



Consider the Far-Off Worlds

Leaves of Morya's Garden II: Illumination, 1925

Leaves of Morya's Garden II, 161. It must be known that the earthly matter is very dense. On the planets of lower level than Earth the matter is very coarse; upon those higher than Earth, matter harmonizes with the spirit. Hence, the Earth appears as a turning point. There are imperfections upon higher planets, but there is not the resistance of matter. It is easier to search there without losing one's strength in needless struggle. There matter becomes inseparable from spirit, without any opposition between them.

Brotherhood, 1937

Brotherhood, 162. Ancient philosophy advised thinking about the far-off worlds as if taking part in the life on them. These indications have been given in various forms. Wherein lies their essential point? They cannot be an abstraction. The insistence in the indications about such participation shows that thought about the far-off worlds has great significance. The rays of the planets are powerful, and they exert influence upon humanity. But thought assimilates powerful currents, and in the thought process humanity can profitably accept the far-off worlds. Indeed, for such perception it is needful to think of them as about something close at hand. Thought creates around itself a particular atmosphere; in it the planetary currents can be transmuted to act beneficially. Whereas, the same currents, when met with a thought of negation, will yield grave consequences. It need not be considered that one must think incessantly about the far-off worlds. What is important is to direct to them a basic thought, and it will naturally flow along in a definite direction. Thought is of two kinds: the outward and the inward. The manifestation of outward thought can

be recorded on an apparatus, but the inward thought is almost undiscernible, though it shows color and chemism. Let thought about the far-off worlds be simple and without doubt; doubt is like a brown gas. Thus, we see that the ancient philosophy contains extremely useful indications.

Supermundane, 1938

Supermundane, 37. We travel on far-off worlds where we gather many lessons in fearlessness. The alien conditions of the planets' unusual atmospheres can affect the heart of the visitor. Our Sister Urusvati knows the sensations of these distant flights. She knows the particularly difficult feeling upon the return of the subtle body. There

are always complications and much courage is needed during these experiences. One should consult Our records of these distant flights to recognize the degree of daring they require.

Supermundane, 176. Human thoughts also grow in space. Every heroic, unselfish thought can be a seed for generating the future world. The Great Teachers are Cosmic Creators, but every thinker can also become a creator of good. People do not want to think about the distant worlds, but such thoughts can become excellent purifiers of consciousness. On the paths of space there will be no envy, hatred or coarseness. The Great Teacher often directed the gaze of His disciples to the planets, saying, "Many are the homes, and there is life everywhere." He wanted His disciples to love Infinity. All Our Sisters and Brothers commune with the distant worlds. When Sister Urusvati turns her gaze to the Radiant Planet, she recalls her flight and rejoices at the distant worlds.

"Every heroic, unselfish thought can be a seed for generating the future world."

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NETWORKERS LETTER

Dear Friends,

This morning a young woman in a local coffee shop, here in Prescott (Arizona), told me how much she missed attending her church. She was truly heartbroken that due to her work schedule and the COVID-19 church attendance restrictions, she was unable to experience her weekly charge of spiritual upliftment that she normally enjoyed.

On my way home, I was thinking how fortunate I am, we are, to have the Teachings in our life 24/7. If you have access to the internet, there are unending opportunities to find Agni Yoga websites and Facebook pages for inspiration. And we have the many books available online at the Agni Yoga website: agniyoga.org, as well as the roerich.org website—all accessible twenty-four hours a day on the internet. There are also many small and large groups in the Agni Yoga Community that offer GoToWebinar classes and Zoom meetings and Zoom webinars throughout the week. And yes, we also have our early morning meditations for inspiration. I'm so grateful for the continuity of the Teaching.

This issue of *Agni Yoga Quarterly* is focused on the writings of Helena Roerich about the subject of planets. The keynote article for this issue: *New Planet*, is translated from Russian into English by translator Vadim M.

Community

"Begin to build the community as a home of knowledge and beauty."

– *New Era Community*, verse 229

Rev. Joleen D. DuBois



This article is translated and now published from Helena Roerich's Notebook 329 Collection: Notes of Helena Roerich (1940–1950s) and is being published in two parts.¹ Part Two will follow in the July/Aug/Sept issue of AYQ.

*Soon the Universe itself will be too small for us, for we are striving to the higher planetary world.*²

"June 13, 1926, Moscow. She told us about the wonderful events of her life in Darjeeling, working every night actively with [clairaudience] and writing it all down. So many painful bodily experiences connected with the work, but bringing the greatest sacrifice for the sake of the knowledge that she will give to others. Read to me about most wonderful information regarding Venus: [where] the people inhabit her [Planet Venus] in condensed astral bodies, which can fly; where there are dreadful storms and how they fight against them by building dams; where instead of newspapers, words are written in the air. They call this planet 'Toola.'² Also spelled as

'Tula.' The rings around Venus were seen by her once when she flew there. The tremendous, awful darkness-mist that surrounds the air and threatens the Earth was also once shown to her."³

"July 8, 1926. A great deal she could not read to us about her experiment, what she saw and heard. But she told us a few astonishing facts such as cloth woven for wear; inhaling the smell of flowers as nourishment, without eating [them]; [and] cloth made from a special substance to protect against infection. Flights to other pl. [planets] were done not by all, but mostly by the Sisters. Vivekananda went to other planets too. Plato and many [others] went away from Earth. <...>⁴

"August 14, 1928. The Teachers will

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¹ 1950s. Records of conversations with the Teacher. *New Planet*, manuscript.

² Sina Fosdick, *My Teachers: Meetings With The Roerichs*, first English edition (Prescott, Az: White Mountain Education Association, Inc., 2015) 118.

³ *Ibid.*, 165.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 170–171.



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Helena Roerich's Notebook 329 – Part One

NEW PLANET¹

The approach of the New Planet to our Earth is revealed. It is magnetically attracted to Earth, and a collision may occur should a new magnetism capable of repelling the attraction of the New Planet not manifest on Earth. The new negative magnetism of Earth will provide an accelerated evolution on Earth. Our triple patrol will help to avoid the disaster. The new approaching spatial body is the Sun, which has not yet cooled down completely.

The New Planet rushes in space, being magnetically attracted toward the new elliptical orbit. Ardently, it will pass through our solar system and cross the limits of the Sirius system. Thus, it will be under the influence of two suns. Two neighboring systems cannot manifest chaos but only accelerate development. Sirius is larger than Jupiter.

The New Planet will appear on the new elliptical orbit. The qualification of it as *new* is rather incorrect, for this planet has already been a guest in our solar system more than once. This planet appeared in the form of a brilliant comet when our perished planet collided with a giant fireball and scattered into myriads of aerolites due to its violent explosion. The comet was so brilliant that it shone like a huge moon, and its bright tail showcased a spectacle of indescribable beauty due to the variety of its tones. At that time, it appeared as a messenger of doom.

The planet collided with an extremely strong, large fireball and scattered into myriads of aerolite particles, which to this day are found in the space between Jupiter and Mars. The impetus of the explosion set the comet on a new course.

The comet was already in the solar phase of development, and it settled in



Star of the Hero by Nicholas Roerich, 1936

the *Lyra* constellation which is beneficial for our Earth. Many comets are absorbed by the suns on their path. The passage of the comet through various atmospheres affects the speed of its movement and the battle of forces in its composition. Wandering comets that are in the phase of solar development have not yet been accepted by astronomers. Since they travel at a great distance, it is difficult to observe them, and there are no telescopes that could detect such movements. Their motion is hidden due to their far distance; it is as if they merge with other spatial bodies. Ardent comets appear at a great distance from our solar orbit and can rarely enter into our system. However, there were some that became attracted to the spatial bodies of our system. This knowledge belongs to the new science of Astrophysics, and it should not be revealed until it is recognized by exact science. It takes at least a century for every small new discovery to be accepted.

The New Planet has a new composition of the atmosphere and a new composition of the core, as it contains new gases and elements. Its core contains a lot of helium but also a new gas that has not been detected anywhere except on the Sun. This gas is a by-product of the recycling of the planetary breath waste received by the Sun. The planets of our solar system are not yet able to assimilate this gas because of its new chemism and magnetism.

Everything that exists has its own magnetism that manifests only when it comes into contact with a similar magnetism.

¹Notebook 329 [1950s. Records of conversations with the Teacher. New Planet, manuscript] Collection: Notes of Helena Roerich (1940–1950s). A scanned copy of the original text was posted on the website of the Roerich Museum on November 09, 2018. Digitization of the text is taken from the page of the public group “Tetradi Urusvati” December 17, 2019. This Notebook No. 329 contains a collection of discussions from other Notebooks by Helena Roerich, mainly those dedicated to the “New Planet”

One can observe the ardency of the cohesion of elements brought together by similar magnetism. The New Planet's magnetism will be much stronger than that of Earth. The composition of the planetary core gives birth to the elements.²

The fiery principle manifests a nebula or condensed, fiery energy—a substance. The nebula establishes in the spiral rotation, inherent to everything in the Cosmos. The spiral rotation generates a vortex that hardens the core by pushing the heaviest mass toward it. The fiery principle, or nebula, contains the chemism of the space it occupies. The chemism is influenced by the intersection of the rays of spatial bodies. The vortex is generated by the rotation of the planetary core, and the core is formed as a result of the spiral rotation of the condensed Fiery Energy. The fiery core strives out in space, like a comet, and fiercely searches for a point of balance and the establishment of its orbit among the attractions of other spatial bodies.

The New Planet will become Our Stronghold due to its double attraction. The New Planet is accelerating its approach and will become the harbinger of a cosmic catastrophe on Earth. The ardent New Planet will become visible as a comet as early as 1948. Urusvati wants to know which planet helps with interplanetary research and communications. Of course, My Planet is ancient and is already hardened enough for the acceptance of the flora and fauna. The planet will serve for the salvation of earthly mankind, and it is already in a state of fiery tension to manifest the plant and animal life. Its Rays are helping to guard the consciousness in its travels through heterogeneous layers. Previously, only some environmental forces contributed to the retention of consciousness, but there were also streams of interceptive gas that affected them. New rays are able to pierce through these obstacles by making a kind of air tunnel, thus expanding their creative abilities.

We work on applying these rays. For the physical brain, these rays do not matter and can even be dangerous. The introduction of these new rays is a wonderful addition to Our Plan, and their passage can bind together the sendings of consciousness (*distant exchange of thoughts*);³ thus, going to another planet will not mean leaving the work here. The great Plato was intensely sending these rays, and We installed new receivers for them. We really need these new rays now. These rays were applied during the flight to Venus, and they revealed their special quality of the retention of conscious-

“The planet collided with an extremely strong, large fireball and scattered into myriads of aerolite particles, which to this day are found in the space between Jupiter and Mars.”

ness in the subtle body during flights in interplanetary space. My companion displayed courage and was willing to explore these rays. I showed Plato the opportunity to study these rays, and Plato agreed to be My Ambassador to the New Planet. Plato has ardently established this Ray; however, he did not stay there but moved to Jupiter.

I need these rays, for they can pierce the condensed and poisonous atmosphere around the Earth. The great Plato discovered a way of transmitting them after studying the rays of the New Planet. These rays are ultraviolet and able to pierce through the thickest atmosphere. Thanks to these rays, it will be possible to influence the younger generation. The method established by Plato will give the opportu-

nity and special advantage to those who are assigned to the distant worlds since it has now become easier to establish communions even beyond the solar system. Our new discoveries will provide new ways for reaching Us. I feel how the separation of the physical and astral bodies will open new paths, so then the self-densification of the astral body will become desirable. The New Planet, Urusvati, is different from our Earth, however, it is close to it in composition. The New Planet appeared as a comet on the horizon of our Earth when the first islands of Atlantis started sinking to the bottom of the sea. When Atlantis partially sank to the bottom of the sea, the comet appeared as a messenger of impending disaster. The beautiful islands, with all the fierce life on them, were flooded and partially sank to the bottom of the sea.

The New Planet appeared then as a comet but in the ardent phase of solar development. Solar development marks the final equilibrium of the assembled forces—of the energy surrounding the nucleus of the comet. The nucleus of the comet consists of the fire of the Luminary that birthed it. The comet is manifested as a result of the cohesion of the spatial fiery spark with the ray of the nearest Luminary. The cohesion occurs according to the law of affinity of the spatial fiery spark with the elements of the rays of the Luminary. The fiery spark, once birthed in the space that is interlayered with heterogeneous chemisms of the Luminaries, becomes colorized or saturated with the chemistry of the layer in which this spark rotates, and then bonds with the ray of the Luminary with similar chemistry.

The New Planet then settled as another Sun in the Lyra Constellation. The ardent planet appeared on M.'s Ray⁴ upon the

² Additions or notes made by Helena Roerich that were originally underlined in black.

³ Insertions in the text in italics, including those in parentheses, are the comments or additions by Helena Roerich.

⁴ In the notes of Helena Roerich, the letter “M” indicates the name “Morya,” and the double “M.M.” indicates “Master Morya.”—Trans.

Ray of Sirius. In the Ray of Sirius lies My greatest Power.

The New Planet will manifest an ardent reconstruction on Earth. My Country (*Russia*) will start liberating from the rays of the strongly intense Saturn and will receive the influence of the rays of the New Planet. These rays will be beneficial for My Country. The manifestation of the new rays will appear as a cosmic phenomenon. Such a phenomenon will result from the crossing of the rays of the New Planet with the rays of the Sun. The dates of the New Planet are November 7–November 17.

El fenómeno se derivará del cruce de los rayos solares con una Luminaria invisible acercándose a la Tierra. El fenómeno provocará un aumento de las corrientes magnéticas. Los rayos de la Luminaria que son invisibles para nosotros son revelados por el poder de los rayos del Sol. La fuerza de los nuevos rayos se intensifica con el brillo de los rayos del sol. Los nuevos rayos provocaron la detonación de cráteres y gases intensos y revelaron la sustancia de un gas poderoso encontrado en la Luna, terrible por su toxicidad. Los rayos del Sol cruzados con los rayos de la Invisible Luminaria revelarán un espectáculo extraordinario. El fenómeno cósmico se manifestará tras [su partida]⁵ from India. Pillars of Light will rise like fiery tornadoes. The New Era will be marked by a new Sign. The gaseous tail of the planet will burn when approaching the Earth. The New Planet will not reflect the solar radiance during the day. The New Planet will passionately help us with its rays. New help (*to the Earth*) may be brought by the rays of the New Planet. New events will roll out with the strengthening of the new rays of the New Planet. The best country will accept the rays of the New Planet. The beautiful rays of the New Planet will become visible.

The country will appear on M.'s Ray and the ray of the New Planet. The best country is at the beginning of a new victory.



The Moon of Planet A. dissipated after a collision of Planet A. with the fireball. The Moon of Planet A. was much more powerful and more beautiful than our Moon and even Venus. The Planet that passes its life force to another Planet becomes the Moon. Venus has passed its force to our Earth and My Beauty—the New Planet.

The New Planet, on its passage past Venus, became attracted to its rays and will now reveal itself on the beautiful life under Our Rays, for the core of the Planet has been established by M.'s Ray. M.'s Ray

“The Sun’s rays crossed with the rays of the Invisible Luminary will reveal an extraordinary spectacle.”

was revealed a long time ago. Verily, the Lord of Shambhala belongs to another Manvantara. Sirius is the father of Our Sun and Uranus. The ardent rays of the New Planet will guide the Moon toward renewal but also toward accelerated decay. The terrible event will unfold soon. A passionate warning has been issued. I reveal the map based on the horoscope of the world. Atlantis also perished in due time. Let us reveal the Moon, renewed with an ardent, new intensification of magnetism. The powerful rays of the New Planet will push the Moon toward renewal but also toward acceleration and decay.

The new spatial body is not a sun but a planet. It glows due to the presence of special luminous metalloids in its core. A new Moon will appear with a New Planet on the horizon. Your burdensome feelings coincide with the appearance of its rays on the horizon. The rays are difficult to assimilate, but you can perfectly achieve this with M.'s Ray.

On the night of November 8, a new comet of extraordinary brightness and magnitude appeared.⁶

Soon the heavens will change. Our solar system will be enriched with a new body, a new planet, which rushes from the Lyra constellation toward our zone. On its close passage by Saturn, it will cause powerful explosions on that planet that will disrupt its course. Saturn will be knocked out of its orbit and will be stripped of its shining ring.

Due to the explosion, some of its Moons will turn into fragments of aerolites to be carried away into space where they can be absorbed or attracted to new spatial bodies. Saturn will leave our solar system. The New Planet will settle, or find an equilibrium point between the Earth and Venus and will be closer to the Sun than our Earth. The heavy influence of the currents of Saturn on our Earth will cease with its departure from our system. The Earth will be influenced by the beneficent rays of the New Planet. The approach of the New Planet brings salvation to our Earth. Verily, the New Planet will serve as a salvage vessel in the event of our Earth's explosion. The Moon will show signs of a new resurrection. New life on the Moon will appear under the influence of the rays of the New Planet along with the cooperation of the Rays of the Stronghold of the Brotherhood.

The acceleration of the Moon's rotation around its axis and its new elliptical orbit around the Sun will herald its accelerated evolution. Our humanity will live under new conditions; it will assimilate the special psychic qualities of the Moon. The development of the inner man on Earth, in connection with the new psychic power of the Moon, will bring about a new, accelerated evolution. There will be many

⁵ Additions or insertions that are obviously and indisputably following from the context are placed in square brackets.

⁶ Additions and notes of Helena Roerich that were originally written in red ink.

Mediators who will guide the acceleration of evolution. New thoughts about distant worlds will reveal the magnetic threads of communication with them and will attract new thoughts from space—thoughts about atomic energy. Many new discoveries will be attracted from the inexhaustible source of space.

The rays of the New Planet are passionately knocking on people's hearts. The planet itself is not visible, but its rays are perceived. The New Planet will appear first as a comet. The unevenness of the comet appears from its ardent, internal explosions as it approaches our Earth. The beauty of the ray of the New Planet will be manifested in its special ability to preserve consciousness during flights to the high interplanetary spheres of space. The Moon started to align with the rays of a fierce magnetic force. Many historical decisions will be attracted by the new Moon. The Moon will cause an unprecedented rise in waters. Earthlings will soon witness an extraordinary sight. "Half of the sky is occupied with an unusual manifestation. Around an invisible luminary, an immeasurable circle has begun to radiate, rays rushing along its brim."⁷

An ardent phenomenon will be briefly visible and then disappear. The Circle of Radiance will have a large radius and will only appear for a few minutes. The circle is the testimony to the majestic dimensions of the invisible Luminary.



The New World of the New Planet will reveal the manifold facets of Beauty. The nights of the New Planet will be more beautiful because of the two moons orbiting it.

Our Earth will be cut off from its planetary chain after the end of the fifth round and will become the Moon of the

New Planet. But our Moon will appear on a short resurrection. The Moon was decaying due to the fierce exhaustion of its strength. New rays of the New Planet will provide the Moon with new life. Its dark side will be cleansed by the rays of the New Planet, and dark entities will have to seek a new place of existence. The ardent may end up on Saturn and be destroyed there.

A new comet (*Planet*) stayed too close to the Sun, so the astronomers could not make any comparisons. The

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new comet has already helped us twice, but the Moon will become a coworker. The rays of the New Planet bring with them to our Earth a powerful explosion of underground fire that has accumulated in a certain area. The renewed Moon collects enhanced magnetism, the magnetic food from the Rays of the New Planet. The planet stands in the rays of the Sun from where it affects the Earth.

The rays of the New Planet, and our perception of these rays, will bring ardent salvation to Our Planet. Our powerful perception of these rays brings salvation to the Earth. We have become the powerful receivers of the rays of the New Planet. The perception of such ardent rays becomes a new, passionate step of Ours. This step is established on selflessness. The New Planet is not yet sufficiently solidified, and that is why it is so important to saturate it with Our

Rays, Our rhythm, and especially with love for Beauty. The planet is saturated with Our Fiery Energies and images of Beauty from the higher planets.

Beautiful images will arise easily on Our Planet by virtue of the magnet of Attraction.

It must be remembered that the New Heaven will soon become observable. I have been saying for a long time that a new spatial body is approaching, but so far it was hidden from observation. At this time, we must not forget that the energy emitted by humanity is required for the correct movement of the planets. When this energy becomes poisoned, it weakens the protective net, and thus upsets the balance of many Luminaries. Vibrational waves change, and the planet loses a vital part of its self-defense—this is how humanity itself disposes of its fate. When the destructive period of godlessness sets in, then the mass of energy that is usually sent to the upper layers is shattered and becomes the material for the Brown Gas (the planet's explosive).⁸ “Humanity does not wish to realize the power of its own radiations. It dimly keeps on repeating about its likeness to God but does not understand the unity of the energy of all worlds. The establishment of even a weak unification of energy can provide a defensive armor for the planet.”⁹



Translated from Russian by Vadim M. Vadim is a creative writer who was at first attracted to Theosophy and then fell in love with and practiced the teachings of Agni Yoga, the Living Ethics, for over twenty-five years in this lifetime and will

⁷ *Leaves of Morya's Garden, Book Two: Illumination* (New York, Agni Yoga Society, Inc., Online edition 2019) 146. (Conversation 28.04.1924).

⁸ In the original Notebook, Helena Roerich underlined this section.—Trans.

⁹ *Fiery World II* (New York, Agni Yoga Society, Inc., Online edition 2019) 93.

MADONNA ORIFLAMMA

Mistress of the Ruby Flame!

Mistress of the Banner of Peace!

To you, mistress of the world, we come.

Who but you will come to help us

*Raise the banner, the sign of creation to
the people?*

*The sea is stormy and the whirlwinds
are destructive, but You will raise the
banner*

*And fill the heart of men with the con-
sciousness of the Spirit's sacred keeping.*

*For Thou knowest how far this sign
cannot be postponed.*

*For Thou knowest how much destruction
the earth has already humbled.*

*Thou knowest all the affronts of the best,
of the neediest of men.*

*If the flock know no danger, Thou, being
the shepherd, art the shepherd,*

Thou wilt raise up a banner of peace.

*And the winds of the highlands shall
bring Thy order everywhere:*

*To preserve, and to build, and to lay up
the Bright Tomorrow.*

Your Ruby Flame dispels the darkness.

The Realm of Beauty

***"In beauty we are united, through beauty
we pray, with beauty we conquer."***

N. Roerich



*Thy Breath heals all wounds and Thy
Hand does not build, touching lightly
the building stones of creation?
So we ask Thee to raise up this Sign of
the Powerful Trinity.*

*We know that Thou wouldst not refuse,
for Thou art disgusted*

*The destruction and destruction of
beautiful beginnings.*

*You do not tolerate chaos, You do not
tolerate confusion, and therefore*

*You, lift up, and preserve, and show
unto the nations the Mark of the*

Preservation

Of peaceful and beautiful treasures!

*The guiding Sign for every creative
thought!*

The Sign of affirmation and Light.

Help the Mistress of the Banner of Peace!

April 10, 1932, the Himalayas.
/unpublished/



Madonna Oriflamma by Nicholas Roerich,
1932

“During the hard days of cosmic cataclysms of human disunion and disintegration, of the forgetfulness of all of the highest principles of existence which give true life and lead to the evolution of the world, a voice must rise which calls to the resurrection of the spirit and to the carrying of the fire of achievement into

all actions of life. And of course, this voice should be the voice of Woman, who has drunk the chalice of suffering and humiliation and has become forged in the highest patience.

“Let Woman, Mother of the World, say, ‘Let There Be Light.’”

“Then what will this light be, and in what will the fiery achievement consist? In the lifting of the banner of Spirit upon which will be inscribed ‘Life, Knowledge and Beauty.’”

“Yes, only the heart of the Woman, the Mother, can gather under this banner the children of the whole world without difference of sex, race, nationality and religion.

“Woman, Mother and Wife, witness of the development of man’s genius, can appreciate all the great significance of the culture of thought and knowledge.

“Woman, the inspirer of beauty, knows all the power, all the synthetic might of Beauty.

“And so at once let us assume the carrying of the Great Banner of the New Era—the Era of the Mother of the World. Let every woman expand the boundaries of her own hearth so as to encompass the hearths of the entire world. These multiple fires will strengthen and embellish her hearth. . . . Put into the foundation of this Woman’s unity the striving towards the true knowledge which does not know human demarcations. ‘But how can one reach the true knowledge? you will be asked.’

“Answer that this knowledge lies in your spirit, in your heart—be able to awaken it.

“Striving toward beauty will be as the key to knowledge. This knowledge lies in each striving towards the General Good. This knowledge

is scattered in all great teachings which have been given to the world. This knowledge is poured out in manifestations of the Cosmos, in each phenomenon, and only people who have lost the gift of observing Cosmic manifestations have lost the key to many of the mysteries of existence which could give them the understanding of the causes of all calamities which take place at present.

“Therefore, gathering women-warriors of Spirit, direct them toward the carrying of this knowledge.



“Better than others, the woman knows the element of fire, that element with which is bound the nearest future. From ancient times, the woman was called to the most sacred tests. And so now she is called to the most broad knowledge, because with her heart she will understand how variedly and cautiously one should kindle the fires of understanding and response.”



Action cannot be deferred.

Women, it is you who are to weave and unfurl the banner of peace. You shall stand guard over the amelioration of life, you shall light at every hearth a beautiful fire, creative and



Mother of the World by Nicholas Roerich, 1924

inspiring. You shall tell your children the first word about beauty. You shall teach them the blessed Hierarchy of knowledge. You shall explain to the little ones the creative power of Thought. You can preserve them from disintegration and at the very beginning of their lives inculcate in them the meaning of heroism and self-sacrifice. You shall be the first to speak to the children of the advantages of spiritual values. You shall say the sacred word Culture.

A great and beautiful work is entrusted to you, Women. Greetings to you!¹

¹ Nicholas Roerich, “To Womanhood” in *Realm of Light* (1931) (New York: Nicholas Roerich Museum, 2017) 52–57.

August 29, 2004

Meditation

Dear —,

It's too late and my head is not working clearly enough to write more about this—maybe tomorrow—but I'd like to point out that the word used in the original Russian is perhaps better translated by the verb “to ponder.”

In a paragraph in *The Call*, which in English says something like “Read less—ponder,” it is the same word. In the earliest English language editions of *The Call*, the word “meditation” was used, but for later editions it was changed because of this very misunderstanding.

In the first half of the twentieth century, the English word “meditate” meant, to most people, to think in an intense way about something. If someone proposed an idea, one could say, “I'll have to meditate on it,” and mean simply to think about it, to examine it. The meaning of meditation as a set spiritual practice was much more limited in use.

Later in the twentieth century, confusion set in because, in the fifties, sixties, and seventies, everyone was exploring Eastern teachings and learning meditation practices. After that, the main understanding of the word was that—to meditate according to a particular practice.

And it is this that the Teaching criticizes. There are many letters from Helena Roerich instructing her students not to engage in meditation practices. The Teaching does often use another word to mean what some people think is meditation—communion. But that's not the same. Communion is sitting in the Presence of the Master.

To me, the passage in the book *Agni Yoga* is about rote practices and artificial distinctions. Meditation practices, concentration practices, if conducted as rote exercises are of no use (superfluous).

Conversations with Daniel Entin

Daniel Entin (1927–2017), Former Executive Director of the Nicholas Roerich Museum



Initiation is a way of thinking of spiritual growth in steps, whereas, Helena Roerich wrote somewhere, spiritual development is a steady slope, and one's new degree can, I suppose, be a source of pride.

All this can be distressing to people who have spent many years in meditation. But agonizing over such things is even more superfluous. Occasionally, members were pointed out to me who had become obsessed, or possessed, or simply neurotic because of engaging in meditation practices. But that was very rare, and I am sure most people have suffered no such harm. The ones who did maybe did just because there was no guidance for them in how to protect themselves from negative influences. (I'm just throwing out ideas here. . .)

So, I think the passage from *Fiery World II* can be read with the idea of pondering.

Sorry for the rambling; I really am tired!

Daniel

March 29, 2003

M.M.'s Day

Dear —,

March 24th is the date of the first message in the first book, given March 24, 1920, in London. When the Roerichs were preparing to leave New York in the spring of 1923, the disciples were given a message in which M. instructed that the date should be dedicated to “My Day.” He promised to stay in continu-

ous touch with the group, even with the Roerichs gone.

Daniel

April 1, 2004

Foundation question

Dear —,

The very idea of having a daily rote practice is something we were encouraged to avoid. However, starting each day with a simple recognition and affirmation that our lives are dedicated to the Teaching (the Teaching of Fire) is sufficient to aim us in a better direction for the day. And everything we have learned, everything we have absorbed prior to that day, is our guide.

Daniel

April 2, 2004

Foundation question continued

Dear —,

Well, of course, you are right. And maybe when no practices are offered to us, we tend to form our own. I know that when I get up in the morning, I have a way of orienting myself in the “proper” direction, to prepare for the day. That's personal and individual and is of no use to anyone else. I'm sure we all do things like that. I try, though, to break down the tendency to repeat the same words or actions every day. It's somehow deadening (for me). I

remember once, Pir Vilayat Khan asked how many of us sit in the same chair every day for breakfast. Most of us raised our hands. He said, "That's terrible! You see only half the world, the same half every day. You should move to the other side of the table and face the world and its energies from an opposite vantage point." I thought it was some kind of joke, until I myself began feeling some of these energies.

Daniel

April 2, 2004

Foundation question continued

Dear —,

Thank you for that story! It once again demonstrates the similarity of fundamental principles in all teachings. "By Thy God" is always applicable, as in this story: to respond to all, even those who offend us, in the terms of their God. I appreciate the sequence of (1) bonding with the Highest, thus obtaining (2) equanimity, and then (3) meditation, (4) Divine inspiration, and finally (5) prophecy. There are a lot of so-called prophets around who should be made aware of the prerequisites. But could you define meditation as it is used here?

One of the most dangerous effects of focusing mainly on studying theory and gaining knowledge is the pride that is engendered. It is hard to find someone with great factual/theoretical knowledge who is not proud of his possession.

Thanks again,
Daniel

April 2, 2004

Foundation question continued

Dear —,

Thank you for that! How true it all is. I remember the day that I discovered this truth, after many years of devouring books as fast as possible, soaking up information in every spiritual discipline. Many years ago, when I found in New York a huge spiritual/esoteric bookshop, Samuel Weiser's,

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and understood that, for the first time in history, it was possible to study all the teachings that have been available everywhere in the world, from all times, I felt that I had gone to heaven. I accumulated about a thousand books and devoured them all. But I think the modern world has cursed us by giving us this gift.

One day, I had a mental crisis about it all. I realized that I knew so much but had lost the opportunity to gain wisdom. Somehow, I found a way to

flush my head clean of all of it and discovered the liberating feeling of being able to respond to a question with "I don't know." That day was the beginning of the planting of seeds of wisdom. Those seeds are nothing but little sprouts right now, but there is an infinite future of possibility.

Daniel

April 12, 2004

Materia medica

Dear —,

As far as I know, the research that Svetoslav Roerich conducted in Kullu was never completed, and there are no conclusions or reports that were ever published. It is possible that there are unpublished materials, but those would most likely be in Moscow now, at the International Centre of the Roerichs. In other words, they are locked away, until ICR decides to publish any of them.

There are pharmaceutical recommendations sent to disciples by Helena Roerich in letters. Some of those have been published, but many have not. One of the old members of our Board, who was for many years a disciple of Helena Roerich and corresponded with her, was a physician. He was sometimes asked by Helena Roerich to explore resources in this country. He has collected her recommendations about treatments, remedies, and medicines but won't allow them to be released until after his death. Patience is a virtue. . . . :-)

Daniel

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leave for Venus with their earthly coworkers. Some people will go to the planet that is being formed behind Venus. The rest of humanity will go to Saturn.”⁵

“August 26, 1928. Then she talked about how strongly she was pulled toward Venus when she flew there, about the barriers that she saw on the planet and also water of greenish hue and other colors in movement. Then E.I. said that the first time when her astral body came out and she felt all the lightness and emptiness, she was apprehensive and so came back (the sensation of weight returned gradually).”⁶

“August 30, 1928. Then I went to translate with E.I. but without Frances, for she began working with N.K. on important letters. And we had this marvelous conversation with E.I. She told me that Vivekananda is now on Jupiter; Buddha’s wife is on Venus; Plato is on Jupiter. But the former didn’t want to return to Earth, for they wished to leave it. Whereas, the Great Plato labors incessantly, sending rays needed by Earth. E.I. said that if everyone left for the far-off worlds, then who would work for Earth and help it! M.M. has stayed voluntarily; E.I. has stayed voluntarily. Then she said that even with full knowledge of the terrible explosion of the planet coming in 1977, the Teachers still saturate humanity, elevating its consciousness so that after the explosion, when it moves to different worlds, it could begin there from the same level that it had reached before the explosion. Otherwise, if the Teachers abandon them now, they will stay on the lower level.

Of course, the lower ones will go to Saturn, the best elements will go to the new planet, and the Teachers and their students will go to Venus.”⁷

“September 21, 1928. We, going toward the catastrophe of [19]77, will carry our best achievements to Venus, where we will begin our evolution from the same point, as if having transferred our baggage there. But the conditions there will be easier, and the better part of humanity that is going there will find living there much easier than on Earth, which belongs to Lucifer, who, desiring perfect material possessions on Earth, cut off our planet’s interaction with the far-off worlds. That is why the Earth’s atmosphere is so dense that rays sent by Plato from Jupiter and the gas in the capsule cannot penetrate the Earth’s atmosphere, for they are not accumulated by it, which is very sad for Earth. But we should not be upset about the forthcoming cataclysms, for we should think about all the worlds inhabiting space and not only about Earth. For our task is interaction with the far-off worlds. Only Earth has had the Brotherhood for thousands of years, which has been directing it. But now the Brotherhood will leave for Venus, to be followed by their coworkers on Earth. Another part of humanity will go to the new planet and the worst elements to Saturn. During the catastrophe of Atlantis, the Brotherhood moved to the Himalayas. Other planets, such as, for instance, the planet visited by Sister Izar, have their own planetary Spirit-Creator, who saturates that planet with its consciousness, bringing there the best images of beauty and knowledge. It came from Venus. But the struggle between good and evil will exist everywhere, and evil will increase in proportion to the increase in good. . . .

“Brother Atria is Vogan. N.K. was Yuta, a hero from Iceland, the founder of the Rurik bloodline. One branch of it had the name Friz. Plato achieved new rays that will allow those flying in the Astral to other worlds to preserve full consciousness during the entire flight, not losing anything. M.M., when He incarnates on Venus, will have complete memory of all previous incarnations, for He Himself will choose the next task. But not all Masters keep their memories when they reincarnate. Sister Phon Po returned from China, having founded there a Circle of seventeen—ten women and seven men. The wife of Buddha is on Venus and his son, on Jupiter.”⁸

With love,

Joleen Dianne DuBois



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⁵ Ibid., 199.

⁶ Ibid., 216–217.

⁷ Ibid., 220–221.

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