

T r a n s l a t i o n

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" HELENA IVANOVNA ROERICH - Mother of AGNI YOGA
In Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of Her Passing
October 5, 1965

Dear Friends,

Today, we will commemorate the great Heroine, Leader of humanity and Bearer of the Living Ethics or AGNI YOGA Teaching, Mme. Helena Ivanovna Roerich, who left the earthly plane 10 years ago, on October 5th, 1955.

A deepfelt, everlasting feeling of gratitude is due to Mr. Leopold Brandstätter, our dear brother LEOBRAND, for having made the Teaching accessible to seekers of truth in German speaking countries. It was with great devotion that he eased this access considerably by the edition of 36 Introductory Brochures to AGNI YOGA, the 2 volumes on "Psychic Energy", his lectures and lecture courses. In the last issue of the "Welt-Spirale" he dedicated to the Mother of AGNI YOGA an extensive commemorating article which most probably you will have read already.

Now, also we will turn to the luminous image of the Mother of AGNI YOGA.

Her fiery, great, creative spirit was incarnated many times on earth to fulfil important tasks for the evolution of mankind. Though there was no need for her to incarnate again, yet she sacrificed also her last earthly life for the benefit of humanity. The Lord of Light, Maitreya MORYA, Himself reveals in the book "Infinity" that there was no one else who could accept the fiery Teaching of the New Epoch from the World of Light and transmit it to humanity. Moreover, she consecrated herself to very painful, dangerous fiery experiments which were necessary as preparatory steps for building the new race. For all this the honourable name "Mother of AGNI YOGA" was given her by the Hierarchy of Light. Only the coming, more advanced generations will be able to appreciate her great sacrifices and achievements for the salvation of mankind and our Planet.

H.I. Roerich was born in Russia on 12th February 1879. Even in childhood she already revealed high spiritual interests and abilities. Her husband, Prof. Nicholas Roerich, the great painter, thinker and seer, wrote about her in NERUSHIMOYE: "... She is seen as a little girl secretly carrying away a heavy volume of Doré's Bible. Bending from its burdensome weight, hiding it from the grown-ups, she has taken the treasure in order to study the illustrations, and eventually (when she teaches herself to read) to study the Testaments.

"From her father's bookcase, at an unusually early age, she also took volumes on philosophy. Amidst the noisy, and it seems distracting, environment she was able to develop a profound contemplation of life, as if she had possessed it long ago. Honesty, justice, a constant search for Truth, and love for creative work - all this actually transformed the whole of life around the strong young spirit. And the whole house, the whole family, became directed by the same benevolent principles. All difficulties and dangers were endured under the same stoic leadership. The accumulated knowledge and striving to perfection brought a victorious solution of problems, and this led the surrounding people toward the luminous path. Ignorance, darkness, malice were always acutely sensed. Wherever it was possible, both physical and spiritual healing was performed. Life became full of true labour. From morning till night everything was performed for the benefit of humanity. The broadest correspondence was carried on; books were written; works of many volumes translated; and all this was done in an amazingly tireless spirit. Even the most difficult circumstances were conquered by true faith which became real straight-knowledge. Surely, wonderful accumulations are necessary for such knowledge! ..."

Also in the book "Hierarchy" (24) of the AGNI YOGA Teaching we read:

"The little girl carrying the heavy volume of the Bible in the chambers of luxury appears as a creator of a new world. The little girl who perceived the Teacher of Light under the blue sky is the destroyer of the dungeons of darkness. When the spirit of a small girl could feel the Brothers of Humanity,

then the name of this spirit is a light-bearing sword. When, since childhood, the spirit could sense that the Brothers of Humanity regenerate that which exists, then this spirit holds the light-bearing name. We cherish the spiritual leaders among children!"

Of how great an importance the achievements of H.I. Roerich, this sublime heroine, disciple and co-worker of one of the greatest Sons of God, are and will be for the evolution and progress of mankind in the New Era, we may learn only from the works of the Living Ethics or from the Lord of Light. Out of the multitude of precious gems sparkling in the paragraphs of the AGNI YOGA Teaching we may quote here but a few taken from the books "Infinity", "Hierarchy", "Heart", "Fiery World" and "AUM":

"On your planet We have Our entrusted one, who has drained the chalice of sublime experiments. She is sent to you as a witness of cosmic manifestations, as a bearer of My missions, as your prophetess of the future. Therefore, the concept of Redeemers is so vital."

(Infinity, 5).

"Yes, Urusvati, the power of the future life indicates that the planetary expanses are small for the synthesis of your creativeness. The synthesis of the Chalice is so condensed that it must not be manifested in one domain. In your consummate life there lies, as a cornerstone, the attainment of the Mother of the World. You will build the psycho-life in creation around the revealed spheres.

It was necessary for you to remain because this century is in need of your attainment. No one could replace you. It is under the highest Cosmic Sign. I have spoken."

(Infinity, 74).

"Verily, you manifest self-sacrifice, you labour greatly. You often make your appearance as a Tara, and wonderment is expressed at the new Image. And so they say, "The New Tara." The cliché is borne aloft and Space resounds with joy!"

(Infinity, 152).

"It is you who did call the difficult Path luminous. It is you who did accept the "chalice of fires," exulting at each new affirmation. It is you who did accept a mission which no one else could have fulfilled because of its unusual conditions." (Infinity, 165).

"We confirm the achievement of the Mother of AGNI YOGA as a guiding radiant symbol!" (Infinity, 176).

"He who sacrifices himself for the fusion of the Fire of Space with the planet is confirmed as a link between the planet and the far-off worlds." (Infinity, 138).

".A new force invisibly enters the life of humanity. The Tara creates!" (Infinity, 217).

"She, Bearer of the "chalice of fires", will give the new step to humanity." (Infinity, 221).

".The Mother of AGNI YOGA brings the chalice of salvation to mankind." (Infinity, 231).

"The fire of the life process is revealed as the impeller of humanity. It is therefore that We so greatly value the self-sacrifice of the Mother of AGNI YOGA." (Infinity, 239).

"Our creativeness is linked with the cosmic vibration, and the ray of the Tara affirms the fiery vibration on the planet." (Infinity, 245).

". Invisibly and powerfully, the creativeness of the Tara enters into life. Thus the ray of the Tara summons to the far-off worlds." (Infinity, 249).

"The vibration of the Tara awakens the consciousness toward the higher worlds."

(Infinity, 255).

"The spirit of the tensed Agni Yogi is the sower of the creative psychic seeds. Thus, Our Mother of AGNI YOGA is sowing creative psychic seeds."

(Infinity, 273).

"The Tara creates through divisibility of spirit. Therefore, the creativeness of Fire must be assiduously guarded."

(Infinity, 280).

"Thus, the fires of the AGNI YOGI, and the fire of the Tara, create the affirmations needed for evolution."

(Infinity, 297).

"It was difficult for Us to find a receiver of the pure Fire. One may rejoice when the mission of the Tara is so full of radiance!"

(Infinity, 317).

"Therefore, I affirm the great process of creativeness of the spirit of the Mother of AGNI YOGA. We reverence the transfiguring fire of the spirit."

(Infinity, 573).

"Our Mother of AGNI YOGA fierily creates."

(Infinity, 589).

"I affirm that the fire of the centers of the Mother of AGNI YOGA is a great achievement."

(Infinity, 710).

"The Tara of Fire will impart a new science to humanity."

(Infinity, 716).

"The experiment of the Mother of AGNI YOGA gives a new impetus to humanity."

(Infinity, 743).

"The Mother of AGNI YOGA can reverberate to all cosmic perturbations"

(Infinity, 846).

"I designate the Tara as the symbol of the assertion of Our Decree."
(Hierarchy, 2).

". Let us give due regard to the significance of the experiment achieved by the Mother of AGNI YOGA here, without abandoning life."
(Heart, 210).

"Warrior-Mother, thou hast forged thy courage mightily!"
(Heart, 477).

"Urusvati has seen and taken part in Our fiery labour."
(Fiery World, ^{II}218).

". Through the Mother of AGNI YOGA is given to the World My Fiery Message."
(Fiery World, III, 134).

"To Her, Co-worker of the Cosmic Forces, Fellow-traveller of the Forces of Light, have I ordained the lightning of the spirit. To Her has been given the right to create with the Cosmic Sword. To Her has been given the Fiery Heart - let the Light be of the lightning of Beauty - yes, yes, yes! I have spoken."
(Fiery World III, 163).

"It is not at all easy to be the Mother of AGNI YOGA. Only in the course of time will people appreciate all the selflessness which is indispensable for proclaiming the fiery might."
(AUM, 544).

H.I. Roerich courageously faced the enemies of Light. And so we read in the book "Fiery World" II, 13:

"Urusvati fearlessly visited the dark ones. She saw many of different grades, and in her valour she addressed them. Verily, there exists such a degree of courage that even the power of darkness is silenced. ... Urusvati spoke justly, as Our Messenger, and in such an affirmation there lies great power. ... The dark ones discuss especially intensively when they see that the events are not shaping themselves in favour of their ruler. The Forces of Light prevent them from destroying you. It would seem to be not difficult to annihilate peaceful people, but above all the

dark resources there exists the power of the spirit. Urusvati rightly said to them, "You consider Satan invincible, but I testify to his defeat before all of you."

". The coming epoch will be not only an epoch of great cooperation, it will also be the epoch of Woman. .. Woman must affirm herself, and that is why the Sword of Spirit is given precisely into the hands of woman. In the East this epoch is noted as the epoch of Maitreya, the epoch of Great Compassion, and the epoch of the Mother of the World.".. (Letter of H.I.R. 8.3.1935).

Powerful cosmic energies and intensified cosmic rays will transmute mankind in the course of the Fiery Epoch. There will also be a change of race. Many indications on preparatory steps for building the new, sixth race may be found in the Living Ethics, i.a. the following one in the book "Infinity", 188:

"Now We assemble the spirits of the sixth race, and AGNI YOGA is the Call!"

Only the purifying fiery energy will save humanity. That is why the Hierarchy of Light has given a fiery knowledge, the new Teaching of the fire of spirit, AGNI YOGA.

The Teaching of the Living Ethics was published in 13 volumes in Russian during the years 1920 - 1939 and translated into various other languages, foremost in English:

LEAVES OF MORYA'S GARDEN I (THE CALL). This volume appeared also in German, December 1964.

LEAVES OF MORYA'S GARDEN II (ILLUMINATION)

COMMUNITY

AGNI YOGA

INFINITY 2 volumes

HIERARCHY

HEART

FIERY WORLD 3 volumes

AUM

BROTHERHOOD.

The AGNI YOGA books are the threshold of the New World.

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H.I. Roerich wrote in one of her letters (date 30.6.1934):

" . If the readers of the Teaching of Life, or the Living Ethics, would think more profoundly about all the problems of life, about all new domains of knowledge which are discussed therein, if they would but decide to study them thoroughly, there would be enough material not only for one life, but for several. These books give direction to the whole mentality; they point out the new domains; they set the new signposts for all scientific research. These books are so vital, so essential, because they lead to the future. The books of the Teaching should be a perpetual source of knowledge to the scientist whose consciousness is not obscured by prejudices."

H.I. Roerich wrote many explanatory letters to her pupils, co-workers and numerous friends all over the world. She expounded the glorious Teaching of the Living Ethics, answered questions, gave valuable advice and bestowed energy. Her letters radiate unlimited kind-heartedness and love, they breathe wisdom, benevolence and helpfulness. Everyone received from this high spiritual Leader all that which he needed most for his mental growth and that is why it was so easy to walk on the path to light under her guidance. Verily great was the joy of those who received her letters. All these letters were collected and published in 2 volumes in Russian and English.

The husband of H.I. Roerich, Prof. Nicholas K. Roerich, a mental giant, was a great artist, a great scholar and writer, archaeologist and explorer. At an age of 43 he was already a World Figure. Numerous countries honoured him, he received some of the highest decorations. He left a huge and precious heritage including over 7000 paintings, each one of them a great work of art, numerous books besides innumerable essays and articles.

H.I. Roerich accompanied her husband on all his world trips, also during his extensive expeditions across Central Asia, Mongolia, Tibet, China and Japan. They both were privileged to visit the holy city of Shambhalla.

The elder one of their sons, Dr. George Roerich, has distinguished himself as an eminent Oriental Scholar, an outstanding linguist with a deep learning of some 18 languages. One of the greatest authorities on Tibet, he was author of many valuable books and essays.

The younger son, Dr. Svetoslav Roerich, a prominent Artist, lives in India. He had been given high awards by the Government of India for his services and achievements in the fields of Art, Culture and Public Service. His paintings hang in the leading galleries of the world. The 20 reproductions shown here some months ago and the slides lecture by LEOBRAND gave us but a small, yet most delightful impression of his art radiating beauty and light. He married the famed, very beautiful screen artiste, Devika Rani, a grand-niece of Rabindranath Tagore. As we already know, many awards and honours had been given her for services rendered in the field of Films.

Born in Russia, the Roerichs lived also in various other countries. They all loved India and adopted it as their country, when the whole family settled there in 1927. The sublime, gigantic Himalayas were equal to their sublime, gigantic spirit, their gigantic aspirations and works. With their heroic creative lifework they served the whole world. Really immense is the preciousness of the heritage they left to posterity. The name ROERICH has been inseparably linked with human evolution. Throughout the Epoch of Maitreya it will imbue future generations with deepfelt gratitude, love and reverence.

R O E R I C H - this name sounds like a powerful call. It uplifts and leads us into spiritual heights, giving us strength for the fiery ascent on the new radiant path these spiritual heroes have paved for humanity.

H.I.Roerich wrote on 16 January 1935:

" : Were it not for the self-sacrifice of the High Spirits, we would be even now in the state of troglodytes. Our earthly humanity owes its accelerated evolution to its Elder Brothers and Sisters, the Great Teachers."

Here let us still add 2 quotations from the book "Hierarchy":

"We Brothers of Humanity seek and proclaim Man-God upon Earth. ... Man-God is a Fiery Creator. Man-God is the Carrier of the Fiery Sign of the New Race. Man-God is flaming with all Fires. So inscribe in the records about Man-God: Arhat, Agni Yogi, Tara, so shall We inscribe."
(Hierarchy, 14).

"Man-God advances as an evident aspiring Redeemer of humanity. We guard this sacred truth about Man-God. I affirm that the Tara, carrying the flaming Chalice of aspiration to redeem humanity, can proclaim Our manifestation among men."
(Hierarchy, 15).

We are paying homage today to H.I. Roerich, the Mother of AGNI YOGA, also to the Tara, and so let us end with some quotations from 2 letters dealing with the lofty terms TARA and ARHAT:

"Tara is a goddess, the feminine equivalent of the Arhat, or a Sister of the White Brotherhood." ...
(Letter of 16.1.1935).

"It is truly impossible to imagine the entire majesty of an Arhat of the Hierarchy of Light! It cannot be comprehended by our limited minds and imagination. Only the tremor of the heart will indicate the spiritual exaltation of a devoted disciple, who feels the approaching Ray of the Teacher of Light!"
(Letter of 20. 12.34).

"The Heart of an Arhat is like the fire of the sun
An Arhat is the highest manifestation of Materia Lucida
Materia Lucida radiates love"

Dear Mother of AGNI YOGA,
We thank Thee for the glorious Teaching
carried as a great gift to humanity!
Joy, love, gratitude and bliss
without limit to Thee!
May the AGNI YOGA Teaching
spread like fire all over the world
and kindle the hearts of people!
We love Thee, dear Tara!

The lecture was inaugurated by record music:

"The Grail-Narration" from LOHENGRIN by R.Wagner
and terminated by

"I adore the power of Love" (sung by the Don Cossack Choir
in Russian)

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