

*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 22: THE MAHACHOHAN

Planetary Evolution

According to the Wisdom Teachings, the evolution of the planet unfolds in three fields: the evolution of the beings, the evolution of their forms, and the evolution of the social formations into tribes, communities, groups, nations as well as their inter-relationships on the social, cultural, economic and spiritual levels.

Sanat Kumara presides over the planetary evolution. He is the planetary logos or the soul of the Earth, and he represents the spiritual will of the planet.

Lord Maitreya presides over the field of wisdom and all activities that enlighten beings. He is the World Teacher and guides the Hierarchy of teachers at the global level. He supervises all world scriptures and writings as well as the related activities.

The field of the formation of matter belongs to the *Manu Vaivasvata*. His work is to evolve the moulds of forms of the beings, so that they have more possibilities and can absorb more Light.

The development of social coexistence is presided by the *Mahachohan*. He guides the evolution of civilisations and economics. His role is to build a healthy social order that tunes up to the spiritual will. He and his collaborators inspire the people who work in the governments and ensure proper development of the big cities. He tries to impart the knowledge on how to plan the organisational systems for large groups of people, like for example megacities. He was very active with the ancient Romans, to build cities, roads and bridges, the drainage systems and the urban culture. He also works for the human rights and living together in harmony on the different levels of society and to establish the needed equality.

Vidura

The name *Mahachohan* is a title; it means a great gnostic or sage. In the theosophical teachings he is called the Lord of Civilisations. In the Indian scriptures he is known as *Vidura*, a man of great knowledge. Over 5000 years ago, at the beginning of *Kali Yuga*, the Dark Age, he was already a great initiate, before he received the wisdom of Synthesis from *Lord Maitreya* and became the *Mahachohan* for this age. His life and his teachings are contained in the great epic *Mahabharata*, of which the *Bhagavad Gita* forms a part. At the time of *Lord Krishna* he was the Chief Counsel at the court of the blind king. He was an initiate who had advised the king untiringly and patiently - for 90 years. In that age, people could live for 200 years. Every day, the king asked for his advice but never followed it. When *Krishna* once came to the Royal Court, he asked *Vidura*, "How much of your advice is followed by the king?" *Vidura* had no answer, and he then asked himself, "Why am I giving advice here, when it is not followed? 'Royal Advisor' is only a title without a function." He immediately took off his crown of advisor, put it at the feet of the king and left. That is how *Krishna* saved him from an impossible situation.

Knowledge of the Heart

At that time *Vidura* was very learned but his understanding was still limited; he lacked the experience of Synthesis. *Vidura* once invited *Krishna* for dinner. The great savant was enthusiastic about it and he undertook extensive preparations. Since *Krishna* only ate fruits, butter and drank cow milk, *Vidura* went to buy the fresh products. In the meanwhile *Krishna* arrived. The wife of *Vidura*, a great devotee of

Krishna, was excited. She offered him a seat and asked some questions. Since she felt that he was hungry, she fetched a bunch of bananas and started peeling them. Full of love, she was so absorbed that in her trance she was throwing the bananas away and feeding the peels to *Krishna*. *Krishna* looked into the eyes of the lady and smilingly ate the peels. In this state of pure love the intellect had ceased functioning.

When *Vidura* returned, he was shocked by his wife's doing. *Krishna*, however, replied, "Keep quiet, let her do so. The peels given with love taste much better than the fruit. Your wife is absorbed in me, she is no more there. You have so much knowledge but though you would like to have that state of bliss you cannot get it. It only comes when you bring the knowledge to the heart and merge with it in love."

Disappointment and Initiation

Vidura was the elder half-brother of the blind king *Dhritarashtra* and of *Pandu*, and between their sons the Mahabharata war developed. The *Pandavas* were the rightful heirs but *Dhritarashtra* had a strong emotional bond to his sons who refused to assign the country or even a part. The blind king did not listen to *Vidura*'s advice and even grossly insulted him. *Vidura* hoped that *Krishna* would avert the war through his mediation efforts. He was very disappointed when *Krishna* did not behave as he thought: *Krishna* did not prevent the war but even participated in it.

Vidura did not want to watch the battle and went into the forests. He felt deeply hurt and moved around unrecognized for 30 years with a grudge in his heart. Thus, he did not come to know that in the meantime the war was over, that the *Pandavas* had obtained the kingdom and that they passed it on to their grandson *Parikshit*. He also did not know that *Krishna* had shed his body near the ocean at *Dwaraka*, at the west coast of India.

From a mundane point of view, Lord *Maitreya* was the maternal uncle of *Vidura*. He was born two generations before Lord *Krishna* but had arrested the impact of aging on his body by virtue of his yoga practices. For 50 years he had learned from his teacher *Parasara* the wisdom of cosmogenesis and anthropogenesis in the caves of Sravasti, together with the son of *Parasara*, *Vedavyasa*. But somehow it was not the time for both of them, and neither of them could be initiated into the path of *Bhagavata*, the path of Presence, of Synthesis. It was only by Lord *Krishna* that *Maitreya* received this inspiration.

Shortly before *Krishna* left the earth, two disciples had followed him, *Maitreya* and *Uddhava*, and he gave them the key of synthesis. *Uddhava* did not want to let *Krishna* go, for his devotion was more to the form than to the principle of the Lord. *Maitreya* could transcend the attachment to the form more easily and realise that there is no death. *Krishna* explained to *Maitreya*, "If I want to give grace to people, I don't need a channel, because I already exist in them as I AM. I will give them my grace from inside. But I will also give them my grace through you and through *Uddhava*, for all the

last initiations. There is yet another disciple who is still in a state of dreaming, *Vidura*. In my mind I see him as a great light in the *Kali Yuga*. I will establish through him the administrative aspect of the eternal law. When I am no longer there, he will long for my presence and come to you, and you will give him the teachings. This way he will also be fulfilled." *Krishna* also imparted to *Maitreya* the Plan for the future, installed him as the World Teacher and went away.

Maitreya created a hermitage near *Prayaga*, at the banks of the River *Ganges*. There he worked on the Plan in profound contemplation and waited for the return of *Vidura*.

Vidura did many pilgrimages and walked around without a goal. Whenever he recollects *Krishna* he also saw the face of the blind king and his insults. Suddenly it came as a flash to his mind that his disappointment had blocked him all the time, and full of remorse he asked *Krishna* inwardly to awaken him from his nightmare. He wanted to see *Krishna* again and on his pilgrimage he came near *Dwaraka*. Suddenly he met *Uddhava*. He was overwhelmed by emotion. *Uddhava*'s smile transformed *Vidura*'s mind into a still lake. He requested to take him to *Dwaraka* to Lord *Krishna*. *Uddhava* then explained to *Vidura* that in the meantime it had sunk into the ocean and that *Krishna* had granted him and *Maitreya* divine experience before *Krishna*'s passing. *Uddhava* informed him that *Krishna* had spoken about him and that he should meet Lord *Maitreya*.

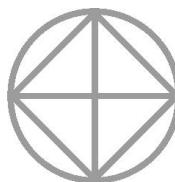
Thus, they moved to *Prayaga*. There they saw Lord *Maitreya* in deep contemplation, sitting in the lotus posture on the sand, and his body radiated golden light. While *Vidura* prostrated before him and got absorbed into the energies of *Maitreya*, *Uddhava* quietly departed.

The Lord of Civilisation

Vidura asked many questions to *Maitreya* and *Maitreya* cleared all the confusions. *Maitreya* taught him the cosmogenesis and the anthropogenesis and also imparted to him the doctrine of Yoga as it is given by *Sanat Kumara* himself. By the grace of *Maitreya* *Vidura* could assimilate the whole properly. With *Maitreya*'s blessing, he became a great initiate and was able to join the Plan to guide the development of civilisation as the *Mahachohan*.

Today, the *Mahachohan* cooperates with the *Manu* and Master *Morya* in a triangle for the creation of the new civilisation. Master CVV had told them that there is a necessity for a new model of the human body which is better adapted for the new energies. After the Second World War, the human bodies were developed according to the new model and are far superior to the old model. There was a remodelling in 1988 and 1999, so that the children of today are far more electric than before.

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