

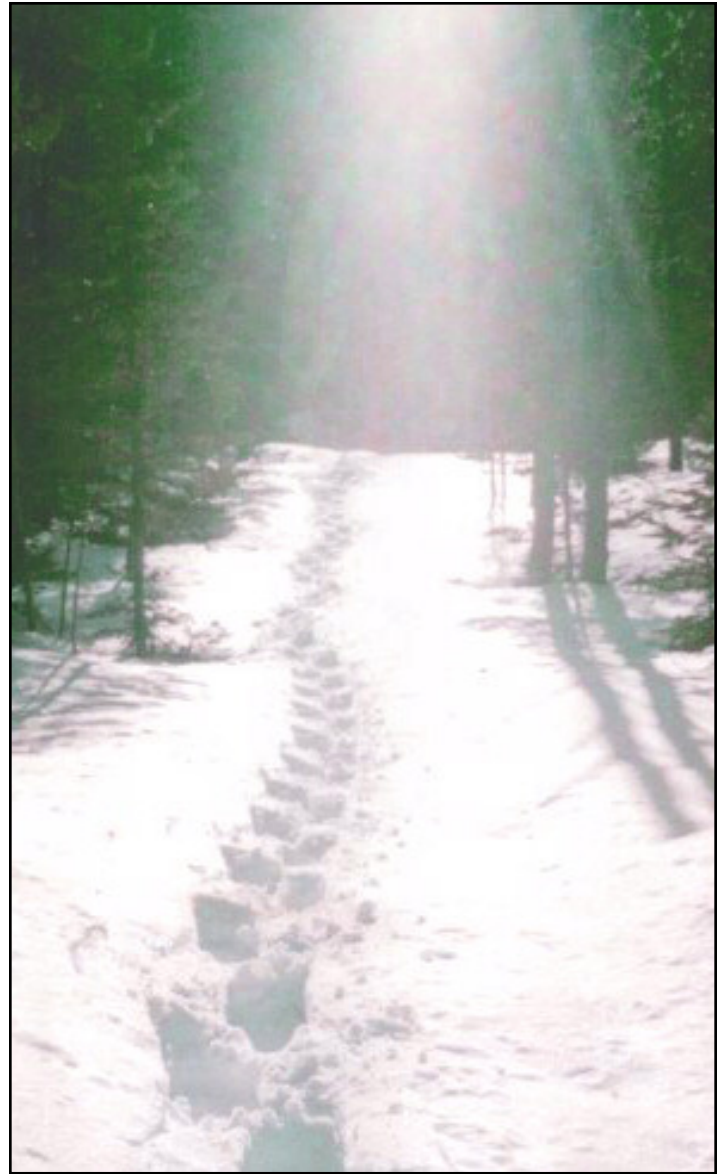
AWAKENING AND THE GREAT INVOCATION

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From the point of Light
within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth
into the minds of everyone.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love
within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth
into the hearts of everyone.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the center where the
Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the
little wills of everyone –
The purpose which the
Masters know and serve.



From the center which
we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and
Light work out,
And may it seal the
door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love
and Power restore
the Plan on Earth.

The prayer called The Great Invocation is universal in more than one sense: it is for the whole world and it is said around the world. At a conference on states of consciousness Pat Norris, a former President of ISSSEEM, once heard it spoken in German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Icelandic, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Ugandan, South African, Tibetan, and Portuguese. (Pat said that perhaps it was also said in other languages.) As a world prayer it does not just call for the benefit of the individual but for the great, common good of all.

The Great Invocation embodies ancient ideas that have appeared in many forms and in many traditions. Three different versions of the invocation were given to Alice Ann Bailey by a spiritual teacher called The Tibetan: one in 1935, one in 1940, and this one in 1945. Each was designed to meet the demands of world changes that were occurring at those times, and this one looked forward to our own time as well.

Alice Ann Bailey described its five basic truths this way:

“The beauty and the strength of this Invocation lies in its simplicity, and in its expression of certain central truths which all men, innately and normally, accept - the truth of the existence of a basic Intelligence to Whom we vaguely give the name of God; the truth that behind all outer seeming, the motivating power of the universe is Love, the truth that a great Individuality came to earth, called by Christians, the Christ, and embodied that love so that we could understand; the truth that both love and intelligence are effects of what is called the Will of God; and finally, the self-evident truth that only through HUMANITY itself can the Divine Plan work out.”

Many people question the use of the name of Christ. It does not refer simply to the central figure in Christian religion. It applies to the world teacher known by many names, among them the Bodhisattva, Iman Bahdi, and Lord Maitreya. Some use the term “Christ consciousness” instead of “Christ” in this prayer. The Lucis Trust carries on the work of Alice Ann Bailey and

has written that using specific language is not important, but that what is vital is that we “recognize our unity as children of God.” (www.LucisTrust.org)

Several words printed above differ from the original 1945 version: the word “men” was replaced by “everyone” and “race of men” was replaced by “human race.” Years ago Alyce Green, the wife and partner of ISSSEEM’s Elmer Green, made these changes for her study group in Kansas, changes that have since been accepted by many other groups. She saw that the narrower language led many to believe either that they were not included or were relegated to a second-class status. It is important that all people know this prayer is for them.

The Great Invocation has resonated with those who wish to aid our planet during periods of difficult transition in the past and it does so now in our times. The prayer reaches that part of us that is already connected with All That Is, the part that already “knows.”

The Divine Plan for earth is understood to involve the evolution and expansion of consciousness. Our work as individuals, especially in troubled times, calls first for a self-confronting that can help us clear away flaws and deficits in our

personalities. To awaken we have to become familiar with our “Shadow” – the aspect of self that contains what we hide from and deny - so that we can move into a full and expanded awareness. We must also gain an understanding that the true nature of reality includes both the material and immeasurable realms. Then the awakened state of consciousness can allow us to end a state of separation – separation from ourselves, each other, the planetary being of the Earth, and from God. When we have awakened we become strong, focused and loving. So we ask that Light and Love stream into the minds of everyone for the purpose of advancing all life in our world.

Jack Stucki, a long-time ISSSEEM member and pioneer in subtle energies work, has been given a new version of The Great Invocation. In January he went for his morning meditation to a stream with a small waterfall

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that is near his home in Colorado. The stream was low enough so that he could step out onto a rock formation in the middle of the falls. With his hands folded in prayer position and looking straight ahead Jack was surprised to see a being in front of him. It looked like the rays of color you can see in Kirlian photographs. The energy being was made of jagged lines of rose, light green, and yellowish white light that were moving dynamically around and within the whole form.

Jack said,

“I thought it was just in my own eyes, and it still could have been, but I blinked, rubbed my eyes, and looked away to check it out from the corner of my eye. It stayed in the same place. I looked directly at it and it didn’t change. So after undergoing what tests I could, I just stood there and looked for what must have been about 20 minutes. It was beautiful, just beautiful! Then the energy being went away and I was definitely in some sort of mystical state. Things looked different. I felt as though I was outside my body observing what my body was doing. And I could hear the crunch of snow underneath my boots as I walked. I wasn’t thinking about the Great Invocation but when I got home I went into the office and sat down and wrote out these words:”

From the point of light within the mind of God
Let all awaken to that same light within their own mind.
Let that light be rekindled on earth.

From the point of love within the heart of God
Let all awaken to that same love within their own heart.
Let all those chosen for this time return by awakening.

From the center where the will of God is known,
This will that guides the purpose of the masters,
Let all reawaken to this purpose.

From the center where the race of humans is known
Let the plan of love and light work out
So we may face and transform evil.

Let the power and purpose of love and light restore the plan on earth.

Jack said that, “This experience jacked up (yes, he does enjoy puns) the benevolent feelings I’ve been able to muster before to a new power.”

The word “awaken” is repeated again and again in the version of The Great Invocation given to Jack. The call to awaken is being heard by many people in many ways. It seems as though that is crucially necessary now for all of us around the whole world. We have been told many times that we must awaken to the reality that we are all one and that materialism is a snare and a delusion. In this time of transition that includes many kinds of difficulty, we must awaken to love and to deep compassion.

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The Dalai Lama is among those speaking about the need for all of us to develop compassion. Victor Chan (in *The Wisdom Of Compassion*) quotes him, without editing the Dalai Lama’s way of speaking:

“My approach: Today’s reality is whole world just one body. Everything is a part of me. Understanding helps reduce negative emotions. Hatred comes because we don’t appreciate interdependence. Suffering

comes because we don’t understand interdependence. We cause harm, sometimes unintentionally, because we are greedy for money, power. We think these things will make us happy. This is misunderstanding. Real happiness comes from peace of mind. The only way to obtain is be altruistic, be compassionate.”

The latest version of The Great Invocation brought a renewed message and was given by a different kind of messenger. We are being shown that not only is material reality not all there is, human beings are not all there is. We can also awaken to the truth that we are truly not alone in the universe.

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