

*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 experiencing the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.

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THE ETERNAL LAW

Law and Wisdom

The Law of Existence is underlying creation. It gives rise to the different planes and the intelligences governing them. They all are under the one Law preceding the many laws of Nature and comprising them. This eternal Law called Dharma in the East manifests through all units of creation; before and after a creation it remains concealed in the background. The language of symbols of the wisdom teachings visualises it as a wheel of light rotating at the tip of the index finger of the great Lord of pervasion (Vishnu). It is also represented as a circle with a point in the centre, since the circle is the figure of perfection among all the geometrical patterns.

The cause of the periodical manifestations, called the Cause of all causes, is also called the law of karma or of action. Thus all that exists underlies continuous change; forms assemble and disintegrate again. The chain of causes and effects lies in the nature of things; if we follow it, we don't get entangled and the karma remains pure. If we act out of our own motives, we create consequences which have binding effects for us and disturb the equilibrium. When we speak of karma we mostly mean this individual karma that is not in accord with the Law.

Another name for the Law or dharma is wisdom. We are wise if we act in accordance with the law and the rhythm of life, i.e. we are wise if we eat when we are hungry and not wise to eat when we are not hungry. If we eat too much or too little, there are consequences. We do many things of which we know that they don't agree with the law. Whether we are con-

scious of it or not, we shall reap as we sow. If we want to reap good fruit, we have to choose the right seed. Our thoughts and motives are the seed. If the seed is bad, it cannot yield good healthy fruit, not even with the best fertilizer. Wrong and excessive desire leads us away from discrimination. A grey matter develops in us forming an obstacle between the soul and the body. Then the body consciousness overshadows the soul and takes it prisoner.

When we are oriented towards the soul and are in balance, the right understanding of the law reveals itself and we follow it instinctively. When we are living in the personality and are at distance to the soul, we have a confused understanding of the law and form our own idea about it. In order to develop the consciousness which is in harmony with the law the sound RAMA is the best sound. Rama is not a Hindu god: According to the wisdom teachings Ra is the sound of fire for transforming and purifying matter, Ma is the sound of matter. The sound Ra-Ma has the power to purify, to protect and to guide, so that we don't get into any unlawful activities.

The Law and the Laws of Men

An initiate has a totally different understanding of the law than a so-called normal man, because his approach is from the soul and not from the civil and social man-made legislation. The laws of man are laws for governing people. They have their role and the initiate respects them insofar as they are in harmony with the law of nature. If they are not in harmony, he doesn't give much respect to them. It is

part of his work to destroy wrong laws, convictions or religious traditions and thus to reassert the law. Initiates always express afresh the truth and the law. Often they heroically work under the most severe circumstances, and nothing can arrest their will to manifest. We find a similar heroism with fanatics and terrorists, but the initiates work on all planes in accordance with the law.

Jesus smiled at Pilate and thus showed him that his law was not the law and his justice not the justice. Pilate knew in his inner that Jesus was right, but he followed the pressure of selfish and manipulative forces. Jesus challenged the social power by breaking the law of Sabbath in order to help the needy. He cleaned the temple of commercial activity, what the ordinary people were happy about, but not those with money and power. His strength was in the power of love and of knowledge, the lobby of the power-holders felt provoked by him and demanded his death.

Today the rich and the powerful also enjoy the best privileges of society. They know how to make and manipulate laws. Today the business world has the say, neither the law nor the governments. A manager is considered to be efficient if he is well able to manipulate and knows how to play off law, government and rivals for his own benefit. Big trusts fight with each other for dominance, you cannot imagine how many crimes are done under the illusion of personal profit. You may be able to manipulate the whole world, but you cannot manipulate the be-ness in yourself. All that is contrary to the inner law doesn't really satisfy us. This basic principle is called conscience, and you should not deaden it. Nature gives us joy, when we work for the law and the plan of Nature. The way to inner balance is to make man the focal point and to dedicate one's activity to the welfare of humanity.

No Condemning

We expect a certain standard behaviour from the people. Some can follow it, others cannot. We tend to condemn those who cannot follow it. We consider them to be unfit, bad or sinners. The condemned ones on the other hand scorn those who condemn them. Wisdom doesn't know condemning, it also doesn't divide up into good and bad people, but in those who know and who don't know.

If we are attuned to the law, our understanding expands, our attitude becomes more compassionate, including and liberal and no longer excluding and forbidding. The new age doesn't think in terms of punishment. You don't have to turn down or hate

those who don't live in accordance with the law, for this is also an expression of ignorance. In everything there is still the Light. Therefore we shouldn't criticise or condemn what others do, but contact the Light, for the Light is more powerful than the darkness of personality.

Those who do not abide by the laws should be deterred by the consequences. The government should only put this fear into the world. We should try to prevent offences, and when they happen nevertheless we should see how the situation can be changed. Punishments are of no use, they do not transform people. Therefore the masters see the future prisons as transformation centres, not as places where regular punishments take place.

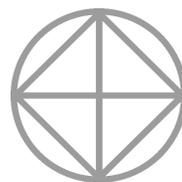
Accepting Responsibility

The effects of the law cannot be changed. We cannot bend it according to our likes or corrupt it with prayers. The masters also don't change the law for us; they are subservient to it, serve it and don't transgress it. Prayer and meditation don't neutralise the wrong actions we have committed yesterday, but they can give us the strength to set the wrong thing right and to counter its consequences. It often also seems that those who offend against the law have more success than those who live by the law, however, all will experience the effects of their deeds. A rich man misusing his wealth will be reborn as a beggar. Such is the law. It works through the cycles of time. This is true for the individual, but also for the greater groups. So there are effects of the actions of nations and peoples, even of the entire planet.

Right action makes the right things come to us. We are responsible for what we get, and we have to accept ourselves the responsibility for ill fortune and difficulties. Therefore we should see the causes for our suffering not in others, but in ourselves. Thus we can settle the effects faster.

We should depend more on the divine Law than on anything else. This gives us the power for right living. "Earthly life is built upon immutable laws, an understanding of which includes the correlation of all the worlds and acceptance of the true importance of the Subtle World." (Supermundane 1)

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