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# Living Ethics – doctrine of life

## 1. The Evolution of the Worldview

In the universe, there is neither an absolute beginning nor an absolute end. This applies equally to time and space. Everything is infinite, or rather boundless, and exists in a constant state of motion. Nowhere is there stagnation. Permanent stagnation and absolute stillness would be nothing other than eternal death. All life in the universe is therefore in a continuous process of development or evolution.

The most important task of human evolution consists in continually expanding consciousness (that is, the capacity for observation and perception, as well as for the accumulation of knowledge and wisdom); for upon this alone rests the foundation of all progress, which extends not only to civilization but also to culture and, consequently, to worldview. Without the simultaneous expansion and deepening of one's worldview, there can be no progress. For this reason, it is entirely impossible for humanity to remain at the same level of consciousness for millennia, possessing always the same worldview and religion. Even within the relatively short span of history known to us, we can observe that not only cultures have changed, but worldviews as well.

Every age has its own worldviews, and when a spiritual changing of the guard takes place, a new and expanded world religion inevitably emerges, even if this process takes several centuries. Every age has its coming into being, its flowering, and its decline. **Therefore, the periodic emergence of new teachings and new world teachers is a necessity for progress.**

Through life, we gather knowledge and experience, and we gradually develop an ever-deeper understanding of the structure of the universe and the cosmic laws within which virtually unlimited development awaits us. We come to know the higher driving forces and guiding energies that humanity may employ for its own development. Within the cosmic machinery of life's training, every human being ultimately has the opportunity to reach a higher god-human state.

At present, the time has come for humanity to rise from a lower state of consciousness to a higher one. Naturally, this rebirth—which, for most people, does not occur voluntarily, since the masses are unwilling to learn—proceeds only with great pain. Nothing is more painful than relinquishing an old, cherished worldview that is revealed, in the light of a greater and higher truth, to be outdated. Nevertheless, humanity has already received a New Teaching corresponding to this necessity, one that significantly broadens the general spiritual horizon and elevates consciousness to a higher level.

This New Teaching, or Holy Scripture of the Age of Aquarius, which we have been privileged to receive as the *Living Ethics* or *Agni Yoga*, contains the fundamental principles of all preceding world religions, for it is a comprehensive synthesis of all the essential qualities of the previous sacred texts of every world religion. It systematically builds upon the already established foundations, just as the curriculum of a university builds upon that of a secondary school, which in turn builds upon that of a primary school. The New Teaching encompasses all the fundamentals of earlier doctrines and, while simultaneously expanding human consciousness, reveals new aspects of human truths. The New Revelation does not negate a single existing world teaching in its original sense, as it was given; rather, it presents them to humanity in a deepened and refined form, adapted to the level of knowledge of the present and the immediate future.

Anyone who objects that a New Teaching is unnecessary, since we already have the teachings of KRISHNA, CHRIST, BUDDHA, and MOHAMMED, must be told that they have not yet grasped the purpose of human evolution and risk being excluded one day from the course of collective human evolution—just as a student who receives a failing grade at the end of the year must repeat the grade. In spiritual terms, however, the consequences would

be far more serious: a regression to a lower root race would be the lesser evil, whereas the loss of the planetary home would be the gravest.

For the person concerned, this naturally signifies an immense catastrophe, since every human being is karmically intertwined with countless others. The violent severance of these karmic bonds constitutes an exceedingly painful process. For this reason, even a hardened criminal may, out of consideration for those fellow human beings to whom karmic threads still bind him—and who would likewise suffer harm through his immediate annihilation—not be punished forthwith as he deserves. Instead, he may enjoy for decades, indeed even for centuries, an unmerited reprieve. Hence the proverb rightly declares: “The mills of God (karma) grind slowly, yet exceedingly fine.”

Along the path of evolution, humanity has had, beyond the great teachers known to us, many spiritual instructors of whom no record has been preserved. One need only recall the Lemurian and Atlantean civilizations, as well as the culture buried beneath the sands of the Gobi Desert. Consider also the Mycenaean civilization, which likewise attained a remarkably elevated level, and so forth. According to the secret traditions, the Atlantean civilization alone endured for a million years. The assumption that only the present culture has possessed great world teachers, or even a single divine Son, contradicts the historical record and is, at the same time, unscientific. At all times, within the various cultural spheres, humanity received that higher knowledge for which its consciousness was sufficiently mature. Thus the White Brotherhood, as in the past, will in the future continue to send forth teachers in accordance with the ever-deeper unfolding of human consciousness, bringing new teachings. It must also be emphasized that no teaching, apart from dark fabrications and imitations, has arisen outside the Brotherhood; all teachings have stood in relation to the White Brotherhood.

Thus, the New Teaching now given is likewise not the final one. A time will come when humanity will rise to a new and higher level of consciousness, one surpassing even that for which *Agni Yoga* now prepares it. Then the White Brotherhood will send into the world a new one of Their brethren, who will once again bring to humanity a new, expanded, and yet more refined teaching.

**Never is anything absolutely new bestowed, but only that which is necessary at a given time in order to raise humanity to the next stage of consciousness. No New Teaching will contradict the preceding one, for all world religions spring from one and the same primordial source.**

## 2. Agni Yoga and the Age of Fire

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It is widely recognized that the gradual expansion of our consciousness in the dawning Age of Aquarius calls for a new and comprehensive world teaching. The periodic emergence of new teachings and new Masters has always been a necessary condition for the evolution of humanity.

Cosmic evolution was forcibly obstructed by dark forces through many epochs; therefore, we now stand at the threshold of an immense spiritual upheaval such as human history has never before recorded. Only those individuals who possess the new higher knowledge will safely endure this turning point—accompanied by momentous cataclysms and other natural disasters—for it alone confers the requisite psychic powers. Unknown fiery energies are approaching the Earth for the purpose of transmuting life, so as to propel the further development of our planet and of all humanity to the greatest possible degree; for to the detriment of our solar system, we have remained far too long in the stage of densest materialization.

In order to transmute these fiery energies into constructive forces, new insights are required, and these are now conveyed to us by the New Teaching *Agni Yoga*. It is therefore time to provide the sincere seeker of truth and co-worker with the forces of Light with a comprehensive account of the newest Testament, or Holy Scripture of the Age of Aquarius, and of the preparations for its dissemination.

The New Teaching encompasses all the foundations of the preceding teachings, beginning with the archaic traditions, passing through the religions of the past millennia, and extending to the doctrine of Bhagavan Ramakrishna.

The new epoch of which *Agni Yoga* speaks, in its essential nature, already commenced in the year 1924, when the first book of the New Teaching was delivered to humanity. This event, which from a spiritual standpoint is of greater historical significance than many recorded occurrences of the past, passed by the great mass of humanity without attracting attention. Only a very small circle among the living rightly assessed and understood this event. In accordance with the immense significance of the Teaching, this small circle recognized in it the sole salvation of humanity and received it with the greatest joy.

All that Christ, Buddha, and Mohammed could not yet express directly, because the people of their respective times were not sufficiently prepared in consciousness, and concerning which they therefore spoke only in allegories—allegories that were understood even less by later generations and consequently distorted—upon all this MAITREYA MORYA, the Teacher of Agni Yoga, speaks with complete clarity, employing the concepts and explanations of the new age and of science. The New Teaching points out precisely, openly, and lucidly all that the ancient prophets were still compelled to express in indistinct and nebulous terms. Moreover, the New Teaching renders previously little-known concepts more perfectly and also unveils new truths and new perspectives for the advancement of all life.

The most astonishing revelation, encountered already in the first book of the Teaching, lies in the disclosures concerning that common primordial source from which all authentic teachings and religions proceed, and from which all Masters have drawn their wisdom and carried it forth into the world. Our Guides—the Elder Brothers—are not situated somewhere in unknown cosmic realms, but live with us upon our own planet. Once it becomes clear that all earlier teachings and the Masters who appeared have issued from the same primordial source from which the New Teaching also proceeds, the latter acquires an indisputable authority.

The principal indications of the authenticity of the New Teaching are its striving for the common good and for objectives of universal benefit, as well as the idealization and humanization of humanity and the assimilation of all preceding teachings that correspond to this first criterion.

It must be noted that even the original teachings contained nothing negative, yet their dark successors falsified the common good for personal gain, giving rise to the pernicious formula: “Our faith alone is the true one, and we alone are righteous, while all others are infidels or heathens.” From this, only a single step leads to the wars of religion, to the Inquisition, and to that sea of blood shed in the name of those Masters who condemned murder. There is no more harmful activity than the imposition of a faith and the neglect of tolerance.

*Agni Yoga* therefore demands mutual exchange and the recognition of all teachings that spring from the Bright Source, for with sufficient goodwill and proper reasoning, the shared, unifying truth can be discovered, and when we have finally exchanged all our gods, we shall meet together before the All-Being.

It is a sad fact that all the teachings of the Masters have hitherto been altered and distorted by human hands, whether consciously or unconsciously, and that over time the corrective hand of one or another clever editor has rewritten them to please various ruling classes. This circumstance likewise demonstrates the necessity of replacing all such distorted teachings with a new world teaching corresponding to the truth.

What does Yoga mean in general? Yoga is a science whose ultimate aim is the connection of man to the divine origin. Yoga signifies the transmutation of matter into spirit and teaches the correct understanding and application of the laws of nature, as well as the rational development of consciousness. Now, at the dawn of the age of MAITREYA, which is also the age of the increasingly radiating cosmic fire, a Yoga is required that promotes mastery over the cosmic fire, and above all over psychic energy. The Master Himself, who gave the New

Teaching, proposed the designation *Agni Yoga*. Agni means fire. Fire is, in every respect, the source of light, but above all it is the binding and creative primal element, which manifests in countless variations, from the coarsest coal fire to the finest psychic energies. The invisible cosmic fire is at the same time the reliable guide into the far-off worlds, for it fills the infinite space.

According to the teaching of *Agni Yoga*, this fiery nature is the foundation of being in the universe, the foundation of the cosmos as a whole, and the foundation of creative activity. It is present everywhere and in everything, and it contains everything within itself. There is not a single place in the universe where such fire does not exist, and there is not a single form of life, from the highest to the lowest, whose foundations do not contain fire.

All life in the cosmos begins and ends with fire. All cosmoses are begotten through fire. Fire is their beginning and will also bring an end to their existence. The cosmic breath is the fire of space, and human thought itself is fire. Even the psychic energy that we possess and radiate is fire.

That visible fire, however, which we evoke through the use of kindling and which we perceive during the process of burning, returns to its invisible state in space after the combustion process is complete, from where it can be drawn forth again at any time.

In contrast to Hatha Yoga, *Agni Yoga* requires no mechanical exercises, especially none aimed at igniting the chakras, that is, the centers of higher consciousness, since the latter carries many dangers. *Agni Yoga* rather teaches a natural life under the engagement of all creative forces, as well as conscientious fulfillment of one's duties within the environment into which each of us has been placed.

A brief overview of some notable recommendations of the New Teaching may show to the friends of *Living Ethics* and to those seeking the spiritual path the great value of these new revelations:

Our highest task consists in serving humanity, and for its sake to willingly accept sacrifices upon ourselves. In serving humanity, we also serve ourselves as a small part of it. This includes the continuous expansion of consciousness, for only when we raise our own consciousness to a higher level the collective consciousness of humanity also ascend.

To attain higher knowledge, not only meditation but also information is necessary; that is, one must study the teachings given by the Masters of Wisdom, above all *Agni Yoga*, for here one finds the foundation of all religious and esoteric sciences, as well as the ethical foundations of all world religions, which must now be expanded through new insights.

The teaching of *Living Ethics* must, of course, also be applied in daily life; otherwise, it is of no benefit. The current problems of the world can all be resolved through the proper application of the principles of *Living Ethics*. Anyone who feels the ability within themselves to contribute—not only through work on their own self, but also through educational work, and not least through practical work toward the new community-promoting world goals as anchored in the program of the “World Spiral”—should provide their active contribution.

To attain higher knowledge and mastery over one's own thinking, frequent reflection in quiet and undisturbed hours is desirable. This brings about a conscious collaboration with the divine and hidden part of one's own being. Those who thus connect with their own soul will notice that their personal life is inevitably transformed and illuminated. Above all, repeated study of the Teaching is essential in order to internalize its key principles for life and spiritual development, for without repetition, this is impossible.

Spiritual freedom and the right to form one's own opinion are left to each individual; personal views must not be imposed upon others as dogmatic truth. Truth can be discovered through study and through mutual discussion.

Higher knowledge may be recommended to people only for self-study and self-realization. Tolerance is therefore absolutely necessary in order to shape the future coexistence of people and nations in the world in a peaceful, rational, and harmonious manner. Yet the

spiritual student is obliged to oppose evil and apparent untruth in word and writing, for otherwise evil would completely overrun the world.

Each person must, despite the knowledge presented, draw their own conclusions and arrive at their own results, later comparing them with the teachings of the Master, in this way being able to monitor the growth of their consciousness. This is also accomplished through the already recommended repeated study of the Teaching, since upon first reading much of the presented knowledge is overlooked, and no consciousness is immediately ready for the full reception of the offered wisdom.

The New Teaching offers neither a dogma nor any form of compulsory belief. Even loyalty to the Teacher is a voluntary matter of honor, yet without loyalty to the **Hierarchy of Light**, which embodies the law of spiritual ascent, no lasting spiritual advancement can be attained. Betrayal punishes itself. The apostate falls back and can never again reach the original link of the Hierarchy to which he was attached.

No emphasis is placed on the position or authority of a Teacher or commentator. Such a one is a fellow brother among brothers. The only recognized authority consists of the Masters of Wisdom, the disciples appointed by them, and, of course, Truth itself.

We must recognize that all humanity constitutes a single and equal brotherhood, and that no person is therefore rejected because they belong—or do not belong—to one or another confession, or because they have not yet had the fortune to attain higher knowledge. Our task is to offer higher knowledge with dignity and to assist those who seek it.

We must strive in all things, always and everywhere, to set an example of love and brotherhood, without allowing ourselves to be senselessly exploited, for one who aids a **wrongdoer** becomes partially responsible for the damage that this wrongdoer may cause through that help.

The fundamental principle of service to the world is willingness to serve, and the blissful power of this service rests in ever-deepening love and readiness for self-sacrifice. Love without action is ineffectual; therefore, sacrifices are necessary. Yet it is not love alone that we need, but also mutual understanding, mutual consideration, and recognition of personal freedom. Above all, we require greater knowledge, for ignorance is the greatest evil of humanity.

Each of us bears a shared responsibility for the spiritual and moral development of humanity. No one can decline this, for as a part of the human community each person is jointly responsible for the well-being and spiritual ascent of all. Therefore, the disciple and servant of the Spirit must not only serve Truth but also disseminate it and defend it courageously. One who allows the distortion of Truth or apparent falsehoods, or even defends them without opposition, is not merely weak but simultaneously supports the forces of spiritual darkness. For this reason, the courage to profess one's beliefs is also a condition for spiritual ascent.

We must and ought to recognize the spiritual guidance of humanity, the **Hierarchy of Light** of the Masters of Wisdom that directs our planet, and we must be aware that only in cooperation with the Elder Brothers and Sisters of Humanity can we safely pursue our own spiritual path and thereby, as servants of the world, bring the greatest benefit to humanity.

### 3. The Proclamation of the New Teaching

The Proclaimer of the New Teaching is the great Teacher MORYA, who is the MAITREYA and CHRIST of the Aquarian Age foretold by BUDDHA. The Teaching was entrusted to a woman Archat, or a Tara—as the female Initiates of this degree are called—to Helena Ivanovna Roerich. This great woman was ordained to establish the link between the spiritual center of the Earth and Humanity. By taking on this great responsibility, she was granted the honorary title “Mother of *Agni Yoga*.”

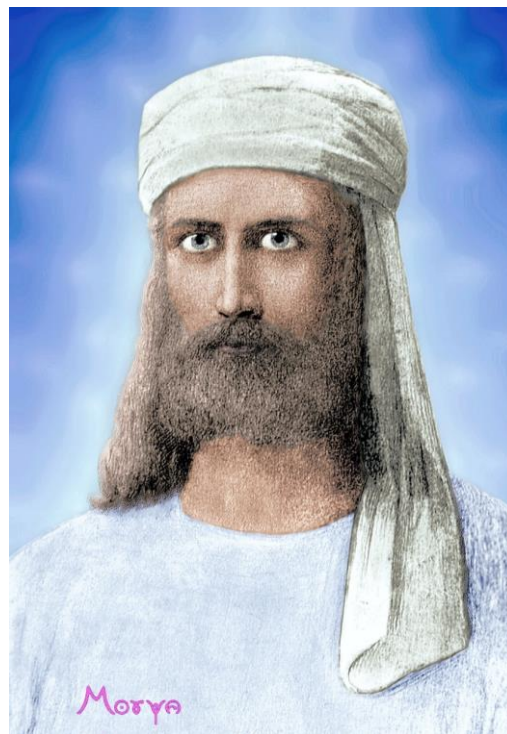
The Proclamation of the Teaching began on March 24, 1920, during the stay of **Helena Ivanovna Roerich**—abbreviated HIR—in London. The twenty-fourth of March thus became the cosmic Feast Day of the Teaching of *LIVING ETHICS*, or of *AGNI YOGA*. It is the day of the Birth, or Proclamation, of the Teaching, and at the same time that exalted cosmic Holy Day dedicated to the World Teacher MAITREYA MORYA.

In like manner, Christians celebrate the Birth of the LORD JESUS on the twenty-fourth of December. This is the Feast Day dedicated to the



that all World Teachers are emissaries of the HIERARCHY OF LIGHT and brothers who love one another deeply. Nothing could be more absurd or reprehensible than for people to contend with one another because of their adherence to a different worldview. What would an army look like, possessing the same General Staff and the same command, if the soldiers were to fight bloodily merely on account of belonging to a different corps, and therefore only because of differently colored uniform cuffs?

Herein lies the great significance of the New Worldview: under its resplendent dome, all World Religions have found a place, and there should be no dispute concerning the merits of the individual Teachers and their methods. Just as in universities a new Rector is elected from among the Professors while the old one steps down, so a similar process occurs within the



Teacher CHRIST JESUS from Above. Regrettably, Christians have degraded this day of inner recollection and edification into a festival of material pleasures.

May the friends of *LIVING ETHICS* be preserved from ever celebrating the Feast of the Teacher—the twenty-fourth of March—in a similar manner. We also desire that the Feast of CHRIST always be observed in a worthy fashion; for the friends of *LIVING ETHICS* are at the same time also Christians and Buddhists. This is something entirely new, which other people are not yet able to comprehend. Yet we know

HIERARCHY OF LIGHT, or among the Rulers of the Earth, whereby from age to age, or from cultural epoch to cultural epoch, the choice falls upon a particular Master of Wisdom, who, by virtue of their special abilities, imparts to the respective era its unique character.

**The special character of the Aquarian Age, with its gigantic political, social, and economic upheavals, demands almost imperiously a strong hand, one belonging to the First Cosmic Ray of Will and Power. Hence the choice fell upon MORYA, who is at the same time identical with the Archstrategist, or Archangel Michael, who now leads the decisive struggle between Light and Darkness in the so-called Harmagedon of Culture as the supreme Commander of the Hierarchy and the principal opponent of Satan.**

**MAITREYA MORYA is the ruler of the bright warrior hosts, whether Angels or embodied disciples, who will restore the Epoch of Light on Earth. HE gave His Teaching the epithet “Agni,” for Agni signifies Light and spiritual Fire, and is nothing other than a refined Cosmic Fire, or psychic energy, indispensable for a victorious struggle against the powers of Darkness.**

The proclamation of the *Agni Yoga* Teaching occurred in complete silence. It was a sacred hour of the highest inner elevation. Only a very small number of Initiates were at that time made aware of this event, which for Humanity will only become of discernible significance in later centuries. This mysterious and solemn occurrence was necessary so as not to endanger the quiet growth of the young spiritual flower and to shield it from the rough storms that, in any case, will arrive soon enough. Nevertheless, this seemingly inconspicuous event, judged by today’s worldly standards, will receive far greater recognition and assume far greater significance than all events in history recorded over the past centuries.

While JESUS, some two thousand years ago, was still unable to touch many important questions (especially those concerning Karma and Rebirth) or could address them only in an indirect manner, owing to the lower stage of consciousness and the limited preparation of Humanity, the New Teaching today speaks of them with breathtaking openness and uncompromising directness. Fearlessly, *Agni Yoga* confronts all problems of life, even at the risk that the demands of daily existence may yet appear unacceptable to many. It raises not only all religious questions of life, but also innumerable philosophical, psychological, medical, social-theoretical, social, political, and economic problems which decisively influence human life.

*Living Ethics*, or *Agni Yoga*, for example, establishes for the first time the new science of “Psychic Energy”. It speaks, often in a cryptic form, compellingly about all that the older teachings could not yet convey. For this reason, this New Testament is far more extensive and cannot be fully comprehended by most people in a single incarnation. The New Teaching also renders innumerable ancient terms, formerly veiled or cryptic, into clear and explanatory language, thereby opening access to new aspects and concepts of the One Great Truth.

One of the most surprising revelations, which remained entirely foreign to Christianity and therefore appears unacceptable, is the fact that the primal source from which all World Religions originate or have drawn is not located somewhere in distant space, but consists of a community of elder brothers of Humanity, who are our common spiritual guides and will continue to be so. They are not situated somewhere in the distant cosmos or in a fabled heaven, but live on Earth in an inaccessible City of Knowledge, in the Holy City of Shambhala, at a hidden and unreachable location for those who are not specially called, in the Trans-Himalayan mountains. CHRIST also has never left the Earth, but has remained in Shambhala for millennia, and thus amidst Humanity, in order, through His immense psychic energy from this spiritual center, to guide His disciples and followers along the path of perfection.

It is essential to know that all previously given teachings and all World Teachers, or Masters of Wisdom, have come from the same source from which the New Teaching has also emerged. This fact can also be established through a comparative study of World Religions; for

countless sayings of CHRIST and BUDDHA resemble one another down to the smallest detail, and in some cases almost literally coincide, thereby revealing the same foundational school.

There are two principal characteristics that may serve as signs of the purity of the teachings originating from the Hierarchy of Light: firstly, the striving for the common good; secondly, the assimilation or adoption of all preceding teachings, which corresponds to the first sign.

It can be observed that every world religion, in its original form, contains no negative assertion, but that superstitious successors destroyed the postulate of the common good, of mutual tolerance, and of recognition of other world religions, even though all derive from the same primal source. This gave rise, in all times and places, to the universally observable pernicious formula: "Our faith is the better, or even the only salvific one, and all other people who do not believe what, for example, we Christians believe are heathens and blasphemers, and must remain in a pre-hell until the Last Judgment." From this intolerance, only one step lay between it and the Inquisition, with its sea of blood, poured, of all things, in the name of the very Teacher who had inscribed the Yoga of Love (Bhakti Yoga) on His banner. Truly, there is no greater meanness than those historical examples of the past, when the pyres smoked for disregarded Christian charity, and when faith was enforced upon ecclesiastical opponents by the sword. This harsh conduct was mitigated by the Age of Enlightenment, yet the ban and the threat of eternal damnation remain, which, for weak and suggestible souls, constitute no less a spiritual violation. One must constantly recall these circumstances, so that at least later generations may refrain from such reprehensible methods, which have nothing to do with love.

There is scarcely a world religion remaining today that has not strayed so far from its primordial meaning that it could still satisfy the two aforementioned requirements. Not one among them now holds the common good in view; rather, they regard chiefly the personal. From "Churches of the Spirit" there have arisen "Churches of the Flesh."

From this there follows the unavoidable conclusion that without exception all world religions have, to a greater or lesser degree, been falsified, and that in the course of time this or that ruling stratum has laid its hand upon the Sacred Scriptures of the respective religions, altering and amending them according to its own design. It has therefore become an urgent necessity to entrust unto Humanity a new, deepened, and purified World Teaching.

## 4. The Books of the New Teaching

The new World Teaching, culminating above and beyond all former doctrines, was committed to writing in the Russian tongue by the "Mother of *Agni Yoga*" in the following original works:



Works of the blessed Mahatma Maitreya Morya:

Blossoms of Morya's Garden: Abbreviations:

**CALL** CALL §§ 387  
**ILLUMINATION** ILLU §§ 358

New era:

**COMMUNITY** COM §§ 275

Doctrine of Living Ethics in seven themes:

**AGNI YOGA** AY §§ 670  
**INFINITY** (2 parts) INF §§ 918  
**HIERARCHY** HIE §§ 460  
**HEART** HEA §§ 600  
**FIERY WORLD I** FW I §§ 666  
**FIERY WORLD II** FW II §§ 470  
**FIERY WORLD III** FW III §§ 618  
**AUM** AUM §§ 600  
**BROTHERHOOD** BH §§ 610  
**SUPERMUNDANE** SMU §§ 955

## THE CALL

The first volume of *Blossoms of Morya's Garden* bears the title *The Call*, for this book truly came as a “call to a new life” into the hands of a waiting and seeking group of people. In it, as in all the other works, the pearls of profound wisdom are strung together according to a spiral method of construction which reveals no outwardly direct connection, and yet—simultaneously or in succession—touches all the spiritual centers within the human being. They are concise aphorisms, cast in a rhythmical and poetic form.

Yet they are often deeply veiled. When already on the first page mention is made of the “precious stone in life,” without further designation, this does not signify any earthly gem, but rather psychic energy—the most precious jewel of Humanity.

The seeker must therefore orient themselves through earnest study of all the volumes and through meditation. Much that at first has been indicated only in symbols must be allowed to rest within their consciousness until the seed awakens and the precious flower of knowledge begins to bloom. Every word and every sentence in these books, even when upon first reading they are scarcely understood, is of the deepest significance; they impel the disciple to profound reflection and to the unveiling of the hidden meaning.

## ILLUMINATION

The seeker, who has already received an answer to the *Call*, receives *Illumination* in the second volume, as the title of the book suggests. There, in wondrous Master-words, one finds numerous instructions for life, guiding one to gain access to a new world and to be chosen as a germ for the coming new Root Race. MORYA, as the Root-MANU, will at the appointed time establish the new, forthcoming Sixth Root Race. Therefore, through the dissemination of *Agni Yoga*, the capable members of Humanity are now to be gathered—those who, through the activation of Agni, or psychic energy, appear suitable to become the bearers of the new Root Race.

Those who felt no response to the *Call* are not yet ripe for the great tasks of the future and must therefore be content with smaller responsibilities in life. It is not everyone's lot to perceive the dawn of a new epoch, and the company of those who, as pioneers of construction, initiate this New Era is very small.

In the book *Illumination*, the foundations that are authoritative for the Teaching have been set forth:

*„Friends! Place four stones in the foundation of your actions:*

- First** – Reverence for the **Hierarchy**
- Second** – Consciousness of **unity**
- Third** – Consciousness of **co-measurement**
- Fourth** – Application of the principle, “**By your God.**”

*To establish the **first** stone, call forth all your love. Think back to your childhood and recall the best smiles, the brightest rays of the sun, and the first song of the birds outside your window.*

*For the **second** stone, gird yourselves with the weapons of the day, don the armor of your actions, and refresh your receptivity with a mouthful of sobering water.*

*For the **third** stone, select the longest vertical line in your workroom and make it the scale for measuring the Plan. Mentally measure every discontent, irritation, and fatigue on the scale of the World Plan, and in making this comparison you will find that there is not even the smallest place for illusory moods.*

*For the **fourth** stone, picture to yourself the boundless nature of the starry world. Truly, the Father has many abodes; which of them shall we denigrate? Recalling the rule you have been given, imagine that you are coming out of a closed house into the light. In this way, everything that you need will come to you.*

*Upon the first stone inscribe **A Dove**; upon the second **A Warrior**; upon the third **A Pillar**; and upon the fourth, **The Sun.**“ (ILLU, § 235. 1924)*

*The respect for the Hierarchy as well as the unity of All-Being are further discussed in Lessons 28 and 29. Concerning co-measurement, the Teacher says the following:*

**„Let us now conclude about the law of co-measurement:**

*A builder has to know how heavy a load the pillars of a house can bear.*

*A lack of co-measurement results in destruction, blasphemy, falsehood, betrayal, and every sort of ugly phenomenon.*

*Can a structure stand in which the features of a giant are attributed to a flea? In which a soak in the hot tub is sought for more than the Lord is? In which a whirlwind is likened to a mosquito's flight?*

*A condition required by the Brotherhood is full co-measurement in one's thought and expression—this is a stronghold for the truth of beauty. It is easy to go through life without passing things over in silence or exaggerating them.*

*We keep close watch on Our coworkers to make sure that the way they express themselves corresponds to what they mean to say. That is the only way different beings can cooperate.*

*The best judgment will be based on beauty. It is ugly to say, “I'll fit the giant into a little box,” or, “The eagle soars like a hen.”*

*The best apparatuses are so often ruined by a lack of co-measurement, something that could easily be avoided with a little attentiveness.“ (ILLU, § 208. 1924)*

The ability correctly to assess every event, rightly to approach each phenomenon, objectively to judge a matter, correctly to evaluate the actions of others as well as one's own, always and everywhere to possess a sense of measure and never to transgress known boundaries—these are signs of a high culture, which today only very few people possess. These abilities are, however, indispensable for the members of the future Sixth Race.

The absence of these signs of high culture leads most people of the present time into a continual transgression of the Law of Correspondence and often causes errors as well as ridiculous and regrettable situations. When a person imagines himself to be something which in reality he is not, and instructs others on questions of life which he himself neither understands nor, still less, is able to master, and when he performs actions devoid of all logic, then he transgresses above all the Law of Correspondence.

The fourth stone for the foundations of the New World, namely the canon “In the Name of thy God” or the formula “May the Will of thy God be done,” is the commandment of the highest culture and the greatest tolerance. Precisely in this respect present-day Humanity suffers most grievously. The application of this rule would permit peaceful discussions among members of different groups, would remove irritability and disputes in daily life, and would lead to a greater concordance of views.

In the stage of transition from an old to a new worldview this canon is of particular importance; for under all circumstances it must be avoided that the adherents of the New Teaching commit the same errors as the Christian churches, by not only combating one another, but also exterminating those of other beliefs in bloody and cruel battles. These errors must never again be repeated. In the name of a religion no weapon should ever be taken up, not even for defense. Here one may exercise only passive resistance and petition for protection from Above.

No one should be persecuted or professionally harmed in the name of a teaching. It is permitted solely to point out and elucidate evident errors and ignorance on the opposing side. This, however, in the sense of a spiritual confrontation, is often a combative necessity, which nevertheless can be carried out entirely peacefully; for without spiritual struggle the truth will never prevail, and without it there will never be the necessary spiritualization.

People of a limited world view, who do not possess those higher insights which characterize the true bearer of culture, will for the most part be inclined to regard their own opinion as the only correct and faultless one, while considering that of another person to be wrong and erroneous, even though they cannot substantiate it. It is otherwise when one can produce proofs; then one has not only the right but also the duty to defend the truth and to oppose ignorance. Most people, however, strive under all circumstances to remain in the right, whatever the cost, even if their arguments lack all logic. Such people one can and must not instruct, but may only avoid. Here destiny itself provides the proper instruction, if not in this life, then in a later one.

In the book *Illumination* it is stated: „*The rule “By your God” is the foundation of the New World. In former times people would intone, “My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior,” but now you will say, “My spirit rejoices in God, your Savior.”*”

*Solemnly do I say that in this lies salvation. “Long live your God!” That is what you will say to everyone, and exchanging Gods you will walk onward to the One.*

*There where you might have gotten stuck, you can tread lightly if you avoid negation. Where you might have suffocated, you can pass onward by recalling, “Your God.” Where matter is esteemed, you can pass onward only by exalting the earthly matter into the Cosmos. The main thing is that one should not be attached only to the earthly world.*

*Why is there a legend about Christ descending into hell? The Master addressed the lower strata of the astral world, saying, “Why bind yourself to earth forever by thinking about earthly things?” And many beings were stirred up and rose higher.*

*Therefore, find the God of each person and exalt Him. You can understand this logically, but it is more important to embrace it in the smile of the spirit. When the most difficult becomes easy, in the way that flight is easy for birds, then the very stones will unite into the Dome, and to each one Christ the Mason will manifest.“ (ERL, § 211. 1924)*

The friends of *LIVING ETHICS* shall apply this canon in the future, for they venerate and acknowledge all World Teachers, whether KRISHNA, BUDDHA, CHRIST, MOHAMMED,

ZARATHUSTRA, MORYA, or another. They all proceed from the same spiritual center. Unfortunately, ignorant and intolerant fanatics of all world churches are still unable and unwilling to endure another World Teacher and Son of God alongside their own, and upon the mere mention of the names of other World Teachers, or at the suggestion that these too should be venerated, they fall into outright frenzy. The friends of *LIVING ETHICS*, however, recognize (for the first time among all religious movements on Earth) all true teachers and founders of religion who come from the one source of the Hierarchy of Light. Today, alas, there are also many plagiarists who falsely present themselves as Masters of Wisdom in order, in the service of Satan, to sow confusion among seekers. They are often difficult to discern, for they all conceal themselves behind the mask of light. A fraud will always appear merely as a harmless, respectable figure, in order to beguile their victim and lead them astray.

But above all, we venerate the SOLE, INEFFABLE Deity, which is no person, neither God-Father nor God-Mother, but far beyond, sustaining the gigantic universe and its Highest Reason itself, with all that lives therein. Every atom is already a particle of this divine PRIMORDIAL I, which we humans can no longer perceive, nor grasp and comprehend with our intellect.

Therefore, we turn to the elder brothers of Humanity, who form the bridge to the Higher World, for we know that the threshold of the spirit cannot be crossed without having acknowledged these Sons of God as guides of Humanity, and without following them. For this reason, we love all Masters of Wisdom and all founders of religion of the Hierarchy of Light without exception, and we honor their works and the great sacrifices which they have all made—and continue to make—for the salvation of Humanity.

## COMMUNITY

The demand for the formation of communities composed of like-minded friends and co-workers has never in the history of the planet been raised with such imperativeness as at the present time. The affirmation of the idea of community contributes to the accelerated development of Humanity. The foundation of community lies in freedom of thought, in reverence for the Hierarchy of Light, and in the cultivation of labor. The seed of labor withers without the rain of community. They who rejoice in not having to work cannot be co-workers of the community.

Community is the sole gateway to progress and to the joy of labor. Modern science and economy likewise must pass over to community. An artist is nothing without his listeners, and even a World Teacher can fulfill His mission only through His disciples and followers.

Community is the abode of knowledge and of beauty. Although it should possess an authoritative structure, it must apply no coercion nor restrict the freedom of the individual. Its members subordinate themselves voluntarily to a higher authority, which need not necessarily be bestowed from above, since this again might be regarded as compulsion. Authority must act by virtue of its superior achievement; then cooperation will likewise be voluntary, for it is the only reasonable and enduring form of human coexistence and of the maintenance of friendships and good relations even beyond the grave.

For the new community, neither family ties nor old bonds have significance when consciousness does not stand upon the same level.

The most important qualities of community are steadfastness, inner peace, gratitude, frugality, precision, vigilance, swiftness, and inner equilibrium. On the negative side we note falsehood and hypocrisy, which destroy cooperation. Furthermore, all petty habits must be laid aside. Community excludes the concepts of malice, inequality, and heredity. Each person must build their existence upon their own achievements and not upon the accomplishments of their fathers or forefathers. Ignorance and obstinacy likewise are incompatible with community. External signs such as titles and the like are entirely without value; only inner development and spiritual worth possess significance. Thereby earthly existence attains its proper meaning. They who do not acknowledge community endanger the social order and act in a

corrosive manner; they who moreover disparage it become traitors. Only they who consciously accept it can develop themselves further and help many people, which brings the greatest joy. A true member of community will never be a capitalist.

## AGNI YOGA

„The Blessed MAHATMA who gave the books, **The Call, Illumination, and Community**, has given much counsel and the Signs of Agni Yoga. These practical indications were gathered by us for the use of those who seek knowledge.

*Sanskrit and Senzar lend a special flavor to the exposition and do not always find their equivalent in other languages. Nevertheless the meaning of the expressions is preserved exactly. And those who take part in contemporary life will read attentively **this wise Teaching** which emanates from the experience of centuries..“ (AY Foreword)*

The term “Yoga” was already explained in detail in the first lesson, **The Truth about Yoga**. It is always advisable to read it again; for in the Occident many erroneous notions concerning Yoga are already widespread. Very often Yoga is confused with gymnastics and breathing exercises. *Agni Yoga*, as well as the higher Yoga systems of Gnana and Bhakti, have nothing whatsoever to do with this; for they are exclusively spiritual systems, concerned only with the perfection of the spirit, in contrast to the lower Hatha Yoga, which serves only the physical body. Naturally, no one is forbidden to engage in breathing exercises, yet these are never an essential component of a true Yoga system.

True Yoga extends exclusively to the development and perfection of spiritual faculties and the mastery of psychic energy, and not of the body! The latter was incorporated during the time of Involution into the first form of Yoga, namely Hatha Yoga, which today, in the age of Evolution, is entirely obsolete. It must not be practiced even by genuine and responsible disciples upon the spiritual path, for it carries the danger of center fires (as a consequence of mechanical exercises intended to awaken the chakras), and inevitably produces the gravest spiritual, as well as physical, injuries. The claim that Hatha Yoga bestows health and youthfulness is incorrect. Illnesses on the spiritual path, as has been demonstrated in the two volumes on **Psychic Energy** (Spirale-Verlag, Linz), are unavoidable, and in part even necessary for the testing of psychic energy.

Unfortunately, in the Occident Hatha Yoga is widely promoted, and the other systems are therefore less esteemed, because they remain modestly in the background, but above all because they require the renunciation of negative qualities, for which only very few people are willing. Experience shows that the so-called Yoga aspirants find it easier to rise at five in the morning, perform exercises, and then stand on their heads for a quarter of an hour, than to abstain from meat, alcohol, nicotine, irritability, gossip, and other negative qualities.

*Agni Yoga* is a Teaching of Life. It therefore encompasses all the problems of life and now begins, in all quietude, to manifest even where it is not yet directly known, since the ideas necessary to the furtherance of evolution, issuing from the subtle realm, already penetrate into the thinking of open-minded priests who, thank God, are scattered within certain churches.

*Agni Yoga* provides countless instructions and practical guidance for everyday life for the welfare and use of all who strive for knowledge and perfection. *Agni Yoga* brings Humanity, above all, closer to the Subtle and the Fiery World. This modern Teaching leads to constructive work and systematically furthers the evolution of Humanity and of the planet. Since this Yoga, in its practical application, requires sacrifice, it is naturally not easy, particularly for the beginner, for it demands many changes in the accustomed way of life. Nevertheless, every person is fortunate who has once consciously and with earnestness and joy entered upon this difficult Path.

The Yoga of Light is the highest equilibrium; it is the most sublime and reliable path and at the same time the call for the gathering of the Sixth Root Race. It is also described as the connecting thread between the worlds.

The practitioner of this system, or the Agni Yogi, is no dreamer, but a courageous fighter for the New Epoch and a defender of Truth. He knows nothing but work and activity in the interest of the general welfare of humanity. The true Yogi appears unobtrusively in life, integrates into the community, does not isolate himself from life, yet bypasses national habits and belongs inwardly to no particular nation, but is a citizen of the world.

The Agni Yogi works like a fiery torch and asserts himself in direct connection with the distant worlds. The fire of his centers perceives all geological and atmospheric disturbances, as well as all transformations of peoples. Through his subtle perception he also recognizes the magnetic currents that give rise to cosmic phenomena. His task is to aid Humanity in attaining a higher consciousness. A true Yogi also gains access to the Hierarchy of Light of the universe. His fiery thoughts are powerful and alter the world view, which is why he is exposed to great persecutions and countless slanders. His illnesses often have a cosmic character. Through his spiritual creativity he connects the visible with the invisible.

## INFINITY

The two volumes *Infinity* rank among the most difficult of the already hard-to-understand *Agni Yoga* series. The strong encryption of certain sentences was necessary for the protection of these pearls of wisdom. In *Infinity* we read of the **psycho-life** of atoms, of the **psycho-dynamics** of the spirit, and of the **psycho-grains**; not least, numerous indications concerning psychic energy are given. A broad framework is also taken up by the *spirit*, the *grain of spirit*, the *cosmic fire*, and *fohat* — the cosmic electricity.

Particular importance is given to thought in these books, for it is the key to infinity and fertilizes all that exists; moreover, it possesses its own creative energy. Human thought is already a cosmic fire, either constructive or destructive, and it penetrates space more or less powerfully. Humans, unfortunately, know only gross-fire, which is already useful for various purposes, not only destructive but also constructive. Yet there are several finer kinds of fire, such as not only the spirit itself, but also *fohat*, *parafohat*, and *panfohat*, which are the highest cosmic energies, no longer comprehensible to the human mind.

Every striving thought is already a fire; it creates forms in space and endows the mind with consciousness. Pure thought shapes a luminous streak in space, whereas the sphere of evil thoughts forms a dark subtle layer around the Earth, which in the subtle sense is harder than a blanket of pebbles. A concept new to man is explained for the first time in the volumes *Infinity*, namely the “Cosmic Magnetism.” The understanding of the Cosmic Magnet will help Humanity to comprehend all planetary upheavals, for it is that power of Being which shapes the future and causes cosmic transformations. The rise or fall of kingdoms is connected with the Cosmic Magnet, for its laws govern the course of evolution.

The creative power of the Cosmic Magnet reveals itself as the will of the Higher Reason. Through it not only are all human strivings set under tension, but also the Psycho-Life of the elements. The Cosmic Magnet also unites the primal beginnings into a life-creating force; it unites within itself all energies, imparts an unshakable attraction, and at the same time increases the life-sustaining pulsation. Cosmic Magnets are laid out several times in the course of millennia and then attract those creative energies that alter the life of peoples, of races, and of the entire planet in accordance with the evolution desired by the Higher Reason.

Not without reason do these books bear the title *Infinity*. *Scholars dispute to this day whether the world is limited or unlimited*. The Catholic Church upholds the limitation of the universe, for otherwise its worldview, which places the Earth at the center of the cosmos, would collapse. For this reason it also had the courageous defender of infinity, the wise Dominican monk Giordano Bruno, burned at the stake by the Inquisition in 1600 A.D., after a seven-year martyrdom. The infinity of the universe, however, cannot be abolished by such a

desecration of Christian charity, but remains a reality, whether it is denied or not; for if the universe were limited, there would have to be a wall or a boundary somewhere — but what could possibly lie beyond such a wall?! Human consciousness, unfortunately, can think only in three dimensions. Mathematics strives to uncover the secret of the fourth dimension, yet even this is not the last dimension. *Agni Yoga*, through compelling arguments, upholds the spatial infinity of the universe and timeless eternity; for here lies the Truth. Its treasure chambers open only to him who has penetrated to an understanding of the cosmic forces. Only then do these insights lead man to magnificent knowledge and to great heights of the spirit. Infinity is at first accessible only through the power of faith. There is also no numerical series in mathematics that could not be continued into infinity above zero or below zero.

## HIERARCHY

In the book *Hierarchy*, the Teacher speaks chiefly of the “Elder Brothers of Humanity,” of the “Hierarchy of Light,” of the Hierarchs or Rulers, of the Teachers and their disciples, as well as of the “Mother of the World.” The Elder Brothers, who for the most part have come from other planets, possess a corresponding advance in their development, since life upon the individual planets did not begin simultaneously. It is a cosmic ordinance that from the planets more advanced in evolution spiritual Teachers migrate to the younger planets, in order to direct upon them the building of life. In our case, for example, Elder Brothers came from our sister planet Venus in order to initiate the evolution of Humanity upon earth. These Elder Siblings thereby assumed unimaginable sacrifices; for they bear the entire burden of human consciousness and even renounce the state of Paranirvana in order to further human evolution. These Elder Siblings are the guides upon the luminous path, and as world teachers and founders of religions they proclaim the evolution of the God-man state upon Earth.

The community of the Elder Siblings is called the *Hierarchy of Light*. It corresponds to Jacob’s Ladder in the Bible and is identical with the archangels and the highest spirits of all holy scriptures. At the same time it is a supranational and interplanetary government that carries out the will of the higher reason.

Historical facts prove that messengers of the Hierarchy have repeatedly delivered direct and messages to various governments of Earth. The Hierarchy possesses the plan for cosmic transformations, for it is the spiritual focal point of human energy. The limits of life on this planet cannot be surpassed without admission into the Hierarchy as a disciple and finally as an initiate.

The highest members of this exalted spiritual community are called Hierarchs or rulers. They are the first representatives of a particular cosmic ray that aims at and makes possible the development of certain principal qualities or faculties in Humanity. These Hierarchs, also called the “Sons of Reason,” are at the same time the gatherers of a new race. The plan for the evolution of Humanity extends over innumerable millions of years. The current age of Humanity is said to be eighteen million years.

The instructions of the Hierarchy should be followed by Humanity in its own interest, but as a rule Humanity has not only cast them to the wind, but also altered and twisted them into the opposite, as we have been able to observe particularly in Christian denominations. The Hierarchy is the best guide and at the same time the protector of Humanity, and also the only way by which psychic energy can be developed to a greater degree.

Cooperation with the Hierarchy requires special steadfastness and determination; for even slight unfaithfulness brings about countless difficulties, since through such unfaithfulness the active energy of the Cosmic Magnet is violated. The law of Hierarchy is the sole guiding principle and the summit of creative power. The Hierarchy, however, rejects any compulsion and knows no restriction of free will. Its achievements are based entirely on voluntariness; for the one who knows will, in his own interest, align himself with the discernible will of the cosmic laws. The might of the Hierarchy is Cosmic Magnetism, which forms the connecting link with the still higher worlds. The Hierarchy is the center of the spiritual fortress

and the representative of the divine energies upon Earth. Children should already be accustomed to thinking of the Hierarchy, so that they may receive the necessary connection there for the development of their spirit, unless this has already occurred in previous incarnations.

People must learn to turn to the Hierarchy; for Humanity has received its power not from itself, but through the Hierarchy. Therefore, humanity can be saved only if it acknowledges the Hierarchy. It will understand the highest wisdom only when it understands the laws of the Hierarchy. Sin against the Hierarchy and failure to acknowledge it inevitably lead to a world catastrophe. Therefore, an understanding of the hierarchical guidance of the Earth must be awakened in human consciousness.

The “***Mother of the World***” is revealed in Lesson No. 30. It is high time to make the knowledge of the Divine Mother of the sister planet Venus accessible once more to humanity, for without acknowledgment of the feminine principle, the concept of God can never be complete. Women, too, will everywhere on Earth regain their natural rights, and their disadvantage in practical life will come to an end. Only in this way will the equality of the two primal beginnings be established.

## HEART

Even if the principal works of *Living Ethics* bear certain titles, they are nevertheless not devoted exclusively to these themes, but encompass all questions of *Living Ethics*, although usually in connection with the particular main topic chosen.

It has been said that only the heart finds the way to the Hierarchy. The heart is also the saving bridge to the subtle realm. Within it resides the jeweled casket of exaltation. It is thus a flaming magnet— not merely the most vital physical organ of the human being, but also the spiritual focal point and the primary center through which the connection to the Higher World is forged.

A highly developed heart preserves one from errors, dangers, mistakes, and deviations. In contrast, a heart that has dedicated itself to evil consciously or unconsciously sends forth poisonous arrows without cease. But the heart that sacrifices itself is a source of special joy to the Higher World. A heart that possesses courage radiates unceasing blessing, for it is opened through the striving toward the Hierarchy. As an organ bestowed from Above, the heart is a part of the universe and contains the potential of human energy. The progress of the heart rests upon an ethical foundation. A fiery heart leads to the World of Love and to the World of Cosmic Fire. The fiery heart also exposes the intrigues of Darkness. It always recalls the spiritual light, yet trembles in the presence of chaos. The fiery heart is a high altar, the temple of the spirit, and a weapon of light; it is fully aware of its glorious deeds and, through its continual development, leads into infinity.

*Living Ethics* inaugurates the Age of the Heart. Therefore, MAITREYA MORYA also offers His Heart for the salvation of the world, and inspires all fiery hearts to follow His great example.

The heart must be guarded so that the “Silver Thread,” the connection from disciple to teacher, does not break. A refined heart responds to everything, even to earthquakes, and aches in moments of danger. The heart is the sun of the organism and the organ of psychic energy in the human being, as well as the dwelling place of consciousness. The language of the heart is the most beautiful. The cultivation and refinement of the heart is one of the most important tasks for the future.

## FIERY WORLD

The three volumes of *Fiery World* focus primarily on *Agni* and *Cosmic Fire* in its various manifestations. Much is written about the Subtle World and the Fiery World. Without the development of *Agni*, it is impossible for a human being to penetrate into the Fiery World. *Agni*, as a spiritual Fire, takes the foremost place. It is the driving force of all thoughts, that

precious spiritual substance which dispels fear and forms the foundation of courage, which would be impossible without *Agni*.

Lessons concerning the Subtle and the Fiery World follow separately. Therefore, it is sufficient here to say the most important things about spatial or Cosmic Fire, insofar as they have not already been addressed in the two volumes on *Psychic Energy*.

No world teaching has ever spoken, even remotely, as extensively about Cosmic Fire as *Agni Yoga*. Fire is the first and most important primordial element; for only it provides the energy for movement and life, both in the visible and invisible states. Fire is therefore present in the form of temperature in all other primordial elements as well, that is, in water, air, and earth. Yet Fire is not only a moving and generative energy, but also the best means of purification and refinement; it is the awakener of life and at the same time the destroyer. Everything comes into being through Fire and returns to Fire (cosmically speaking).

The highest fire is the fire of love; it resides in the heart, where exaltation also has its seat. The fire of the heart sharpens discernment between Light and Darkness. Fire also reveals itself in the temperament of a human being, in the pulse, and in emotional upheavals. Feelings and passions can also ignite a fire. However, it is better to ignite the sacred Fire within oneself in order to receive the baptism of fire. The baptism of fire is a lawful act performed when a disciple is admitted into the Hierarchy.

Today, many people already sense the approach of a powerful Cosmic Fire. It now depends on us how we make this element serve us. Mastery of the Cosmic Fire requires the understanding and activation of psychic energy, for psychic energy itself is nothing other than Cosmic Fire. Therefore, one day, humans will be forced by cosmic events to reflect upon the World of Fire and the coming Fiery Age, for the time is not far off when all that proves unfit or useless for the coming evolution will be consumed by fire. Thus, this Fire can also become dangerous for humanity. Fire and Water must be in balance everywhere, yet this is not the case on Earth today, since science, using Fire, is waging a war of destruction against Water, polluting and destroying that which is essential for life.

To play with fire can therefore be very dangerous; for the boundary between pleasant warmth and painful burning is very narrow, even in the spiritual realm. The World of Fire is exceedingly complex, and it is therefore necessary to educate oneself thoroughly about it through the study of psychic energy.

## AUM

AUM, pronounced as OM, is the highest form and power of prayer. In this word lies the highest vibration, which evokes harmony and facilitates the reception of higher energies when it is hummed before a prayer or meditation. AUM guides thought back to its origin and to the Light, and helps to overcome tension in space. This threefold sign, representing a trinity, is the symbol of the covenant with the higher energies and at the same time a protection against the attacks of spiritual darkness.

AUM is the first fundamental truth and a composition of the finest vibrations. Its three letters signify the past, present, and future; or “A” as the foundation, “U” the expression of subtle energies, and “M” the ineffable in fire and grandeur. Another interpretation states: “A” is thought, “U” is the Light or the primal cause, and “M” the mystery or the sacred.

AUM is the prerequisite for effective prayer. One may pray at any time, but it is best at sunrise and sunset, while a heartfelt, even brief, prayer is always most effective. A selfish or forced prayer is meaningless and ineffective. Prayer leads to spiritual community, inspires knowledge, and in its purity conveys an exalted and ecstatic state full of love and devotion to one’s neighbor.

No prayer can rise from an impure heart. A prayer that does not uplift is unsuccessful, leaving a person dissatisfied and sorrowful. The right prayer, however, must make the human being glad and joyful; it must be nourishment for the heart.

## BROTHERHOOD

The last book of *Living Ethics*, which was published, speaks of the community of the Elder Siblings. This community is the true fountain of life and the ultimate bulwark of the spirit, which never wavers. Even if a human being feels utterly abandoned, the Hierarchy of Light always provides solace, courage, and strength when one turns to it with trust.

The Brotherhood is not something abstract, but something highly real; indeed, as the last support of Humanity, it is the most real fact, functioning as a bridge between the three worlds — the Earthly, the Subtle, and the Fiery. No one can fully enter the Fiery World without belonging to the Brotherhood.

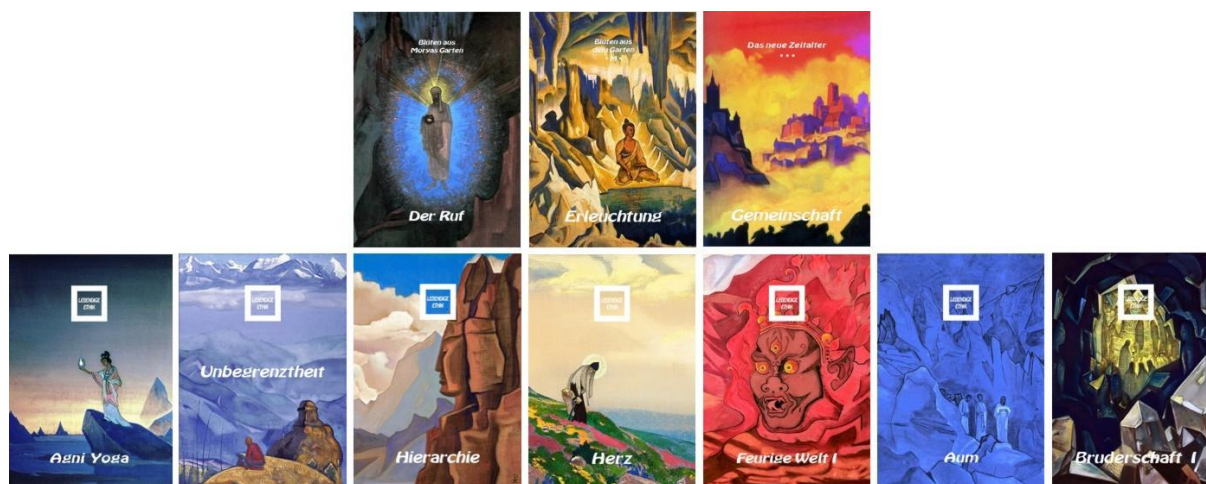
The Brotherhood observes strict secrecy and may pass on to Humanity only that knowledge for which the human consciousness has become ready and which must be given for the further development of Humanity.

It is very difficult for humans to grasp the concept of the “Brotherhood”, and even more so the idea that the Brotherhood not only possesses a city of knowledge, but also maintains secret ashrams (retreats) at various points on Earth. The main forces, however, are concentrated in a geologically and spiritually protected location on the planet.

The Brotherhood is founded upon knowledge and voluntary cooperation. It is the school of trust and a high expression of mutual human relationships. Human fraternities have nothing in common with the spiritual “Brotherhood”. Not everything that has been written about the Brotherhood is authentic.

Self-sacrifice is the best path to the Brotherhood. Anyone who wishes to approach it must first lay aside their bad habits.

“The book about **BROTHERHOOD** will be divided into two parts. The first, about the foundations of Brotherhood, will be given now; the **second**, about **the inner life of the Brotherhood**, We shall send to those who will accept the foundations.” (BH, § 81)



This gives a brief overview of the books of *Living Ethics*. For the aspirant, this small glimpse will not suffice. Just as the astronomer takes up the telescope and the biologist the microscope in order to deepen his vision of reality, so the disciple on the spiritual path will, with increasing love and enthusiasm, desire the original works. What he does not understand at first, or even criticizes and rejects out of lack of understanding, he will later come to comprehend and learn to love through repeated study.

## 5. Falsifications

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Recently, various mediumistic communications and reports have resurfaced, which are claimed to come directly from MORYA, the Avatar of Synthesis for the coming Age. Such reports are false or outright forgeries.

A careful study makes it unmistakably clear to the knowledgeable that these are so-called personifiers or forgers, who, through mediums (not mediators), attempt to imitate various Masters of Wisdom — including the originator of *Agni Yoga*, MORYA — or claim to receive instructions and messages from Him. In reality, such communications generally originate from the household spirit or an interested spirit attached to the medium in question.

Anyone engaging in revelatory spiritism — shamefully called Spiritualism today — treads on thin ice. They may not fall, yet the risk is ever present. In recent years, numerous examples have shown that people with a mediumistic disposition endanger not only themselves but also those around them, overturning their seemingly fixed opinions at the slightest provocation, becoming victims of satanic influences, and allowing themselves to be swept into orgies of hatred and revenge.

Unfortunately, a great deal of nonsense is spoken regarding the origin of *Agni Yoga* and the origin of MORYA, even within occult circles and especially among mediums. The number of direct disciples of a Teacher is extraordinarily small. Authentic communications are not easily obtained, and within esoteric circles there exist various opinions that do not always correspond to the facts.

Unfortunately, in the field of so-called Esotericism, now more than ever, there are many forgeries and also little of value that does not originate directly from the great Masters of Wisdom. Distinguishing the authentic from the false is not always easy, and requires higher knowledge and, above all, a cultivated heart.

It is therefore advisable to be very cautious toward anyone claiming to be in contact with a Master of Wisdom in the astral or mental realms, and to receive direct instructions and messages from them. A critical examination of such articles almost always reveals that they do not originate from a true Master of Wisdom, but from a house spirit whose consciousness corresponds to that of the author — often a female medium — who seeks to gain credibility precisely by claiming the authority of a Master of Wisdom.

## 6. Living Ethics – The Great Hope of Seekers

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*Living Ethics* is ethical thinking and willing put into practice. Without such systematic activity, there can be no human evolution. Even within the animal kingdom — and developmentally even below that — the transmutation of lower qualities into higher ones begins, for even the atom must already serve and work, which in turn leads to character formation. Thus, the atom possesses certain qualities that are not only characteristic but must be seen as preliminary stages of its development.

Moreover, the presence of spirit within matter has already been demonstrated, specifically at the Max Planck Institute for Virus Research in Tübingen.

In flowers, we can already observe qualities that, in particular cases, indicate pronounced attachment and affection toward a specific person, usually the caregiver, visibly expressed through unusually abundant blooming.

In animals, attachment to individuals appears even more strongly, and nearly all human character traits can be observed. There are not only sanguine and choleric temperaments, for example, among lions, cats, and dogs, but also melancholic and phlegmatic types within the same family. In addition, there are genuine character traits such as loyalty, love — particularly maternal love — attachment, as well as their opposites: cruelty, malice, deceit, and treachery, depending on the character development of the species. Thus, one can also speak here of younger and older stages of development depending on the species.

In general, character development in the animal kingdom is partially more advanced than in the human realm. Upbringing is another particular factor in the animal kingdom: a dog treated with decency is likely to develop a gentle disposition; if treated unjustly, it may develop an insidious or malicious character. Likewise, humans can create criminals among their fellow men through unjust treatment, and many bandit leaders or unscrupulous politicians were the product of poor examples and upbringing.

## The Answer of Ethics

Why is all of this arranged in nature as it is? Only scientific ethics and esotericism can provide a philosophical answer, even if it may not satisfy everyone, for in the present phase of human history and evolution, suffering and negative phenomena on Earth are already so great, and the norms of social and communal life lag behind the civilizational possibilities.

Here we see clearly that scientific or intellectual progress is, for the time being, not yet matched by a corresponding spiritual or cultural development — in the sense of a culture of the heart — and that this must be laboriously cultivated. Unfortunately, these efforts encounter immense obstacles, sometimes even greater, though subtler, than those of the time of the Spanish Inquisition.

Churches that have become incapable of spiritual evolution attempt, by all means at their disposal — such as the press and other mass media — to suppress nascent spiritual renewal, not shrinking from lies and slander, all of this, of course, still in the name of the beloved Lord Jesus and the all-merciful God, whose very existence they are, however, already beginning to doubt.

To allow life, there is unfortunately no other solution than the existing state — that is, the structure and unfolding of the world; for if a better solution were possible, nature would surely reveal it to humanity.

Without life, all would be dead. Yet dead matter does not exist; even within the atom, life is present through movement, and a process of transformation — a process of construction or decay — can be observed. On the other hand, without matter there would be no universe, for even spirit, as pure energy, requires matter for its unfolding and for its creative, individual development.

And this is a crucial point: every development presupposes imperfection, just as every relative perfection is impossible without prior imperfection. Absolute perfection does not exist within matter at all, even if a machine is constructed and built to the utmost precision. This is equally true of the healthiest human being, who will ultimately have to die.

## Bipolarity and Duality

All existence must reconcile itself with and come to terms with the conditions inherent in nature. Life is impossible without bipolarity — that is, without opposites and polarities. When the absolute unity of the universe manifests itself — that is, transforms into a relative manifestation — it must divide, and every division is already a duality. Unfortunately, this duality also expresses itself as good and evil, as well as joy and suffering. Without the contrast of black and white, or without color, neither photography nor painting would be possible. Duality and division are therefore absolutely necessary for the relative world of phenomena.

Good and evil, joy and suffering, appear as the result of our behavior and spiritual attitude. Yet suffering can also lead to joy, if it is rightly understood, and above all, if it is conceived as sacrifice.

In the present phase of evolution, humanity has, unfortunately, reached the peak of intellectual development while neglecting spirit and character. Here, human suffering manifests most starkly through the extreme expansion of cruelty, brutality, lovelessness, and many other negative qualities, which could lead to the self-destruction of humanity as a whole, as well as of the planet itself. For this reason, in this inevitable phase — the nadir of character development — the lower qualities must inevitably be transmuted into higher ones. This, however, is impossible without bitter experiences for the individual and for humanity collectively.

Without this transformation, which manifests daily and often hourly through minor irritations, sometimes through accidents, illnesses, life's vicissitudes, and karmic coincidences, humanity cannot rise out of its negative states of existence. The further development of civilization, particularly in terms of military technology, would lead to the deadly self-destruction of mankind. It is only a matter of years or decades before humanity faces the final decision, ultimately bringing about cleansing and a definitive resolution, even in the realm of world politics.

## The Negative Nadir

Humanity has now reached this nadir of descent into negative qualities — the possible maximum of brutality, bestiality, cruelty, malice, lovelessness, irrationality, and so forth. A further relapse is scarcely possible, for the next step would already be the self-destruction of all humanity, along with a terrible process of annihilation — not to mention that at least 50% of the increase in human illnesses would be connected to this, and that medicine, despite astonishing surgical achievements, could not hope to control these phenomena.

This nadir had, however, to occur, for there is no other way to appeal to the reason and insight of most humans. Here, even faith and religion fail, for the denominations have almost entirely lost their taboos and have, not least, become drivers of cultural decay and potential end of the world.

## The Coming Turning Point

In the face of this cruel abyss, the turning point of character development may — and perhaps will — begin, driven by the absolute imperative of self-preservation, which compels humans to come together at the negotiating table and seek peaceful agreements, finding solutions acceptable to all.

This necessity will eventually be understood even by the most bestial of humans, due to their instinct for life and will to survive, once they recognize that they can no longer wield sole power on Earth through force.

Negative individuals, in particular, generally possess a stronger will to live than those guided by the spirit, and they fear death. Here too, the turning point toward higher understanding can only occur when the global atomic situation imposes an absolute compulsion to finally take genuine steps toward the humanization and refinement of humanity — not as before, based on religious beliefs or unverifiable divine revelations, but through the power of scientific knowledge and firsthand experience.

In this way, humanity sooner or later arrives at *Living Ethics*. This teaching is not built on imagination; it is not constructed. It is a science of pure experience, which, naturally, cannot be acquired in a single lifetime. To accumulate as much life wisdom as is offered, for example, in the original works of *Agni Yoga*, hundreds of incarnations are required.

## Living Ethics – An Experiential Science

The thinking person of today seeks neither faith nor pre-digested revelations and ideas, but evidence derived from life itself. It is precisely here that *Agni Yoga* or *Living Ethics* takes root.

Unlike religious denominations, this modern science of experience does not demand that one accept experiences, insights, or the resulting guidance and teachings without question. Rather, it is left to the student on the spiritual path — and indeed to all seekers — to verify the truth of the *Agni Yoga* teachings through their own experience, in the greatest possible freedom, to test and confirm them personally.

Moreover, every student on the spiritual path, especially the advanced, must immediately engage in the practice of life. They must become a responsible participant in cosmic evolution and may not remain a passive spectator, untouched by world events and the unfolding of life on Earth.

One cannot remain indifferent, for upon entering the spiritual path, one is inevitably drawn into the struggle between Light and Darkness that currently rages on Earth. There is no standing aside — neither in terms of active cooperation nor in terms of character transmutation. Naturally, no one is asked to do more than they can manage. Each receives the task suited to their abilities, or the maximum task they are capable of carrying out.

### 7. Quotes from the Teaching

*“The hand of night preserves the pearl.*

*The clear eye of day discerns the treasure.*

*Darkness is not dark for the eye of the eagle.*

***Each day, bring a new treasure.***

***By day and by night, manifest the predestined.***

***I sense that happiness draws near.”*** (CALL, § 279. 1922)

***“You lay a new foundation for the manifestation of Beauty.***

***With you do We pronounce the beginning of a new Teaching.***

*Flood tide and ebb tide succeed each other, but the ninth wave rises highest.*

*I want to show to you the great battle of this, Our day.”*

(CALL, § 288. 1922)

*“The New Teaching honors the Bearers of past Teachings, but moves forward without the baggage of times gone by; otherwise, the wagonload of the textbooks would take on unwieldy dimensions. The most practical thing would be to destroy all the commentaries written more than three centuries after the departure of a Master. Some time or other we have to clean out the bookshelves. From this cleaning, the Images of the Masters of Light will only gain in greatness.”* (COM, § 40.)

*“Once even a hundred warriors was considered a fighting force. Later a thousand made up an army. In time a hundred thousand men conquered the world. After that millions arose, yet they too were unable to alter the Orbit of the Spirit. **And so I shall gather one billion under the Banner of the Spirit**— This will be a sign of My army. Figure out when this sign will manifest.*

***And when the seven banners will be planted firm!”*** (ILLU, § 1. 1923)

*“The Ruler of Shambhala reveals three Doctrines to humanity: the Teaching manifested by Maitreya summons the human spirit to Our creative world; the Teaching of Maitreya ordains the infinite in Cosmos, in life, and in the attainments of the spirit; the Teaching of Maitreya guards the knowledge of the Cosmic Fire as the unfoldment of the heart that embraces the manifestation of the Universe.*

*The ancient legend that affirms the manifestation of Maitreya as a resurrection of the spirit is correct. We will add that the resurrection of the spirit as the conscious acceptance of the Teaching of Lord Maitreya may be precursor of the Advent. Verily, the resurrection!”*

(HIE, § 7.)

*“...The Teaching can open the door, but seekers have to enter on their own. It is not reward or justice, but rather indisputable law that lifts the incarnate spirit in an ascending spiral once it has realized the need for movement. There is no way for the Teacher to spur on this realization, because any suggestion would infringe on the personal nature of the student’s attainment. It is one thing to discuss the distant worlds in abstract terms, and quite another to realize that you yourself are participating in them. Only a seeker who has not barred his own way to the path of beauty can understand how near he is to the manifestation of the distant worlds. .... The Earth’s condition requires an extraordinary doctor. The planet is ill, and if efforts to advance it do not succeed, it may be better to remove it from the chain temporarily—it could become like the moon. The hotbeds in the lower strata of the Subtle World have become intolerably dangerous...”*

(COM, § 30. 1925)

## 8. Light and Darkness

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In the great struggle between Light and Darkness, humanity would be lost if there were not powerful warriors on the side of light, opposing Samael with all their might. One such mighty warrior is Archangel Michael, known in all religious myths as the Archistrategist of the Hierarchy of Light on Earth. In an esoteric sense, this refers to Maitry, a daughter of the Mother of the World, the Planetary Logos of our neighboring planet, Venus. The planet Venus is ahead of Earth in its spiritual development; therefore, as revealed in secret reports of the Hierarchy of Light, leading spiritual beings—including many angels, archangels, and CHRIST JESUS—have come from there to Earth to guide human spiritual development and evolution.

Unfortunately, Samael has succeeded in drawing most of humanity into his sphere of influence by deceiving them with illusions and through the promise of apparent material advantages. Consequently, the number of conscious warriors for the Light is very small, and many individuals of the Light fail to withstand the pressure of Darkness out of cowardice, denying their Lord in a critical hour just as Peter once did. There are only a few spiritual disciples who are truly dedicated servants of the Light. Leading them at the head of the first cosmic ray of Will and Power is Archangel Michael, identical to Master MORYA, the supreme Lord of the Hierarchy of Light of Planet Earth, who acts directly upon the physical plane.



MAITRY – Archangel MICHAEL

It is self-evident that a commander appears at the front only when the need of his soldiers is greatest and his presence becomes absolutely necessary. For this reason, the appearance of Master MORYA, the prophesied Avatar of Synthesis, was planned by the leadership of the Hierarchy of Light only for the Age of Aquarius, when the Battle of Harmagedon reaches its climax and comes to an end. However, MORYA will not come in a physically incarnated state, for a physical rebirth is currently not intended for Him or for CHRIST JESUS.

The battle between Light and Darkness is so intense today that almost every human being can sense it. The forces of Darkness advance with extreme subtlety in various ways. In the Subtle Realms they cannot penetrate the spheres of Light, for they are immediately recognized there. In the earthly realm, by contrast, they have the ability to act even under the guise of Light and are thus unfortunately able, through cunning machinations, to deceive those spiritual students who have not yet developed the necessary Psychic Energy. The enemies to fear are not those who openly wield the

sword, but those who advance inconspicuously, under the guise of Light.

Moreover, there are countless unconscious instruments of Darkness. The unconscious ones act in such a way that they appear to live in harmony with true progress, with the noble and the good. In this manner, they can subtly infect every pure beginning with their malicious intent. The conscious bearers of evil, on the other hand, will penetrate even into the temple of Light with their feigned mask of goodness and woe to those who fail to recognize them, for they will become entangled in the dark nets. It is also unworthy to spy upon the Holy of Holies.

The dark ones can even assist in the building of the spiritual temple on the earthly plane, yet the spiritual realm will nevertheless remain closed to them. Before the great transformation of the world, the most cunning manifestations of all dark forces appear in order to blind the good. The struggle between Light and Darkness is therefore extraordinarily severe, and the present events on Earth represent only one aspect of this spiritual battle. Without wise and strong spiritual leaders, the host of warriors of Light could not win this battle. For this reason, the highest forces of Light stand guard day and night, without pause, lest the planet be unable to survive its most critical hour.

A mighty fiery era is dawning, and this epoch of Fire demands leadership upon which humanity can truly rely. The purification of Earth and the subtle realms is already in full progress, and those who do not join the ranks of Light will fall into the chaos of dissolution. These are truly no empty words, even if they are perceived as such by the deluded. One must understand the signs of the times. The beacons of spiritual upheaval on Earth have been visible for decades, and their scope will yet grow greater.

In all the world's religions, the appearance of a new world savior is awaited for this final age, as well as the rebirth of one's own spiritual guide. These figures will, of course, participate in the ultimate battle of Harmagedon in the spiritual realms and will not leave Michael and his warriors to fight alone.

Thus, the Buddhists await the appearance of Lord Maitreya in our time, the Hindus expect the Kalki Avatar, the Muslims their Muntasar, and the Christians the Second Coming of Christ. Yet none of these will appear personally, just as Michael-MORYA will not incarnate physically on the earthly plane, for this would be inexpedient in the present age. The main Forces of the Spirit have been concentrated in the Subtle Realms, where Samael has also gathered his principal power. On Earth itself, only a few younger Masters, close associates, and disciples of the Hierarchy of Light operate in embodied form.

The work of the great renewal of humanity proceeds primarily through the dissemination of the New Teaching of *Living Ethics* or *Agni Yoga*, that is, the Religion of Light or the Religion of the Cosmic Fire. *Agni* (Sanskrit) or *Ignis* (Latin) means Fire — Spirit or Reason. The cosmic Fire is generally the giver of light and life; the spiritual Fire is the giver of spiritual Light. Therefore, the Age of the Spirit can only begin when humanity absorbs the Spiritual Light, the Fire of the Spirit, in accordance with the principles of *Agni Yoga*. For this reason, Master MORYA — proclaimed by Gautama Buddha 2,500 years ago as the coming MAITREYA, and thus also called MAITREYA MORYA — has transmitted to his students and disciples, for the Age of Aquarius, the spiritual weapon of the *Agni Yoga* teaching in the form of higher knowledge, which is indispensable for the victory of the Spirit. Without this higher knowledge, and without the evolution of the Spirit, there can be no triumph of the Spirit, nor a new Age of the Spirit. Hence, the proclamation of the *Agni Yoga Teaching* is the essential prerequisite for the Age of the Spirit.

Under this banner of Light, ever more bearers of Light will gather — those human beings who consciously serve the Light of the Spirit, fearlessly, courageously, and with visor raised. For with blow-kisses, hymns of praise, or genuflections before Samael and his followers, the spiritual battle can never be won. Samael, along with his followers, understands only the hard language of the spiritual sword, the same language that CHRIST JESUS employed.

It is impossible to infiltrate Samael's ranks, for one is immediately recognized. A person of Light cannot fight under the mask of Darkness, whereas Darkness primarily advances under the mask of Light, slipping in like thieves in the night to sow confusion among humanity. If it appears by day, it wears a mask like that of a bank robber. Therefore, utmost caution is required, and those who are not firmly grounded in the New Teaching of Light will fail to recognize even the obvious deceivers, let alone the subtlest ones, who today appear even under the mask of Masters of Wisdom or as Prophets of God, mingle among unknowing people and make them believe that they are Masters of Wisdom and Prophets, so that ever new confusion arises among ignorant beginners on the spiritual path, which is indeed intended.

Therefore it must be said once more: Masters of Wisdom never speak through mediums, and above all, no God speaks through a medium, even if it claims to be a chosen prophet. Higher spiritual guides work only through so-called mediators, whose centers of higher consciousness have already been properly developed.

In the last two centuries, only two truly reliable mediators of this kind—genuine and completely beyond reproach—have become known, namely H. P. Blavatsky and H. I. Roerich. The entirety of Theosophy — recorded in the works *Isis Unveiled*, *The Key to Theosophy*, and the three volumes of *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky — originates with Master MORYA and his brother, Master KOOT HOOMI. Theosophy is an important precursor to *Agni Yoga*, the New World Religion of the Age of Aquarius, also called *Living Ethics*, intended to guide and select those students and disciples who are essential for preparing the new age.

Since a single mediator would not have been able to convey this necessary continuation of Theosophy in practical life — namely *Agni Yoga* — a second mediator was chosen, following H. P. Blavatsky, H. I. Roerich. What various mediums have since offered in imitation

of these two women falls far short of the profound knowledge they transmitted. One may verify this for oneself.

Both women were native Russians, which carries significance, for it is beyond doubt that Russia, astrologically in the sign of Aquarius, will play a dominant role in the coming world culture of this new Uranian age. The Russian people have endured the greatest path of suffering of any nation in history, namely experiencing the socialist experiment firsthand, which, under Samael's influence, largely turned into its opposite, becoming communism. As a result, all peoples subjected to communist rule were initially freed from their old yoke, only to be dragged into an even greater one. Yet, from an evolutionary perspective, this process has particular significance. Humanity, for lack of higher reason, first witnessed how things could be done incorrectly, and only from this knowledge can the golden middle path be found — the path that will lead humanity in the Age of Aquarius toward an earthly and spiritual paradise.

There are so-called esotericists who repeatedly insist that spiritual guidance by gurus or Masters of Wisdom should be rejected. Even if such people do not openly serve the forces of spiritual Darkness, they are usually renegade former students or disciples, who impart mistaken beliefs to their pupils, thereby preventing their spiritual ascent from being achieved without spiritual guides and without the hierarchical chain of superior spiritual energy fields.

The power of Light on Earth is continually weakened by betrayal and defection. Not only did Samael fall, but his adepts and archates fell with him and joined the ranks of Darkness. From there, they strive to corrupt humanity.

Therefore, when such a fallen adept claims that spiritual ascent is possible without a guru or authority, he contradicts himself, for he too seeks to be recognized as a guide by his own students. The hierarchical principle exists not only in authoritarian states and in the cosmic order, but even in democracy — in the rule of the people — for leadership structures prevail within political parties as well. Those who reject the guru or spiritual guide are not only liars, but also traitors, for no one can rise from spiritual Darkness without guidance. Even a blind person must know the path they intend to walk. Humanity, despite daylight and the presence of enlightened teachers, remains trapped in old denominational dogmas, and therefore even in the New Age, remains in spiritual darkness. As long as humanity does not embrace the New Teaching, and instead seeks partial truths through mediums — who, incidentally, were historically barred from all ancient sanctuaries — rather than studying the full truth revealed by the Masters, it must inevitably miss the Light of Truth. Indeed, humanity will even fall prey to those spiritual deceivers who present themselves as Sons of Light and write counterfeit books claiming to convey the Light of Truth.

It is sheer folly to imagine that the Masters of Wisdom — such as CHRIST JESUS, BUDDHA, MORYA, KOOT HOOMI, MOHAMMED, HILARION, SAINT GERMAIN, and others — somehow wait in the antechamber of mediums in spiritualist circles, ready to enter a medium when summoned.

Those who deny the Hierarchy of Light, or the necessity and reality of hierarchical order, and who teach that humans can ascend to become Masters of Wisdom without spiritual guides or gurus, perhaps relying solely on the application of magical practices, even if their intentions appear noble, do harm both to themselves and to their students. Such individuals are inevitably cast out of the spiritual spiral, sliding down from the rung they have already attained on Jacob's Ladder, and can never reach it again, but only a lower link further down in the hierarchical chain, for the law of hierarchical order cannot be circumvented.

## 9. The Feast of Light on March 24th

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For centuries, all true esoteric schools have recognized MORYA as their head—such as the Rosicrucians, even if many of their successors no longer do so today. Likewise, true Theosophists recognize MORYA as their teacher alongside CHRIST and KOOT HOOMI, unlike the Anthroposophists, who reject the Hierarchy of Light.

Just as CHRIST JESUS was assigned a cosmic feast day by the Hierarchy of Light for His veneration and remembrance — namely, December 24th, which is not the earthly birth date of Jesus in Palestine, but a cosmic feast day — so too was Master MORYA assigned a feast day by the Hierarchy of Light, to be celebrated as both His birthday and name day: March 24th.

While December 24th marks the turning point between Light and Darkness even on the earthly plane, March 24th already signifies the approaching, ultimate victory of Light over Darkness on Earth. It is for good reason that the proclamation of the Teaching began on March 24th—namely, in the year 1920.

The Friends of Living Ethics will observe the Feast of Light on March 24th each year with dignity and solemnity — and hopefully, for all time to come, free from any *commercial bustle* that has unfortunately become attached to Christmas and can no longer be eradicated. Therefore, on the occasion of this feast, earthly gifts of a personal nature must under all circumstances be avoided for all time to come, so as not to desecrate this Feast of Light. It must remain a pure celebration of sacred, religious character, where amidst sublime music the most beautiful aphorisms from the Teaching are read aloud and meditated upon.

May all friends of Living Ethics, including those in the German-speaking world, observe the feast day of the Great Master Morya as solemnly as their circumstances allow, and at the very least, hold a joint **Meditation on Light** at home in the evening, or, where possible, within existing study groups.

## *Meditation on Light*

*At the beginning stands the Light, for Light is God, and God is Light. From Light and Fire, all has been created; through Light and Fire, all is transformed.*

*Light, Thou fiery ladder of ascent, mankind cannot live without Thee. In both the earthly and the subtle realms, Thou art the supreme bridge.*

*Light, none can avoid Thee; all have need of Thee, for Thou art warmth, love, knowledge, wisdom, and power.*

*Light, Thou guide to the ascent of the soul, whoever bears Thee in the heart shall cross even the darkest abysses.*

*Light, purifying flame of goodness, be Thou extinguished when Thou art misused for evil, flare up when the torch of goodness, the torch of sacrifice and of heroic deed calls upon Thee for help.*

*Creative Light, or Agni, Thou grantest the strength of self-mastery and the courage to overcome all passions. Thou bestowest upon us the freedom to escape from this illusory world of matter. In Thy holy temple all hatred and envy are extinguished.*

*Creative Light, or Agni, Thou art the power of all life, the primal force of all becoming, the primal force of pure love, the primal force of resurrection, the spark for the heroic deed of the Spirit, the key to being for all eternity.*

*Fire, warming and purifying element of life and of ascent, Fire, scorching and destructive element of eternal transformation, Fire, element of trial, Thou hardenest what is fit and destroyest what is unfit and destined for downfall.*

*Fire, symbol of sacrifice, let us offer the blazing flame of our hearts upon the altar of spiritual renewal; as bearers of Light, let us build the bridges between this world and the Fiery World.*

*Fire, symbol of the vigil in the night, let the weight of our time be blessed; in such times, we learn to distinguish the trivial from the significant.*

*From the beginning, all humans are fiery beings; therefore, O World of Invisible Fire, Thou art the goal of striving, mankind's eternal home.*

*Fire, Thou art visible and invisible at once, for there is no thought without Fire, no higher world without Fire, no Spirit without Fire.*

*Fiery World, Thou eternal source of the primal Light, eternal sphere of Spirit, Thou drawest near for the blessing of mankind; send Thy rays into the dark night of the Earth, may Light and knowledge prevail!*

*Invisible Fire, Light in the eternal darkness, Thou shinest in beauty even by night, Thou art the hope of those who see and seek, Thou leadest towards inspiration, exaltation, and creative deed; Thou bringest us true art, and through Thy art, the Light of Divinity enlightens us.*

*Invisible Fire, Thou art creative love, Thou art the wing unto perfection, the call to joy, the arrow into infinity.*

*Invisible Fire, each beareth Thee in the heart; Thou art the path to the Hierarchy of Light, with Thy rays Thou pervadest the world and, like a magnet, unitest the construction of the universe.*

*Invisible Fire, Thou leadest to compassion and to love; Thou makest us little stars, and lettest us become flaming giants.*

*Hail to Thee, Thou realm of Light, my heart is Thine forever;  
to Thee I pledge pure love and eternal fealty.*

*Hail to Thee, Thou source of Light, Thou art mercy and  
goodness; Thine is humility and humanity.*

*Hail to Thee, Thou realm of the Spirit, Thou callest us  
all; Thou art the source of beauty, the wellspring of truth, the luminous  
garment of purity; Thou art the goal of the seekers, the eternal home of  
joy.*

*In every human's heart, may the striving for the Light be firmly  
anchored, for this striving is the highest and the most beautiful.*

*All that is, liveth by the heavenly Light; all that breatheth is  
pulsed through with the power of its rays. Eternal Light, to Thee be  
praise and gratitude in eternity.*



Source:Works of the blessed Mahatma Maitreya Morya:

Blossoms of Morya`s Garden:

Abbreviations:

**Leaves of Morya's Garden I,** LMG I §§ 387

**Leaves of Morya's Garden II,** LMG II §§ 358

New era:

**COMMUNITY** COM §§ 275

Doctrine of Living Ethics in seven themes:

**AGNI YOGA** AY §§ 670

**INFINITY I** INF I §§ 400

**INFINITY II** INF II §§ 518

**HIERARCHY** HIE §§ 460

**HEART** HEA §§ 600

**FIERY WORLD I** FW I §§ 666

**FIERY WORLD II** FW II §§ 470

**FIERY WORLD III** FW III §§ 618

**AUM** AUM §§ 600

**BROTHERHOOD** BH §§ 610

**SUPERMUNDANE** SMU §§ 955

**Letters of Helena Ivanova Roerich**

2 Books: HIR I, HIR II



**MORYA** – Indian Rajput prince, whose spirit had been raptured to the great spirit of MAITREYA and was enlightened or overshadowed by him. This portrait drawing commissioned by the artist Hermann Schmiechen in 1884 was often repainted. However, the copies only achieved a resemblance to the "face of the teacher", which is why repainted copies can lead to failure in meditations!



**LEOBRAND** – Leopold Brandstätter (\* 20th February 1915 Wallern, † 26th February 1968 Linz), was an Austrian nature philosopher and humanist. His writings are concerned with ethics, humanities, psychology, philosophy, politics, ideology of the world and architecture. In the 1950s he translated the Agni yoga doctrine from Russian together with a Baltic-German team, thus paving the way for this philosophy in German-speaking countries. Leobrand founded a (non-public) school for Living Ethics. Decades before the introduction of teaching ethics in public schools he had already written 36 lessons of Living Ethics, as the first interdenominational teaching aid for ethical training. He gave countless lectures and conducted seminars. Recordings of Leobrand's lectures are available. These historical audio documents offer the possibility to understand/think along the philosophical analysis of the great thinker Leobrand and open up new horizons for life's spiritual dimension. Philosophical accuracy and clarity of expression are Leobrand's trademarks. The new concept of God is particularly noteworthy. For this new and completely independent concept of God, a new term was created: "**UNIVERSALO**". Leobrand's concept is explained on a hierarchical basis, it detaches itself

from the abstract and merges with the whole existence. It includes many philosophical and historical concepts as well as advanced knowledge of relatively immortal spiritual fields of force. Leobrand therewith expressed the first and only humanistic definition of God within a new worldview and pulls the rug from under atheism. The new concept of God is as dynamic as nature itself and thus indicative of the forthcoming independent humanities. Other highlights are his work for a united Europe and for a forthcoming pannational world union. Many of those great-sounding ideas of Leobrand are already self-evident reality.

#### Works:

- 1955 - 1961: 36 lessons, **Briefe über Lebendige Ethik** (*letters on Living Ethics* - in translation)  
 1957: **Psychische Energie** (*Psychic energy* - humanities and psychology)  
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 1966: **Freude** (*Joy* - philosophy)  
 1967: **Der Ausweg** (*The way out* - politics)  
 1968: **Neues Europa und Welt ABC** (*New europe and world ABC* - politics)  
 1968: **Das neue universelle Weltbild** (*The new universal world view* - world view)  
 1968: **Spiralik** (*Spiralik* - architecture of the future)  
 1953 - 1968: reprint, articles in magazines (partly unpublished manuscripts)  
 1976: **Der auferstandene Gott** (*The resurrected god* - humanities, compilation of articles)  
 1962 - 1967: **Lectures** and seminars on all his works (recordings MC in German language)

#### Activities:

- 1949: Establishment of a **peace league**  
 1953: Establishment of the (not public) „**School for Living Ethics**“ and magazine  
 1960: Publication of the magazine „**Spirale und grüne Wacht**“ (nature protection and biotechnology)  
 1961: Publication of the magazine „**Weltreichspirale**“  
 1962: Establishment of the association „**Welt-Spirale**“ - ethical society of progress and renewal of the world, and magazine.

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35. Infinity
36. The path to become a master

The proclaimer of the New Teaching is the Great Teacher **MORYA**, the **MAITREYA** foretold by BUDDHA, or the **CHRIST** of the Age of Aquarius. He gave His teaching the epithet 'Agni,' for Agni signifies Light and Spiritual Fire—nothing other than a refined cosmic fire or psychic energy, which is essential for a victorious battle against the dark forces.

Community is the only gateway to progress and to the joy of work. True Yoga focuses exclusively on the development and perfection of spiritual faculties and the mastery of psychic energy, rather than the body! Above all, **Agni Yoga** brings humanity closer to the Subtle and Fiery Worlds.

The development and refinement of the heart is one of the most important tasks for the future. The highest fire is the Fire of Love; it resides in the heart, which is also the seat of enthusiasm. Mastery of the cosmic fire presupposes the understanding and activation of psychic energy.

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