

OUR PLANET

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Leaves of Morya's Garden,
I. The Call, 1924:

389. Not the factory, but the workshop of the spirit
will renovate the world.

Like wallpaper pasted on by people,
that which has closed up the pores of life
will be washed away by a torrent
of stern Benevolence.

page 137.

Leaves of Morya's Garden,
II. Illumination, 1925:

It must be known that the earthly matter is very dense. On the planets of lower level than Earth the matter is very coarse; upon those higher than Earth, matter harmonizes with the spirit. Hence, the Earth appears as a turning point.

There are imperfections upon higher planets, but there is not the resistance of matter. It is easier to search there without losing one's strength in needless struggle. There matter becomes inseparable from spirit, without any opposition between them...

Fundamentally, the structure of matter and spirit contains no conflict. Why arrest the motion into the beautiful Infinite? And why pile up illusory dams near the Earth?

One may pity the retarded travelers, because these earthly stations will not serve them beyond a certain period. pages 84, 85.

The one whose path is to a far-off world usually meets a messenger upon departure from Earth. The liberated one tells this messenger whether he prefers to embrace a new path or would return to help the Earth. Of course many prefer a new path, but there are some who decide to continue the path here. page 133.

The created state of Earth's isolation must end, and it must be finally brought into the predestined circle. Otherwise, not only the Earth, but also Mars and Saturn will fall behind in development.

Why do only a few go to Jupiter, when the atmosphere of the Earth is so encumbered?

One wishes to say: "Dear travelers, look upward. And if instead of clinging to the illusions of Earth you wish to fly farther, then your wings will grow. Instead, you have encumbered by the same miserable hovels the whole astral plane. The same slander, the same illusory smoke, but you forget that your phantoms fume malodorously. The rays of the sun are dimmed by your

feasts of dullness. Empty shells create empty shells."

But imagine if the ghosts were to strive toward the creation of a beautiful movement. Then the rays, instead of only being disinfectant, could be transformed into rays of enlightenment.

Actually, thought creates beyond the earthly limits. Therefore learn to govern the thoughts.

For a consciously developed spirit the period of sojourn on the astral plane could be limited to an interval of forty days, but various earthly conditions have prolonged this time to an interminable period. The misery and grief of those who are carried away from Earth binds them thereto.
page 134.

The crime of speculation has to be prosecuted relentlessly, because Earth is sick from speculation. Each epoch has its own plague. At present it is the epidemic of speculation. It must not be thought that humanity has always been plagued with this disease. But this disease brings promise of a radical change, because it cannot pass gradually and a paroxysm of evolution is needed in order to root out this infection.
pages 185,6.

Community, 1926:

48. Take notice, there has been success only where there has been complete courage. Small doubts create a slavish timidity. Precisely in the days of grave sickness of the planet it is important to be filled with courage. By groping one does not pass, but the sword can cleave the harmful veils. Very grave is the moment, and it is necessary to intensify all courage.

49. The more anyone renounces, the more he receives. But nations have forgotten how to renounce; even the smallest thinks only how to receive. Meanwhile, the planet is ill and all is sinking in this sickness. And someone wishes to evade the final battle through infection of the whole planet. And some hope to be setting sail in broken fragments, forgetting that the ocean is also departing. It is easy to picture that the planetary body can be just as sick as any other organism, and the spirit of the planet is affected by the condition of its body. How to name the illness of the planet? Best of all as a fever from poisoning. Suffocating gases, from the accumulations of the lower strata of the Subtle World, cut the planet off from the worlds which could send assistance. The Earth's destiny can be ended by a gigantic explosion if the thickness of the cover be not pierced. A stupendous acceleration is forcing all lines to shake. It could have been expected that acceleration was urgent for a certain country, but it is needed for the whole planet.

50. It does not matter how the New World will enter -- in a caftan, a frock coat, or a shirt. If we establish the cosmic significance of the community, then all the details are no more than the dust under foot. One may forgive any absurdity if it be not against the New World.

72. The Community, as Fellowship, can unprecedentedly accelerate the evolution of the planet and give new possibilities of intercourse with the forces of matter.

180. How to explain that forced explosions are more ruinous than the destruction of a heavenly body, for the destruction of a heavenly body takes place in conformity with all the surrounding conditions.

Agni Yoga, 1929:

220. Agni Yoga is not only a progressive development of human possibilities; it should effect the combination with the cosmic energies which reach our planet at a prescribed period. This fact must be understood with surety. Otherwise a seeming succession of sicknesses will spread, and their cure by external measures will bring on most disastrous results.

314. One must know that dates vary for the various strata of matter. If one portion of matter is already changed it does not mean that an entire group of planetary bodies was changed on the same date. Properly speaking, while Satya Yuga begins on separate planets, it will unite the entire group of bodies only after a lengthy period. The evidences will begin on various planetary bodies. One should never limit one's thought to a single planet.

341. When the New Era of Fire is indicated, it means it is necessary to master this element. Properly speaking, it is necessary to assimilate into one's consciousness the vitality of Fire. ...

Let the words about the Fire not be regarded as abstract symbols. I speak of Fire, verily existing. Not for the first time does the planet experience the action of this element. During each change of race the Fire approaches as a purgatory stream. Humanity recalls the devastation caused by the fusion of the Fire of space with its subterranean precipitate. Wherefore to repeat the destruction of Atlantis, if one may evoke the beneficence of the element of Fire? But in order to approach Fire fearlessly it is necessary to learn to think about it and to assimilate it in the consciousness.

429. Fire, Fire, descend on those who out of space draw thy streams! For them the firmament above is more mineral than the depths of the earth. For them the air is of the condition of stone, and stone is a transparent conductor.

My own, walk with Us through the waves of fire; let it not scorch you, and serve the Good!

640. I shall say that you can become participants in the evolution of Cosmos. You can possess the inheritance of ages. You can manifest understanding of Infinity. You can ameliorate the fate of the planet. But let the fires be kindled! Do not extinguish the sacred fire of the spirit. Do not reject the Hand.

Hierarchy, 1931:

16. The prayer pronounced by Christ as He departed from Earth remained unheeded by men; The prayer pronounced by Buddha remained unheeded by men. The prayer which Maitreya shall pronounce calls like lightning to the human spirit. Thus is Earth stratified and the consciousness of spirit created.

105. The word that issues from the heart saturates the space. Hence the thoughts which flow in an impetuous torrent form a sphere which is like a defence against the poisonous gases of the planet. Thoughts form a defensive net for humanity. Only these bright emanations give the strength to withstand the darkness. Hence it is so important to stratify the space with the words of the heart. They contain light. Thus humanity is uplifted upon the wings of thoughts. Thus evolution is being built.

117. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, storms, fogs, shoaling, changes of climate, epidemics, poverty, wars, revolts, heresy, treason -- what other signs does humanity expect of the threatening time? Prophets are not needed, the most insignificant scribe may testify that never as yet have so many dreadful forerunners of the Earth's disintegration been gathered. But deaf is the ear and obscured the vision. There has never been such an hour of disintegration as this planetary year! It is as if a path were being laid for the waves of fire and the obsolete monsters of other days creep away unwilling to realize the value of what takes place. Verily the World is sustained by Magnets as imperceptible as the air and the flame of space, and just as indispensable as Light. The Magnets sent by Us for Our manifestation are like the anchors of a ship tossed in the storm.

147. When the fate of the planet is being determined the forces are distributed along the poles of Light and darkness; therefore each spirit must guard itself from faintheartedness. To side with Light means to be apace with Us under the Banner of Hierarchy. To side with darkness means to walk under the yoke of the manifested black banner. Thus in time of battle one should fierily realize Our Might and build a lawful affirmation of life. Only thus can the challenge be accepted of the dark ones, for when the spirit is immune against cowardice and treason the victory is manifested. Thus let us be affirmed upon Hierarchy.

165. Certainly, much may be improved in the human consciousness if we know that even earthquakes are called forth by the spirit of humanity. One may gradually gather many manifestations of which man is the creator.

166. One may demand of man, "Friend, do not evoke earthquakes."

173. Even the smallest thought enters into the megaphone of space and attracts to itself the same kind of locust, causing the smoky atmosphere of the planet. Thought may purify by destroying the microbes of disintegration

but it may likewise attract the unbridled elements. Not without reason do the dark ones use for certain machinations especially under-developed people. Often you pronounce the word cult-ur; it means the cult of Light. Thus I remind you how great is the universal responsibility before Light if each thought can either obscure or purify the space. Thus let us remember.

208. You can understand how the black lodges oppose humanity's perfection; how they prefer the fate of Atlantis to the light of a new body. Let us watch, let us be vigilant, let us follow the Lord!

262. Our constructiveness can proceed during any circumstances of life. Many times already you could have been convinced of the distressful condition of our planet. We reiterate untiringly about the urgent renovations of life, but humanity is deaf.... Many blows are being prepared; one must adhere to the Hierarchy with all strength! One must strain one's utter attentiveness to Our advices. I do not speak abstractly but for application.

268. People hear about the application of the inner fires for future evolution, and overlook the significance of these fires for the present time. It will be asked, "What is the most striking significance of the fire concealed in us?" It is difficult to conceive; but it is certain that our fire is the chief regulator of earthquakes. The kindled centers, the conductors of the fire of space, quench the subterranean fire. One may trace how the great Teachers sent their apostles to the places threatened by a disturbance of the fiery balance. In the future many experiments could be carried out in this direction. Besides, the magnet of fire also reacts upon the human consciousness; in other words, the fire has the greatest application. Fire is the most powerful conductor. Certainly the kindling of the fire is not easy, especially when the currents are so tense; but one may be sure that it is just this fire that is the talisman of the alchemists, so greatly concealed by them.

377. The transfiguration of the world is certainly affirmed in the highest tension. All perturbations, all shiftings, all diseases, accompany this transformation. The most powerfully propelled energies bring fire into motion. Thus, in the Epoch of Fire darkness becomes dense, and everything is intensified in a fiery striving. The evil is created by the densified darkness. Light transforms the world. Thus, at the great time the manifestation of the universal transmutation saturates the space.

Thus during the Epoch of Fire, when Light struggles with darkness, the manifestation of the Banner of Peace is that fundamental sign which will give a new step to humanity. Thus Beauty, Knowledge, Art, and all Nations will unite under this sign. Thus only the highest measures can be applied to the Banner. Verily.

395. Humanity has sunk in the mire of outworn things, in old thoughts, beyond the realization of the affirmed Existence. Thus the spirit of the shifted nations decays, under the departing energies of bigotry and supersti-

tion. The basis of this decay -- the church which sows terror -- is intolerable. A State which acts by means of treason, cannot exist. Thus the regeneration of the spirit must eliminate these horrors which engulf the planet. Hence, only the chain of Hierarchy can restore the human image. Thus, a new affirmation is being built by means of eternal Hierarchy.

396. When the world is convulsed and humanity heaves in turmoil, there remains only one path to salvation. How not to realize the highest and the creative path of the ascent of the spirit! Just now when all the old ways are destroyed, when all the old energies are out-lived, when the planet itself shifts its crust, how is it possible not to adopt, with one's entire spirit, the new affirmation and the regenerating energies, emanating from the might of the chain of Hierarchy! Only thus can humanity be attracted to the highest energies. Following the foundations of the Cosmic Magnet the highest manifestation will attract the spirit to the Highest. Thus the highest law of Hierarchy creates through benevolence, affirming a better future.

439. One should gather the armor of the spirit when the earth is atremor. Can the mountains be in dread and the trees be in terror? Certainly they can, if their spirit is in contact with the developed consciousness of man. But can the lake rejoice and the flowers be merry? Certainly they can, if they can even wither under the glance of man. Such is the correlation between the lowest and highest links of Hierarchy. Only a very refined spirit will find within himself the courage to acknowledge a brother even in a rock.

Heart, 1932:

242. Speaking of the qualities of love, let us note the love which holds back and the love which inspires. In essence the first love is earthly, and the second heavenly. But what a multitude of constructive efforts were destroyed by the first! And a similar multitude winged by the second! The first is aware of all the limitations of space and consciousness; but the second one has no need of earthly measurements. It is without handicaps of space or considerations of death. The first knows the world as a planet; but the second is not impeded even by the destruction of the planet, because before it are all worlds. Verily, the second love embraces the physical world as well as the Subtle and Fiery worlds. It kindles the hearts for the highest joy and is thus indestructible. Thus, let us expand the heart -- not for the Earth but for Infinity.

337. Observe how Armageddon acts. When the depths of Earth rise up one cannot fail to notice the intensification of the agitation of the elements. When We call for the deepening of thoughts We offer a valuable cure for the balancing of Chaos. The Teacher does not conceal the knowledge within Himself; at the first opportunity He arms one against Chaos. The mad ones are trying to counter-oppose the forces of Chaos against Us, without themselves knowing how to bridle them. One must understand that Chaos is manifested not only in physical convulsions of the Earth but also in the world of psychic

energies. It is not difficult to multiply psychic madnesses, but how to control them? Fools do not realize how vicious are their allies; their desire is only to impede the path of ascent. One may be amazed at the manner in which they propel all their destructive measures, as though they were in need only of ruin!

349. One should also observe the accumulation of world events. One may compile an unusual, quick progression. The events intrude into the entire life and it is not, as imagined, the war, as such, but the conflict of all elements which makes it not a fairy tale. It is precisely as during former catastrophes, when people did not wish to observe current conditions.

463. The disturbance of climatic conditions is evident. But people superficially remark about the sun spots or the shifting of the earth's axis. Such assertions are made by the most cowardly, but they also do not realize what they are saying. The wiping out of civilizations, the annihilation of life, by which the planet was visited more than once, was encountered by precisely the same arguments. Thus, also, people did not care to notice the signs of distress, and superficially continued to argue about prolonging the sapped-out conditions of life. Thus also, among innumerable misconceptions, people ask why in studying the highest knowledge the heightening of sensitiveness and peculiar pains are inevitable. If they were told that the chosen ones are suffering because of their heedlessness, they would not believe it. They will not admit that they in themselves represent condensers and transformers of energy. Thus, when numerous such apparatuses are damaged the distribution of energy is disturbed, and only a few sensitive hearts take on the pressure which should have been apportioned throughout the entire world. The Solar-natures take upon themselves the pressure of the fiery energy, and must be responsible for millions of drones.

502. Is it possible that people are unaware of the peculiar character of heat, storm, hurricanes? Thus, you rightly grieve for nature which is sickened with human madness.

530. The ray of the planet can, of course, be limitlessly manifested, when measures are taken to purify the atmosphere and a coordination among the participants in the experiment is well evinced. To speak more simply, the laboratory of man is much more powerful than is customary to suppose. Hence, know how to safeguard the thread with Hierarchy and accustom yourself to the so-called unexpectedness. Besides, the Teacher wants to summon you to the action of the battle.

561. The catastrophic condition in the lowest spheres of the planet reflects its effects upon the activity of the heart. One should not fear the previous epidemics, but one should be aware of the entire sequence of sufferings caused by faulty prophylactics of the heart. The worst thing is to comprehend this as vague prophecies. No! One should accept these conclusions as emanating from the most precise laboratory. One should reject circuitous ways. One must accept the foundation of the heart and understand the significance of

the focus. Digressions are unfit; and doubts enter only where man has not attained an understanding of the heart's beat.

585. It is absurd to regard the essence of an Arhat as something beyond Earth. He is being evolved on Earth as a Leader of hearts. He offers himself as the focus for new formations. His consciousness perceives everything, all apparently intolerable earthly situations, but His heart understands how to transmute these barriers.

144. People have decided to fill the Subtle World with multitudes that are arriving before their normal time. No one has thought what consequences will result for the people themselves. It is impossible to slaughter millions of people with impunity, without setting up a most grave Karma. Even if this Karma be not a personal one, so much the worse, because it increases the Karma of nations and of the whole planet. What has been said about peace-makers is the more correct, since owing to them there arises a proper attitude toward the future. The lower strata of the Subtle World must not be filled with the terrors of uncompleted Karma. One should not think that it will have no reaction upon the condition of the planet. But the principle cause is in this: that no one thinks about the Subtle World at all. Most frightful is the isolation; indeed, the dark force exults at each estrangement.

228. No one can deny that before the world disaster of war a great number of warnings were given. Even not very far-sighted people observed them, but madness blinded the majority. This manifestation was before the eyes of the living generations but their circumspection was not increased. Ten million victims crowded the strata of the Subtle World. People prayed for killing but did not worry about atonement for the violation of the Law of Existence! Instead of intelligent understanding, people are ready for new killings; they do not think that fiery energies will flood the planet as a natural effect of the law of Nature. Thus, in the "Fiery Book" it is necessary to write for those few who are willing to think about the future.

317. Not only is human unemployment increasing in threatening proportions but idleness of nature also must attract notice eventually. One need only note how quickly the flourishing vegetation is replaced by dead sands. The creeping death of the Earth's crust should be termed suicide, not mismanagement. Sands, glaciers, landslides do not predicate a brilliant future. It is impossible to hasten the healing of nature. Even if people turn to healthy directions of thought it will require decades to cure the destruction of the earth's crust. But for such specially beneficent measures human cooperation is needed. But do we see signs of such mutual labor? Do not destruction and discord prevail in human minds? Is not every effort toward unity met by derision? People do not wish to think of the reality of the future. We speak of the great Agni, but scarcely a thousand minds dare to think about its undeferrability.

318. One should pay attention to coming events. One should realize that humanity enters a period of continuous warfare. Such wars vary; but their

basis is the same — hostility everywhere and in everything. No one reflects upon what a devastating conflagration is created when multitudes of people consolidate a circle of destruction around the planet. This is the very serpent which is more devastating than avalanche and glacier. Do not think that this is a bugbear. No, each day brings evidence of destruction. The skeleton does not slumber, but frivolity attempts to divert everyone's eyes from the conflagration.

319. Wars of arms, wars of trade, wars of unemployment, wars of knowledge, wars of religion -- multiform are the wars, and earthly boundaries have already lost their significance! Planetary life is divided by innumerable boundaries.

321. Multitudes will have to spread out from the cities into Nature, but surely not to sand-dunes! In all parts of the world seas of sand have accumulated. Similarly, the consciousness of mankind has been granulated into sands of malice. Every desert was once a flowering meadow. Not Nature, but man himself destroyed the flowers.

323. Your judgement is correct in regard to the need of an exodus from the infested cities and the even distribution of the population of the planet. If humanity is fundamentally the fire-bearer, is it possible not to understand how very necessary is the wise distribution of this element? One must understand that the health of the planet depends to a great extent on human balance. It is impossible to desert vast expanses and gather in fratricidal congestion on sites infected and blood-soaked. Not without reason did the ancient leaders build their camps on virgin sites. Today science itself favors the normal peopling of free spaces. None will be forgotten or excluded, and the forces of Nature, called into cooperation, will revitalize the Earth's diseased condition. Then only may one hope that labor will be valued, and that instead of hired laborers, co-workers will be born. The human tendency of thought also will undergo a reformation when its focus will be directed toward an even distribution of labor over the entire face of the Earth. One should regard this as a guarantee of an only solution. Otherwise people will only overthrow, not finding the Truth which dwells in their hearts. Fiery is this Truth!

324. Certainly the question will arise as to why in antiquity the danger of over-crowding did not arise. In the first place the population was comparatively small; furthermore, let us not forget the fate of Atlantis, and of Babylon and other once congested places which lie in ruins. Humanity remembers only a few of these burial grounds, but the cosmic laws have acted more than once. Hence, one should not be astonished that cosmic tension is increasing with the infection of the lower strata.

333. All earthly senses, when transmuted, rise to the Fiery World. Not only do sight and hearing exist spiritually, but even taste has its new application. Without the sense of taste it is impossible to understand many chemical combinations. And in the process of creation all senses are needed as means of coordination. Therefore while on Earth it is already necessary to subtilize the senses.

479. Who would believe that the human organism reacts not only to planetary convulsions but also to currents of the entire solar system? But it would be unwise to deny this and deprive man of cooperation with the far-off worlds. Our task is to remind men that as the highest manifestation of the manifest world they may be centers for the uniting of the worlds. Only by inculcating this thought can men be directed toward true progress.

481. The conditions of the world have not improved. But not without reason are you full of expectancy. The abcess is coming to a head. We are on vigil and he who is with Us is saved. But to be with Us means to know the Teaching; to know, means to apply.

493. You have heard of many earthquakes and innumerable meteorites falling upon Earth, but earthquakes are recorded rather relatively. In certain zones they are recorded with extreme accuracy, but oceanic tremors remain only speculatively recorded, although they may prove to be particularly dangerous. Likewise there is approximation in connection with the fall of meteorites. It is true that many meteorites fall into water, but the fall is not without the circumstance of magnetism. Thus, iron and other metals attract meteorites, especially when the deposits are in their natural state and have not lost the cosmic magnetism. The conditions of cosmic magnetizations are successfully expressed in the so-called metal and water diviners. The existence of such men has been known since ancient times. Fortunately, contemporary science does not deny these facts. Thus, science has already affirmed one of the properties of the fiery energy. But it is most remarkable that these people sense just the subterranean waters and metals. Such a diviner will not react to a tank of water or a steel house. This magnetism is directed along the fiery channel, and responds primarily to the natural state of a substance. This is also the basis of all fiery communications. The naturalness and directness constitute the essence of the fiery energy. One may never think of Fire. One may never perceive Fire, and thus shut off one's access to the Fiery World. I repeat that in the Subtle World it is difficult and painful to cognize the Fire if in the earthly state at least some way of approach has not been found toward the Higher World. Wisely it is said, "He who wishes to go to his ancestors will go to them." But by this the lower state only is defined. Why deprive oneself of the predestined spheres of Beauty?

514. Humanity truly represents, as it were, the cement of the planet. It helps to hold together the parts threatened by chaos. A world unpopulated easily disintegrates. But man must not pride himself over this mission. He must feel himself to be a watchman on guard. Verily only he who is fortified by the armor of Agni can fully consummate his destiny. Agni must not be in a state of inaction. The element of Fire is the most active, most speedy, the most spacial, and it is manifested in the midst of the tension of thought. Does not man protect the planet by thought? The most precious substances are created by thought. Compare breadth of thought with insipidity. I affirm that people can gather a treasure of thought, which, combined with the cosmic rhythm, will give a New Era.

541. Earth still harbors the good robber and the cruel moralist. One would suppose that people, as the highest denizens of Earth, would evolve more rapidly than other elements of the planet, but a strange phenomenon is taking place. Rejecting the ethics of spirit, people have submerged themselves in a spiritual inertia. It seems that even the climate changes more rapidly than the human consciousness. Many inventions have revisited this planet more than once. Bygone nations knew much, but the quality of thinking has progressed very little. In the meantime people talk a great deal about a new race and a new humanity. But no Golem is to be the prototype of the new race. The distinction from past ages will be in the quality of thinking. The art of thinking must be completely and consciously regenerated. But without understanding of the Three Worlds it is impossible to lift thinking to a new level. He who does not yearn for self-perfection will not think on a planetary scale. He who considers the talk of the Fiery World as a superstition, or paganism, cannot revere the Image of the Saviour. It is not astonishing that people become accustomed to honest thinking so slowly, because throughout their numerous incarnations they have been bereft of the best images of the heroes of mankind. People have constantly seen that it was precisely the heroes who were tortured and killed before their very eyes. With such thinking one does not arrive at the concept of the new man.

553. Throughout the entire world rises the sound of wailing. It is apparent that this cannot go on. The convulsions of the planet become more frequent. One should remember that these years are marked in all Teachings.

559. The resonant tone of Nature is often sensed. The people of antiquity even divined a definite sound of peace, contrasted with confusion. But scientists can explain this manifestation by looking to fiery causes. Because the vertical waves of Fire are sonorous, and a sensitive ear may even in complete silence detect this great resonance. One may hear combinations of the same vibrations in the noises of the Earth. It is said that Lao Tze often conversed with waterfalls. This is not a fairy tale, for he listened to the sounding of Nature and sharpened the sensitiveness of his ear to the point of discernment of the qualities of the vibrations.

611. One may expect supernal manifestations in the life of the planet. Unique is the time when events are poured cosmically into the Chalice of the Archangel!

614. Earthly events are much spoken about in the Subtle World. But there is much which cannot be understood there. One must have compassion for such misunderstanding, just as on Earth. Precisely, as on Earth, so also in Heaven, one should not aggravate difficulty through irritation. One should follow the Hierarch in full trust, as the Hierarch follows his own Hierarch. The path of devotion should be loved. One must cling to it wholeheartedly, until any other mode of thought becomes impossible. Exactly by such devotion are worlds constructed. One may read about most beautiful examples of devotion, and these are the heroic epics. One should live even as a hero. One should love this Fiery Sphere.

616. If scientists two hundred years ago had dared to hint at the great antiquity of the planet, or to suggest other inhabited worlds, their contemporaries would probably have resorted to the well-tried remedy of the stake. And one may be equally sure that even now some moderate theory, though based on experiments, will be assailed as a fraud. Thus, people regard the destiny of this planet as the alpha and omega of the entire Universe. Much persuasion will be demanded to recall to humanity that every ordained Covenant prophesied the Era of Fire.

618. Everywhere it is indicated that suffering is the best purifier and means of shortening the Path. This is undoubtedly true under the existing conditions of Earth. But could Creation have taken place with a fixed condition of suffering? No, of course the Great Creativeness does not predicate the need of suffering. People themselves with terrific zeal drive themselves into the circle of suffering. For milleniums people have tried to become degenerate. They try to weigh down the atmosphere of Earth with malice. Verily every physician will bear witness that without evil there would be no suffering. Let us designate the ability to avoid suffering as a step toward Good. Truly the passage of the Good through the furnace of Fire eliminates the sense of suffering. Thus, fiery transfiguration even on Earth lifts one beyond suffering. One should not evade suffering, for earthly achievement without suffering does not exist. But let each one ready for achievement kindle the fires of his heart. They shall become the indicators of the Path, and a Shield not fashioned by human hands. Some one has asked, "How shall the Lord discern those who approach Him?" The answer is, "By the Fires of their hearts." If we are astonished by the power of Fire that even here envelops us and shines through our garments, then we may understand how supernal is the glow of the Fires of the heart delineating the chain of Hierarchy!

619. People erroneously believe that poison gases destroy only earthly life. But there is a far greater danger in the death-inflicting gas fumes; they vitiate the strata of the atmosphere and disrupt the chemical reactions to the Luminaries. The gases not only endanger life but they can throw the planet out of equilibrium. Assuredly, if even the gas from dung-fires is ruinous for the intellect, what of the exhausts from factories, and above all what of war gases? This last invention is the crown of human hatred. A healthy generation cannot be born if evil is set as the basis of life.

628. The loss of religion has staggered the advance movement. Without God there is no path. Call Him as one will, the Highest Hierarchial Principle must be observed; otherwise there is nothing to which to cling. Thus one must understand how the upward aspiration of people's wills surrounds the planet like a protective net.

630. They will ask, "How may we best serve on Earth, to effect the utmost benefit at present?" One must regenerate the Earth. By innumerable ways, one must carry out the world task of regeneration. One must bear in mind that people have destroyed without mercy the resources of Earth. They are ready to poison the earth and the air. They have laid waste the forests, storehouses of Prana. They have decimated animal-life, forgetting that animal energy nurtures the earth. They believed that untried chemical compounds could take the place of Prana and earthly emanations. They have

plundered the natural resources, unmindful that the balance must be maintained. They do not ponder over the cause of the Atlantean catastrophe. They do not consider the fact that chemical compounds must be tested over the course of a century because a single generation cannot determine the symptoms of evolution or regression. People like to calculate races and sub-races, but the idea of calculating the plundering of the planet never occurs to them. They think that by some act of mercy the weather will clear and people will become prosperous! But the problem of recovering health does not enter their thoughts. Hence, let us love all creation!

631. The decline of the garden of Earth is dangerous. No one thinks about the importance of the health of our Planet. One thought about it - a single thought - would in itself give a special impulse. One may grow to love the Origin of Origins and the whole creation of the grandeur of thought.

657. You are quite right in saying that the existence of an Invisible Government perplexes many, but if there exists an unseen government of the dark, then why should there not be a Government of Light? Is it possible that the human mind is so utterly obscured that it will acknowledge anything dark but prefers not to think of the Light? People verily understand and have heard more than once about the dark forces, which are universally united. But the Government of Good and Light is especially suspect. People are unaccustomed to unite for Good. They look upon Good as a prime pretext for disunity. One may regard the entire disease of our planet as the result of the complete discord among those who could have united their forces for Good. It is very deplorable that even in a temple the hearts of men are not transformed for cooperation. Thus let us ponder upon each gesture of friendliness, which is already the spark of cooperation.

664. If we look on our planet from above, we will observe, besides the evident volcanoes, special vortices of light and darkness. The human spirit can create powerful manifestations of energy. One may state that the tornadoes of Light are saviours of the equilibrium of the planet. Nor is it far from the truth to state that the tornadoes of darkness contain a destructive gas which not only deadens the crust of the planet but can alter the climate and even significantly effect a shifting of the poles. Thus powerful is the significance of the human spirit. Hence we value the Ashrams where purified Agni is being gathered. Many teachings have pointed out the importance of purified sites where psychic energy could be affirmed. References to the importance of pure sites are found in the Ancient Scriptures, in the Bible and in the Rig-Veda. Taoism likewise contains knowledge of these treasure-places of Earth. We rejoice when we notice the establishing of new Ashrams, but people so seldom think of the power of their spirits!

665. The Fiery Wall, the Fiery Mist, the Fiery Baptism affirm the fiery reality. For example, people do not wish to understand that the quality of the Fire borne by them depends upon themselves. They do not imagine that they themselves may kindle both the salutary and the destructive fires. Perseverance in a certain direction inevitably imparts to the fire its power and color; therefore it is so difficult to extinguish the seering fire

which is kindled by the essence of habit. But the Yogi understands the great need of kindling the fire connected with Good. The thought of Good is the measure of consciousness.

Fiery World II, 1934:

36. After a new cataclysm humanity will enter upon the path of cooperation. But one may imagine what two hostile neighbors must outlive in order to think about mutual benefit. The oppression of one has been the rejoicing of the other. It means that they both must suffer. The devices of the dark forces will help the specially cunning ones to protect themselves. The manifestation of justice is very difficult, if the motives are not taken into consideration.

52. There are many convulsions in the planet. The volcanic belt is shifting considerably. If solar spots influence earthly matters, no less do poisonous gases of an earthly shock have an effect. People do not sufficiently observe the effect of earthquakes upon human consciousness. Not only is the consciousness atremor near the centers of earthquakes, but also in space this effect is irradiated as a strong poisoning. Only the ignorant can say - "what have I to do with the gases in Chile or in Siberia?" Ignoramuses do not wish to think on a world scale, but everyone who already thinks of the Fiery World understands the significance of subterranean gases and of rays from beyond.

37. Not without reason do people recall ancient prophesies about changes in the firmament. In fact, violation of the planet's equilibrium will cause many three-fold manifestations. Not only may new heavenly bodies become visible, but the very chemism of the Luminaries may be altered, and of course this will react strongly upon the inhabitants of Earth. Thus, while people are enjoying their bazaars and fairs, ominous events are in the offing. Therefore one must undeferrably reiterate about the Living Ethics. The Sacred Ethics is transformed into a foolish etiquette and has become a printed label.

93. Humanity does not wish to realize the power of its own radiations. It dimly keeps on repeating about its likeness to God, but does not understand the unity of the energy of all worlds. The establishment of even a weak unification of energy can provide a defensive armor for the planet.

94. The heart in its full significance is a transmuter and a condenser. Often these processes happen to be so strong that human strength cannot suffice to contain and endure the tension. From antiquity has come the prayer about resigning one's spirit to God. One should understand truly this surrender of the spirit. If you feel an unbearable anguish of the heart, transfer it mentally to the Lord. Thus you may join your heart with the Inexhaustible Source - Hierarchy. Such action may be particularly needed when the tension of the entire planet is great. One must be prepared for the most diversified influences, both cosmic and human. The adherence of

the heart to Hierarchy is a continuous action, but at present We are pointing out particular instances when it becomes necessary to strengthen the heart with the manifestation of Hierarchy with especial clarity of consciousness. Many will not understand how one can strengthen the heart by thought, because for them the heart is but a physical organ. But whoever has felt Our currents will understand the meaning of this bond. The World is living through such tension that it is timely to remind about the necessity of readiness for such communions. The Fiery World must be evoked in full consciousness. In case of need one may even orally address the Lord. Upon all steps of Hierarchy there is the same transmission and communion. And how majestic is this Ladder of Immeasurable Help.

121. The World is moulded in beautiful Principles. The expression about the renunciation of the World is incorrect. One cannot renounce the heavenly beauty. The whole World has been given to man. Therefore it would be far truer to speak about the discovery of the meaning of things....Worldly matters do not have to be unworthy and shameful. Great consciousnesses have taken great pains over the World. It is unfitting to attribute to them the distortions of ignorance.

122. The appearance of spots on Saturn only indicates cosmic ruptures, which are sending an unprecedented chemism to the Earth. There are many similar manifestations about which scholars even decide not to speak. The forces of space are restless; one need not think that a cataclysm will be just tomorrow, but one may realize that new chemisms are approaching the sick planet.

124. New planetary chemisms have an enormous significance. One may picture that the chemism of Saturn is attracting a certain type of being. Who knows what penalty is being prepared for those who serve Satan? You have long known the old legend about Satan. One must note that the fury of those who serve him already reaches the point of madness. Thus, for some the spot on Saturn is just a spot, but for others it is a confirmation of the old legend. Many manifestations are related to Armageddon.

127. We speak here about the Highest Principle. But just now things of the lowest order are being created in the world. Thus one can see madness of whole nations. Right now six wars are going on, but people do not see them. Right now evil is being accumulated like an explosive substance. But people do not notice the volcano. Even the wisest rulers are not terrified by these manifestations, considering that somehow all will be well.

187. As has been said, the Subtle World is now also undergoing a great conflict, which is even more terrible than the earthly one. It may be understood that defeat in the Subtle World is inadmissible. Such a defeat would break through a chain of worlds, and would be highly desirable for Satan. Therefore the Teaching so emphasizes the heart in order, at least a little, to prepare the people for cooperation.

207. The greatest earthly cataclysms have resulted from under-sea ruptures. Let us not forget that while mountain peaks attain the height of 30,000 feet,

submarine chasms even surpass this measure. They may be pictured as reaching a depth of 78,000 feet. The disappearances of lakes are not so dangerous, but a rising of the water level should be a matter of concern. Several times the Earth has undergone the same fate, but people do not think on a planetary scale. Just now there may be observed a certain resemblance to past events. The lack of balance of fires and waters constitutes a subject for deep investigation. Some will ponder over it, and many will ridicule.

211. You have already seen that thousands of people may perish in a single hurricane. Is it possible that the manifestation of ominous storms does not impel humanity to reflect as to whence comes such imbalance that not only hurricanes and earthquakes, but even floods reach the highest dimensions? It is a fact that millions of people have already perished. But the consciousness continues to grow worse. It would be fair to ask humanity how many tens of millions of victims are required before a change of consciousness is recognized.

262. Yes, yes, yes, if people do not turn to the Hiero-inspiration, many conflagrations will result. Equilibrium and concordance are violated by the mechanistic concept of the World. Half a century ago We were already concerned about the excessive increase of physical knowledge. Verily, much has been attained in this direction, but at the same time the spiritual consciousness was lagging behind the physical. Ethics were lost amidst accumulations of formulas. Machines attracted men away from the art of thinking. Now they are content to be robots! For the equilibrium of the World the heart is needed, and in this Decree is contained undeferrable salvation. Ill-will is pressing upon the earthly aura.

308. Wherein is the chief utility of thought-sendings? Besides usefulness for good works, for the sake of which the thought is sent, the principle advantage is in the strengthening of space itself by means of good. Such saturation of space is a great defense of the planet's health. To this end, it is possible to become accustomed to send out good thoughts many times daily, as spatial arrows. The thoughts may refer to individual persons, or they may be impersonal. The manifestation of good is of great value, and it is not lost in space.

330. It has been said - the science of the luminaries is precise, as the luminaries do exist. But in this let us not forget relativity. Besides the chemism of the rays of the luminary itself, it must be understood to what an extent the atmosphere vibrates at the passage of the heavenly bodies and of waves of cosmic dust. Therefore the astrologer must be also an astrophysicist and an astronomer. In addition, he must perceive the earthly conditions which are working against the rays of the luminaries. Only through observance of these conditions will his deductions be free from errors.

351. Malice, doubt, unbelief, impatience, laziness, and the other inspirations of darkness separate the earthly world from the Higher Spheres.

Instead of following the path of good, people attempt to replace ecstasy of the spirit with various narcotics, which give the illusion of the other world existence. Observe that in many religions there were introduced, as later adjuncts, very clever compounds of narcotics for the purpose of artificially advancing the consciousness beyond the earthly state. Indeed the fallibility of such forcible measures is great; they not only do not bring the Worlds closer, they on the contrary estrange and coarsen the consciousness. Likewise, earthly life is filled with continuous poisonings with which people very affably regale each other. Teachers of all times have taught humanity the pure paths of spirit that lead into communion with Higher Worlds, but only a few have chosen the path revealed by the heart. A special attention must be given to deliverance from poisonings. A considerable part of the Earth's soil is already infected, as is its surface. Besides narcotics, people have invented many obviously frightful substances which instead of being health-giving bring on spiritual death. Masses of poisonous vapors are choking the cities. People devote much thought to the production of many substances which should be considered far more deadly than narcotics. Narcotics bring harm to the addicts themselves, but deadly gases torment everything that lives. One cannot condemn narcotics enough, but also one cannot sufficiently condemn such murderous inventions. People formerly, at times, fell into error for the sake of illusionary ecstasy, but nowadays they are completely unashamed to kill the intellect and spirit of their near ones, calling this killing an attainment of science.

352. Attention should be paid to each invention of the scientists. They must first of all be responsible for the harmlessness of a new substance. Many metals are being brought into daily use, not only in their pure state but also in combinations. As for that, alloys have attracted human attention from the earliest times. Truly, many useful metals when combined in a certain way produce deadly effects. Verily, in the future, knowledge will be many-sided!

397. The conjunction of the Moon, Venus and Saturn is indeed rare. Precisely such a conjunction produces a chemism of extraordinary force, and it may be remembered that We pointed out the assistance of the Luminaries in actions useful for the world.

403. Some people walk into the future with full trust. Whence can be drawn such invincible confidence? First of all, from communion with Hierarchy. But understanding of the Luminaries also strengthens the consciousness. Moreover, there is still a third circumstance which has no small significance. Actually the three worlds exist in full cooperation. The affirmation of many earthly beginnings takes place in the Higher Worlds. You know about earthly teraphim; there can be likewise teraphim of the Subtle and of the Fiery World. Not infrequently entire structures, prior to their earthly realization, have been created in the Higher Worlds. One may read in the ancient Covenants about Heavenly Cities; in fact, they are being constructed in reality upon different spheres, and thus a magnetic attraction is created. Often people do not suspect that their teraphim

already exist in various forms. At times the clairvoyants perceive such actual images, and erroneously carry over what they see to the earthly plane, whereas the earthly reflection is formed later. But one fact is unquestionable - precisely, the existence of such teraphim - it strengthens the consciousness of man. Can it not be that certain cities already do exist, and named people live in them? One may walk into the future as assuredly as if the delineations of the city were before the earthly eyesight.

404. Verily, special caution is needed, in spirit as well as in earthly circumstances. One must deport oneself as if a conflagration were imminent. In the hands is affirmation of the future. Each caution will be valued as an action of wisdom. I have Spoken.

405. Precisely each economy is needed, both in things and in spirit. You cannot take into account all the directions of the currents. Everything is indeed temporary, but the spirit is tempered in the midst of vortices.

449. One should observe that during especially grave conjunctions of the constellations strong spirits appear. One may investigate in history how systematically powerful helpers are sent from the Fiery World who take upon themselves the burdens of the World, and who plant magnets for the future. One must study the history of the planet from all angles, in various branches of knowledge. One should recognize the winding paths of humanity as a science connected with the basic laws of the Universe. The study of the chemism of the luminaries should be introduced without delay. Already much valuable material has been accumulated which once again confirms the bond between all the Worlds.

451. People may be surprised that a place especially full of the danger of earthquake remains without the influence of fire. Let them ponder about this.

453. One may rejoice at each new step of life. A new combination of elements produces a fiery refinement. Never do the dark forces experience the joy of union with Hierarchy. One person considers each hour as the last, but another is conscious of each hour as a new one and foremost. Such attitude is the fiery one.

454. One may often observe how something impossible according to human laws is nevertheless accomplished. The worthlessness of all human precautions is often astonishingly evident. One cannot but feel that something over and above earthly reasonings guides circumstances; in this something are the will, cosmic chemism, and the most immutable magnet. Cosmic law brings destined people close to world problems. Sometimes they cannot explain how unexpected details are put together. But they realize that their heart is aflame. Thus it is, as it were, joined to something unalterable. In conformity with this immutable law it is possible to pass over the most dangerous abyss. Such full authority may be called Hierarchic, but when we add to this the chemism of the luminaries and the delineations of the

far-off Worlds, it is then possible to define such a right as cosmic.

Fiery World III, 1935:

18. Humanity does not ponder over the degeneration of many nations. There are evil-minded nations which are obviously corrupt and decaying, before the very eyes of the World! One may even trace upon the physical structure of its individuals a nation's degeneration: jaws, cheekbones, arms, legs, ears, as other symptoms, reflect the process. An evil-minded nation also becomes a nursery of diseases of spirit and body. But during the fiery creativeness and transmutation of the spirit the potentiality of progress and development of a nation will be disclosed to men. He who will not accept the Fiery Baptism, who will not follow the Origin of Light, will depart into the chaos of dissolution. One may observe the moral sinking and affirm that only the Fiery World offers the needed purification.

65. All statecraft and social order can be affirmed upon cosmic law. Science gives all directions, and only sensitivity of application is needed to reveal the many aspects which are for construction. If instead of so-called innovations and new statutes humanity would turn its attention to the cosmic laws, it would be possible to establish equilibrium, which now is being violated more and more, beginning with the law of conception and extending up to cosmic consummation. The affirmed laws are one. Upon all planes it is possible to affirm unity. The path of evolution crosses threadlike through all the physical and spiritual degrees. Therefore, in the state and in the social order all the cosmic laws could apply toward perfecting of form. On the path to the Fiery World one should be imbued with the power of the unity in the Cosmos.

76. The destruction of many countries is strongly intensified; the entire earthly battle is accompanied by mighty conflicts in the Higher Worlds. All who know the significance of a nation's Karma can realize what is taking place. It is necessary to reflect over those events which are shaking the World. It is easy to see that the dark clouds blanket many horizons. Events in each departing order point to that future which will replace the present. Cosmic magnetism is purifying and assembling new forces. Shadows of darkness hover over the displaced countries. Where the equilibrium is not established within a short space of time, there clouds gather which will decide the fate of the dark countries and their leaders. National Karma is intensified in the West and in the East. From the North comes a New Light. The South is atremble from subterranean fire. Thus is solved the Karma of the nations. On the path to the Fiery World let us remember that national Karma is being solved by powerful events.

92. The principles of Good and evil are repeated on all planes with this distinction, that by prolonging the line into the spheres of the Subtle World, all expressions become heightened. Only the principles of constructiveness give to the spirit that resultant force which affirms a conscious striving for good. The servants of darkness will be inevitably attracted to the lower strata. Ancient Covenants speak of those who dwell in the

Kingdom of the Spirit and those who live under the earth. One may be surprised as to why the earthly strata and the earth itself is inhabited by the forces of evil. Actually, a downward attraction explains these hordes. Each aspiration toward the the Fiery World tends to hold the spirit in the Subtle World, but the Spirits who are Bearers of Light, filled with self-sacrifice, rush to the Earth for purpose of salvation. There are whole countries on Earth which are saturated with destroyers. The Earth conforms with its poisoned emanations, to these spawns of darkness. Therefore, be not astonished that portions of the world are peopled with dark entities.

122. The World is plunged into such a dark state that the supermundane spheres are being filled with stiffling gases. Various indicated manifestations affirm how black threads envelop the earthly spheres. It is proper to think and to prepare the consciousness for manifestations of fiery shocks. Space is in need of a purification, and a new discharge may occur in the earthly sphere when the spiritual currents will be roused creatively under the tension of new impulses. It is impossible to expect a regeneration on the planet without the affirmation of new principles and of coordination. Only spatial currents are needed for coordination with vital potentials. Thus, on the path to the Fiery World let us strive for ascent through fiery spiritual currents.

139. People do not even suspect how strained the planet is! All these conditions which governments are creating are comparable to a volcano. Each wave of actions is saturated with destruction. There are no such circumstances as would indicate an advancement toward salvation. Yet the more suffocating, the more speedily can the great World Problem be resolved. Supermundane spheres are also agitated. Verily, each spirit striving into the future can sense that "Something," about which only the Lords know. Surely it is imperative to think about driving clouds which must inevitably destroy the countries going against the Light. A New Dawn is already lighting the way on the dark horizon. Already events are proceeding and new forces are building a better future. Therefore, one must reflect about the appearance of the Fiery Element, for whoever is from Fire, triumphs with Fire.

140. At all turning points in the history of the World it could have been observed how the fiery concepts were broadcast in space. Side by side with dying concepts new paths were born. All great changes have been directed by cosmic currents of two poles. Thus, the organization of the World is saturated with the energies of these two poles. The stronger the tension of darkness, the more powerful the creativeness of Light. Fiery energies can be affirmed only in great tension. The explosions of these tensions produce new energies. Viewing the chart of the World, the far-sighted spirits know where is being established the New Magnet of future constructions. One can easily convince oneself as to the procedure of the cosmic energies of the upheaval, as they impetuously drive toward the ultimate battle. All cosmic energies are being assembled for the installation of the fiery foundations. Indeed, this entire great transmutation could have taken place by another path, but, as was said in antiquity, to wish means to have. And this principle is strongly affirmed in life. One must sensitively harken to the approach of the Fiery World.

152. ...Fiery energies knock for admission, and there may be observed new forms of creativeness in all domains. But each good affirmation which comes for the unification of the Worlds remains unnoticed. Vortexes which surround humanity bear away all creative fires. Discharges which are bursting around the Earth are a source of terror. Sternly do We speak to the nations, for those peoples which have received true sparks of understanding must bear the responsibility for that created by them.

167. Before the great reorganization of the World, a manifestation of all the dark forces is displayed, for a better transmutation. What is taking place in the World cannot be called a step of evolution, but it can indeed be said that what is being manifested is the lowest, the most intense, the most saturated by the forces of darkness. But great is the work which gathers together everything helpful for the great reconstruction. Just as the condensed strata of the earthly spheres are being made ready for battle, so does a manifestation of the Forces of Light stand on guard. The stage which the planet is going through can be compared with a furnace of Cosmic Fire. All dense energies are aflame in tension, and on guard stands the Fiery Right. Fiery creativeness is assembling all fiery energies - thus the World is being reconstructed by the tension of the two polarities. It is necessary clearly to discern these turbulent energies.

180. The earthly firmament is infected, and is to be purified by humanity itself. Each vital manifestation leaves its precipitations on all space. All must be transmuted, all must be outlived. Thus, each stratum represents a sphere saturated with human lusts, survivals, and aspirations. The fluids of heart and spirit, which saturate space with pure fires, refine the spatial strata. Only in this way can equilibrium be established, because energies are hurtling through space and mankind is surrounded, as it were, by explosive projectiles. These fluids are accumulated and exploded in all spheres. So, too, the chain of effects is being affirmed by the saturated actions of humanity. On the path to the Fiery World let us be reminded about the spatial projectiles.

183. The construction of new beginnings can be affirmed upon great principles only when humanity will apprehend all the Higher Origins. Without this it is impossible to manifest the Beauty of Existence, for the manifestations of life proceed in conformity with the thinking of humanity. The creator of thought creates forms. But how frightful are those movements in the World which arise out of decomposing sources! These sources infect the atmosphere surrounding the planet. It is necessary to purify the strata for the reception of new energies. So many powerful forces are awaiting reception and application, but to perceive them means already to manifest them. But is it possible at this time to reveal these energies to a destroyer? Certainly the planet is passing through Armageddon, and all its affirmations are sharply divided into the camps of Light and darkness. Therefore, the great discharge leads to fiery purification. Then it will be possible to bestow the affirmed Beauty of Existence. Verily, the time draws near. On the path to the Fiery World let us remember the great principle of Beauty.

204. The saturation of space with formulas which clarify the Teaching, will result in great effects. Thus do we affirm the manifestation of the New World. Thus is the manifestation of the Predestined being brought about.

213. All nations are intensifying their forces. All is tensed toward transmutation. Great and rigorous is the time - thus is the great future being affirmed. I affirm a great saturation of space.

216. Realization of responsibility for the spirit and for religion has been put by humanity in the last place. The tribunal of regulated society is concerned with preserving the physical body, making mangling of the body liable to prosecution. But existing laws and temples do not concern themselves with the millions who have been mangled in spirit. ...Verily, only affirmation of the true designation will impel the spirit to the higher understanding of the great Cosmic Right. Thus let us strive for the great responsibility for the spirit and for religion. So much must be purified in the Teachings of the World! The labor of strivingly purifying religions will result in a new consciousness. On the path to the Fiery World let us affirm the Bearers of Fiery Purification.

232. Dates are approaching. Displacement is being affirmed in the very depths of the planet, in the very depths of nations, in the very depths of life. The cycle affirms displacement and the arrival of new principles. Thus do We create together the New Epoch.

236. The reconstruction of the world is being intensified. In space new energies are being assembled; new beginnings are being affirmed. Thus is being created the New Epoch.

242. On the Cosmic Scales the destinies of countries are being weighed. Those going with the Cosmic Magnet will stand before the Light of the Future, but those going against all the illumined beginnings will realize the full weight of Karma. Certainly the battle of Light and darkness saturates all space. So many manifestations are being weighed on the Cosmic Scales! Each hour brings a new cosmic wave, and on the Cosmic Scales are new fluctuations being affirmed hourly. Space resounds with the new conditions which lead to the Fiery World. In the cosmic tension new fiery conditions are being created. On the path to the Fiery World let us apprehend the law of the Cosmic Magnet in each action and each aspiration.

243. The imbalance has so greatly increased that the time has come when humanity must investigate its nature. Every appraisal of life and its levers has been so distorted that man lives in his own engenderings. But no one knows about the true levers, beginning with the fundamentals of Existence, and extending to each lever of life in the World created by men. The True World differs as greatly from the one which has been engendered as does Light from darkness. Verily, space is in need of the unification of the existing great Foundations. Therefore, the World cannot be reborn without the affirmation of Equilibrium and the eradication of the essence of imbalance. And in this determination is the wavering of the Cosmic Scales. The Fiery World is being affirmed on this great law.

245. Cosmic laws manifest in their potentials that power which can best of all direct life. Difficulties which have arisen for the planet in the coordination of cosmic laws, are produced not from unadaptability of cosmic laws, but from the severance from the Higher Worlds. In the entire structure of the Cosmos there has been manifested fiery goal-fitness. Therefore it is impossible to regard cosmic laws as inadmissible. Long since has Unity in Cosmos been spoken about. In all the old Teachings this magnetic Unity was indicated. How many spatial records have failed to impress, albeit they carry sacred affirmations of Unity! How many spatial records there are which point out the engendering of severance! As it has been necessary to remind the planet for thousands of years about eternal Unity, likewise one is precisely obliged to indicate the effects of disconnection upon the planet.

246. The correspondence between Worlds is manifested by the action of affirmation of the firm foundations. Violation of this conformity produces an effect in every direction. By placing the emphasis upon the visible World, humanity has rejected the Invisible Worlds. Living in an external World,

man has edged aside from the inner strivings which intensify the spirit in its quest. The separation of the Worlds is thus affirmed by each act of man! The manifestation of disconnection penetrates all the foundations and acts reciprocally, because negation is a confirmation of the force of destruction. The Invisible Worlds manifest all the powerful energies. How, then, to affirm the Kingdom of Divine Fire? How to reestablish the law of Existence? How to affirm conscious striving for the manifestation of unification? The World trembles from violation of the Foundations, and their reestablishment and unification is required. On the path to the Fiery World let us accept the law of Conformity of Worlds.

251. The process of the building of the New World is confirmed by fiery means. The energies being generated are introduced and gathered together under a manifestation of particular rays which direct those domains which are to be creatively intensified. The creators of the planet fierily propel these energies, and, indeed, they will possess the power of condensation and refinement.

253. The essential nature of man can be transmuted by the invocation of better vibrations. Only such a reminder will give man access to a higher status. At the present time humanity is found to be continually in the vibrations of the lower spheres; therefore the lower Manas motivates life...

258. The cleansing of space is reaching into all undertakings. The time has come to make evident the forces marching with the Light and those marching with darkness. Indeed, the temptation of the Prince of darkness is therein that he promises repose, but We say - it is the last hour! Only an accelerated purification will make possible the salvation of the planet; indeed, this is not a matter of eons, nor even of many years. Actually fiery explosion will save the planet. Fiery explosion must be displayed in every manifestation. Only the cleansing of space, only the purification of the consciousness, only the purification of the Teachings, will produce

the manifestation of purified explosions of the spirit. True, the darkness is becoming dense, but when the tension of the forces of darkness reaches its limit, then will the Forces of Light affirm Their might. Thus one should be prepared for the acceptance of great tension. Light conquers darkness!

293. When subterranean and supermundane fires are raging, it is indeed necessary to manifest great caution. The Center of the Earth is so intensified, because the attraction of different strata acts reciprocally. The tension of creative centers is affirmed by spatial Fires. Congestion of the blood can confirm the state of cosmic tension. Therefore it is so necessary to guard the centers. Spatial Fires are raging.

310. The accumulations of countries are being weighed on the Cosmic Scales. The preponderance of the forces of destruction is unquestionable, but transmutation of the spirit and purification of space and of humanity will afford a new destiny. The reconstruction of the planet will touch upon all values, spiritual and material. Each center, manifesting its Karma, will produce a new tension. Humanity passes through a fiery cleansing. A new affirmation will be revealed upon the horizon of the planet. In truth, a fiery purgatory will reach all the ends of the World. On the Cosmic Scales, for the good of the Universe, are found both the sword and fiery transmutation. Thus, for the planet's good the Fiery World draws near.

314. The condition of the planet is so catastrophic that only the most intensive action will hold people back from savagery. Those who assume the Fiery Vigil of cosmic events can only keep guard over this saturation in unparalleled tension. In the defense of humanity it is necessary to contend with manifestations of imperfection, faint-heartedness and fear. The Karma of humanity consists of a mosaic of the most terrible atonements. Only the fiery guard of Hierarchy will save humanity. On the path to the Fiery World let us assemble all the best swords of the spirit.

350. The planet is completing a cycle which leads everything to summation. The time is coming when each principle must manifest its entire potential. These rings are looked upon in history as downfall or renaissance. But these rhythms must be regarded as the triumph of Light or darkness. The time has come when the planet is drawing near to such a circle of summation, and only the most saturated tension of the potential will result in victory. The circle of summation awakens all energies, for in the final battle all the forces of Light and darkness will take part, from the very Highest down to the dregs. Sensitive spirits know why there is being manifested so much of the Higher, side by side with the guilty and the inert. In the conflict, before the circle of summation there will be contentions of all spatial, earthly and supermundane Forces. On the path to the Fiery World the co-workers must remember the Ordinance of the Cosmos.

352. The World is living through those stages by which have been signaled all the decisive moments in the history of mankind. Stages of destruction precede construction. Creativeness, having been tensed, calls all energies to life. That epoch into which humanity has entered will inevitably manifest

all the potentials of forces, for this epoch is a decisive one, and a turning point in history is approaching. Surely, the condition of the planet has not come about by accident, and each tension bears witness to that current which is engulfing all spheres. If the conflict is inexorable, so will the victory be decisive. For all forces and spheres participate in this Cosmic Battle. On the path to the Fiery World one must take up the Sword of Light for building the New Epoch.

353. Waves which engulf nations arise out of the national Karma. In Cosmic Construction each epoch leaves its waves in space. When the date draws near for magnetic attraction, all waves begin to act - thus Karma is unavoidable. When in ancient Scriptures it was said - "All is from the Heavenly Father," by that precisely the law of Karma was voiced. All is created according to these waves, which depart into space and preserve an everlasting bond with the planet. The bond between Worlds, supermundane and earthly, is conditioned by these waves. The records of space consist of these waves, and nations create their own historical redemptions. The realization that everything passes into the waves of space can awaken aspirations. On the path to the Fiery World let us manifest a striving for the betterment of the national Karma.

357. It is possible to trace how events are being crowded, how clouds are piling up, how all the centers of the planet reveal their sharpened trends. Even limited minds can see that the chart of the World is being altered. Verily, not much time remains before the great events. Reconstruction of the World is going on in all quarters, and apparently affirmed comfort is only a mirage, for each energy is found to be in a state of transmutation. It is not difficult to confirm the fact that the Cosmic Scales are oscillating. Thus, on the path to the Fiery World let us strive for saturation by the Cosmic Magnet.

358. If people would only understand with what foundations it is possible to build a better world! If humanity would only reflect upon the concepts which permeate life! So many higher impulses could become awakened in the consciousness, so many dormant energies could act, if humanity would only accept the Covenant of Service, inasmuch as this has been affirmed by all the Higher Forces! All the fiery qualities of Service are precisely based on devotion. Verily, this quality is the basis of constructiveness. On the path to the Fiery World it will be necessary to affirm this foundation.

367. The condition of the planet is becoming worse because of the consciousness of humanity. The forces of the spirit are expended on the affirmation of destruction. A faint-hearted cowardice toward all concepts which do not correspond to the present consciousness, is leading humanity to the borderland of destruction. The forces of the spirit can bring mankind out of the rut if mankind will purify its thinking. Each great principle is that prime mover which uplifts the spirit. A search for the higher principles is the primary task. The Existence of the World is affirmed by fiery principles. Therefore, aspiring to the Highest should be a most essential task. Humanity must ponder upon a reformation in its actions. The Karma of atonement draws

near. Each striving must be directed toward the Source of Light. On the path to the Fiery World let us manifest in action the achievement of great realization.

382. The World is submerged in effects created by human deeds. Can one be surprised at what is taking place on the planet? Gases formed by the spiritual smotherings in human structures have dammed up space and enwrapped the planet in darkness. Human aspirations correspond to what is going on. The earthly and the supermundane strata are saturated with manifestations created by the evil-doings of mankind. The strata are in truth mutually infected. This is an obvious karmic action. On the path to the Fiery World measures must be taken for the affirmation of new karmic effects.

383. Cosmic energies have gathered flamingly around the planet and are piercing the thickness of the earthly atmosphere in concentrated currents. The state of humanity depends upon these currents, which are physically and spiritually manifesting their effects. Physical and spiritual epidemics come from the thick stratifications, and one may trace their influence in the flow of events. Each epoch has its omens, which appear out of the accumulations of results of the actions of humanity. These stratifications can be sensed from out of space, becoming again sources of actions. In this manner does the law of eternal transmutation enter into life. On the path to the Fiery World let us manifest understanding of the law of eternal fiery transmutation.

388. During the decline of an epoch first of all is observed a split amidst inner structures. When spiritual downfall overcomes the national consciousness, these signs are especially clear. Looking over a chart of the World, one can easily be convinced that dissolution precedes the renascence which can be brought about only through regeneration of the spirit. Quests of the true renascence lead to renewal of the spirit and of principles, and thus a new constructiveness can be affirmed. New construction cannot be approved without a veritable renewal of the spirit. The Service of Light must inspire the spirit with courage to manifest fiery constructiveness.

428. The Great Toilers in the Spiritual Domain are the beauty and joy of the planet. Humanity must render gratitude to these Helpers.

434. The New World has new conditions and requires new actions. It is impossible to enter the New World with the old methods, therefore do I thus summon to regeneration of the consciousness. Some the New World fills with terror. Some the New World appalls with work. In some the heart palpitates at mention of the New World - seek the latter.

471. There was a time when the earth opened and swallowed up traitors. Who then can picture the tenfold worse fate of contemporary traitors? They themselves least of all understand it. An evil destiny! The manifestation grows, and subterranean wrath is growling.

474. Let us say to all traitors - you have convicted yourselves. The fate of traitors is indeed self-imposed. Unendurable is the yoke of a traitor.

Whither then so many unfortunate ones? They are disguised as beggars, thieves, murderers. Usually in their pouch are to be found old debts. The traitors do not understand what debts they are paying. But manifestly they bear the weight of payment.

475. The Fiery World is atremble from betrayal. This onslaught of chaos is against everything manifested.

477. The World is atremble. Again the depths of the seas are restless. But these depths are not being taken into consideration. The dates for many submarine shifts draw near, but it is not customary to think about such processes. If people knew how to think about the elements and the supermundane Spheres, their thinking would be turned more easily toward the fundamentals. Why can only a few think about the most essential?

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111. The Higher World has been at the foundation of all human, state and social structures. If people are unaware of the primary origin of their social organizations, still, even in transitory conditions may be seen traces of the living connection with the Higher World. One should not belittle the antiquity of existence of the planet and of life upon it; it would be more correct to increase this figure. But let us not forget that continents have shifted their positions many times, and even at present one can still see near the poles a great many opportunities for discovery. Therefore let us be cautious in limiting the earthly problem. Beyond savages we shall see traces of wise peoples who have vanished. According to surviving legislations it is possible to affirm that the impulse toward comprehension of the Higher World has been manifested from time immemorial.

154. People can refine earthly conditions; the way lies not through riches nor power, but through the tremor of solemnity, which is within reach of those chosen sensitive ones. Each higher tremor is in itself a victory over the flesh.

On holy days the ancient weaving is taken out of the sacred coffer. One cannot expose the subtlest labor to a violent hurricane every day. One can rejoice when labor produces the higher joy in earthly life.

155. Besides earthquakes, there can also be atmospheric disturbances. There can be, as it were, concussions, during which the earthly sphere is agitated. These are caused not only by the crossing of currents, but also by conditions in the Subtle World. During discoveries, frequently something inexplicable is felt. This may be a reminder of the Invisible World, full of energy. I would suggest that writers collect such unknown facts; thus will be accumulated a book of new juxtapositions.

157. The life of the planet may be understood as the sum total of all beginnings created with it. So much the greater is the responsibility of all thinking inhabitants of the planet. It is presumed that they are the crown of the planet, but if lumps of coal are found in the crown instead of precious stones, the resulting damage will be on a planetary scale. As a result, all the connecting currents will be destroyed.

280. One can observe the extent to which there simultaneously dwell on Earth living beings of the most diverse status - from primitive savage to subtlest thinker. One person will assert that the Earth is in the Palaeolithic period, whereas another will demonstrate that the Earth has already entered the Golden Age, each will be guided by what is evident to him. So too, in cosmogenic discussions one should not be astonished at the contiguity of quite different periods. The Universe is so multiform in its great Infinity.

321. Sand storms are sources of infection. One should observe where the waves of these frightful destroyers are passing. It is far from useful to permit such destructions. People can justly evaluate those who have permitted the destruction of life. For entire ages people have helped to fill the lower strata of the atmosphere with particles of decomposition. Is it not time to reflect on the relationship of psychic energy to the surrounding atmospheric strata? It is not permissible to poison the psychic energy of entire generations! So many beautiful souls are ruined by the poisoning of the planet!

513. Criminality is increasing; cruelty and violence are increasing. It is necessary to look into the root of such infamous manifestations. Humanity cannot become worse without reasons. But outside of cosmic causes, in humanity itself there is cause to feel shaken. It is impossible to deny psychic energy endlessly. Because of cosmic stress, the psychic energy of humanity also increases its pressure. It not only is not recognized but it is even scorned, which causes physical and psychic sicknesses.

It has long been established that criminality is a psychic disease. So too, sadism and cruelty and violence result from the same psychic epidemic.

It is impossible to rescue humanity from such scourges if it does not turn its attention to the condition of psychic energy. It is growing in pressure. Similar to fire-damp, it presents the danger of an explosion. It remains for us to direct it into the powerful ordained channel, otherwise it will terminate evolution. But such influences upon the fundamental energy cannot be casual. Throughout the planet must arise scholars, cultural groups, which, linked in cooperation, will occupy themselves with the cultivation of psychic energy. Such a network can produce the bases of scientific discipline.

521. Many times the end of the World has been proclaimed, but the planet still exists. The ignorant will again find therein cause to triumph, but they also scoffed on the eve of the fall of Atlantis. Moreover, more than once disastrous collisions have threatened the planet. Sensitive apparatus were able to foresee this circumstance. Even a short time ago the planet escaped collision by an extremely narrow margin. If people are to be found who have premonitions of distant earthquakes, then it is fully comprehensible that other cosmic vibrations can also be sensed. Let us not judge the reason why many perils are avoided - there are many causes for this. Certain islands are in a very dangerous state, but the inhabitants will not abandon them. But no one derides scholars who investigate the changing shore-lines.

Ignorant criticism should be made with much caution both in respect to physical researches and in the field of psychic prognosis.

593. Think of yourselves not as inhabitants of the earth but of the Universe. In this way you will assume a greater responsibility. Likewise you will apprehend how strenuous is the battle for each victory in the realm of Infinity. Do not think that by placing upon yourselves a great responsibility you fall into arrogance. The quality of arrogance befits ignorance. Responsibility is a duty to oneself and to the Highest. Thought about duty will already be constructive striving, but for such a path one must cultivate oneself each hour.

He cannot be called a man who does not know how to think about collaborating with the higher energies. How is his lofty Communion possible for him if his heart is closed to inspiration.

Learn to understand words in their full significance, otherwise such a lofty concept as inspiration is reduced to an empty sound. As I summon you for the journey, I am anxious that you do not forget as a result of hustle and bustle that which is most needed. Frequently hurried travelers burden themselves with needless things and forget the key to the most necessary coffer.

Note. 1 - Although much longer than previous "Gleanings" on other subjects, which have ranged from 1 to 9 pages, these Gleanings on Our Planet cannot properly be considered a "Compilation" because no attempt has been made to include all or nearly all references to the theme -- only enough to make us realize the importance of giving very serious consideration to the subject.

Note. 2 - Excerpts from Infinity and Brotherhood are not yet available.