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## To Be a Light in the Darkness

### *Agni Yoga, 1929*

*Agni Yoga*, 290. Did the heroes of ancient times resemble today's heroes? Did the heroes of antiquity need an inexhaustible store of enthusiasm? Their achievements were brief, and one explosion of fire was enough to feed their energy. Now, the extended duration of achievement, with the complete depletion of forces in the earthly atmosphere, puts an unbearable strain on the energy. The most powerful stroke, the sternest call, can flash out from but a single explosion; but continuous and repeated action requires a whole sequence of currents of energy.

The present-day hero is sustained by the realization that from no earthly quarter can he expect cooperation. When he says, "I will not abandon the field of battle," he already finds new strength. We are ready to provide the strengthening current in accordance with the firmness of his decision not to abandon the battle. We do know, however, how difficult it is to carry light in the darkness, because this light is seen by others, but not by the one who carries it. Besides, those who sleep cannot stand the light.

In general, take note of those who do not need darkness for their sleep. The fire of their spirit dispels the darkness.

The sower does not count the scattered seeds, for he is the sower and not the reaper. Who goes most joyously to his labor? The upright sower—not the bent reaper. With his right hand the sower broadly scatters his seeds. The wind carries away many seeds, but the sower sings, because he knows that the field is no longer

empty. He will depart when the field is full. It does not matter to him who will reap the harvest or who will collect the new seeds. The task of sowing is given to the most trusted toiler. Large is the field, but the skilled hand does not tire.

### *Fiery World I, 1933*

*Fiery World I*, 183. Soulless beings are known to all. This is not a figure of speech but a chemical reality. It may be asked, Do these people incarnate in this deplorable state? The question indicates ignorance of the fundamentals. No one can be incarnated without a store of fiery energy. Without the torch of Agni, no one enters the physical world. The squandering of Agni takes place here, amidst all the wonders of nature. To dissipate

Agni it is not at all necessary to commit any violent crimes. From various Teachings we know enough about even the reformation of robbers. Ordinarily the dissipation of Agni occurs in everyday life when the spirit slumbers. The accumulation of Agni is arrested by trivial actions. It must be understood that the benefaction of Agni grows naturally, but when darkness blankets the process of perfectment, then the Fire imperceptibly—though it can be chemically proven—departs from the worthless receptacle.

Beautiful is the law of eternal motion, either evolution or involution. Beautiful is the law that permits each incarnate being to have within him eternal Agni, as a Light in the darkness. Beautiful is the law that, even in spite of karma, issues Light to each wayfarer.

*"The task of sowing is given to the most trusted toiler. Large is the field, but the skilled hand does not tire."*

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### Welcome

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## NETWORKERS LETTER

Dear Friends,

The yogas, from Hatha Yoga, to Raja Yoga to Agni Yoga. Are they different? Are they separate from one another? Or is there a progressive synthesis? This is what Agni Yoga tells us:

“Yoga—that supreme bridge to cosmic attainment—has existed through all ages. Each Teaching comprises its own Yoga, applicable to that step of evolution. The Yogas do not contradict each other. As the branches of one tree they spread their shade and refresh the traveler exhausted from heat. . . .

“First we shall apply the counsels of life. Then we shall pronounce the name of the Yoga of the time approaching. We shall hear the advancing footsteps of the element of fire, but we shall already be prepared to master the undulations of the flame.

“Therefore, we hail the yoga of the past—the Raja Yoga. And we affirm that of the future—the Agni Yoga.”<sup>1</sup>

“Hatha Yoga cannot be regarded as an independent form. The growth of the spirit changes it into Raja Yoga. It is impossible to name anybody who attained through Hatha Yoga alone. Besides, in a world of darkness and prejudice, accomplishments through Hatha Yoga can even bring harm, by its strengthening of the astral body. The fakirs may adapt themselves to this world of darkness and unwittingly weaken the ascent of thought. Even a person sitting quietly and contemplating can attain further, because thought is the Raja of all that exists. Beauty is born through the lightning of thought. Truly, a flaming Bhakti can kindle

# Community

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

– *New Era Community*, verse 229

Rev. Joleen D. DuBois



new worlds with a thought. And the step of a Jnani will be but the smile of a Raja-Bhakti. Therefore Hatha and Jnana are not original and are insufficient. What sage of wisdom would not be the lord of love?<sup>2</sup>

“Thus, it is necessary to point out to the younger generations the approach of the Yoga of Life.

“All preceding Yogas, given from the highest Sources, took as their basis a particular aspect of life. Now, at the dawn of the age of Maitreya, there is needed a Yoga comprising the essence of the whole of life, all-embracing, evading nought. One remembers the example of those unignitable youths in the biblical legend who valiantly sacrificed themselves to the fiery furnace and thereby acquired power.

“You may call this the Yoga of Life. But the most precise name will be Agni Yoga. It is precisely the element of fire that gives its name to this Yoga of self-sacrifice. While in other Yogas the dangers are diminished through practices, in the Yoga of Fire the perils are increased, because fire, as an all-binding element, manifests itself everywhere. But it also permits mastery of the subtlest energies. Fire will not lead away from life; it will act as a trustworthy guide

to the far-off worlds. For what but fire saturates immeasurable space?

“Thus, with a smile of joy, greet the fiery life.”<sup>3</sup>

If you are interested in studying Agni Yoga, please send an email to [staff@wmea-world.org](mailto:staff@wmea-world.org) telling us of your interest, your present spiritual studies, and knowledge, if any, of Agni Yoga. The WMEA is offering a class on Agni Yoga on the second Monday of each month starting in September of 2021 on Zoom. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. The WMEA office sent the study papers to early registrants; however, new registrants will receive the earlier handouts in preparation for the first Zoom class beginning in September.

With love,

Joleen Dianne DuBois  
President and founder

White Mountain Education Association, Inc.

<sup>1</sup> Preface to *Agni Yoga* (1929), 6th ed. (New York: Agni Yoga Society, Inc., [1928] 1997, repr. 2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 28.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 158.



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# Helena Roerich's Notebook 329 – Part Two

## NEW PLANET<sup>1</sup>

New astronomy will be established with the approach of Our New Planet, as its rays will reveal new possibilities. The New Planet is approaching our system. It will stabilize our system and settle in a new orbit around the Sun. This planet is slightly larger than our Earth and showcases some similarities with its elements. But its fiery core contains a conglomerate of fiery energy that contributes to their (*the elements of the New Planet*) special sublimation. The New Planet contains a metal called *Morium* that can produce a permanent glow when combined with another metal. Nept[unium] and Pl[utonium] on Earth are necessary for *Morium* to glow. New astronomy will be revealed with the approach of the New Planet, as its rays will open new possibilities.

X-rays respond to the Sun's rays. Upon your departure from India, the new Sun will reveal a circle with emanating rays. This circle will appear for three days as a reflection of the distant Sun. Such a passage of it through our system causes a strong perturbation of the entire system. The ardent comet will reappear again in 195[...] at the time of your departure. The rays of the New Planet inflame all mucous membranes. The visibility of the New Planet is hidden from us by the Sun's rays, for the ardent one has come too close to the Sun. The visibility of the ardent comet is hidden by the rays of the Sun. The core of the planet contains new metalloids, which are very strong and provoke explosions in the atmosphere surrounding the planet. The ardent planet is revealed at a triple tensio.



*Putivl Eclipse* by Nicholas Roerich, 1914

*“The Sun’s rays will merge with the rays of the New Planet, which will triple the intensity of the Sun. Their rays are similar.”*

The rays of the New Planet are similar to the rays of the Sun. These rays, in their connection with the sun's rays, caused explosions in the Earth's atmosphere provoking magnetic storms, floods, and earthquakes. The earthquakes in Italy were very dangerous because they affected the oceanic floor. The impact of the New

Planet's Rays is much more dangerous than that of war. The Sun's rays will merge with the rays of the New Planet, which will triple the intensity of the Sun. Their rays are similar. The New Planet will unfold new opportunities. Fervent life on that planet is manifested in the form of microorganisms and primitive vegetation. The ardent planet has life in the subtle spheres surrounding it. The new rays of the New Planet are similar to the rays of the Sun, although much stronger than those of [our Sun]. These rays can

<sup>1</sup>Notebook 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”



revive the deserts and turn them into wonderful gardens. The fierce Moon will also move into such a revival with the influence of these rays. These rays are radioactive, as they are combined with radium, iridium, osmiridium, and helium. But such rays, on their intense passage near the Sun, become modified and cause purification of the atmosphere of our Earth and all planets, visible and invisible, in our solar system.

Your radiance manifests as the radiance of My Rays. The fierce power of the ray of the New Planet is stronger than the ray of our earthly Sun. Urusvati can write out everything that has been told to you about the Sun and the planets without worrying about the sequence of messages, for I do not require it.

Urusvati has left her earthly shell and lives in the Subtle World. She does not need an earthly shell, for the ardent one cooperates with Me in the fiery spheres. Urusvati suffers when she is returning to the worn-out, earthly shell. Urusvati still needs a short time to consolidate the Teaching, to establish the Institute for the Study of the Hidden Forces of Man and the new science about the Sun and the Moon. She will be the inspirer for scientists.

The rays of the New Planet can be so strong that the Earth could experience earthquakes, the sinking of the ocean floor, violent magnetic storms, and even the displacement of the Earth's axis. Humanity will perish; one-sixth of the total population will remain. Such a catastrophe may occur at the end of this century.

Often related statements do not provide the correct idea because of a certain sequence, which gets broken down frequently due to the new Cosmic chemism, [new] conditions,

and the Sun's rays, which are the main decisive factors in all Cosmic phenomena.

The bright Central Sun is located in the Milky Way's Ring Nebula in the constellation Hercules. It only seems that this nebula is in a constellation; In reality, the nebula is located in the ring of the Milky Way.<sup>2</sup> The nebula in the constellation of Hercules is actually located on the bright ring of the Milky Way, while the actual Constellation of Hercules is also found near

*“When the New Planet settles in our solar system, the Moon will be covered with new vegetation and will become a blossoming garden and greenhouse for our Earth.”*

the ring of the Milky Way. This nebula originates from the brightness of the Rays of the Sacred Central Sun.

## MARS

The water on Mars is of a completely different quality than on Earth; it is so light that it barely moves during hurricanes. The air is so dense and heavy that We cannot breathe there. The fire is intensely red and of great density. Even lightning is red, sometimes just yellow but with a red glow. The ardent Cosmos appears from there as a completely different image. The sky looks fiery and fiercely speckled with red stars. The sun is aflame at a fierce, crimson sunset. And the Moon, the companion of Mars, does not give out any light and looks like a small, red globe with dark shadows. Everything

appears as if viewed through the red glass. The trees are red and brown; there are no flowers and no meadows. The ground is of various tones of red, fervently rich in beautiful shades that look much more pleasant than the tones of the sky. The sky seems ominous, with menacing clouds, and is like the glow of an intense fire.

## MOON

The atmosphere on the Moon appears as if viewed through a deathly green glass, and the entire surface of the Moon is covered with dead slags and sprinkled with ashes. When the New Planet settles in our solar system, the Moon will be covered with new vegetation and will become a blossoming garden and greenhouse for our Earth. The Earth will explode, but the Moon will continue to exist and rotate around the New Planet. The Moon will take those spirits that cannot incarnate on the New Planet. The ardent ones will appear there in their former lunar forms—ugly with three eyes. They will be dull, full of irritation and anger, and, once again, they will initiate wars aimed at complete self-destruction. We will have to exterminate such a terrible evolution with the rays of the New Planet.

## SATURN

But the spirits of Saturn will be in an even worse situation, being left in complete darkness. Saturn does not have its own rays. Our Sun is too far away, and the light coming from the Sun of Sirius and other Luminaries is absorbed by the ring of Moons that surrounds Saturn. The evolution of Saturn is horrific!

<sup>2</sup>The Ring-Pass-Not in the Milky Way does not lie parallel to the Zodiac but is almost perpendicular to it. The Ring of the Milky Way is much larger than the Zodiac (Tetr. 184, p. 8).—Trans



However, our Moon will restart the evolution supported by the sunlight. With the explosion of the Earth, our Moon can finally become a planet. The earth is very tense and can explode. It could explode sooner than we expect. All coworkers will leave the planet prior to the explosion. Only after a few eons will the vegetation start appearing on the Moon. But the lichen can appear relatively sooner.

The notes about living conditions on nearby planets were recorded during the best atmospheric conditions on each of them when their atmosphere was in a perfect state of calm, and when the tourbillons of Cosmic displacements had not yet touched our solar system and its ardent calmness. But, recently, a disturbance of the elements and an intensification of the vital impulse occurred on these planets. The disturbance of the elements gave a new impetus to the vital impulse.

My coworker, she understands the significance of Cosmic action, disturbance, and explosion. They are the causative agents of a new wave of life.



The New Planet also has its own records revealed by Us. Of course, the records of the planets differ because each planet has its own individual conditions and characteristics, its own life, its inhabitants and Guides. The closest life to us is revealed on Venus.

## JUPITER

The shape of Jupiter's inhabitants is also close to our Earth's. Its inhabitants are more beautiful than the most beautiful types on our Earth. The intellect on Jupiter cannot develop due to the lack of the Rays of Manas, hence the beautiful forms on Jupiter

are rather monotonous. Because of the calm, carefree existence there, the ardent ones have spiritual foresight but no spiritual awareness. Spiritual clairvoyance is almost integrated with spiritual consciousness. Consciousness does not exercise much in places where a monotonous life is manifested. But life on Jupiter will change dramatically when the New Planet settles in our solar system. The New Planet will stimulate the ardent energies throughout the entire solar system.

*“The Moon did not complete the correct round of evolution. It began to die before the completion of the development of all energies inherent to its foundation and its potential.”*

## MOON

The side of the Moon that remains invisible to us is cosmically impossible to investigate with any telescopes since it is fixed in relation to the Earth. But, of course, this fierce side does not remain inaccessible to the rays of the Sun. Although the bright beams illuminate the Moon rather dimly, it still receives the amount of light similar to dusk on our planet, and after sunset, it turns completely dark. Twilight on the Moon resembles the twilight of the spheres adjacent to the Earth in the Supermundane World. But in the darkness of the Moon's nights, there is no sign of light because the rays of the Luminaries cannot break through

its gloomy atmosphere. But the ardent Moon is now on the way to become a new Cosmic Planet, as it freed itself from the deadly ray and the aura of the enemy and the enemy's minions. The Moon became cosmically refreshed and purified by My Ray. It will soon be covered with vegetation and will become My best coworker because it will magnetically cooperate with Me and our Sun. The fiery, magnetic vessel of the moon will begin to act fiercely in helping Me to manifest the reorganization of the world.

## [NEW PLANET “URUSVATI”]

The ardent enemy was hiding from Me behind the walls of his new home, revealed on the planet at the very limit of our solar system—on the best planet after My Uranus.

The ardent enemy could not conquer My Uranus because of its high vibrations, but My New Planet had weaker vibrations, fiercely close to our Earth. The influence of his Rays caused many destructions on it, but the Planet revived under My Cosmic Ray. However, now it has appeared once again on decomposition due to its inability to reinstate the cohesion in the core broken down by the deadly ray. But under the influence of Our united Ray, the planet will be able to heal its cracks and establish its necessary strengthening; and after some rest and purification of the atmosphere from the deadly ray, it will revive and take on a new life.

## MOON

The moon had a slow, independent evolution. Its evolution was of a low grade, and its humanity was in such

<sup>3</sup> The Third Eye of the Lunar dwellers.—Trans.

<sup>4</sup> Could see behind them with the help of the third eye, which was functioning as an organ of vision.—Trans.

an animal state that High Spirits from other planets could not incarnate into the rough shells of its inhabitants. The animal life of the lunar inhabitants was transferred to Earth when their planet began to die due to the impossibility of further development of its evolution. The Moon was in a process of dying long before the full development of all of its subsoil. Therefore, the Moon did not complete the correct round of evolution. It began to die before the completion of the development of all energies inherent to its foundation and its potential.

The Third Eye<sup>3</sup> was developed from the complexity of the nerve plexuses or nodes. But in the absence of cumulations, the third eye started to function as a simple organ of vision. The lunar dwellers were able to see behind them.<sup>4</sup>

Their consciousness was above the animal state, and the first awakening of their consciousness and awareness of themselves as separate, independent beings only further strengthened their animal instincts. They started to go extinct due to the impossibility of mastering the level of further development. And yet they were the preparatory stage for Earth's humanity. Their monads were in a dormant state because the Moon, due to a lack of trained receivers, and could not assimilate the rays coming from the higher spheres, the distant worlds. The moon could not continue its development. Its humanity turned out to be at a primitive level, and even the best representatives of its humanity could not rise above the preparatory state. The inhabitants of the moon could be called "animal people" or "bipedal." The inhabitants of the moon possessed a third eye; they could see behind and around. But without the depositions of the cumulations from impulses, the functions of this eye were limited to mere sight.

Human beings at the beginning of

the third race were so close to the human-animal (*on our Earth*) that their offspring—the result of copulation with female animals—demonstrated viability and gave birth to new species, the great apes. But in our time, the current great apes are offsprings of these distant ancestors. The primal ray of the Moon was red; now it is green but will turn purple when it receives the rays of the New Planet initiating its new revival.

### [NEW PLANET "URUSVATI"]

The pink rays of the New Planet are healing the Earth and reviving

*"Our system is a powerful System of Worlds, cooperating with the Suns of the neighboring systems and with the former Sun Uranus."*

the dead planets of our solar system. Many Rays of our [solar] system are invisible to us because of the structure of our physical eye, which cannot perceive these subtlest Rays of indescribable beauty. The atmosphere of our Earth, saturated with the Sun rays of the nearest planets, reveals to us a scale of a certain seven colors, but in reality, our solar system is permeated by a manifold of rays that are inaccessible to our limited vision and displays an indescribable beauty that is visible only with prismatic vision. Prismatic vision is the vision of the third eye. The opening of the third eye is accomplished with high spirituality. When Urusvati is with Me, she

cannot get enough of this glittering beauty.

The planets Jupiter and Venus are established on a completely different evolution than the Earth. The ardent inhabitants there exist in better conditions than those of our Earth. Venus is facing us with only one side, but its other side is illuminated by another Sun, located at a far distance from us, but, nevertheless, shining on Venus. That ardent Sun is revealed as the Sun without planets. Our solar system is much larger than its visible outline. Our solar system is much greater, with numerous planets and suns, but in the fierce stage of formation. Our system is a powerful System of Worlds, cooperating with the Suns of the neighboring systems and with the former Sun Uranus, extinguished many centuries ago. But the Sun of our system is still developing its power and fiercely feeds on the waste of its many planets. Our Sun has gathered many members into its community, into its immediate vicinity. The New Planet, a new member of our system, is the salvation of our Earth from the rays of Saturn. Our New Planet is constructing our future by being a rescue vessel for our Hierarchy and the best of the populations on Earth and Venus. Our Earth is one of the many planets in our solar system.<sup>5</sup>



*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 continue to do so going forward.*

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the re-settlers of the New Planet will not only come from Earth but also from Venus.—Trans.

## POETRY IN MOTION

The following poetry are poems shared by a few folks who attended the March 2021 Agni Yoga conference. Each attendee was given thirty minutes to write a poem that reflected what they learned or were inspired with during the five-day virtual conference.



### The Garden by Anon.

Isle of peace in storm-wracked land  
Bathed by clear light of Hierarchy's hand

Quietly glowing  
Great prana flowing

Shining devas abide  
At great Master's side

Flowers sublime  
Blossoming in time

Harmony does reign  
As discord shall wane

A magical space  
Ineffable grace

In the midst of infinity  
While bathed in divinity

The warmth here, the Living  
The bottomless giving

The loving embrace  
of this Edenly place

The blessings of Tara  
Cessation of Mara

Amrita's sweet bliss  
After crossing the abyss

## The Realm of Beauty

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

N. Roerich



There's naught here but peace  
All trials will cease

Abide for a while  
Before going the next mile

Rest your sore limbs  
Amidst heavenly hymns

When love's in your heart  
You'll never depart!



To Hierarchy and the Teacher

Thank you for the Guiding Hand and Light

For giving us the nearness of the Higher  
Life

Thank you for the vision that leads us to  
Light

To climb Jacob's Ladder and be a link in the  
Beauty of the One Life.

### Annakama



Greeting the morning with beauty and  
wonder, a new day at hand.

Joyfully opening the Conference Program  
to see what magic will expand.

Absorbing the beauty, celebrating the

Teaching, seeing the breadth of its  
command.

I honor our co-workers, friends and  
participants, engaged here, from every Land.

May Beauty prevail.

### Lesley Vann



Shining stars sing salutations as their  
notes unfold my heart.

I sense the Glory that lies ahead is  
eternal.

Your voice commands, forward—to  
your rightful place!



### Spiraling

Spiraling up while shedding the old

Feeling the pressure as life unfolds

Stop me not for much time has passed.

The future is calling ~ the wires are cast.

### Doreen Trees





**There Will Come A Time. . . .**

*There will come a time to remember  
The Holy Ground of Soul  
When promises made to journey away  
But not forget The Day of Return.*

*There will come a time to forsake  
The worn and weary ways  
For that Within and Beyond  
Which one could ever hope to find.*

*There will come a time to seek fearlessly  
The Heart of Love  
Where rest is only a moment's breath  
Until the Call to Serve ignites.*

*And then a time will come to bless  
The Work completed  
And away from life withdraw  
Only to remember . . . and begin again.*

**Donna-Marie Terranova**



*Inspired togetherness,  
sharing the vision of our highest aspirations,  
with great Love for all members in  
attendance both physically and subtly.  
At our core, we are Love.*

*Brain, watch, and do not speak; just  
absorb.*

*Do you see how I ponder my great  
friends as spirits instead of  
personalities?*

*Observe how our heart feels open and  
healed, not tensed and crushed.  
What if we held this view all year 'round,  
together?*

*A true embraced belief that all people  
are great souls,  
not just their obvious personalities;  
to really see and feel and love and live  
this belief,  
not just theorize it logically.*

*I love you, brain; it is now time to team up  
with me, your Higher Self,  
to be quiet and listen more often,  
to save your energy for right powerful  
action, lightning-fast,  
when it is time to act.*

*Together we can be a powerhouse of  
Goodness,  
beyond anything you can imagine today.  
You've seen hints of this already in your life.  
Are you with me?*

**Paul Balyoz**



*Consciousness is high,  
The reason is why,  
Energy of Light,  
Brought us to new height.*

*Visions of Brotherhood,  
Contact that we could,  
The Fire that They send,  
First, the door must we rend.*

*Gatherings are divine,  
Brings us as one mind,  
To strengthen the Call,  
And enter the Great Hall.*

**Ginette Parisi**



*Joy, Radiant and Fiery  
The Hierarchy, the Lamp in the desert  
Blazing the Path to Shambhala*

*The Light Reveals  
What the Heart already knows  
Revelation after revelation*

*The ladder is raised  
Stepping toward higher rungs  
No looking back*

*The clouds of distortion pierced  
Clarity, like a window opens  
To the future magnetized*

*Cosmic Beauty appears*

**Kate Studebaker**



## REALM OF BEAUTY

by V.M.

*“What is required of you? Fire! Fire of the heart. Ardent striving. Faith in Our help. You will be those children of Light who stand in the dark and shine, illuminating the path of those approaching.”*

– O. Obnorskaya, *The Teacher’s Garden*

### The Flaming One

*The Flaming One addressed the Prince of Darkness: “Thou hast poisoned the air. Thou hast polluted the waters. Thou hast depleted the earth. But fire thou hast not touched. Nor hast the fire touched thee. And fire shall burn thee as light smiteth darkness. The Great Flame is untiring. And thou shalt not dare to emerge from thy dwelling.*

*“From space shall I evoke new fires which shall wither thy works. As sterile fissures. As desiccated bones. Thus shalt thou be confounded, cast hence, and retreat.*

*“The wall of flame shall approach thee; nor shalt thou find therein thy marks. By the far-off worlds shall I guard the flame. Thou canst not poison, nor pollute, nor deplete it.*

*“I shall summon the fiery host, born amidst fire. They shall not succumb. And the waters evoked by thee shall not quench their burning.*

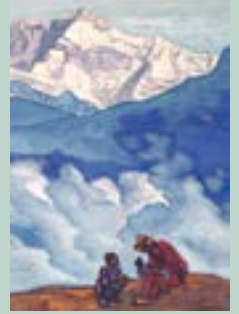
*“Prince of the Darkness, beware of the fire!”<sup>1</sup>*

### Tactica Adversa

*“In a swift fiery whirlwind  
Creation and destruction  
Come and go, revolving together,  
One complementing the other.  
And where the Song of Death  
Thunders in the World Orchestra,  
There’s a gentle flute of Birth*

## Thoughts on Agni Yoga

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



*Completes its chords.  
Such is the path of Phoenix:  
In destruction concealing creation. . .  
With each step even higher soaring,  
Until reborn in an immortal glitter.”*

– O.B. Obnorskaya. 1944

### Letters I, 8 May 1935

*Tactica Adversa* is the tactical exhaustion of the adverse. Precisely, when the Light Forces wish to fulfil some plan of Earth, They make allowances for all possibilities, envisioning even the worst conditions. Then every betterment of the conditions is already an unexpected plus. Thus, from the worst is derived a benefit. When such tactics are applied, the enemies often contribute to the success.<sup>2</sup>

### Letters I, 21 October 1931

The invincible “*Tactica Adversa*” will lead the enemies into absurdity, and as a result all hostile aggressions will be scattered by the very reason of their evident absurdity. So, remember this when the evil and the ugliness accumulates and reaches its maximum; then you can pierce through its center with “just one arrow.”<sup>3</sup>

### Infinity II

372. Each intensified force has its affirmed opposition. Each intensified force has its purpose. The bridges consolidated by the enemy are the best ascent. Only when all adversaries are strained in

opposition can the greatest plan be introduced into life. Thus, every foundation employs *Tactica Adversa*.<sup>4</sup>

### Facets of Agni Yoga

1956. 88. (Apr. 22). The opposition to the Light is still observed everywhere, especially where the enemies of evolution dominate. The threat of a return strike looms in such instances. The reverse blow of evolution is powerful and nothing can stand in its way. The choice is as follows: either go along with evolution, or be swept away by it. Therefore, it is better to adhere to evolution irrevocably. Evolution ultimately always brings renewal, improvement, refinement and development of life forms, as well as deepening and expansion of viable forms. Evolution contains the dynamics of Cosmic Power, or the Higher Will, to which religions have vaguely and sometimes unconvincingly referred. Counteraction should not be viewed as misfortune or failure. Conversely, the *Tactica Adversa*\* (*\*the worse it is, the better it is*) uses the counteraction as a ploy by forcing a voltage of reverse power to neutralize the nodes of resistance.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *On Eastern Crossroads*, 3rd ed. (New York, NY: Agni Yoga Society, Inc., Online edition 2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Letters of Helena Roerich, Volume I*, 8 May 1935 (New York: Agni Yoga Society, Inc., [1954], 2016).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 21 October 1931.

<sup>4</sup> *Infinity* (1930), *Volume II* (New York: Agni Yoga Society, Inc., 1957, repr. 2016), verse 372.

<sup>5</sup> Boris N. Abramov, *Facets of Agni Yoga*. First published in Russian in 1993.

October 21, 2014

*Tataguni estate, now garbage dump*

Dear —,

This article stirred up a few people at the forum. It is really a terrible thing, and I have no idea why the authorities stopped paying attention to the estate. There are always signs that the significance of the Roerichs in India may be fading. I hope not, but it may turn out to be so. A park needs popular support, not just that of the elites and university types who still admire the Roerichs. You remember, a couple of years ago there was a wonderful conference at a university that was organized by Manju Kak. But the kind of folks who frequent a park do not have the desired reverence for its previous occupants. And those somber tombs do little to help.

I just came back from Moscow, where there was a wonderful opening of a Roerich exhibit at the Museum of Oriental Art. During all of my time there, I was very aware of the tendency there for groups to squabble, judge one another, and even turn on one another. Maybe a way could be found to divert some of that energy into a well-orchestrated protest to the authorities in Bangalore and India.

The Russians have a working relationship with all Roerich activity in India. They are the major influence.

Daniel

June 12, 2014

*Welcome to agni-yoga. Visit today!*

Dear —,

## Conversations with Daniel Entin

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



How wonderful! When we are together in this group, it is as if we are in the same room, yet most of us have no idea where many of the others are located, physically, on Earth. I find that inspiring, the beginning of a planetary consciousness. This is a long and slow process, and will take many years to develop, so signs of it thrill me. I'm sure the Roerichs are smiling. . . .

Daniel

May 23, 2012

*Russian/English language*

Dear —,

I think that by doing all of your own research, you may be digging yourself into a hole here. The Russian word for stepchild is, indeed, *pasynok* (the “y” represents a vowel non-existent in English). But it has no connection, I was just told by Russian scholars visiting here, with *pasinka* (note, a different vowel, therefore a different root) which is a diminutive. In the Russian language, the world of diminutives is for us quite huge, complex, and inscrutable. The word “nickname” doesn't even approach it. In families, people call one another

*pasinka, masinka*, and many other words of endearment. When the intent is to criticize, or reprimand, there is a whole other world of words.

In what site are you reading the letters of Helena Roerich? I have the books here, all that have been produced so far, but do not have them in the computer. It would be good to have them for research purposes.

Daniel

May 25, 2012

*Russian/English language*

Dear —,

Easier said than done, \_\_\_\_! Russian is a much richer and more complex language than English. That is why poets love it so much. But I gave up after years of trying to get beyond the basics. I remember once watching an interview with the famed Vladimir Nabokov, who was complaining about the simplicities of English and its inadequacy for proper translation. He pointed out that in the early nineteenth century, women, who were discouraged from speaking too much in polite society,

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developed a rich vocabulary of eye and eyelid movements, each of which had a word in Russian to describe it. He said that in Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, those words were sprinkled liberally throughout the text, and the reader knew immediately, by the word used, what meaning was conveyed. In English, an eyelid can only blink or flutter or twitch, not much more, and without any meaning conveyed.

Daniel

May 26, 2012

### *Of languages and translations*

Dear —,

You are certainly right about George. He studied at Harvard and The Sorbonne, and mastered many languages quickly. When I visited the Tibetan monastery in Vevey, Switzerland, the head lama there knew only George. He'd never heard of the other members of the family. And he said that, in his estimation, George's translations into English were the best that existed.

But there's no reason to assume that the other members of the family mastered all those languages, or even a few of them. India was a British colony until 1947, the year Nicholas Roerich died, and English was then the *lingua franca* of a nation that had many provincial languages. It still is the binding language of the educated classes in India.

Also, the members of the family all relied on George for help with language. They knew only Russian and English (to varying degrees). As to the Teaching, Helena Roerich received whatever she received in Russian, and wrote it down in Russian, in notebooks that are only now being published in Russia.

And last, it is better to consider George as having been married, except legally. The woman he took with him to Moscow and lived with for the entire time he was there also died there, and she is buried next to him in Moscow's famous

Novodevichy Monastery Cemetery, the resting place for many important Russians.

Daniel

May 27, 2012

### *George Roerich (Yuri Nikolayevich)*

Dear —,

I'm always willing to step in and add stuff! A true troublemaker. . .

Actually, George was exactly as you imagined him, except for his relationship with Ludmila Bogdanova. She was one of the two sisters the Roerichs had met in Mongolia, and who were taken along with the expedition as helpers to Helena Roerich. Before Helena Roerich's death, she encouraged George to return to Russia as soon as she was gone, and he did that in 1957 (she died in 1955) and took both sisters with him. I don't know exactly when the relationship with Ludmila grew to that level of seriousness, but it was apparently known by and accepted by people, both those who were friends and those in positions of authority. As I said, to be buried in that cemetery next to him was the ultimate recognition.

Daniel

August 24, 2012

### *Looking for health remedies*

Dear —,

It's interesting that when we go to doctors who are trained in traditions from other cultures, they tend to adhere to the traditions of those cultures, such as the foods that they recommend. So Indian traditions like Ayurveda will recommend ghee and milk, while others will not. Chinese healers here in Chinatown will give you huge bunches of herbal branches to take home and cook. Many years ago, there was a very popular sys-

tem called Macrobiotics, developed by Japanese healers, and to them, milk was anathema. So it's all relative.

Daniel

August 24, 2012

### *Teaching filters*

Dear —,

I had heard of the Methuselah Project but never looked into it. One look is quite enough, but for the sake of knowing more, I'll explore more. I know a number of people who've come up through the Assagioli/Psychoanalysis filter, and I'll be better able to talk to them now. Thanks.

When I read Agni Yoga, I'm acutely aware that I am reading a teaching that was put down in the 1920s, and that therefore reflects a lot of the ideas then. It's the same, maybe even more, with the Bailey teachings. I suddenly remember when I once found a piece of paper, written by Sina in her teen years in Odessa, deploring the way society keeps the Jews separate and then calls them exclusive. That was written in 1900 or so. Some things never go away.

Daniel

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