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Gleanings from the Agni Yoga Teaching, H. P. Blavatsky, and *The Mahatma Letters*

FOREWORD

This mysterious place is known under many names and aspects—the Main Stronghold, the Sacred Island, the Blessed Valley, Katapa, Kalapa, Belovodye, Shambhala of the North (Chang Shambhala), to mention but a few. Its many designations are due to geological changes, legendary lore, and geographical facts. Hence it is variously known as a village, island, oasis, country, etc. This is obvious from a study of its names in relation to their individual historicity and cultural origin. The name Shambhala itself (the Happy Island) is spelled in various ways, but current usage seems to favor the foregoing. It is also apparent that many of the references to Our Tower(s), Laboratories, Ashrams, etc., in the Agni Yoga Teaching are also associated with Shambhala in one form or another.



“Departing from Our mountains, you will inevitably experience a feeling of anguish. This sensation, with a psychic basis, is unavoidably augmented by the impossibility of relating what has taken place. Apart from exceptional, indicated cases, no one who has been with Us will tell anything.

“I advise him who wishes to reach Our Community to add to his knowledge. After the general school education, the people of the West usually forsake knowledge, or else they draw out from knowledge a tenuous thread of specialization instead of weaving the whole network of the catch.

“When We say, ‘Know,’ We are insisting upon a



Abode of King Gesar by Nicholas Roerich, 1947

many-sided survey and mastery of possibilities.

“The dream to return to the mountain valley, where it is possible to increase knowledge, will constantly lead to the attainment. It is necessary to remember that the influx of knowledge should be incessant. Chiefly, preserve the striving which propels all the systems of cognition.

“Striving is the key to the lock.”

(*Community*, verse 243)



“Let us pronounce the prayer to Shambhala:

*Thou Who called me to the path of labor,
accept my ableness and my desire,*

*Accept my labor, O Lord, because by day
and by night Thou beholdest me.*

*Manifest Thy hand, O Lord, because great
is the darkness. I follow Thee!*

(*Agni Yoga*, verse 104)

“Not education, not experience, not talent, but just the fire of straight-knowledge opens the direct path to Shambhala.” (*Agni Yoga*, verse 282)

“A time of happiness—thus We call that step in the development of consciousness when, without turning away from life, Our co-workers are given the opportunity to join Us in Our Abode. But why has not one of these chosen ones made immediate use of this op-

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Dearest Friends,

The Ageless Wisdom teaches that planets, suns, and galaxies are the bodies of living entities, each having its own keynote, color, laws, and principles. Our Sun transmits the energies of the zodiac to Earth, providing an opportunity for harmonious development for all kingdoms of nature.

At the time of each full moon, a bridge of contact and communication is established between humanity and higher centers. It is told that this communication line even extends from planetary centers to the Solar Lord, thus building a unique channel between humanity and the Source of life.

At the time of each full moon, the moon is blocked by the light of the Sun in such a way that the transmission of the Sun is direct and not disturbed by the moon. Each month our Sun enters into the electromagnetic field of one of the signs of the zodiac and transmits its energy to Earth via the ruling planets of that sign or directly.

This is why the full moon days are called "days of opportunity," especially at the exact moment of the full moon, when the alignment of all the planetary and solar centers are in their highest state of sensitivity and contact.

This opportunity for contact is a moment of regeneration, a moment in which one can again contact his lost vision or contact a new and greater vision, charge all of his being, and set his steps correctly on the path of evolution and service.

The full moon period is the right time to make a spiritual breakthrough for greater cooperation with the Hierarchy of the planet and with the light of the Inner Guide. At the time of the full moon, there is a greater opportunity to annihilate many obstacles and hindrances in

one's nature. The contact, carried on all over the world with great spiritual centers, releases a tremendous energy all over the planet. This energy makes the etheric body of the planet more sensitive to the Plan and to the divine Will, and inspires all aspirants everywhere to reach a greater vision.

We have three upcoming major full moon periods (Aries, Taurus, and Gemini). At the time of these three full moons, our Sun is in the zodiacal sign of Aries, Taurus, or Gemini; in other words, in the energy field of that constellation. This year's exact time full moons will be: Aries: April 14th, 12:43 AM Mountain Standard Time; Taurus: May 14th, 12:17 PM Mountain Standard Time; and Gemini: June 12th, 9:13 PM Mountain Standard Time.

There are major full moons because the Lords of these zodiacal signs are more advanced cosmic Beings than the others. They stand for First Ray, Second Ray, and Fourth Ray energies.

The Tibetan D.K. says:

"Aries is the zodiacal sign through which the first Ray of Will or Power reaches our planetary life."¹ Fourth Ray energy pours into our planet via Taurus, and the second Ray energy reaches our planet through Gemini.

It is interesting to note that Aries represents the Cardinal Cross and the next solar system. Taurus represents the Fixed Cross and this solar system. Gemini represents the Mutable Cross and the past solar system. We are told that Aries opens the door into Shambhala, Taurus opens the door into the Hierarchy, and "Gemini forms a point of entrance for



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portunity? Because, although the degree of development of their consciousness has unlocked the gates to Us, their same consciousness tells them not to abandon Our work when it is needed. Self-sacrifice grows from the developed consciousness, and the defense of Our Abode is a radiant task, a stone of salvation. The development of consciousness deepens one's understanding of the correlation of the laws of life and permits help to the consciousness of one's co-workers. But We do care that Our chosen ones, even physically, should not too distantly separate themselves from Our mountains.

"One should understand that it is not lack of devotion that temporarily holds back Our co-workers from Our Abode. On the contrary, it is devotion that causes them to postpone their comfort and their joy.

"It should be remembered that there are very few developed consciousnesses. Therefore, cherish each such consciousness, even with its faults. The ability to correctly evaluate both faults and virtues is a sign of an ascended consciousness.

"Remember, Our works are not always the most urgent. A sower must first finish scattering his handful of seed and only then will he answer to the call of the Master, 'I come, Lord! Kalagiya!'" (*Agni Yoga*, verse 338)

"These spirit transmissions are verily most powerful; therefore, the creativeness of the rays is highly valued in Our Tower." (*Infinity I*, verse 324)

"But all of Us in the Tower feel each

tremor of the fiery heart and each drop of sweat." (*Infinity I*, verse 364)

"Verily, without these subtle energies Our Towers are inaccessible!" (*Infinity I*, verse 371)

"From Our Towers threads are spread; from Our Towers hands are outstretched and rays are flowing. But people prefer to tread the path of life in loneliness. Like naked branches in the wind, they sway aimlessly, preferring the darkness of self-punishment to the dawn of the Infinite." (*Infinity I*, verse 390)



"As We in the Tower follow the gathering of new threads, you also must perceive all movements of the element of Fire." (*Infinity II*, verse 2)

"Our Stronghold contains the essence of the shifting of the consciousness and the directing of it toward the center of evolution. Therefore, the shifting of thought is the paramount healer of mankind." (*Infinity II*, verse 118)

"When the spirit surrounds its own power in the seed by an accumulation of encumbrances, it renounces its striving. So burdensome are the encumbrances that the spirit loses access to the Tower." (*Infinity II*, verse 125)

"Only the attraction of Our Towers affirms victory." (*Infinity II*, verse 262)

"Each arrow which comes from Our



Northern Midnight by Nicholas Roerich, 1940

Towers alerts the centers." (*Infinity II*, verse 324)

"Only the Fire of Our Towers can conquer." (*Infinity II*, verse 353)

"Thus, on the way to the Towers, one must remember the subtleness of psychic thought." (*Infinity II*, verse 359)



"The universal Eye of Shambhala brings Bliss to mankind. The universal Eye of Shambhala is a Light on the path of mankind. The universal Eye of Shambhala is that star which has guided all seekers.

"For some, Shambhala is the Truth. For others, Shambhala is a utopia. For some the Ruler of Shambhala is a venerable sage. For others, the Ruler of Shambhala is the manifestation of riches. For some, the Ruler of Shambhala is a bedecked idol. For others, the Ruler of Shambhala is the Ruler of all Planetary Spirits. But We shall say, The Ruler of Shambhala is the fiery Impeller of Life and of the Fire of the Mother of the World. His Breath is ablaze with flame and His Heart is aglow with the fire of the Silvery Lotus.

“The Ruler of Shambhala lives and breathes in the Heart of the Sun. The Ruler of Shambhala is the Invoker and the Invoked. The Ruler of Shambhala is the Sender of the Arrow and the Receiver of all arrows. The Ruler of Shambhala breathes the Truth and affirms the Truth. The Ruler of Shambhala is invincible, turning destruction into construction. The Ruler of Shambhala is the Crest of the Banner and the Summit of Life. Accept the Ruler of Shambhala as the manifestation of life; thrice I say—of life! For Shambhala is the guaranty of human aspirations. Our manifestation is guaranty of the perfecting of humanity. Our manifestation is the affirmed path to the Infinite.” (*Hierarchy*, verse 5)

“I, Ruler of Shambhala, say, ‘The principle of life is the affirmation of the expanse of cosmic energy and the way of creative Fire!’” (*Hierarchy*, verse 6)

“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!” (*Hierarchy*, verse 7)

“How little does humanity ponder over the idea of responsibility, when the concept of Shambhala is regarded by people as a land ordained for rest. If people would only realize that the Brothers of Humanity bear all the burden of man’s consciousness! If people would realize that We carry the responsibility for their schemes! If people would realize that, in essence, Shambhala is the Source which creates a new and better step for humanity!” (*Hierarchy*, verse 17)

“The densifying of the subtle body can give that of which the Teaching of



Book of Life by Nicholas Roerich, 1939

Shambhala so sacredly speaks.” (*Hierarchy*, verse 106)

“Thus, Our Towers should be built—verily, in beauty!” (*Hierarchy*, verse 201)



“I command great caution, great care, because the time is great; likewise, We also gather in the Tower in order to oppose all evil.” (*Heart*, verse 197)



“The concept of Shambhala is actually linked inseparably with fiery

manifestations. Without the application of purified Fire it is impossible to approach the higher concepts. Throughout the entire world people are divided into those who are conscious of Shambhala as the Highest Measure and those who deny the future. Let the word Shambhala be known to but a few; each has a different tongue, but the heart is one. One must manifest solicitous attention to each one who is ready to proceed toward Light. The heart must embrace each manifestation that reverberates to the Good. But only under the Flaming Dome are all equal.” (*Fiery World I*, verse 41)

“Shambhala is manifested under the most varying Aspects, in relation to the concepts of a century. It is correct to study all the cycles of the legends of Asia. Thus one can go back as far as the most ancient Teachings connected with Siberia, as the least known and most archaic part of the continent.” (*Fiery World*

I, verse 97)



“Verily, Ashrams have a great importance for the earthly and for the Subtle World. Ashrams may be defined as magnets and ozonators. Being filled with heart energy provides a conduit for many things.” (*Fiery World II*, verse 203)



“Indeed, a noted physician treats cases not with medicines alone but by psychic energy. Such manifested energy needs supplementing; this reinforcement proceeds out of the Ashram. Thus you see cooperation at long distances. Those

who transmit the energy can only sense its outflow, but in their turn they receive a useful ray.” (*Aum*, verse 181)



“Let us recall certain dreams and visions, so clearly engraved upon the memory, visions of walls and towers of the Brotherhood. The imagination is but a memory of that which exists.

“Perhaps someone will remember also in reality the Tower of Chun?” (*Brotherhood*, verse 7)



“I affirm that the Teaching issued from Boddhigaya and shall return there.

“When the procession carrying the Image of Shambhala shall pass through the lands of Buddha and return to the first source, then shall arrive the time of the pronouncement of the sacred word of Shambhala. Then shall one receive merit from the pronouncement of this Name. Then shall the affirmation of Shambhala become the source of all works, and gratitude to Shambhala their end. And great and small shall be filled with understanding of the Teaching.

“Sacred Shambhala is pictured in impenetrable armor, amidst swords and spears.

“Solemnly I affirm: Shambhala is invincible!

“Fulfilled is the circle of the bearing of the Image! In the sites of Buddha, in the sites of Maitreya is brought the Image. Pronounced is ‘Kalagiya,’ as the banner of the Image unfurls.

“What has been said is as true as that under the Stone of Ghum lies the Prophecy of Sacred Shambhala.

“The Banner of Shambhala shall encircle the central lands of the Blessed One. Those who accept Him shall rejoice. And those who deny him shall tremble.

“The Tashi Lama shall ask the Great Dalai Lama: ‘What is predestined for the last Dalai Lama?’

“The denier shall be given over to justice and shall be forgotten. And the warriors shall march under the banner of Maitreya. And the city of Ihassa shall be obscured and deserted.

“Those rising against Shambhala shall be cast down. To the obscured ones the



Banner of the Future by Nicholas Roerich, 1935

Banner of Maitreya shall flow as blood over the lands of the new world. To those who have understood, as a red sun.”

“The Tashi Lama shall find the Great Dalai Lama and the Great Dalai Lama shall thus address him: ‘I will send thee the worthiest sign of my lightning. Go, overtake Tibet! The ring shall guard thee.’” (*On Eastern Crossroads*, Josephine St. Hilaire, 150–52)



“Bear in mind that the exact geographical location of the main Stronghold can never be given, not even those of the individual Ashrams.” (*Letters of Helena Roerich*, Vol. I, 255)

“Everything that is directed toward

purity and goodness should be encouraged and protected. But it must be understood that not a single teacher of the Brotherhood, after spending very many years in the main Stronghold, is able to live among people during the time of Armageddon. If even advanced disciples are unable to stay for long in the valleys and cannot endure certain auras, how much more difficult is it for the Teachers of the White Brotherhood! In The Mahatma Letters, it is mentioned how very ill the Great Teacher K.H. became after contact with the valleys and the people. The Great Teacher K.H. was, by command of the then Ruler of Shambhala, recalled to Tibet for a long time in order to restore his protective net. Certainly, the Mahatmas are able to protect Themselves completely from the influence of crowds, but then many, because of such defense, would suddenly find themselves in the Subtle World; that is why the Mahatmas do not use their power.” (*Letters of Helena Roerich*, Vol. I, 259–60)

“The Mahatma K.H. made a great effort in establishing the Theosophical Movement, and even became ill from contacting the lower earthly strata and human auras. For a while the Mahatma had to withdraw and reside in one of the completely isolated and inaccessible (for ordinary mortals) ‘Towers’ of the Tibetan Stronghold.” (*Letters of Helena Roerich*, Vol. I, 337)

“[T]hrough the whole of history is seen the Helping Hand of the Great Community of Light. In the twelfth and thirteenth centuries the Western Christian Church was aware of the existence of a mysterious Spiritual Abode in the heart of Asia headed by Prester John, as this great Spirit called himself. This Prester John from time to time sent to the Popes and other heads of the Western Church admonishing and warning notes. We know as a historical fact that one of the Popes sent an embassy to Prester John in Central Asia. One can well imagine the purpose of such an embassy! And, of

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cosmic energy from Sirius.”²

“In this world cycle Gemini, Taurus, and Aries are three subjective energies, or the three conditioning signs, which lie behind manifestation.”³

In the future, advanced disciples will officiate at these three full moons to transmit energy to the multitudes. It is told that a First Ray disciple will officiate at the time of the Taurus Full Moon. A Second Ray disciple will officiate at the Gemini Full Moon and a Fourth Ray disciple will officiate at the Aries Full Moon.

Let us take each full moon and strike the keynotes. Each full moon has its own keynote or keywords: The keynote for average people is a warning; the keynote for disciples is a challenge and an encouragement.

Keynote for Aries: For the average person, the keynote is: “And the Word said: Let form again be sought.” For the disciple, it is: “I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule.” The mental plane referred to is the higher mind, wherein is found reason, logic, and clear think-

ing. Most of the time we are involved in slavery and limitations because of a lack of clear thinking. It is on the higher mental planes that the will energy is contacted and used properly for the process of evolution.

The next major sign is Taurus. The keynote for the average person is: “And the Word said: Let struggle be undismayed.” The keynote for the disciple is: “I see, and when the Eye is opened, all is illumined.” A disciple is spiritually unfolded, a person who lives a life of virtue and sacrificial service. So, at this full moon, those who are in power in any field will feel a direct use or misuse of their strength and power to satisfy their personal goals or plans. It will be the work of disciples to provide ways and means for average people to resign the strength of their personality and enter into the enlightened power of the will of the Inner Guide.

The next major sign is Gemini. For the average person, the keynote is: “And the Word said: Let instability do its work.” The keynote for the disciple is: “I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow.” The energy of Gemini gives an opportunity for

disciples to see their other self. The self that they were identified with, the physical body, emotional body, mental body, and thousands of demands are now seen as a separate self; the real Self, the real I, grows and glows because of that detachment and realization. This is implicit in the symbol of Gemini: one column is decreasing in light; the other column is increasing in light. This is the full moon in which victory over matter is achieved by the Spirit.

Gemini has the light of the heart, and with that light, the disciple will be able to discriminate between the real and the unreal.⁴

With much love.



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¹Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 91. © 1951, 1979 Lucis Trust

²Ibid., 349.

³Ibid., 344.

⁴This article was excerpted in part from *The Blue Aquarius*, Vol. V, No. 57, February 1980, with the permission of the Saraydarian Institute.

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course, after diverse misfortunes and vicissitudes, this embassy returned, unable to find the Great Abode.

“Yes, history knows a number of outstanding persons whose destiny it was to play an important role in the advancement of human evolution, who had previously visited this Stronghold of Great Knowledge.” (*Letters of Helena Roerich, Vol. I, 423*)

“As for the Stronghold of the White Brotherhood, the number of disciples who live there in their physical bodies is extremely small; moreover, all of them are already Adepts. No more than

one or two in a century join the White Brotherhood while still in their physical bodies. Thus, in 1924, our compatriot, H.P. Blavatsky, joined Them (in a male body of Hungarian nationality). Ridiculed, slandered, persecuted, she has taken her place among the Saviors of Humanity. So history repeats itself, and thus acts cosmic justice.” (*Letters of Helena Roerich, Vol. I, 436*)



“One more image of Shambhala, the Mandala of Shambhala, will reveal to those who know, some hints of reality.

On the top is Yi-dam as the sign of elemental power, and a figure of that Tashi Lama who wrote the very secret book *The Path of Shambhala*. In the center of the image the snow mountains form a circle. You can recognize three white borders. In the center is a seeming valley with many edifices. One can distinguish two plans, as though they were the plans of towers. On the tower is He Himself, Whose light glows in the predestined time. Below is the powerful legion leading victorious battle. The victory of the spirit on the great field of life.” (*Altai-Himalaya, Nicholas Roerich, 392*)

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- Tues. 8** Class: *Group Consciousness* 6:30-8:00 p.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 9** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center
- Sun. 13** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture **Sun Festival of Aries**, with Rev. Joleen DuBois, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
- Tues. 15** Class: *Group Consciousness* 6:30-8:15 p.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 16** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center
- Sun. 20** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture **Easter Service – Holy Communion & Talk: "Resurrection,"** with Rev. Joleen DuBois, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 23** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center
- Sun 27** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture "***Psychic Attacks on the Spiritual Path***" with Rev. Joleen DuBois, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 30** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center

May

- Sun. 4** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture "***Psychic Attacks on the Spiritual Path, Part II***" with Rev. Joleen DuBois, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 7** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center
- Sun. 11** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture "***What is the Subconscious Mind?***" with Rev. Joleen DuBois, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
- Tues. 13** **Wesak Celebration**, Lecture by Rev. Valarie Drost, 6:30-8:15 p.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 14** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center
- Sun. 18** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture "***Culture in the New Age***" with Carol Woodard, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
- Tues. 20** Class: *Group Consciousness* 6:30-8:15 p.m., Izvara Center
- Wed. 21** Class: *Is Your Consciousness Evolving?* 7-8 p.m., Izvara Center
- Sun. 25** Sunday Service: Meditation, Singing, and Lecture "***Creative Efforts***" with Lewis Agrell, 10:30 a.m., Izvara Center
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