

## Return of The Festival of Lights

*"The basic key to integrating spirit and form is learning to listen to your intuition and act on it. The more you do this, the more your mind, personality and body have an opportunity to learn to trust and rely on the spirit...Here is a very important point; you cannot force your form to conform to trust and follow the spirit through will. You must allow it to educate itself through conscious observation."*

*Shakti Gawain, "Living in the Light"*

*"The planet itself generates a great diversity of land masses and bodies of water, types of weather and climates. You are no different. You have a variety of thoughts and experiences and you have many different patterns within your identity. This allows you great creativity. But, you have a continuous awareness that unites them all. All the patterns of your identity are unified in a greater picture of consciousness."*

*Shahan Jon, "Receiving the Cosmic Christ"*

As we gather under Heaven's illuminating Festival of Lights and await the winter solstice, we are much brighter and aware than we were a year ago. How do I know that to be true? Why because you have chosen to forsake the solitary path of The Hermit and unite with others of your understanding to become a "world server," as Alice Bailey so exclaims seekers of light to be. Your purpose in attending to life lessons as well as Earth changes has probably been mentally and physically challenging and placed you in no doubt about the new "impulse" being propelled forward to change the destiny of mankind. But before you picked up the phone to enroll in a class, before you ever met your teacher or mentor or became aware of your spiritual growth, there was an impulse of God which pushed you towards completion of this higher understanding...the understanding that you can no longer stand by yourself in turmoil and darkness, but must join others in greatness and love. As we have done so many times in the past, we are going to reveal the true nature of our spiritual greatness - becoming one with each other for the purpose of revealing our God Natures' to one and to all.

Yes, you have a God Nature as I do too and it is not to stay hidden away for long. It becomes stronger as you reveal your passion, your ambition towards a unique destiny, what may trip that destiny up and what foils God's Plan unfolding within your being. There are two sides to the "Coin of Creation." As in mythology, there is a Creator God like Gaea and a Destroyer God like Shiva. As you become more enlightened, many of you will continue to struggle with the many portals of power being revealed before you. Some of you fight harder than others because you can afford to be fearless at this time. Today, the fearless are fighting their demons as never before. The higher you walk up that ladder of ascension, the tougher the walk. Solomon became a powerful leader because he faced off his demons and learned how to wield their power. In other words, he did not let the powers of darkness, fear, inaccurate visions and others' perceptions of him trip him up. How can I wield the power of the demons and still stay sane, you ask? Let's look at that power for one moment.

There is a saying that the greatest darkness always precedes the advent of the light which is a clever way of saying, that light and dark are inseparable. They are a matched pair, so get used to it. Solomon said, "Okay. I get it. They travel as one. Since I finally know that to be the Truth of God, how does God keep demon and human bowing to His Greater Wisdom?" Solomon figured out that every hero has his day from his father, David (of Goliath fame). He also knew the shame of Bathsheba and of his beloved brother Absalom, turning against his father in battle. It became clear to him that he could wield the power only if he could isolate the one aspect of God that could annoint him with protection until he figured out how to love more fully. He realized that there were 2 Keys to the Kingdom and one was love. What Solomon figured out was that God's Balm, the Second Key he needed to wield, was mercy. For with mercy we can forgive ourselves and others our forays into darkness and ignorance.

It was mercy that so attracted the demons of old to Solomon's side. It was his power to forgive, to be merciful, to offer "The Light" once again to the followers of Lucifer that allowed him to become such a God-Man of wisdom. That mercy in turn attracted the Third Key, Wisdom, or the female side of God to his arsenal, Sheba. She brought him great physical and mental wealth. All of this was brought forth from the Wisdom of the First Light - the belief in and follow-up to the God Impulse which propelled him and now propels you on a dark and windy road. So, where are your demons? Let us fight them together. At this advent time of our inner light being re-lit, we attract our demons to expel them into the Light of the Ages. And we shall do it with mercy, love and greater wisdom.

You may ask for assistance with your demons through group work and inner contemplation because, when we wield the power of light and dark within, meaning when we maintain a semblance of balance most of the time, all good things will be ours. We will create a powerful affirmation together and then add upon it for ourselves in particular. That affirmation will become part of "the present" of this Season of Light which will be placed on our altars or under our Trees of Life for the coming year. It will be up to each of us to maintain the "light" periodically. Be prepared to throw your demons into the light of the Season, of God and of yourself at this time. In other words, cling to the positive, that which is healthful and more tolerant. You will be asked to do this many times in the future and, eternity is an awfully long road. The sooner we get the hang of it, the faster we will be courting pleasure and abundance in our lives again. And remember, you can't do this all by yourself and even hope to succeed.

Take courage and join your fellow world servers. Accept the bittersweet path of righteousness once and for all. Let us learn to wield the twin powers of Mercy and Love together so that we may achieve wisdom. These are the lessons of forever. The lessons of Solomon, Jesus and his beloved Mother, Mary as well as Buddha and Zoroaster. Let us seek the proverbial "Star of Bethlehem" together, like the Magi we are becoming. Have faith in yourselves at this time of light. Don't turn away from the very Light you have been seeking. And lastly, shine for all to see. So many lives around us have dimmed this year. Let us maintain the Light for those who cannot at this time.

May the light and comfort of this season sustain and cheer you,

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