

*To whose temple the Arch is starlit,
In whose temple the Sun is the image of gold,
To whose temple the Moon goes every month
And brings the message out every Full-Moon,
And whose message the Moon sings as a word of sixteen letters,
His religion I belong to, His temple I visit,
His name I utter, His glory I live in.
To Him I offer the lotus of my day,
To Him I offer the lotus of my night.*

These seed thoughts from the Spiritual Psychology meditations of Dr. Ekkirala Krishnamacharya give the note for the Lunar Messenger of the Circle of Good Will. The moon is the reflective principle and symbol of the mind. When pure and calm, it reflects impressions from higher circles. Especially the time of the full moon is conducive for higher alignment, if we are poised enough. The alignment of the sun, moon and earth in the sky helps experience the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.

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VISTAS OF WISDOM 30: THE DEVA KINGDOM

Beings of Light

By living a pure life, we create harmony in us and in our surroundings. Thus, we obtain transparency in our mind and our behaviour. These are preconditions for the doors to the subtle worlds to open. Mostly we live in the world of mind and of logic, the world of a dim light. The initiates and the Masters of Wisdom, however, live in a more radiant world of wisdom and of love which is also called the Buddhic plane. This is the realm of the angels and archangels, the *Devas*. *Divya* means world of light, and a *Deva* is a being of light of the subtle planes of the ether. The initiates form a bridge for us and work incessantly for opening up access to the realms of light.

The modern scientists do not accept the existence of these *Devas* because they do not yet have access to the higher planes. The scientists of the spiritual kingdom, however, have detailed knowledge of the cosmic, solar and planetary *Devas* and their work in us and in nature.

If we have knowledge of these intelligences, we can better understand their work and establish a relationship with them. Already their names help us to contemplate on them and perhaps gain an experience of them. The *Devas* like to work with us as we strive for right conduct and work for the welfare of others. Our contemplation strengthens the *Devas*. As we remember them and attune to them, their light gets channelled, so that they strengthen us in turn.

Rituals are pleasant to them. We might think that a worship of *Devas* is not necessary, because meditation and prayer are enough. But the ritualistic worship of these beings brings splendour into our lives that can only unfold in this way. Therefore Master EK combined worship rituals with the yoga of Master CVV. We need not offer big things to the *Devas*; it is sufficient to salute them and to be

aware of their presence in order to receive their blessing. Then they will cooperate with us in every possible manner. The *Devas* are completely impersonal and always work for the whole. Their impersonal love, compassion and action invites us to work also for the Plan in an impersonal way, as do the Masters of Wisdom. Today *Devas* are often worshipped in order to gain a personal favour. Certainly they grant their favour, provided that we also act like them. A co-worker is helped.

All *Devas* in creation are an expression of the *one* divine Light which is also called the World Mother or *Devi*. The *Vedas* call her *Aditi*, the primordial Light, from out of which come forth the various lights. Teachers are also called *Devas*, *Guru Devas*, enlightened beings who teach others so that they too can find the Light. There is a hierarchy of *Devas* starting from the primordial Light to the matter.

Devas and Asuras

In the Eastern scriptures it is said that the forces of Light, the *Devas*, and the forces of darkness, the *Asuras*, were born of the same father, *Kasyapa*. He had two wives: *Aditi*, who gave birth to the children of Light, and *Diti*, the mother of the children of darkness, the *Asuras* or demons. While the *Devas* are balanced and carry the light of wisdom and knowledge in their being, the *Asuras* are aggressive and embody the ignorance. The creation is due to the apparent opposition between *Devas* and *Asuras*, each playing their role in the divine drama. Ignorance belongs to the essence of creation and cannot be eradicated. So there is a constant fight between the divine and the diabolic forces. Both also act through the humans who are guided by the Light or the darkness. Angels and devils are in us and a part of us. Depending on how we live, the

ones or the others prevail. The *yogis* and the Masters of Wisdom are equidistant from both; they try to neutralize the extremes.

The *Asuras* manifest power through the lower nature for selfish purposes. They are stronger than the *Devas* and are not satisfied with what they have. They are spreading their influence and disrupt the balance of forces. In modern societies, the ignorance about the divine law has been spreading despite an increase of knowledge in today's age of *Kali*. But whenever the forces of darkness gain the upper hand and the balance is threatened, the divine Light appears through an avatar who puts the aggressive ones again in their places.

Groups of Devas

There are many groups of *Devas*; the *Vedas* divide them into three main categories: The *Adityas* or *Devas* of radiation, the *Rudras* or *Devas* of vibration and the *Vasus*, the *Devas* of materialization. There are 12 *Adityas*; these *Devas* of radiation or consciousness embody the qualities of the 12 signs of the zodiac. The 11 *Rudras* generate vibrations in space; thus, the atoms gain strength and density on the material plane. These *Devas* of vibration and force help to destroy obstacles. The 8 *Vasus* bring out creation on all 7 planes. Thus, the *Devas* of matter also shape our bodies.

These 31 *Devas* emerge from the Twin Gods who are termed the two *Cherubs* in the Bible and the *Ashwins* in the *Vedas*. They are also pictured as winged horses and they embody the principle of left and right, of male and female, of inhalation and exhalation, of life and death. In the *Vedas* these *Devas* of the supra-cosmic plane are also called the Divine Physicians. They heal the individual consciousness so that it is no longer affected by the beginnings and endings of things.

Behind the creation, and thus behind these 33 groups of *Devas*, there are, at the supra-cosmic plane, the *Gandharvas*, the *Devas* of musical sounds; they are the *Devas* of rhythm and periodicity. Within the creation the *Devas* multiply at various levels, so that the *Vedas* speak of 330 million *Devas* who are preparing the creation.

We can also arrange the *Deva* groups according to other categories. There are *Deva* of wisdom, of periodicity, of protection of the gross and subtle planes. There exist also souls bound to the dense planes who have lost their body through a sudden death and who hang around confused, close to the dense physical plane. We can help them to find the Light by speaking to them but also with prayers, light and fire rituals. Besides, there are also ghost created by magic which are temporary phenomena, a combination of the 5 elements. They are a kind of robots; they can be dangerous and come back. Demonic being can also take on shapes like a veil. They have no essence by themselves. When they are destroyed they simply dissolve.

With the bright beings, there are beings like the Masters of Wisdom, *rishis* (seers) and *yogis*. Some stay in one place and help from there; others move around the planet. They are also called *Siddhas*. When we align to them, they help us and give fulfillment.

There are further categories of *Devas* who magnetize, inspire and enlighten through speech, song, music and dance. Others uplift through communication and imparting knowledge. Other *Devas* help to give things a good design. Still other *devas* convey experience and the ability to connect with something.

There are *Devas* of the senses and the elements. If we use our senses wrongly and deal with them in an irresponsible way, the *Devas* suffer unimaginably. If, for example, we ate something bad, they withdraw and we then say that we have an upset stomach.

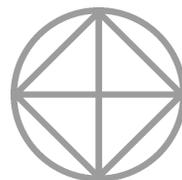
Colours are a bridge to the *Devas* Kingdom; violet connects the visible and the subtle realms and leads to the realization of the invisible. Pure scents and incense invite the *Devas* to build up a higher vibration in the meditation room.

Devas are not infallible, they also do not know everything. Krishna says in the *Bhagavad Gita* that only some of the *Devas* know him because they only came later into creation, from the cosmic egg. However, they have neither birth nor death; instead, there is a manifestation and disappearance. Their existence is immortal.

Bridge between the Worlds

The *Devas* have no mind like us, but live purely according to the Law, the *Dharma*. Although their consciousness is much higher than ours, they can live only in the higher realms; they do not have access to the physical plane. The beings of the three lower kingdoms of nature - mineral, plant and animal - cannot make contact with the higher realms. Only man can reach the lower and the higher planes. He can be a bridge to transmit the higher energies to the lower circles and also to ascend into the higher circles. It is said that creation had reached its climax when the *Devas* had made the human body, and therefore, we are especially privileged. With our bodies we can experience all 7 planes of existence. We can work together with the divine Plan, which is also the Plan of the *Devas*. If we do not, we block the connections and become a bottleneck for the whole of creation. The *Devas* need our help to implement the Plan together with us. All those whom we know as Masters of Wisdom have learned to cooperate totally with this Plan.

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