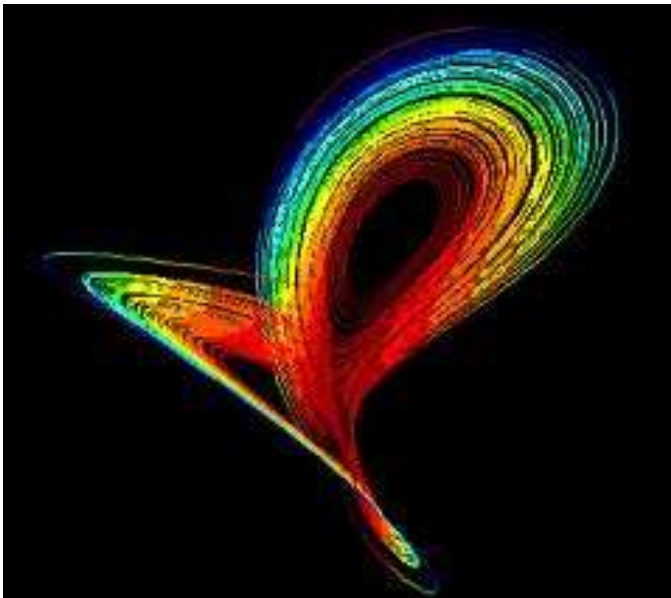
**From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth

THE BUTTERFLY AND THE BRIDE

My esoteric leanings are prompting me to continue to ponder on the inner or hidden significance of the Christchurch earthquake. In this paper I contemplate the Christchurch process from the perspective of Chaos theory - the inner chaos of emotions and the chaos of a society thrown into turmoil.

As I sent light and love to the people and city of Christchurch during a recent meditation, I was thinking of the unstable emotions of those people. They were probably “far from equilibrium” and “on the edge of chaos”, like the city itself. Weather patterns, earthquakes and emotions can be chaotic and unpredictable. I imagined the collective consciousness of the people of Christchurch transitioning through phases (in “phase transition”) and hovering like a butterfly over the city, fluttering in uncertainty about more earth tremors and the future of the city, ambiguous about reinvesting the life locally and with emotions veering from fear to love.



Then I remembered the butterfly shape of the “Lorenz attractor”. Lorenz, a meteorologist, studied unstable weather patterns for his 1963 paper on deterministic chaos. His diagram of the trajectory of the flow of heated liquid resembled the wings of a butterfly and became known as a “strange attractor”, attracting the flow into this unstable pattern. He used equations to plot its trajectory in “phase space”. The liquid veered from one side to the other, creating loops and spirals that are fractal, crossing close to each other, layered,

but never intersecting or repeating each other’s path.

Fractal patterns mirror greater wholes in which they are scaled-down parts. They nest closely together and therefore share information and entrain, due to the patterning. This enables them to be self-organised and to move to higher complexity after passing through a period of high stress or chaos. Thus the good news is that the state of being on-the-edge-of-chaos enhances creativity and vitality.



Christchurch was founded on the relationship between Christ and His Church, ultimately humanity. The Church is portrayed as the bride of Christ in the Bible. Christ, as head of the Church, gave His body for humanity, as “living bread”. His Church remembers this in the broken and shared bread of the Communion service or Mass. Now the people of Christchurch have become the “living bread” in acts of love and sharing. They were broken and scattered, as was Christ’s church, the Cathedral, an icon of the city.



The heart is like living bread. Heart cells isolated in a Petri dish display their individual rhythms, but when they are moved together in a critical mass, they synchronise their rhythm as one. The heart, in a state of love, is able to bear all things and endure all things. Whole-hearted love casts out fear. Fractal patterns of the conducting fibres of the heart support the range of rhythms that enables the heart to respond to a range of situations, from the body's quiescence during sleep to extreme physical exertion in sport or psychological arousal in traumatic events.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, both love and fear were in evidence in the city, both wings of the human experience operating in tandem and overdrive. Then the world witnessed an outpouring of sacrificial love, not only among the sons and daughters of the city, but from visitors in the city and contingents of regional and overseas helpers, all giving selflessly to meet the needs of the city and its people.

For Jung, the psyche itself appears as a dynamic process that rests on a flow of energy between two poles. The daily swing of emotions mirrors the lifelong developmental unfoldment described by Erik Erickson in his model of psychological development. After each stage of stable growth individuals are faced with a life issue that requires resolution in order for each person to continue to grow towards greater maturity. Facing the issue can give rise to a period of chaos, confusion and disorientation and a series of bifurcations or forks where he or she is either drawn back to the regressive attractor (the comfort zone of the past), or moves to a new attractor heralding growth into greater psychological complexity. Dissipative systems of all kinds move to greater complexity after periods of great stress, demonstrating their self-organising ability.

Living on the edge of chaos is an opportunity for greater growth within a purposeful flow towards greater attractors. We are fractal parts of greater wholes, as individuals, cities, nations, planetary and solar systems. I visualise the nesting of the collective heart of the people of Christchurch within a new "cathedral", within the heart of Christ.

Julia Tarnawsky

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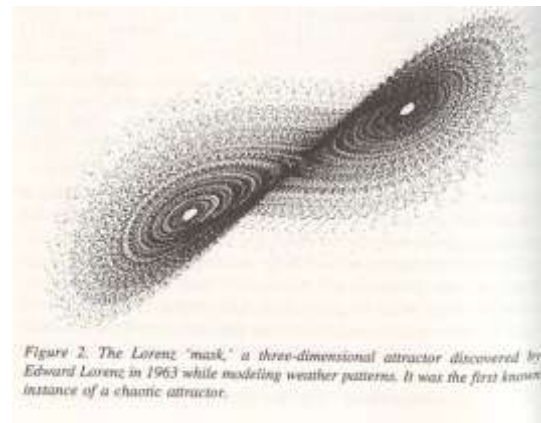


Diagram from The Radiance of Being p. 30



INTERRELATEDNESS

One of the themes of Gemini is interrelatedness. Every living, conscious thing in the universe is interrelated or interdependent. This concept underlies any system. Every living system is conscious and operates under certain principles governing any particular system, including the 4th kingdom in nature – the human kingdom. The esoteric ruler of Gemini is Venus which is essentially the theme of interrelatedness.

In the esoteric teachings brotherhood is stated to be a fact of nature. It is the recognition and demonstration of interrelatedness, particularly within humanity.

“Brotherhood is a great natural fact; all men are brothers; under the divergences of colour, creed, cultures and civilizations, there is only *one* humanity without distinction or differences in its essential nature, in its origin, its spiritual and mental objectives, its capacities, its qualities and its mode of development and of evolutionary unfoldment. (Alice A. Bailey, *Problems of Humanity*, 147)

“...brotherhood is a fact in nature and not a sublime theory. (Alice A. Bailey, *The Light of the Soul*, page 78)

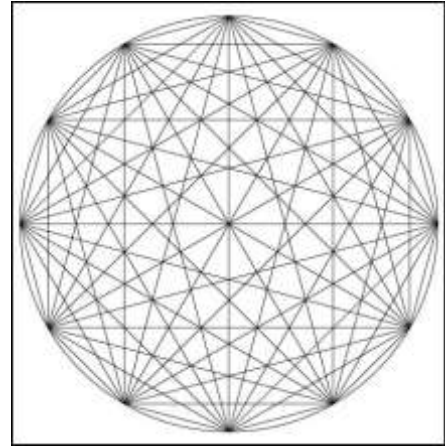
“...hate is the reverse of brotherhood and therefore is the breaking of one of the basic laws of the solar system”. (Alice A. Bailey, *The Light of the Soul*, 136)

“Our universal brotherhood and our essential immortality will be demonstrated and realised to be facts in nature”. (Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology I*, 96)

There is a movie called *In My Country*. It’s about the truth and reconciliation hearings in South Africa in the 1990s. Under the instigation of Nelson Mandela they set up hearings for people to tell their stories of human rights abuse stemming from the apartheid regime. The stories were told in front of the abusers who gained amnesty from what they had done provided they could prove what they did was politically motivated and they told the truth.

This was based on the African concept of *mbutu*, which means that we are all connected; what hurts

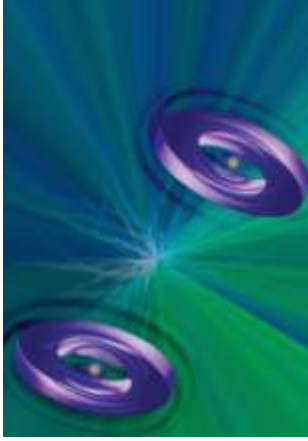
one hurts another; when someone abuses someone else, they abuse themselves. It is based on compassion, forgiveness and most importantly truth. This concept puts those qualities above blame, punishment and our usual methods of justice and lays emphasis on forgiveness. This movie is an example of the interrelatedness or brotherhood concept.



All indigenous cultures have this inherent concept that every living thing is interrelated. Maori have the concept of *whakawhanaukataka*. For example, when introducing one’s self in a group setting one recounts the connections to the natural world - mountain, river, iwi, whanau, and finally the individual is introduced as being but one aspect of the greater whole. There is an actual and symbolical meaning. In Bali the concept is related to dharma.

“In Bali, the universe is an ordered system in which is nested an array of subsystems, each person, animal, plant and non-living component. “Each of these parts stands in a definite and established relationship to every other part -- this relationship is dharma”. (Tachi Kiuchi and Bill Shireman, *What We Learned in the Rainforest*)

In quantum physics the theory of entanglement demonstrates the concept of interrelatedness. In the quantum field if two related particles which were once connected are separated and then an adjustment made to one of the particles, i.e. its spin, the other particle reflects the same adjustment and behaves in the same way as the original particle, no matter how large the distance the two are separated. What affects one part of a system affects another part.



As human beings we are all governed by the same principles. Human beings all have the same type of physical bodies that operate in the same way under the same principles – for example two arms, two legs, all bodies have organs, molecules, cells etc that work together to form a functioning whole. These all operate under the same principles as every other human body. There are just different versions of the same structure throughout humanity. Human beings all have the capacity to experience the full range of emotion, inherently recognising different feeling experiences which are creatively expressed in books, movies, or music.

Human beings all have minds which operate under the same principles. The ageless wisdom teachings distinguish the lower mind and higher mind. We are familiar with the lower mind which is based on logic, deduction, analysis, dissection of parts, facts and figures, knowledge accumulation. The aspects of the higher mind are still somewhat being discovered; the ability to reason, think abstractly, to correlate ideas, see analogies by understanding principles which can be applied across different systems, to essentialise, to think symbolically and holistically.

Human beings are essentially divine which is perhaps the most important principle which unites us. There may be different types of bodies, different experiences, feelings, thoughts or ideas, philosophies on divinity etc, but the underlying unifying principles are that we all have the capacity to experience the divine, to think, feel and have different types of human bodies depending on race, genetics, etc.

Not only do individual humans have similarities but groups of people also. There are certain characteristics and qualities which define groups of people, whether that be family, iwi, nation, groups of nations such as the European Union, Pacifica, or

humanity as a whole. The essential concept of brotherhood is ever-expanding as the group identification expands. The awareness of a sense of identification with humanity seems to be an evolving process as humanity struggles to integrate itself; the United Nations being one attempt.

“In a system of increasingly interdependent parts, every thing is related to every other, dependent on every other for its very definition. Lines of relationship are drawn from everywhere to everywhere....Ultimately, parts join as pieces of a larger whole and find that in serving the whole, they serve themselves best”. (Tachi Kiuchi and Bill Shireman, *What We Learned in the Rainforest*)

One of the limiting factors to our awareness of this essential aspect of nature is the attachment to or over-emphasis on one's identification. For example, if there is an over-emphasis on family one places more importance on their family than others; or an over-emphasis on regional or national pride, where one nation is seen as superior to another; where a system of thought is seen to be superior to another system of thought, as can be seen for example in the violence between different forms of religion and the political mud-slinging between different political ideologies. All fundamentalism leads to separateness which is the antithesis of the concept of brotherhood.

By releasing attachments on any of these levels the more one realises, places attention on and lives the concept of interrelatedness and brotherhood, the more rapidly humanity will advance and evolve. I think this is one of the most important concepts to understand en masse; the ability to not judge based on race or physical characteristics, to be able to feel for others rather than getting caught up in one's own excess emotion, to be able to understand other ideas and concepts that are different to ours, to recognise essential divinity regardless of how people choose to express it.

The quintessential unifying factor underlying brotherhood is love. The sign of Gemini is the only sign that has the 2nd ray of love/wisdom influencing it, the predominant note of the solar system. As understanding grows of this concept and people expand their sense of identification the theme of interrelatedness through the expression of brotherhood will increasingly be recognised as a fact of nature and humanity will move rapidly forward.

WESAK THOUGHTS

When I was much younger my mother's nursing friend called Pat bequeathed me a Japanese bronze mask of the Buddha. This promise of future ownership was because I was the only person who expressed a strong appreciation of this sculpture. I decided to name this sculpture the Buddha Maitreya.



Many years after my first introduction to this splendid work, Pat died and her bequeathed wish was honoured. It became a valued artefact. Later this image was regularly used during the May Solar Fire Ritual. I was then a part of an Esoteric Group and lived in Adelaide.

This sculpture was recently hanging on the bedroom wall here at Akaroa, but (after being used in the May Wesak Ritual) it was moved; becoming the central feature of our house altar. The reason for this placement will be reviewed.

The following quote from *A Treatise On Cosmic Fire* relates the Christ to Lord (or the Buddha) Maitreya.

“The World Teacher gives out the keynote for the various religions and is the emanating source for periodical religious impulses. The duration of his cycles are not given out. The Buddha held office prior to the present World Teacher and upon his Illumination His place was taken by the Lord Maitreya whom the Occidentals call the Christ.”¹

From this above quote it can be discerned that this sculptural mask represents for me the Christ as the World Teacher; hence its significance. The idea of the reappearance of the Christ is associated with the name Buddha Maitreya by the Russian Nicholas Roerich². Christ's future return is also a concept cherished by Christians.

This placing of the bronze mask upon our home altar was an important gesture. It signified for me a focus upon a possible imminent return and an inner urgency to prepare for this event.

The following extract from the book “The Reappearance Of The Christ” by Alice. A. Bailey places this event into a clearer perspective.

“To sum up, therefore: the doctrine of Avatars is paralleled by *the doctrine of the continuity of revelation*. Ever down the ages, and at every great human crisis, always in the hours of necessity, at the founding of a new race, or in the awakening of a prepared humanity to a new and wider vision, the Heart of God—impelled by the Law of Compassion—sends forth a Teacher, a world Saviour, an Illuminator, an Avatar, a transmitting Intermediary, a Christ. He gives the message which will heal, which will indicate the next step to be taken by the race of men, which will illumine a dark world problem and give to man an expression of some hitherto unrealised aspect of divinity. Upon this fact of the continuity of revelation and upon the sequence of this progressive manifestation of the divine Nature, is based the doctrine of Avatars, divine Messengers, divine Appearances and Saviours. To Them all, history unmistakably testifies. It is upon the fact of this continuity, this sequence of Messengers and Avatars, and upon the dire and dreadful need of humanity at this time, that the worldwide expectancy of the reappearance of the Christ is based. It is the innate recognition of all these facts that has led to the steadily mounting invocative cry of humanity in every land for some form of divine relief or divine intervention; it is the recognition of these facts which also prompts the order which has gone forth from "the centre where the will of God is known" that the Avatar should come again; it is the knowledge of both these demands which has led the Christ to let His disciples in every land *know* that He will reappear when they have done the needed preparatory work.”³

This “avatar” concept provides for me the ground for Hope, it lifts the pending worldwide difficulties out of the realm of doom and gloom. The humanity of the moment is undergoing a major shift of consciousness; this crisis of change calls for illumination. New insights are being implemented with evident strength, as many have died (Middle East and elsewhere) in this quest. This movement towards self-determination by many people in the Middle East continues despite much suffering.

The placement of this Christ/Buddha Mask on the house altar was a purposeful act. This mask becomes the main focus in early morning meditations. We stand aligned with the Christ and provide a chalice or vortex for the incoming spiritual energies of the day. Meditation thus becomes an act of service.

In the writing of Alice A Bailey it is stated that many shy away from this concept of “the reappearance of the Christ”. There is a ‘catholic upbringing’ part of me that also had that avoidance tendency. This period between the two major festivals in May and June has led me to face this issue and my act of placement affirmed my aspiration to serve the Christ.

Our Temple here at Christ College does not contain or generally display religious icons. This reverence for ritual and iconic images is a personal 7th Ray aspect of my private meditation. Love to all.

Orest Tarnawsky

¹ Alice A. Bailey *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 211

² Nicholas Roerich, *Shambhala: In Search of the New Era*, 38

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Path to Shamballa – Nicholas Roerich

SHAMBALLA/AGARTHA

Beyond the hills where senses lie- there in a blue/gold dawning sky-
 or down among the valleys deep, where mists enfold and Angels sleep,
 Hid in canyons, hid from mind- hid from all who seek unkind-
 lies the sacred mountain high, upon who's crest turns earth and sky,
 Sought by many, touched by few higher than ever Eagle flew-
 far stranger in 'being' than strangeness ever knew-
 Where snow-melt births the rivers four- blessing Earth since long before,
 Meru- Kailash- who knows your name?- as waters spangle into flame.
 Guardian of the secret places, where lies the wisdom of old world races,
 ancient mankind's bless aged Earth- prepare new age for new rebirth.
 Sacred Mountain, sacred places, sacred hearts touch coming races-
 Beyond the hills where senses lie- there in a golden dawning sky-
 lies the blessed land I love- half beneath, half above,
 down among the valley's deep- where torrents run and Angels sleep.....

Vicky Weston

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEPTUNE

Neptune has a cycle of 165 years around the Sun. It was discovered in 1846 when in the sign of Aquarius. In 1848, it entered Pisces; the sign which it rules. Neptune entered Pisces in April 2011 and then will retrograde back into Aquarius from August 2011 to February 2012. It will then remain in Pisces until 2025.

Neptune symbolizes our urge for a direct experience of divinity. This is symbolized by the mystic's merging with the divine through contemplation; such as merging with the ocean and understanding the ocean of compassion. It is an experience that is difficult to rationalize and is best expressed in music, art or poetry.



When last in this sign there was the development of photography and the impressionist movement in art. The United States was swept by a movement for the emancipation of the slaves. The Spiritualist Movement began and Madame Blavatsky travelled the world in search of the eternal truths.

We can also see Neptune as representing opportunities for high idealism/romanticism or mass delusion. Neptune in Pisces romanticism was well expressed by Charlotte Bronte in her novel Jane Eyre published in 1855. The Gold Rush with its promise of sudden wealth was a good example of masses of people being swept by delusion.

At this time of the 165 year birthday (approximate) of Neptune, I will talk about the yearnings of six generations of Neptune in the signs of Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn and Aquarius. Each of us belongs to one of these generations and will struggle for a lifetime to bring a vision of love and goodness into reality and suffer specific generational delusions.

Neptune in Virgo (Those born in the following periods: 22 Sep 1928 – 20 Feb 1929, 25 Jul 1930 – 4 Oct 1942, 18 Apr 1943 – 3 Aug 1943):

The vision is that we can see God in each other; the form reveals the divinity within. We can aid in that process by healing the form through compassion and a purification of all that builds the form. Perfection of the form is the ideal and it can be achieved through a holistic philosophy.

The delusion is obsessive rationalism. Small details are given undue importance. God can and will be explained or negated. The Nazi ideal of a perfect Aryan Race was a good example of the time in which this generation was born.

Neptune in Libra (Those born in the following periods: 4 Oct 1942 – 18 Apr 1943, 3 Aug 1943 – 25 Dec 1955, 13 Mar 1956 – 20 Oct 1956):

The vision is that we can cooperate and share with each other; that peace can be promoted by promoting equality. The ideal is that relationships are based on an intuited soul connection and purpose. The United Nations was founded during Neptune in Libra to promote peaceful cooperation.



The delusion is obsession with fairness and justice. This obsession can birth a legal system that never solves the problem while the concept of victimhood flourishes. It also leads to illusionary ideals of relationship which leads people to chase after a romantic illusion.

Neptune in Scorpio (Those born in the following periods: 25 Dec 1955 – 13 Mar 1956, 20 Oct 1956 – 7 Nov 1970):

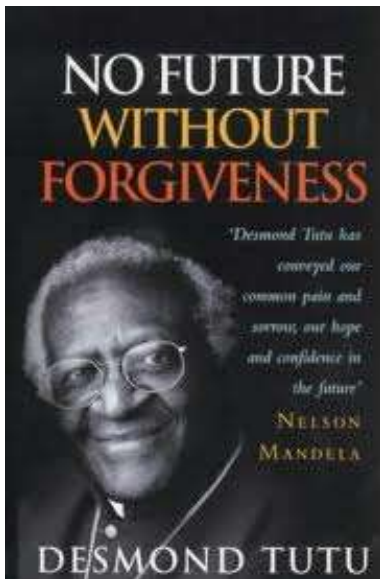
The vision is that Humanity can face its worst fears and rise from the ashes of personality obsession.

Forgiveness is the technique of release. We can become spiritual warriors battling for the light. We can become disciples of our own souls as we learn to see through the veil of our emotions. We can become a band of brothers doing the practical work of redemption.

The delusion is that fantasies of sexual and political domination do no harm. The obsession to understand secrets leads to paranoia. Psychotherapy becomes a new religion with the therapist as priest.

Neptune in Sagittarius (Those born in the following periods: 7 Nov 1970 – 20 Jan 1984, 24 Jun 1984 – 22 Nov 1984):

The vision is that we can create a New World Order that fosters quality of life over quantity of experience. World problems can be solved by a common vision of the value of human life. There is a belief in abundance. Justice systems can be systems which promote healing, growth and peace. The South African Truth and Reconciliation Process is such a vision.



The obsession is with cults and their teachers. The dream is that devotion to a charismatic leader with a very specific philosophy and set of practices can quickly free the individual from limitation, karma or reality.

Neptune in Capricorn (Those born in the following periods: 20 Jan 1984 – 24 Jun 1984, 22 Nov 1984 – 30 Jan 1998, 24 Aug 1998 – 29 Nov 1998):

The vision is that Humanity has evolved to the point where we can understand and live under the

Laws of the Soul; automatically obeying the lesser laws of society. We know that we are souls and will therefore strive to create those structures in society that will support the full expression of human love and creativity.

The obsession is with money and power. There is almost a belief that one can ignore the reality of death if one is wealthy enough. Materialism is God. The idea of a New World Order is wealth and power for the few and domination of the many.

Neptune in Aquarius (Those born in the following periods: 30 Jan 1998 – 24 Aug 1998, 29 Nov 1998 – 5 Apr 2011, 6 Aug 2011 – 4 Feb 2012):

The vision is Universal Brother-Sisterhood. Humanity can cooperate with the Masters of the Wisdom in guiding the development of all Kingdoms in Nature. Individuality and creativity can find true flowering within the group. Science can reveal God. We can progress through a devotion to the science of the soul.

There is an obsession with pseudo science. Universal group visions can be used for materialistic fascism. The World Bank is an example of an ideal of world economic growth masking a system for destroying individual economies to feed economic elite.

Neptune in Pisces (Those born in the following periods: 5 Apr 2011 – 6 Aug 2011, 4 Feb 2012-31 Mar 2025):

The vision is an updated version of the 1846-1862 vision. The vision is that we can save and redeem through impersonal love. The world can be saved by sacrificing our personal needs to the good of the whole. All problems can be solved by an alignment with the greater Will and Purpose. We can devote ourselves to working for the good.

We become obsessed with fantasies of instant salvation such as the Christian idea of the Rapture. We allow ourselves to be drugged into a state of passive acceptance or isolation. We are easily lead by demagogy.

The souls now incarnating will carry this high vision and fight or succumb to its obsession and delusion. But, for the next 14 years we will all be living within the energies of Neptune in Pisces and inspired to live an impersonal life of service.

A CIRCLET OF THE MIND BY VICKY WESTON

Some long-ago hand and mind

intent on its purpose-

formed a living willow wand into this-

interwoven circlet.

Momentary latch for some forgotten field gate,

I found it deep is summer grasses-picked it up-

fearful

lest it become Viperous,

for they lie like this- 'interwoven' in the sun-

forked black tongues tasting

vagrant air

But No, this circlet lived-

only in its creators mind

the work of a moment

securing sheep in the long field....

Now grown- melded to its form-

It lies in my hand

linking my mind with his.

I hung it-

on a treenail beside the terrace

to soak up the sunlight

as if the wand itself still grew

no longer lost among the grasses

A thought and a creation fixed forever

in a dangling earth-bracelet....

CHRIST COLLEGE NOTES

1. We have celebrated the Aries, Taurus and Gemini spiritual festivals with three meditation week-end retreats. They have all fulfilled a service within the field of the world group. And, all who attended reported the positive gains that they received through participating.
2. The focus for the faculty at Christ College in the next six months is outreach:
 - a. Lawson will teach a 10 month study group via webinar. The text is Esoteric Psychology I by Alice Bailey. 26 people have signed up so far. (See page 16)
 - b. Julia will speak to Theosophical Society groups on North and South Islands. Her theme is the nature of the soul.
 - c. Orest will run Tai Chi workshops with an emphasis on subtle energy.
 - d. Lawson will speak in Auckland and other centres on the theme of opening the heart of New Zealand.
3. The Silent Space continues to receive a stream of visitors. A recent visitor said, "The silence in there is deafening".
4. Our library is growing. You are free to borrow. Let us know if you would like a list of our books.
5. Plan to attend the Leo Meditation Retreat 13-14 August. The high clear notes that were established during the first three retreats of the year will find consummation in Leo.
6. With the help of two excellent WWOOFers, we cut next year's wood supply. Our generous neighbour, Graham Curry, needed a paddock cleared and we were happy to do it.
7. The 3rd year of our five-year residential programme begins on 21 June. Julia, Orest and I will continue to model the programme by alternating in the roles of students and teachers. The meditation programme will continue to deepen.



An Akaroa gecko

SOLAR FIRE MEDITATIONS

Venue – 30 Rutland Street– 7.30 pm

Talks from each month are available on the website
www.christcollege.co.nz/meditation.html#solarfire

14 JULY 2011

Cancer ♋ *Keynote: I build a lighted house and therein dwell*
 (actual time 15 July 6.41 pm)

13 AUGUST 2011

Leo ♌ *Keynote: I am that and that I am*
 (actual time 14 Aug 6.59 am)

12 SEPTEMBER 2011

Virgo ♍ *Keynote: I am the mother and the child, I God, I matter am*
 (actual time 12 September 9.28 pm)

NEW MOON DATES AND TIMES

Venue – 30 Rutland Street – 7.30 pm

1 JULY 2011

Cancer ♋ *Keynote: I build a lighted house and therein dwell*
 (actual time 1 July 8.55 pm +eclipse)

30 JULY 2011

Leo ♌ *Keynote: I am that and that I am*
 (actual time 31 July 6.41 am)

28 AUGUST 2011

Virgo ♍ *Keynote: I am the mother and the child, I God, I matter am*
 (actual time 29 August 3.05 pm)

Meditation Temple

Meditations are held on the temple site at the time of the full moon.

Cancer	15 Jul	4.00 pm
Leo	13 Aug	4.00 pm
Virgo	12 Sep	4.00 pm

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2011 MEDITATION RETREATS

These retreats are at the high point of the spiritual year.

At each retreat there will be meditations and a series of themes for contemplation accompanied by talks.

Come and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the temple and the refurbished Long Bay House



FESTIVAL OF SIRIUS

13– 14 August 2011

- What is Freedom?
- What is the nature of Responsibility?
- The note of joy
- Points of crisis
- Furthering self development

Facilitated by Lawson Bracewell

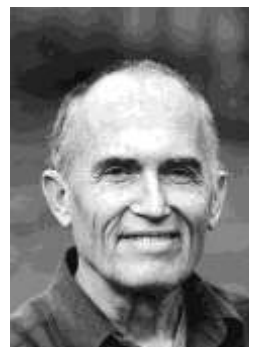
Lawson has a unique combination of heart, humour and wisdom. He has been an active meditator for 35 years. He teaches courses through Christ College in New Zealand which include the Ageless Wisdom Teachings, psychology, astrology and meditation. He has a PhDE in Esoteric Psychology, a Masters in Social Work and is a professional astrologer of over 35 years.

Suggested donation \$200
 + food to share
 + accommodation \$20 per night

If you are drawn to attend please contact Lawson:

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CHRIST COLLEGE STUDY OPTIONS ALL WELCOME

STUDY GROUP

This group studies one of the Alice Bailey books Esoteric Psychology I, which in summary looks at the laws of the soul, the seven rays, and the psychology of the soul. It is a class for beginners and is open to new members – all welcome.

The group meets fortnightly on Saturdays at
11 am at 30 Rutland St

For further information please contact Lawson:
Ph: 355 1395. **See also** www.christcollege.co.nz

Another group continues to meet fortnightly on Saturday mornings to study the depth of Cosmic Fire.

Tai Chi/Akido Course



One of the tutors at Christ College, Orest Tarnawsky, is offering a course teaching the principles of Tai Chi and Akido. There will be practical processes to develop skill in sensing energy in motion. Both individual and partner training in a non-combatant situation.

Sunday 17 July 2011

9.30 – 4 pm

433 Long Bay Road, Akaroa

For more information please contact Orest:

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ESOTERIC PSYCHOLOGY Internet Course



I am offering a study course on Esoteric Psychology I by Alice Bailey. It will begin with an introduction on Friday 8 July at 10 am New Zealand time. This should make it possible for most people to take advantage of this course in your own time zone.

The course is offered as a webinar course. It will be 1 1/2 hours every two weeks. You will be able to log on, enter a class, see me on the screen and any files that I put up to illustrate our topic. You will be able to ask questions and talk with others in the class. Before each class, you will read 20 pages of Esoteric Psychology I and prepare questions that remain unanswered by you. I will respond to these questions.

Why read this book? Because, it is about you. It is a Master of the Wisdom describing the nature of the soul and its integration with its instrument, the personality. Studying the book leads to understanding, impersonality and compassion. All of this profoundly affects one's relationships.

This course will help those who have read the book deepen in your understanding. For those reading it for the first time, the course will provide the guidance into a subject that is often hard to grasp.

Why study as a group? The group forms a group mind which supports the development of intuition. You will find that you suddenly grasp concepts that elude you as you read the text.

My qualifications: I first read this book 30 years ago. I completed a two year Masters in Esoteric Psychology which had this as its primary text. I have a PhDE in Esoteric Studies from the University of the Seven Rays. I am the Director of Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom (a school of meditation in Akaroa, New Zealand). I have taught classes using this book for 20 years.

The cost of the course is \$10 per class. The introductory class is free. I look forward to studying with you.

Lawson Bracewell

Updates and Information

Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom

LONG BAY HOUSE – HIRE



Long Bay House has been refurbished and is available for hire. It is the perfect place for workshops, meetings, or a weekend getaway. It is nestled on the hills of the Banks Peninsula with stunning views. It comes complete with kitchen facilities, shower and toilet facilities and can accommodate up to 24 people and sleep up to 10.

Facilities available:

- * temple access
- * 2 workshop/teaching rooms
- * marae-style accommodation
- * kitchen
- * shower/toilet
- * picnic table, nature walks

Please contact Lawson for details:
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TRIANGLE CENTRE

(Established 1974)

Books available by mail order from the Triangle Centre include Alice Bailey, Agni Yoga, Torkom Saraydarian, Sundial House.

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CHRIST COLLEGE LIBRARY



Arguably the best spiritual library in the South Island.

An extensive range of esoteric literature, astrology books, biographies, mythology, symbolism and much more.

Authors include: Alice Bailey, Helena Blavatsky, Phillip Lindsay, Dane Rudhyar, Dalai Lama, Joseph Campbell, Carl Jung

Open to view at 433 Long Bay Road, Akaroa
Call in for a browse.

*** We have recently acquired the 'Annie McGregor collection'. These books were kindly donated by Annie. Please contact us for a list of books available. ***

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PIGGY BANK PROGRAMME



We are in the midst of fund-raising to pay for the building programme at Christ College. All is going well and I am always looking for new ways to engage a larger field of Friends of Christ College.

I suspect that you do not see your current financial situation as supporting large humanitarian projects. So, I will not appeal to you to send thousands of dollars.

What I have in mind is: would you be willing to buy a piggy bank and designate it as the Christ College piggy bank? Then, whenever you felt the urge, you could put change into it. Every month or two you could empty it and write a cheque to Christ College for that amount.

Current trends in fund-raising indicate that the greatest funding comes from large numbers of people giving very small amounts of money. Certainly, the Obama campaign found this to be true. Please let me know if you can support us in this way.

Here is a fabulous website you might like to visit. It features videos on Esoteric Astrology, Esoteric Psychology, Philosophy and much more. It is presented by Justin Wilkinson.

www.theagelesswisdom.net

FRIENDS OF CHRIST COLLEGE



We invite you to become a Friend of Christ College by contributing a monthly donation. By doing this you be a part of a global initiative to manifest the esoteric schools. You will receive regular updates, the newsletter, invitations to workshops and events. Your support will enable us to progress the project in a practical way. Please contact Lawson for further information: sevenrays@clear.net.nz or 355-1395

LAWSON BRACEWELL - ASTROLOGER

Lawson is available for soul-centred astrology in Christchurch either in person or for taped readings. He has a natural ability to see to the heart of an individual and his focus is on revealing the soul's potential for the client and pointing out ways of allowing that to be expressed by the client.

For readings please contact him on:

**(03) 355 1395 or email
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Last Words

This 60th issue marks 15 years of the Esoteric Students' Newsletter.

Winter Solstice – 21 June 2011 – 5.14 am (NZT)

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This site is regularly updated. You can download the Newsletter; keep up with events that happen between Newsletter printings and see some of the photos of current projects and events.

Please contact us if you have a relevant link.