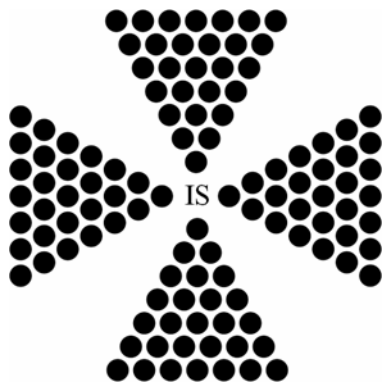


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SPOT ON

Everyone talks about that TV-show "Dancing with the Stars". Celebrities out of the arenas of sport, beauty, politics etc. dance with the assistance of professional partners live on television. They step out onto the polished floor in competition with each other, are being judged, graded, kept for another round or dismissed. What a drama, in weekly repetitions!

To know about and work with your own stars could also be seen as a dance and is not less fascinating. Of course I talk about esoteric astrology (and, maybe, I am preaching to the converted).

We all know that at the moment of our birth we start out with an 'itinerary', depicted in an astrological set of facts, a blue-print for the journey ahead. I see it like an invisible net, woven of freedom and responsibility, and cast out with mathematical precision and as an invitation to hold on to. And then the dance - of the stars above and our lives below - begins. Sure, first, we learn to walk. Later we might miss a step, trip, try to skip a challenge, get up again or fall flat ... All the time the different signs of the zodiac could be seen like classrooms we move through, while the planets and their constellations are acting as teachers. They help us to more knowing, doing and being. In the end we graduate to service and that means maturing to be useful to others.

I still remember when I bent my head for the first time over a decent astrological road-map with my data and name at the top. It was compiled by one of these first-generation computers, so big they filled a hallway. The printed results were an eye-opener: Wow, that's me? This is who I am, with sparkles and shadows? That's why?

The basic rule for a Viennese waltz - my favourite - is the "three-four-time" rhythm. You exercise the steps and turns to enjoy the silken sounds of Johann Strauss's music and that's for entertainment's sake only. Getting to know the blue-print of your journey helps to make considerate choices in all areas of your life and an occasional update

can be very precious indeed. I am deeply grateful to the esoteric astrologers I have met during the last eleven years. Through them I gained deeper insights in the functioning of the big and my own universe. I am following a path outside of judgement and competition, I can't be dismissed and the garments for my performance are new every day, never worn before and won't wear out. It's a continuous move towards more consciousness and more joy.

I want to add a special 'Thank you' to my Kyron, the 'wounded healer'. He is just now, on the outer wheel, dancing back and forth over my natal Saturn. This challenges me to the core, but - at the same time - offering an opportunity to heal from the inside out. Someone must have put wings on my feet, they are so twitchy?

Lotti



Mantram of Unification

The sons of men are one and I am one with them
I seek to love, not hate;
I seek to serve and not exact due service;
I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love.
Let the soul control the outer form and life and all events,
And bring to light the love which underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight
Let the future stand revealed.
Let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone.
Let love prevail.
Let all men love.

CERTIFICATION OF VALUE

We live our lives within the great illusion of this and that, you and me, good and evil. This is a world of duality. It is an apparent separation between God and Man or Spirit and matter. We live in between.

The allure of matter is strong because our five senses are able to enter into relationship with it and give us a rich experience. It offers security because it is apparently knowable yet it offers such variety that it satisfies our curiosity and need for stimulation. But, it ultimately frustrates us because it seems to have no ultimate meaning.

Our attraction to spirit grows as we want more than the material world can provide. Our difficulty in knowing spirit is due largely to the fact that the matter that clothes it is beyond the vibrational range that our five senses can register. We must develop the sixth sense of higher intuition before we begin to register it.

Contact with that which is spiritual is also fraught with peril. Some lose contact with the material world. Some get lost in beliefs, fantasies and practices which arise out of a wide range of fears that emerge in the one whose life has been touched by an aspect of truth.

Hence, for those who know that they are in between the two poles of spirit and matter, there are a series of small and large crisis. Contact with the spiritual aspect creates change in our perception of the material world. We see its restriction upon our sense of self and seek to free ourselves from it. The struggle (resistance to change) produces pain. And, over time, something new is born.

Love is born out of pain and the interaction between spirit and matter. At first the love clings securely to matter. It makes change easier, but it also is submerged in matter and serves it. But, with each successful crisis, love emerges more in its own right. It can not be possessed and becomes a beacon leading us out of the darkness of the material world.

We might say that love is all that is within the space between the two poles of matter and spirit. Just as the heart is the mid-way point between our higher and lower centres, love is the bridge

between the two worlds. It allows us to breath deeply in life and have the trust to emerge into our true spiritual selves and also submerge with joy into our material selves.

When we love enough we invoke a crisis big enough to produce a turning point in the life. The first major one is called the first initiation. By successfully mastering this crisis, we demonstrate that our attachment to the physical world can not prevent us from living in love.

The second major crisis is called the second initiation. By successfully mastering this crisis, we demonstrate that our attachment to the emotional/psychological world can not prevent us from living in love. We are able to see the world of duality with the clear sight which love gives.

At each of these initiations, the Christ presides. He is the Lord of Love who presides over the Kingdom of Love: the Spiritual Hierarchy. In his presence, the quality and quantity of our love is measured and weighed. He confirms the success of our mastery.

Standing in love, in the midst of love and accompanied by the Lord of Love we receive certification of value. Both the words certification and value resonate with love. (Certification has the same number value as The Heart of God).

Our certification confirms our ability to bring light and love into the world. It certifies that we are bridges between worlds. We will stimulate crisis in the world around us as well as the world within us. And, we will heal the divisions as we live the axiom that Spirit is Matter vibrating at the highest level and matter is Spirit vibrating at the lowest level. We are One.

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When a baby enters our lives, a living soul is entering. This letter demonstrates in the life of a Gemini father the impact of the new soul being similar to his own soul asserting dominance.

Dear Lawson,

I have been meaning to write and seek your wise counsel on a few peculiar feelings I have been having of late.

As you will immediately recognise, this is not a task a Gemini often finds time for. We regularly have the conversation that begins: "I must talk to so-and-so" or "I really must get on to that", but these mental Post-It notes soon get lost under other notes, and months have then passed and something equally as pressing and momentous has distracted us.

Anyway, as I said, I've been feeling rather different lately. This time last year I was comfortably going about my busy business, soaring with the rising currents of new and exciting work and sobering environmental concerns for which I could be an advocate. Although leisure time was as busy as the rest of my day, I was convinced that in time things would slow down and I could rest on my laurels. My life was about doing things with my lover and forgetting about all those tricky questions that plagued my (infrequent) quiet moments (e.g., how can I leave this place better than I found it? Why don't people realise how much their individual conduct (good and bad) can make such a difference to history?).

But things have changed now, only 12 months on. Whereas previously I used to brag to myself (another Gemini trait – at which we excel) about how many things I was going to be able to do with all this experience/all these contacts/all this money/all these opportunities, now I have no enthusiasm for bragging.

What could have brought about this change? I'm no less busy or uninspired than I was twelve months ago; but for some reason, the multitude of choices I had laid out as possibilities for "the rest of my life", are not so numerous. Or maybe they are just not so enticing any more? I can't put my finger on it.

By way of analogy, last year I lived my life in a nice room in a modern house filled with light and warmth. This room had many doors, some of which I used regularly and others I knew were there, but never opened. These doors led to potential (as opposed to real) places I could go.

There were lots of them, and I reasoned that it was only the sheer number of them (and the pleasantness of the room I was in) that kept them closed. But they were there.

This year the room is the same, perhaps more permanent in my imaginings than last year, but the number of doors has diminished, and those that are left now seem to beckon with more importance.

I feel no sadness or remorse about this turn of events. I am merely interested at how it has come to pass. I feel a sense of inspiration when I think about my future, of direction and actual (as opposed to potential) choices. I think more about what I want to do, and what I have to do, rather than what I could do. It is as if something has been revealed to me.

So, Lawson, what do you think? The only thing of significance that has happened recently, has been the arrival of my first child – a joyful and strong little girl, who, although only 4 months old, regards me with much interest and mimics my expressions and sounds with exactitude. She forces me to be still and with her, and in being with her, I become calm and start to enjoy not being so rushed. I also find myself having conversations with her, although she is much older, in which I respond to questions she asks me like: Where did we come from? Who is god? Do I have a soul? What do you believe daddy?

And I have been musing on how I will respond at great length.

Is this normal?

With much love,

Kitt

WORLD INVOCATION DAY
II

11-12 June 2006

The Great Invocation was given to the Christ and it was given to Humanity when the Sun was in Gemini in 1945. The United Nations commemorated World Invocation day in 1952. It is set for the Full Moon in Gemini each year.

From 12 noon on 11 June to 12 noon on 12 June The Great Invocation is sounded every 15 minutes on the quarter hour by willing participants. Please feel free to join in. For more information: www.aquaac.org

Photo of meditators

MEDITATION FOR LIFE

Photo of temple

MEDITATION RETREAT WEEKENDS

9 – 11 June 2006
Festival of Humanity

4 – 6 August 2006
Sirius Festival

JOURNAL OF ESOTERIC PSYCHOLOGY

This is a wonderful on-line journal for all those who study the Ageless Wisdom Teachings. The current issue is particularly rich in that there are not only profound articles but also beautiful and powerful photographs of the devic worlds. www.sevenray.net/sri_journal.html

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A CRISIS OF EXPANSION

Every 20 years Jupiter and Saturn come into a conjunction with each other. This cycle is in turn part of a 60 year cycle which is a part of a 180 year cycle. We are in the final cycle of the current 180 year cycle which began in the sign of Capricorn in 1842.

The cycle of Jupiter/Saturn has to do with changes in culture and civilization. Jupiter represents the innovations that expand and enrich society. It removes barriers, encourages movement of people and resources and brings in liberating philosophies.

Photo of Jupiter

Saturn tests the new and crystallizes it within the existing patterns. (The stock market with its Bull and Bear markets demonstrate the principle within a financial context).

The 180 year cycle began in 1842 and will end in 2020. Since it began in Capricorn, the cycle has to do with development of legal systems, business practices and systems of government. Our current 60 year cycle also began in the sign of Capricorn in 1961

The final Jupiter/Saturn conjunction in the cycle began in 2000 in the sign of Taurus. Because of this, the cycle has to do with the management of natural resources especially oil. We are challenged to integrate new values into the existing system.

These cycles are being used by the Spiritual Hierarchy to seed the Plan of evolution which is then implemented by Humanity. The Mahachohan or Lord of Civilization is primarily involved as are the New Group of World Servers or most conscious members of Humanity. Out of the interaction of these two groups our civilization moves steadily towards a mirroring of the principles of love which the Hierarchy demonstrates.

From 17/12/05 to 19/10/06 there is a square from Jupiter to Saturn. This is the first crisis in the cycle which began in 2000. We can see it as a time of much criticism of those policies and programmes initiated from 2000 onward. Humanity strives to understand over-production, over-expansion and over-indulgence. Hopefully, out of this criticism, a re-orientation will occur in which the good of the many is emphasised over the greed of the few.

For each of us, as individuals and as groups, it is a year to assess whether our expansions have reflected soul values or personal needs and desires. We must look at how much fear is driving growth. Or, how much faith is anchoring the New Civilization.

Lawson Bracewell

Photo of Saturn

A NOTE ON SOUL

The Soul our understanding and experience of it, is, without a doubt, our foremost spiritual concern. Attaining and sustaining Soul Consciousness (almost a tautology), is, in many fundamental ways the essence of Alice Bailey's legacy. Much of D.K.'s work is useless to us, unless, we have this as a goal, unless, we have an increasing investment in the Soul's on-going presence in our lives, until we as little egos become servants to our Higher Selves.

So, what is this mysterious presence we call soul? D.K. calls the soul by many names; the Higher Self; the Ego; The Causal Body; Egoic Lotus; Consciousness; Awareness; the Solar Angel. Many of us have studied the Egoic Lotus or the Constitution of Man, but who has actually experienced it like that? Is your Soul, a Flower or an Angel? Well maybe, conceptually, but how have you identified its presence in your life?

Michael Robbins in the Tapestry series gives these attributes for the soul:

Source of:-

- a) Service
- b) Selflessness and Altruism
- c) Conscience
- d) Joy
- e) Meaningfulness
- f) Sacredness
- g) Heart's Desire.

The word 'source' is common to all these attributes. All these concepts force a deepening, requiring an arresting of our normal pre-occupations.

Soul service versus vocation. Am I offering myself, or a list of skills built around a mask to ensure my survival and economic well-being?

Selflessness versus with selfishness. In this moment right now, am I acting consciously and freely or habitually?

Conscience versus accepted conformity. For many of us dulled by the many pressures of personality life this usually only comes up when one is being asked to risk a cherished comfort or security. Do you follow your inner compulsion of "rightness/fitness", or do you go with what's expected?

Joy compared versus happiness. Are you able to let go – detach, or are you still seeking momentary gratifications and distractions?

Meaningfulness versus certainty. Are you prepared to challenge your view of things to find a more encompassing and deeper reality, or do you argue for your standard view?

Sacred versus the mundane. How often do you feel the joy and awe of "all things made new"?

Heart's Desire versus fear. Am I really doing what I deeply want, or am allowing fear to limit my potential?

The aim of such questions is not to show up one's weaknesses or faults, but to get a sense of what it is to be in touch with one's soul.

Then, from Esoteric Psychology I.

A/ "A mystical definition. The Soul is the Child of Spirit and Matter ultimately revealing the purpose of Creation [1]."

He calls this the truth that links all religions. Our idea of the Christ and His/Her reappearance is embodied in this definition. To serve this ideal we must be involved in it ourselves. Are we consciously seeking to bring the inner life into outer form, or is the inner life still in the closet, wondering what clothes to wear for 2025?

B/ The Principle of Intelligence. "The soul can be regarded as the principle of intelligence... whose characteristics are mind and mental awareness...demonstrate as the power to analyse, to discriminate, to separate, and to distinguish, to choose or to reject, with all the implications conveyed in these terms"[2].

No doubt about it. The soul is a thinker. Importantly, we need to distinguish our normal thoughts which enhance our sense of isolation from those which incline us to a greater sense of participation.

C/ A Unit of Light

"From its very nature, the soul is conscious or aware in three directions. It is God-conscious; it is group-conscious; it is self-conscious."[3]

To live as a soul we can't be blind. Ignorance is not bliss. One needs to be and act consciously as a self, then as a self as part of a greater whole, and then with that whole itself being part of the Great Mystery.

D/The Soul is the Principle of Sentience

This is a capacity for expanding into ever-increasing states of awareness and being. It follows in order of sentience, quality, self-awareness, group awareness, synthetic purpose or "the Plan".

Thus we can measure where we stand on the scale of souls. Identifying our place, means we can know and prepare for what lies ahead? Where do we stand?

Happy Soul Searching !!

Daryl Fell

[1]Esoteric Psychology 1, page 36

[2]Esoteric Psychology 1, page 38

[3]Esoteric Psychology 1, page 41

COSMIC FIRE – STUDY GROUP

A TREATISE ON COSMIC FIRE by Alice Bailey is a book of such profundity that it can only be successfully studied by a group. It offers clues to all questions which the spiritual student might have. It is a study of fire within the personality, soul and spirit bodies

Some of the topics covered in this discussion group: the centres and the senses, the centres and initiation, the centres and kundalini, the centres and the rays and the Law of Economy and its subsidiary laws.

Please join the study group ... we meet on the 1st Sat. of each month at 30 Rutland St

An annual workshop will be facilitated by Michael Robbins on 15 - 21 October of this year.

Both study group and workshop are open to new members.

Please contact Katherine or Lawson PH 355 1395 See also www.christcollege.co.nz

FULL MOON DATES AND TIMES

Held at the Arts Centre – 7.30 pm

Gemini - Festival of Goodwill

11 June (12/6 6.04am)

Keynote: "I see my other self, and in that waning self, I grow and glow."

Cancer

10 July (11/7 3.03 pm)

Keynote: "I build a lighted house and therein dwell"

Leo – Sirius Festival

9 August (9/8 10.55 pm)

Keynote: "I am that and that I am"

NEW MOON DATES AND TIMES

Held at the Arts Centre – 7.30 pm

Gemini

26 May (27/5 5.27 pm)

Keynote "I see my other self, and in that waning self, I grow and glow."

Cancer

25 June (26/6 4.06 am)

Keynote: "I build a lighted house and therein dwell"

Leo

24 July (25/7 4.32 pm)

Keynote: "I am that and that I am"

Meditation Temple

Meditations are held on the temple site (405 Long Bay Rd) at the time of the full moon.

Gemini June 11th 5 pm

Cancer July 11th 2.30 pm

Leo August 9th 5 pm

Virgo September 7th 5 pm

Libra October 7th 3.30 pm

Scorpio November 5th 5 pm

Sagittarius December 5th 1 pm

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Meditation Retreats:

9 – 11 June Gemini - Festival of Goodwill

4 - 6 August Leo – Self awareness

These Retreats begin at

7 pm on the Friday at Long Bay House, 405 Long Bay Rd, Akaroa. They will end at 4 pm on the Sunday.

Food: BYO Food to Share

Cost: \$200/Weekend. Accommodation provided.

Please bring: Personal items, paper and pens, food, snacks and drinks.

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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.

Om Om Om

FLYING A JET FIGHTER – PART 2

The next part I want to talk about is sustainability and creating an environment that helps us rather than hinders us.

The environment and stability

If we look at the world today we see one that is vastly different from just 100 years ago. It is faster, more chaotic and more intense. The amount of stimuli that we have to deal with day to day is enormous. Telephones, internet, TV, radio, cellphone, advertising, stressed workmates, stressed parents, stressed children, anger and fear on a large scale. I think many of the problems that we face today are created because we don't know how to cope in the environment which we now find ourselves. It is like we are flying an old plane from the early part of the century and we have been transported into a space age sky where our old plane is just not cutting the mustard (borrowing an analogy from a good friend). We need to learn to fly a jet fighter plane in this very critical environment. We also need to make the environment as easy to fly in as possible.

You may say – what is the problem? We get by in the current environment. Yes, we get by, but is that good enough in the current personal and global situation that we find ourselves? When we work and live in an environment like this it is very easy to become a product of society and to forget our inspiration and values. People who have been travelling will relate to this. They are so inspired about life, they are clear on their goals and direction when they travel, and then they get back to their normal life and it consumes them and they feel that nothing has changed.

The question then is how can we have sustainability, how can we learn to fly a jet fighter and how can we influence the environment so that it is more harmonious?

Creating an environment that is in harmony and supports growth

When we have a harmonious environment it makes it easier to move (and fly) day to day. It also makes it easier for us to stay aligned to and living our own principles. The following are only a few

ideas as to how we can create an environment that supports what we do rather than make it difficult.

- making the home and work place beautiful, comfortable and harmonious. This can include a number of things but the gist of it is, I think, that if you have a place that you love being in then you feel a lot better about it!! You can look at colour schemes (colour has a proven effect on mood and activity), put in plants and nature (plants revitalise an environment by creating air). You can ensure that the rooms and buildings get proper ventilation, that they are cool in the summer and warm in the winter. These things seem so simple, but how often do we put up with something like the cold in our house in winter and it really affects us and adds to the stress that we already have in our lives.

Our beds! We spend something like one third of our lives in our beds! That is our environment that we live in. Do we have the very best bed that we could have? This is one way that we really could improve the quality of our lives, getting a decent bed and linen to sleep in.

- building good relationships. Relationships are one of the largest forms of stress in the world today (intimate relationships, family relationships, friends and work colleagues). Do we really know how to get along with one another? As a teacher you see the importance of this and thankfully a lot is being done in schools now to teach children how to relate correctly to one another.

We can all do this in our lives also. One of the very important aspects is clear communication. This can be applied friend to friend, within the family or the workplace. Is everyone able to freely express their thoughts and feelings? Are someone's ideas heard and really listened to, thought about and responded to? Can someone in the bottom of the business express an idea to the management? Is there even time to talk, or is everyone so busy that they pass each other by?

The main thing here is for us to ask how we can create an environment that supports what we do, that makes it easier for us to stay focussed and aligned daily while still living in this extreme environment that we find ourselves?

Sustainability and flying a jet fighter

I have touched on this a little already. We often are inspired in life but the inspiration is quickly swallowed up by the mundane world. It is not surprising considering the world that we live in at present. Our usual way of combating this is the annual holiday. It is the time that we recharge and get a clearer picture of where life is at. But I think in today's world we need more than this to enable us to keep flying.

What this means is that we need to find ways day to day to recharge and gain inspiration. The range that this could include is vast and many of them we already do. Exercise, walking, time out in nature, music, meditation etc. I think a number of things here;

1. We need to look at the quality that these provide us. Is there ways in which we can get more enjoyment or benefit from these activities?
2. As the world changes so quickly, I think that we need to be looking for new and innovative ways to gain inspiration. Are there other things that we have not explored yet? Have we experimented with different methods, or are we simply repeating the same old routine? I think that here an important thing to remember is that we are growing and that our techniques and practices need to be growing, evolving and organic also. We can no longer be complacent and rely on how it has been done in the past. Things are changing too quickly for this. We need to be open to new ideas, flexible and innovative. This concept can be applied to so many other areas in life also.

Flying the jet fighter

The key here is that we are the jet fighter and we are flying ourselves. We need to ask the question, how can I change my plane from a Tiger Moth to a jet fighter?

This is similar to the concept of looking at one's values and principles and seeing what in one's life does not fit with these any more. We can go through the different parts of ourselves and ask whether they are in line with who we truly wish to be.

Physical – here we can look at diet, exercise, sleep and relaxation.

Emotional – we can assess the ways that we relate to others and how we express our emotions.

Mental – what thought patterns do we have, what knowledge and ideas form our plane

As with before I think that the question is can we make these changes and then sustain them? When we come up against a difficult situation are we still able to maintain and live by our values and principles.

In conclusion

So there you have it. Some thoughts on how one can maintain one's individuality in this quickly changing world. I think that if we are able to truly live to our highest principles and values and live them in our every day life, we will increasingly find that we are living in group situations as a fully conscious individual. The important words here are *fully conscious*.

Then the interesting thing becomes that we can apply all the same principles that we have discussed about an individual, to a group. We can view the group as an individual!

To recap

Identify one's values

Make a commitment and stand for them

Assess one's life

Make a goal and plan

Put it into action

Create a harmonious and positive environment

Finding sustainability

Change the plane to a jet fighter (physical, emotional, mental)

Recognise the need and do something about it

Sounds easy!!! Now it's just a matter of doing it. Good luck to you all. May we support each other and our fellow groups so that we can truly begin to live by the Aquarian principles and energy in a very real sense.

Nicholas Williams (written in Italy inspired by the Sistine Chapel)

HAIKU

Francis Moore

1. Blinking, I lost sight
of the iridescent wings
of the dragonfly.
2. “So pleased to meet you”,
remarked the sunset poet
weaving rhythmic sounds.
3. Sun at its zenith.
How shall memory recall
silent golden hours?
4. Wonder of wonders:
the day after tomorrow
I will still be me.

Ancient Chant

The earth is my mother
Mother, move me
Mother, love me
Mother, comfort me
Mother set me free

The sky is my father
Look to the sky
Reach for the sun
Feel the love in everyone

Follow the middle way
Live by the heart
Sing the song of love
Dance from the heart

Breath, flow with life
Risk all, let go, have nothing, be free
Give everything, let go, be empty, be free
Light is life’s warmth
Breath is life’s flow
Song is life’s harmony
Love is life’s purpose

The earth is my mother
The sky is my father
Sing from the heart
Dance the middle way
Seek only love
Life’s purpose and harmony

Christine Kalimurti
A former MSE student

Gemini and New Zealand

All nations are ruled by astrological signs and rays. Some are given by the Tibetan, some are not. For New Zealand, the signs only are given. These are, on a personality level Virgo, and on a soul level, Gemini.

One of the qualities of Gemini is relatability to people and humanity, an inclusivity that is characteristic of the 2nd ray of love-wisdom which is the only ray coming through this sign. Virgo also has the 2nd ray as one of its ruling signs.

There are three festivals of the astrological year, the third being in the month of Gemini. This Festival is a Christ festival which emphasises humanity and His relationship to it. It is also known as the Festival of Goodwill – one of the keynotes of Gemini.

Matariki is the beginning of the Maori year. It is marked by the heliacal rising of the Pleiades over the horizon each year; that is, when they rise with the sun to the north-east. It cannot be pinpointed to an exact day each year, but it is always in May or June. This corresponds to the month of Gemini. Although this year it is slightly later, on 26 June, the celebration of the new year in Maori culture lasts several days and generally takes place in the month of Gemini, which is significantly the soul ruler of the nation of New Zealand.

Pleiades

Matariki translates as the eyes of God. The seven stars of the Pleiades are known as the Seven Sisters. The Pleiades are the 3rd ray aspect of the triangle of the Great Bear constellation (1st ray) and the star Sirius (2nd ray). Sirius can be seen as the soul of the solar system, just as Venus is the soul of the earth.

Gemini is ruled by Venus on a soul level and is the sign of duality, and potentially the resolution of duality. When two cultures of a nation begin to be integrated it can be symbolic of the nation’s personality is becoming soul-infused; just as individually we seek to become soul-infused and more inclusive.

How do we resolve the duality within ourselves of masculine and feminine, personality and soul, etc? How do we then resolve the duality within a nation of people? The month of Gemini is a time to focus on the soul quality of inclusiveness and the keynote of the Gemini Festival of **Goodwill – Love in Action**

Katherine O’Brien

Updates and Information

Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom

NEW* CHRIST COLLEGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

A regular forum in which the BIG QUESTIONS can be asked. Is there a God? What does life mean? What is our future? Why are humans so preoccupied with sex? What is the soul? Why do I suffer?

Every other Thursday starting 1 June.
The Arts Centre, Francis Shurrock Room,
Christchurch 7 – 9 pm.
Facilitated by Lawson Bracewell
All welcome. Supported by donation

FRIENDS OF CHRIST COLLEGE

Benefits to being a friend of Christ College:

- You receive a Friends of Christ College Newsletter
- You get a 20% discount on all books in stock
- You get two nights per year accommodation in the cottage

How do you join:

- Contact us
- Make a regular automatic payment to meet Christ College expenses

Join us in supporting this valuable work

WEDDINGS AND CHRISTENINGS



The Temple at Christ College is an ideal venue for weddings or christenings. Both events are essentially spiritual. The Temple stands free from all religion, but powerfully and beautifully supports all spiritual endeavours.

Long Bay House is a fully equipped event venue. It can be hired for receptions or meeting space during the wedding or christening event.

Contact us for information on wedding and christening policy.

COSMIC FIRE

Seven days of immersion in the depths and heights of A Treatise on Cosmic Fire by Alice Bailey. In this intensive we begin to intuit our way into the major section of the book: solar fire.

The workshop facilitator is Michael Robbins: the director of the University of the Seven Rays. Michael is the world's greatest authority in penetrating into the wisdom held within Cosmic Fire. His teaching style seeks to invoke the group mind which is essential to any understanding of this subject.

This course of study is open to new participants. Contact us for further details of the next intensive.

*****15-21 October 2006 *****

photo at Long Bay House

Long Bay House

Long Bay House is available for hire. The facilities hold 24 for a sit-down workshop and can sleep 10 over night.

Costs: \$20/person per day.

Group and overnight rates are available on request.

Please contact Christ College for further details and bookings.

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greater satisfaction in life?**

Dates

17-22 Aug, 16-21 Nov, 15-20 Feb 07, 10-15 May 07

Format: - Four five-day residential intensives (one each 3 months) lead by three main tutors and supported by past students. To be held at Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom, Long Bay Rd, Akaroa.

Requirements: - Monthly papers and reports plus a research paper. Payment of all course fees.

Cost: - 4 intensives @ \$550 each (Payment terms are negotiable)

Not included are accommodation, food and textbook costs

Please contact Lawson Bracewell 03-355-1395 or lawsonb@ihug.co.nz for more information

ASTROLOGY CLASSES

Astrology 2 for Beginners

Please enroll now for astrology classes in 2006

Wednesdays 7-9 PM. begins 14/6/06.

10 sessions. \$20 per class.

Lawson will again be presenting his dynamic and interactive astrology workshops. This series of classes is for all those students who have done Astrology 1

Please book with Lawson on (03) 355 1395

TRIANGLE CENTRE

(Established 1970)

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

Contact

124 Wellington Rd, Paekakariki

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Points of Light and Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom.

Meditation Tapes: Tapes of most full and new Moon Meditations are available for minimal cost. *The Silent Space - Meditation for Life Tape* is available for those wishing to use a guided Meditation for Solar Fire Festivals and for the expansion and development of the Antahkarana.

Mouse Pads with a photo of The meditation Temple and the words of The Great Invocation.

CD's : Several CD's are available from a variety of sources. Including Katherine O'Brien singing all three versions of The Great Invocation, works by Harold Moses and Dr M.D. Robbins.

These are all fantastic products that help support the one-work.

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 lawsonb@ihug.co.nz

BODY BALANCE

For the last four years seven out of the eight board members of Christ College have used a product called Body balance. It is a liquid food made up of sea vegetables, organic aloe vera and cherry juice.

We immediately noticed individual and group benefits. Each person experienced a higher energy levels and greater resistance to stress. Many minor ailments vanished. There was a greater resistance to communicable diseases.

We also noticed many emotional changes. There was increased tolerance and less defensiveness in the group. Our group work improved.

We developed a business around this and other products produced by Life Force Intl. We averaged \$800 a month which has paid most of our monthly mortgage bill. This business has been enjoyable. You might like to try Body Balance. If so, contact us. Christ College board members.

Please contact: Leonie (03 355 1395)

More info is available from; **www.lifeforce-intl.com**

BODY BALANCE AND OSTEOPRO CARE **USER COMMENTS**

Ola Swolf (Christchurch): *I began to use Body Balance three years ago. This was just after the diagnosis and treatment for cancer. My body had been really knocked around. I wanted to use a product that would rebuild my body. It was easy to take as it was liquid and I liked the taste. I read*

the information on the sea minerals and aloe vera juice that was in it and believed that it would work. My belief was an important part of why the product has worked so well for me and why I continue to take it.

I began to take OsteoProCare a few months later when I decided to eliminate dairy from my diet. As a young person, I had exercised a lot. I had damaged my body and have had hip and knee replacement. I wanted a product that would replace the calcium that I was not getting through dairy. And, I wanted to be pain free and not have further surgery.

I can not say that I have liked the taste of OsteoProCare. But, I continue to use the product because it seems to work. If I am sensible in my physical activities, I do not have any pain. And, I have not needed to have further surgery.

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Last words....

Thanks to the anonymous donor of \$6,000 to go towards the accommodation block. This money will be used to put in a road to the site and pay for an engineer's report. We are very grateful for this most generous support.

Thanks to Leonie, Christ College is now benefitting from the sale of Leonie's funky cardigans. If you would like to support us in this way and at the same time buy yourself a one-off design of Fanny's artwork please visit either the Arts Centre or the Riccarton market. If you go to the Riccarton market on Sunday you may even meet Fanny herself!

The newsletter is always open to other esoteric groups – all articles will be considered – we look forward to hearing from you. The next newsletter comes out in September.