



Realization of Evolution

Leaves of Morya's Garden II

322. How can we find words to discuss the universe? How shall we speak about the evolution of forms? How shall we raise the consciousness to a level where it studies the fundamentals? How to advance humanity to a point where it cognizes the world scientifically? Every cognition is born in Beauty. Learn how to think luminously, and nothing terrifying will touch you.

New Era Community

71. First of all forget all nationalities, and apprehend the fact that the consciousness is developed by perfecting the invisible centers. Some await a Messiah for a single nation, but this is ignorant; for evolution of the planet can be only on a planetary scale. Precisely, the manifestation of universality must be assimilated. Only one blood flows, and the external world will no more be divided into races of primitive formation.

Supermundane

97. Similarly, the benefit of evolution is in its continuously accelerating motion. It is beautiful to realize that the world is perpetually evolving, in ever-increasing striving and motion. People do not look into the future, but secretly dream about an impossible static condition. But there can be no static evolution. The spiral of evolution is an eternal ascent that even the convulsions of chaos cannot arrest. . . . We must evolve, otherwise We shall be transformed into mummies. One must be able to love the movement of evolution, for in it eternity is realized.

249. Urusvati knows that even an accelerated evolution must go through lawful stages, or chaos will inundate it, and under such conditions it is particularly difficult for a person to cope with his own free will. Even intelligent people cannot always reconcile

the personal with the evolutionary. They cannot grasp the idea that there are dates destined for the world that they cannot separate themselves from. Such lack of understanding would be harmless if it were not for the rebellious action of the free will, causing harmful conflict.

Brotherhood

401. It is time to understand that the human path has been directed toward cooperation. No government will be enduring without affirmation of cooperation. This is no dream beyond the clouds, but the requirement for a date of evolution.

Supermundane

249. In time, every word about unity will be applied literally, and the great, voluntary unification will come as a stage of evolution.

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337. Nations have risen in rebellion, and kings are departing—is this just by chance? Only the blind do

not notice the movement of evolution. Every youthful heart quivers with a presentiment of the new forms. In these moments each new form, though imperfect, is more valuable than the old, well-polished one.

Preamble. A person who has awakened to evolution will approach it carefully; with mind unclouded he will clear away the dust on the path. Above all, he will be free of fear. And abandoning the unnecessary, he will find simplicity. Naturally, the realization of evolution is always something wondrous, something beautiful.

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NETWORKERS' LETTER

Dear Friends of Agni Yoga,

Before I share some thoughts for the new year, I want to invite you to register for the March 2024 Agni Yoga – Living Ethics conference by going to the WMEA website, <https://www.wmea-world.org>, which will direct you to the conference site. The conference will be held virtually on Zoom and also locally in Prescott, Arizona, although seating at the Izvara Center in Prescott will be limited due to the space that the broadcast equipment requires.

While early registration is not necessary unless you join us in Arizona, we encourage you to do so to better help our technicians get you registered and placed on the conference mailing list in time to receive occasional updates about the activities of the conference.

The new year can find us with new energy, an energy to start a new life, no matter how young or old we are. How can we do this? By not letting past failures and mistakes chain us to the past. I don't know of anyone who does not have past mistakes and failures. But as students of Agni Yoga, the yoga of synthesis, we want to use psychic energy to move us forward. To have the power to release ourselves from the past and look for a new image. No matter what we were in the past, we can try to destroy that image and become something new. This is the transforming power of psychic energy. If we are chained to the past by our past images and failures, we can never build a new beingness within us.

Community

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

New Era Community, para. 229

Rev. Joleen D. DuBois



We can sit down and think about our past failures, transgressions, and so forth, but now it's over. We want this year to be a year of renewal, a year of transformation.

Past failures tell us that we can't be better than we are. So, we are going

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to destroy that illusion! Let us start the new year with the opportunity and chance to make a breakthrough to a new image. This is how an Agni Yoga practitioner steps forward on the path of self-perfectedment.

When the new year comes, we can aim the needle of our compass North, which means that we can head toward the heights, toward greatness. Everyone who wants to be prosperous, healthy, and happy must think about the fu-

ture. Great People, whenever they do something, plan something, or think something, think about the future because it is the future that is the answer. The present is our question. The future is our answer.

Many students in the esoteric community are preparing themselves for the return of the Maitreya. The main purpose of the appearance of the Maitreya is to pave the way to make us perfect. No matter how far we are, how weak we are, we are not going to stay where we are but forge ahead step by step to reach perfection. The achievement is not what is beautiful; the most beautiful thing is our striving because whatever level our achievement is on, we become bored if we stay there. We want to keep going ahead, making spiritual progress, and to start a new life.

With love,

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Talks With the Teacher¹

by Helena Roerich

A Luminary that gave birth to our Earth is precisely our present Sun. Therefore, contractions manifesting as spots, or explosions, on the surface of the Sun result in contractions in the Earth's core.

A new Luminary is in close collaboration with Us. It is moving in close proximity to our solar system. It cannot be seen through a telescope, and only its reflected rays can be seen on the horizon.

Collaboration of such a Giant Luminary [with our] Sun is a joy to Us. Indeed, this Luminary is our Common *Father*, and its collaboration is a big joy to Us.

Solar rays serve as levers for the rebuilding of the world. Solar rays are reinforced by the rays of the Star of the Mother of the World and of the rejuvenated moon. Solar rays have in their composition all of the ingredients of our solar system, which, of course, include those found in the core of our Earth and the force of the approaching Luminary, our *Father*.

Science might engage in the study of the solar ray, or more specifically, of its composition. Such a new, remarkable science would allow forecasting of the weather a whole month ahead or for each new moon. Thus, the solar ray not only controls weather but serves as well as an indicator of contractions in the planetary core. Contractions are accompanied by convulsions of the crust, earthquakes, and floods, which may become terribly destructive and may even change the inclination of the Earth's axis if cracks in the Earth's oceanic crust turn out to be very deep.



Helena Roerich, Naggar, India, 1930s

Contractions associated with sunspots are now stronger than ever in *Kali Yuga*, which began with the death of Krishna, who was a Coworker of the Solar Race. The Solar Race was born under the solar ray, as opposed to those who were born under the ray of the moon.

Solar science will also be the science of the moon, for it is impossible to study the Sun without studying the moon and its effect on Earth. The science of the Sun and the moon has immediate relevance to our Earth and to the entire solar system.

Lunar science is also needed as an independent science for all cosmic structures.

Our solar system is like an atom in the body of the visible Cosmos. Our solar system is a grouping of spatial bodies around a single body—the Sun. Our solar system differs from other systems.

The contours of our system are clearly defined by planets that move around our Sun. But such a definition is not precise. The system is defined or demarcated not only by the mechanics of planets moving around the Sun but also by the solar orbit, which is immense. Nonetheless, it is like an atom in the visible Cosmos.

Our astronomy is different from the modern one. Astronomers have not yet calculated the Sun's path. It takes at least one billion years to complete the full elliptical orbit. The Sun's orbital speed is greater than the speed with which Earth moves along its own elliptical orbit. The Sun's speed greatly exceeds that of Jupiter. But the Sun's speed is hardly noticeable due to the relativity of the speed of the zodiacal motion.

The Sun will leave the plane of the zodiac and will enter another plane of starry constellations beyond the Milky Way. The Milky Way is not just a ring but a new atmosphere as well. The Sun will acclimate to a new atmosphere while it passes through the Milky Way's ring. It is not only immensely deep but seems fathomless to the earthly consciousness. The zodiac lies on the border of the Milky Way's ring.

The Sun will rush along its orbit in the direction of the constellation Hercules. In its transit, it will traverse the Milky Way's ring and will come out of it. The Sun will carry with it all the

¹ Originally published in Russian, E. I. Rerikh [Helena Roerich], "Besedy s Uchitelem." *Mir ognemnyi/Novaya epokha*, no. 1(20) (1999), 49–56. The talks took place in the 1940s and 1950s.

planets of the solar system, with the exception of Uranus and Neptune.

They understand only the primitive mechanics displayed by the solar system, but nothing stays in the same place, for all bodies move in space. There is not only relativity of all that exists but the motion of the entire visible Cosmos in space as well.

The difference in the duration of the day over the course of the year is due to the uneven motion of Earth around the Sun.

The Sun is an Abode of Higher Beings, where They live in the particular atmosphere that They need. Sun worship had a certain meaning. In the absence of the Sun, there would be no *consciousness*. Our system is an embodiment of the Crown of Knowledge. The Solar Spirit gives birth to conscious life on all planets but not to planets themselves. The power that initiates consciousness must itself be such a consciousness. Potential power lies hidden in each atom. Potential power manifests in the course of its unfoldment. The Solar Hierarchy lives there in adequate fiery bodies.

Spatial Currents

The poles are the main generators of magnetic currents on our planet. However, each luminary generates magnetic currents as well and sends them out to space.

Cosmic magnetism influences spatial currents, for cosmic magnetism controls currents. Currents are being born in space due to new combinations of spatial chemisms.

Currents are caused by the changes of chemisms due to combinations of various rays that come from constellations through which the Sun moves.

One should keep in mind that the saturation of space is very high when the Sun enters a new constellation and its rays become saturated with the new chemism of that particular constellation.



Forging the Sword (Nibelung), 1941, by Nicholas Roerich

Spatial currents are in constant change. The change of currents occurs not only because the Sun is in a certain sign [of the zodiac] but is also due to atmospheric fluctuations. The currents propagate easier and possess stronger attraction if the atmosphere is humid.

The fundamental currents control the fundamental power of the Cosmic Magnet. The fundamental currents may result either in the destruction or in the salvation of the planet.

The recent magnetic storm was beneficial to the planet because intense currents cleansed from space extremely poisonous chemisms created by people. The war resulted in many harmful chemisms, but the cleansing of space helped to absorb them.

Thought creates currents that stir and, in some sense, rejuvenate the Universe.

The study of magnetic currents and their changes and crossings will furnish new data for much research.

At dusk, the changes in magnetic currents become much more pronounced. It is necessary to establish meteorological stations

for the study of constant winds, which are especially strong at certain times of the day.

Ether will manifest more strongly at the end of this century.²

The currents of the spheres around Earth shake the Earth's crust. Primary Matter becomes more refined with every new planetary Round, or *Manvantara*. Awareness of Infinity is a new step in the new round of the evolution of humanity.

Merging with the Absolute is a relative notion. It is the merging either with the rhythm or vibration of the cosmic energy or with the psychic energy manifested by the Cosmic Mind.

The Cosmic Mind is our Hierarchy of Cosmic Forces, which finds its expression in a Man-God. Cosmic magnetism is the psychic force coming from the Heart of the Hierarchy.

Merging [with Primary Matter] is possible for an earthly consciousness for only a brief moment, which can last several seconds but not minutes. But measurements of time, characteristic of the subtle body, are different. It may have an entire life's worth of experience during one earthly minute. But merging with Primary Matter is possible only for a Man-God in his fiery body, in the seed of the spirit. However, such a state is attainable only in My Tower, in complete isolation from earthly vibrations and the chemisms that shroud Earth up to certain altitudes. An altitude of eleven thousand feet is sufficient for isolation from poisoning by earthly vibrations. Magnetic currents are emanated by the

² The twentieth century.

magnetic poles. These currents control the fundamental power of the Cosmic Magnet.

The Primary, Fiery, and Psychic Energies

Fire is the foundation, while psychic energy is a combination of fire and thought. Fiery energy fills up all space, but it becomes psychic energy when it combines with thought. Fiery energy needs to be combined with thought; only then does fire display all of the qualities of psychic energy.

Primary energy is the foundation of the Universe. Being combined with various elements, it becomes forceful in its manifestations and exhibits varying degrees of intensity.

Primary energy fills all that exists. The fundamental energy is one. The energy of thought is one of the highest manifestations or qualities of the primary energy of the Universe.

Fiery energy essentially is primordial primary energy, which becomes psychic energy when it combines with an organized focus or an organism. Indeed, primary energy becomes psychic energy when it combines with thought.

The fundamental *Materia Matrix*, found on the higher layers, becomes differentiated.³ The so-called *Materia Lucida* is one of the following or immediate degrees of its [differentiation] available to human sight under certain conditions. The so-called phlogiston is *Materia Lucida*.⁴ Such a degree of *Materia Lucida* can be seen in our Sun at the time of a full eclipse as the Sun's corona, or electromagnetic force. The Higher Beings of our planet are clothed in *Materia Lucida*.

Matter is the cohesion of particles of various forces, which are manifested on the physical plane of condensed energy.

Oxygen is one of the manifested infinite differentiations of the fiery substances that



Great Rider, Rigden Jyepo – Messenger of Shambhala, 1927, by Nicholas Roerich

are called [chemical] elements by science, but it would be more correct to call these forces qualities, for they represent qualities of the fiery substance when it combines with other differentiated forces under the influence of chemical saturation of a certain Space by Luminaries.

The word *elements* is better reserved to describe [alchemical] principles in the Engl[ish] lang[uage].

The fiery energy manifests as the life energy, or force, in all manifested Being. The life energy cannot be destroyed; it can only be transmuted. Its transmutations are as infinite as the fundamental fiery energy itself.

The conception of eternity is born from the realization of the fiery energy saturating Space. The fiery energy has two poles in manifestation. All that exists is born from this dual manifestation.

The Universe is based on the cohesion of energy or Love. The feeling is an omnipresent Principle. Worlds are conceived under the influence of feeling. Attraction, or the feeling

of affinity, results in the cohesion of energy or particles of energy.

Thought is the crown of the feeling of love. Thought is a fundamental quality of the manifested fiery substance. The fiery substance demonstrates itself in two energy poles, one being love and the other [being] thought.

The primary energy is one throughout all the manifested world, but its properties or qualities are varied. Being combined with elements, the energy produces all visible diversity. With every new combination of principles and elements, transmutation of the energy and of the involved element occurs. But, notwithstanding the transmutation into a new quality, the fiery principle, or seed, remains intact.

The fundamental element of Fire is a binding principle, and its combinations of various qualities of the one energy make for all innumerable elements. Thus, all diversity of elements, all so-called kinds of energies—electrons, isotopes, ions—are only various qualities of the same energy.

The primary energy manifests as psycho-life in every atom, in every cell of all that exists. Psychic energy is the highest aspect of the primary energy.

The primary energy, or the all-binding Power, is the principal lever in the universal process. The all-binding Power manifests, first and foremost, in the center of the heart.

³ *Materia Matrix* is the same as the Primary Matter. See *Agni Yoga*, para. 144, for an explanation of *Materia Matrix*, *Materia Lucida*, and *Fohat*.

⁴ *Phlogiston* is a hypothetical, imponderable substance necessary for combustion. The phlogiston theory advanced by seventeenth-century chemists postulated that all flammable materials contain phlogiston, which is given off upon burning. This theory, which was rejected after Lavoisier in 1775, proposed and experimentally confirmed the oxygen theory of combustion. As quoted from H. P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, vol. 1, 511, where it was believed that “perhaps one day Science will be the first to re-adopt the derided name of phlogiston.”

Thought

by Prof. Nicholas Roerich

[With the help of scientific data, Prof. Roerich establishes how thought is a much more potent force than ordinary man supposes.]

Goethe once said to Eckermann: “Despite my name, I have not acquired the right to say what I really think: I must keep silent—not to disturb people. Yet I have a slight privilege. I know what people think, but they do not know what I think.”

The science of thought at present especially occupies the minds of people. From ancient times there resound commandments about this blessed energy. India is rich with such ordainments. Plato, Confucius, and many wise men of various epochs persistently turned the attention of people to the great might that is accessible to all. But in the rush of materialism, this panacea was sometimes neglected. Hence, it is significant that our age can inscribe upon its seal: “Thought is the law of the Universe.”

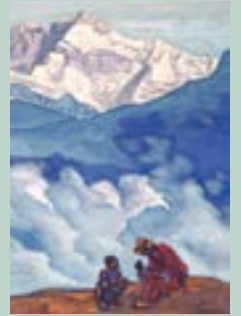
The names of Professor Bekhterv, Rhine, McDougall, and other eminent scholars who investigate the energy of thought, shall forever remain on the pages of honor in the history of culture.

Let us record the following remarkable research:

“Two Professors of Cambridge University have succeeded in making cinema photographs of human thought. One of them is Dr. Adrian, a Professor of Physiology and a distinguished member of the Royal Society, the other is Professor Mathews. Adrian, who had dedicated his whole life to the investigation of the mysteries of the nervous system, in 1932 received the Nobel Prize and only a few days back was awarded the golden medal of the Royal Society.”

Thoughts on Agni Yoga

We invite our readers to send us their thoughts on a quote from the Agni Yoga Teachings



Nicholas Roerich, Paris, 1923

“When a person sits quietly in a chair with closed eyes, and his thought is not occupied with anything serious, then his brain matter produces regular electrical discharges at the rate of about ten discharges per second. With the help of a very complicated and ingenious apparatus and a photoelectric camera, Prof. Adrian succeeded in registering these discharges on a cinema film. He likewise observed that as soon as his patient opens his eyes and begins to concentrate his attention on something, the frequency of the electrical discharges increases considerably and reaches usually about two thousand per second.”

“The rhythmic impulses continue also

during deep sleep and also when the person (or animal) is subjected to the influence of narcotics. The professor proved by experimental methods the similarity of vibrations in different persons at the sight of the same object or manifestation. Different thoughts, which arise as a consequence of the action of the visual nerves, give different impressions upon the film.”

“Prof. Adrian confined his experiments mainly to that part of the human brain that controls vision. He proved that this region of the brain is extraordinarily small. And in general, Prof. Adrian established the fact, with the help of his apparatus, that the greater part of the human brain does not participate in any mental process.”

“Prof. Adrian carried his experiments to such a degree of perfection that he can now easily change his photographic records of thought into sound and can broadcast it over the radio for the public. During a public demonstration, the audience heard a great variety of sounds, varying with the visual impressions of the patient who sat on the stage and opened his eyes at the direction of the professor.”

Thus, something quite natural, and perhaps long ago known, is being recorded already by crude mechanical apparatus. Long before these mechanical records were achieved, the great Indian scientist, Sir Jagadish Bose, in similar experiments, recorded the pulse of plants and demonstrated, even for a casual observer, how plants react to pain, light, etc., and how the appearance

of even a distant cloud reacts upon the pulse. Graphically, he showed on a screen the agony of a plant's death, poisoned or transfixed. At the same time, he recorded the influence of human energy upon the life of the same plants, which not long ago were in the eyes of civilized people regarded to be but mere lower growths, devoid of any senses.

By the movement of the needle, which records the pulse of the plant, one can notice the influence of human energy of thought. A kind thought, a sympathetic thought, could protect the plant from the action of poison. To the same degree, a hostile thought would increase the fatal action.

If only the realization of the importance and power of thought would penetrate quickly into the minds of even uneducated masses! It is ridiculous and humiliating to subject the lofty experiments upon human thought to the action of coarse mechanical apparatus. But for a coarse consciousness, similar methods of investigation are necessary. The realization, alone, of the significance of thought would considerably transform our earthly existence.

In the realm of television, purely mechanical improvements of importance have taken place. It has just been reported that during the current year, this transmission of vision at a distance will receive new possibilities. This is quite possible, since once the field has been entered, the result in this direction will no doubt accumulate shortly. Gradually, the reflection of the quality of thought will also

become apparent through television, when images of persons are transmitted.

Even some observant photographers point out that the difference in photographs depends not only on purely external conditions but also on the inner state of the subject. Thus, also in this case, we arrive at the concept of the reflection of thought.

“A kind thought, a sympathetic thought, could protect the plant from the action of poison. To the same degree, a hostile thought would increase the fatal action.”

Discussions about hypnotism and suggestion, that is to say, about the trained methods of influence, have already become common. But the limited consciousness, as yet but feebly, admits that not only in cases of trained mental influences but absolutely in all cases of more or less clear thinking, powerful reactions upon the surroundings take place.

This consideration will once more remind us of the concept of responsibility, about which we recently had several [pieces of] evidence. What lofty beauty is contained in the idea of responsibility

and service! And there is no such spot on Earth where humankind would not be subject to these two great predestinations.

When we evoke from space words and sounds, are they not followed also by the ever-present properties of the energy of thought? Along tremendous distances, the human voice directed by thought clearly resounds. No doubt, across the vast space, together with the outer sound, are also stretched the inner strings of a mighty energy. Someone will sense them quite clearly, [while] another though feeling them, will deny them. And in such a negation there will be again present the element of fear, for the fearing consciousness shudders at the very hint that it is surrounded by influences and energies. Precisely that which should uplift people, casts the weak-willed into fear—fear that is the consequence of something indefinite and chaotic. But fear will not save us from chaos. Fears are the very gates to chaos!

It is beautiful, being clad in valor, to realize the grandeur of thought and of all the energies that it sets into action. Though through mechanical means, nevertheless, let people hurriedly approach the thoughts about thought in all its mighty significance. And instead of a chaotic fear, many seemingly complicated problems of life will become illumined by the realization of all the possibilities of thought. Not without reason was it said: “Act not only in body but also in thought!”

What a beautiful concept: “Thought in Infinity!”

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The Root Races— Theosophy

by Kathryn Agrell

The story of how humans evolved throughout millions and millions of years is a vast and complex one. The journey of life-waves on our Earth, as it is on other globes, is repeated seven times in the course of seven Rounds. Each Round sees the evolutionary development of a new Root-Race, seven Root-Races all told. As one Root-Race reaches its middle stage, so a new Root-Race begins to develop.

From the gradual descent of ethereal substance into ever denser matter, humanity's evolutionary development is a story that is both wholly scientific and endlessly mysterious. For it is, as has been shown in the many pages of *The Secret Doctrine*, the foundation from which all myths, legends, fairy tales, and mysticism have been born and what will one day be realized as Truth.¹

Humanity's evolutionary process was also mirrored on our physical planet. As Helena Blavatsky wrote when referring to "Creation" and the development of humankind from its inception: "As the solid Earth began by being a ball of liquid fire, of fiery dust and its protoplasmic phantom, so did man."² In addition, as humans developed, then came the animals, and not the other way around as certain scientists would have us believe.

In this Fourth Round, humanity has experienced the following Root-Races, whose names were derived from the initial lands upon which these Root-Races flourished.³

First Root-Race (Polarian):⁴ "Fire was their element."⁵ They "oozed out from the ethereal bodies of their pro-

The Realm of Beauty

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

N. Roerich



Ganges (Cold Ravine), 1946, by Nicholas Roerich

genitors,"⁶ (the Lords of the Moon), "also called 'Self-born'—was, in our sense, speechless, as it was devoid of mind on our plane."⁷ "Multiplication of these beings was by fission, or by budding. . . . They grew, expanding in size, and then divided, at first into two equal halves, and then in their later stages into unequal portions budding off progeny smaller than themselves, that grew in their turn and again budded off their young."⁸

Second Root-Race (Hyperborean): "The second Race . . . shows during its existence two marked types . . . as in its two senses of hearing and touch, and its consciousness of fire

and water. . . . They are called . . . the children of the Sun and the Moon. . . . Their color was a golden-yellow, sometimes glowing almost into orange, sometimes of palest lemon shades, and these gorgeously-hued forms, filamentous, tree-like often in shape, some approaching animal types, others semi-human in outline, very heterogeneous in appearance, drifting, floating, gliding, climbing, crying to each other in flute-like notes, through the splendid tropical forests. . . .

"Two main types appear as just said, in this second Race, the earlier and the later. In the first type there is no trace of sex, they are a-sexual, and it multiplies by expansion and

¹ H. P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine: The Synthesis of Science, Religion and Philosophy*, 2 vols. (1888; repr., London: Theosophical University Press, 2014).

² Blavatsky, *Secret Doctrine*, 1:191.

³ The information pertaining to each of the Root-Races of the Fourth Round was taken from *The Secret Doctrine*, vols. 1 and 2, and from a lecture by Annie Besant, "The Pedigree of Man," given during the Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society, at Adyar, in December 1903.

⁴ First Root-Race: For example, "The evolution of the First Race . . . took place on seven distinctly separated regions of the (then) only Earth at the arctic pole." Blavatsky, *Secret Doctrine*, 2:328.

⁵ Annie Besant, "The Pedigree of Man" (lecture, Theosophical Society, Adyar, December 1903). https://www.anandgholap.net/Pedigree_Of_Man-AB.htm.

⁶ Besant, "Pedigree of Man," 40.

⁷ Blavatsky, *Secret Doctrine*, 2:198.

⁸ Besant, "Pedigree of Man," 41.

budding like the first Race; as the forms become harder, coated with a thicker shell of earthy particles, this form of reproduction becomes impossible, and small bodies are extruded from them, figuratively termed ‘drops of sweat,’ since they ooze out like sweat from the human skin, viscid, opalescent, and these gradually harden, grow, and take on various shapes.”⁹

Third Root-Race (Lemurian—androgynes, both male and female): “The color of the third Race is red, varying much in its shades. . . . Gigantic in height and correspondingly broad, they give the impression of tremendous power. . . . The head with retreating forehead, the dully lurid eye, glowing redly over a flattened nose, the projecting heavy jaws, offer a repulsive ensemble according to modern taste.”¹⁰

“Organs of vision were evolved in this [T]hird Race, at first the single eye in the midst of the forehead—later called ‘the third eye’—and then the two eyes.”¹¹

“No sooner had the mental eye of man been opened to understanding, than the Third Race felt itself one with the ever-present as the ever to be unknown and invisible ALL, the One Universal Deity. Endowed with divine powers, and feeling in himself his *inner* God, each felt he was a Man-God in his nature, though an animal in his physical Self. The struggle between the two began from the very day they tasted of the fruit of the Tree of Wisdom; a struggle for life between the spiritual and the psychic, the psychic and the physical.”¹²

There were “three stages of the [T]hird Race. First, the sexual form; the second, hermaphrodite; the hermaphrodite is divided into two sexes,



Hills, 1912, by Nicholas Roerich

separation occurs. The divine men from Venus descend when the time is ripe for the second stage of the [T]hird Race, and by their influence, the latent androgyny is quickened into definite hermaphroditism [male and female organs are present in one form], and some very beautiful forms are produced. . . .

“While the majority of the third and fourth sub-races slowly evolved the human form through, to us, repulsive forms, animal-like, ape-like in type, a few, specially shaped for the indwelling of the sons of Venus were ‘towering giants of godly strength and beauty.’”¹³

Fourth Root-Race (Atlantean— the “first truly human and terrestrial race”):¹⁴ “Intellect has an enormous development in this [Fourth] Round. . . . “[F]rom the Fourth Race, language is perfected and knowledge increases. At this half-way point of the Fourth Round (as of the Fourth Root, or Atlantean, race), . . . the world [is] teeming with the results of intellectual activity and

spiritual decrease.”¹⁵

They were giants. They developed agglutinative language [language that is formed by words put together to express a single definite meaning; for example, the word “debug.”]

Fifth Root-Race (Aryan): “One million years have rolled away since the seeds of the [F]ifth Race were thus separated out from the [F]ourth.”¹⁶

Earth humanity is currently in its Fourth Round in the Fifth Root-Race.

To learn about the Fifth Root-Race takes studying its many and varied sub-races.

Each Root-Race develops seven sub-races, which subdivide into “seven branch or family races. These sub-divisions [are] related to the modern concept of races and ethnicities. It must be remembered that the sub-races refer to cultural qualities and not to the level of evolution of the soul. When asked if one’s incarnations are ‘in sub-race progression,’ Annie Besant answered, ‘They do not follow any regular law of succession.’ People incarnate in the various sub-races in different orders to gather experiences.

“Currently, humanity is undergoing the [F]ifth Root-Race stage, and has developed five sub-races. However, the majority of human beings are incarnated in cultures that derive from previous Root-Races, and that had their apex of development far in the past.”¹⁷

⁹ Besant, “Pedigree of Man,” 43.

¹⁰ Besant, “Pedigree of Man,” 47.

¹¹ Besant, “Pedigree of Man,” 47.

¹² Blavatsky, *Secret Doctrine*, 2:272.

¹³ Besant, “Pedigree of Man,” 62.

¹⁴ Besant, “Pedigree of Man,” 71.

¹⁵ Blavatsky, *Secret Doctrine*, 1:189.

¹⁶ Besant, “Pedigree of Man,” 84.

¹⁷ *Theosophy Wiki*, s.v. “Seven Sub-races,” last accessed November 4, 2023, <https://theosophy.wiki/en/Root-Race>.

August 8, 2004

[Agni-Yoga] *The Great Lord*

Dear —,

In the Teaching, you will sometimes see “the Great Lord” (or Gr. L.) or “the Teacher,” but rarely “Master.” It is all the same. M., who gave the books to us, is the Teacher. The text tries to differentiate between “the teacher,” meaning anyone who teaches, and “the Teacher,” referring to the Master M. Sometimes there may be some confusion in the texts, but the reader can usually sort it out. _____, in her response to you, mentions living as if the Teacher is within your life. But there need be no “as if.” He simply is. In our archive, there is a piece of paper on which is written, in Nicholas Roerich’s hand, “Avirach says we must always act as if the Teacher stands beside us. But of course, He does.” (I am paraphrasing, but not distorting. Avirach was the spiritual name of a member of the Roerichs’ first study group in America, formed in New York in the early twenties.) I am sure that once one embarks on this road that is guided by M., one becomes a member of M.’s world. That is one of the reasons why some people are opposed to the studying of more than one teaching—but that is another argument, for another time.

Hope this clarifies a little.

Daniel

November 17, 2003

[Agni-Yoga] *Do You Wish To [...]*

Dear —,

As far as I know, November 17th was Indicated as the most auspicious date for initiating projects. If my memory serves, the Theosophical Society was founded on November 17th, 1885 (someone please correct this if I am wrong). The Museum

was also founded on November 17th, 1923 (there was no official Agni Yoga Society until 1946).

So today is our 80th birthday!

Daniel

December 6, 2003

[Agni-Yoga] *Spiritual Healing*

Dear —,

OK, here’s the scoop.

When the Roerichs were on the main expedition, in Urumchi, China, they befriended the local Soviet Consul, Bystrov, who helped them to get into the USSR without acquiescing to the requirements of the Moscow leaders, who wanted Roerich to take Soviet citizenship before entering the country. When the three Roerichs, together with Sina Lichtmann (later Fosdick) and her husband Maurice Lichtmann, arrived in Moscow, they met all the leaders of the country: Chicherin, Lunacharsky, Lenin’s widow Krupskaya, and others.

Roerich gave Chicherin and Lunacharsky the first published books of the Teaching (in Russian, of course). He also handed to them a letter from the Mahatmas to the Soviet government. This letter has been published a few times in Russian biographies and articles. Essentially, it is a complimentary and encouraging letter, despite the prophecy from

Conversations with Daniel Entin

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



the same Source, given only three years before, that “in three years the Bolsheviks will be overthrown.” I was told here, in explanation, that there are two ways to affect the behavior of beasts: with sticks or with carrots. This letter was a carrot.

About the “box with the blue light coming out of it,” what box do you mean? Perhaps you mean the casket that is seen in so many of the paintings, representing the repository of the New Teaching. If you do mean that casket, it exists. It was given to the Roerichs in Paris, in 1923 or 1924, when they were on their way to the Far East. The casket contained the famous Stone, about which so much was written in the Teaching. On the Agni Yoga website, www.agniyoga.org, the book *On Eastern Crossroads* has a chapter, very veiled and filled with symbolism, about the Stone. It is the casket held by Nicholas Roerich in the portrait that can be found as the frontispiece of the book *Shambhala*. I guess you can call it a “pebble from the far-off worlds.” The Stone is said to be from a meteorite with origins in the constellation Orion.

Is this sufficient for an inquiring mind? If not, ask questions. Maybe I will have answers, though I do not know much more.

Daniel

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Friday, March 22

9:45–10:00 a.m. *Welcome and Zoom Instructions*

10:00–10:30 a.m. *“Introduction to Psychic Energy”*
with Joleen DuBois

Five-minute break

10:35–11:05 a.m. *“Beauty Releases Psychic Energy”*
with Annakama Chrysston

Ten-minute break

11:15–11:45 a.m. *“The High Path by Helena Roerich
Synopsis”* with Kathy O’Conner, Doreen
Trees, and Lewis Agrell

11:45–1:15 p.m. Lunch break

1:15–2:15 p.m. *“A Creative Meditation working with
the Psychic Energy in a Nicholas
Roerich Painting”* with
Wendy Thompson

Fifteen-minute break

2:30–3:00 p.m. *“Psychic Energy: From Fear to
Fearlessness”* with Kathryn Agrell

Five-minute break

3:05–3:35 p.m. *“Higher Psychism – Building the Path to
True Psychism”* with Kathy O’Conner

Five-minute break

3:40–4:10 p.m. *“Inner Gifts”* with Ginette Parisi

Saturday, March 23

9:45–10:00 a.m. *Opening alignment*

10:00–10:30 a.m. *“Psychic Energy as the Basis for the
Transformation of Consciousness”*
with Alena Adamkova

Five-minute break

10:35–11:05 a.m. *“Atoms as Extensions of Psychic
Energy”* with Vadim Melikhov

Five-minute break

11:10–11:40 a.m. *“Psychic Energy in Healing”*
with Valarie Drost

11:40–1:15 p.m. Lunch break

1:15–2:00 p.m. *“Twelve Facets of Psychic Energy – the
Primary Energy”* with Wendy Thompson

Fifteen-minute break

2:15–3:00 p.m. *“The Oneness of Humanity”* with
Olivia Hansen

Fifteen-minute break

3:15–4:00 p.m. *“Psychic Energy, Your Single
Belonging”* with Jeff Clark

Sunday, March 24

9:30–10:15 a.m. *Master’s Day Celebration*

Fifteen-minute break

10:30–11:15 a.m. *“Agni Yoga and Psychic Energy:
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with Joleen DuBois

Ten-minute break

11:25–11:50 a.m. Questions and Answers from the
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