Planetary Alignment and the Great Invocation

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We are familiar enough with the idea that some measure of personality integration is essential for the successful carrying forward of any substantial enterprise or activity. The flowering of the personality, its integration into a coordinated and functioning whole is one of the major achievements of the evolutionary process. It precedes the reversing of the wheel and the treading of the Path. This we presume must hold good for any unit of life, and apply in its own way equally to the “Man in the Heavens” as to the human monads.

It is of the deepest significance and interest therefore to find the Great Invocation described as a “Planetary Alignment Exercise” and as the supreme means of relating the three major planetary centres—Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity. This gives it an importance far beyond that which we normally attach to it, which is in relation to the human kingdom. Just as the ordinary man who lacks real alignment and integration is virtually incapable of certain activities, has limited possibilities for understanding, and is the possessor of a defect which may easily throw him off balance at one level or another, so may it be in His own way with one of the “Men in the Heavens”. Thus humanity by its achievement can unquestionably contribute to a planetary integration that at the very least will be solar in its effect, and will probably have even wider repercussions.

To those who may question such a statement, considering it speculative in the extreme, one would point out the results that can flow from the defect of one member of an integrated group engaged in a united work. Not only may the defective brother upset group balance and coordination but he may provide a channel for the entry of negative force which will seriously hinder group growth, and effectiveness in service in relation to the wider environment of the community and world. It has often seemed unreasonable that man should in the past have arrogated to himself a role of great importance in the Cosmos. Could it not be that this is a distorted but nevertheless substantial reaction to a real attention focussed on this
“planet of pain” by its brothers in the heavens, and arise from an 
unconscious recognition of the importance of humanity’s role at 
this time in planetary, solar and cosmic evolution?

The view that we are living in the most momentous period in 
world history is given added weight by the statement that there is 
a symbol by the side of the Great Invocation indicating the time 
at which it should be possible for it to be used by humanity. It is 
now in use and the Tibetan Master has said that this symbol indicates 
that the evolutionary progress of the human race is “on time”.

Alignment necessarily implies the free flow of energy along an 
unimpeded channel. In this case it also means the synthetic relation­
ship and joint expression of the three main aspects of divinity — 
Will, Love-Wisdom and Active Intelligence. It means the possibility 
of establishing a “new kingdom on earth” (the externalisation of 
the Hierarchy, the kingdom of Souls), and summarising all these 
momentous steps, the hinted at possibility that the planet earth 
may be nearing the end of its cycle as an “imperfect God”.

This then in brief is part of the broader picture in which human 
invocation has its part. These presumably are some of the factors 
of which the Hierarchy are cognisant as they use the Great Invoca­
tion. And we are reminded that not a day passes but that the Christ 
sounds forth His Mantram.

When the Tibetan states, as he does on many occasions, that the 
distribution of the Great Invocation and instructing humanity in 
its use, is one of our most important tasks in the work of preparation 
for the reappearance of the Christ, to which all Hierarchical effort 
is geared at this time, he was making a remark of such simplicity 
that many of us might have missed the significance. At this period 
of the Gemini Full Moon and World Invocation Day, we could 
reflect on these things and ask ourselves one very simple question. 
If this means anything to me, how much am I contributing to this 
supremely important Hierarchical enterprise?