

# *Torkom's Birthday and Legacy Celebration*

## *Message to my sisters and brothers in the Teaching*

**From**

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**On the occasion of the first international celebrations in 2004**

*"It is not necessary to employ compulsion where there is a flame. The best action is that of the heart. Very carefully guard the heart quality. This quality comes by way of many sufferings, but the fire of the heart is Sacred Fire. (Agni Yoga Society, Fiery World Volume III, p. 306.)*

Dear sisters and brothers in the Teaching:

It is with great pleasure that I send this message to you. Today, you have gathered to celebrate the life and treasured Legacy of Torkom Saraydarian. It is an honor to be able to celebrate the life of this wonderful man. In honoring the highest achievements and gifts that he left us, we also honor the highest within ourselves.

Torkom was and is still considered to be one of the most profound thinkers and one of the greatest teachers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He came into this world as a soul ready to make breakthroughs into the understanding of the Higher Worlds and the Teaching. He always considered himself to be a humble servant of all. He came to explain, to clarify and to expand the Teaching given by Hierarchy. He came to help us come closer to our Essential Self. He demonstrated in his life how a person could rise above all challenges and contact the inner soul.

Torkom's sacred contributions to the world of the Teaching is just seeing the first rays of daylight; just beginning to make a breakthrough into the consciousness of men and women of the Teaching. It is your efforts, your love, and your dedication that will ultimately help his Teachings make the complete breakthrough into the global consciousness. Your efforts are cumulative. It is celebrations such as today's that will energize us and keep us striving and serving into eternity and provide these Teachings to every seeking man and woman on Earth.

Torkom was a warrior of spirit; he was a fearless fighter for the true spiritual rights of all beings. No matter what happened in his life, he never gave up his path, his mission, and his purpose in life. We can learn much from his life and his service and try to pattern our life by the example he left for us.

This year, 2004, we have eight celebrations of Torkom's birthday that I know of. The first one is in Cave Creek, Arizona; then in Lima, Peru; Rio Negro, Argentina; London, United Kingdom; Los Angeles, California; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Holstedbro, Denmark; Aarhus, Denmark. Our goal is to have hundreds of celebrations every year in

October-November. You are part of a historic event, the first truly International Torkom Birthday and Legacy Celebration.

I hope that our celebrations bring us all closer together in the love and service of the Teaching. When we gather in the name of the Teaching and honor a Great Teacher, we inaugurate and confirm on Earth the culture of hope, the culture of love, the culture of fearlessness, and the culture of tolerance. We certainly need a huge dose of these divine attributes in our international life. This is the most important service that we can give to others.

I hope we continue to celebrate together for many years to come, on earth and in the Higher Worlds. I pray that you are blessed in all abundance and you are prosperous in health, wealth, success, joy, and brotherhood with your fellow travelers. Let us always travel together, for the days are long and the nights dark. Together, we will anchor Torkom's work in the world and guarantee that his work thrives and lives forever, giving comfort and joy to every single person on Earth, for many generations and generations to come.

We all need each other. Let us all love and honor one another. Let us think of each other and send blessings to each other daily as we meditate and pray and study the Great Teachings.

May God bless us all. May the love, the joy, and the fearlessness of Torkom pour over us and guide us for all eternity.

I send you my deepest gratitude and look forward to the day that I can personally see you and hug each and every one of you.

Thank you for coming together in celebration. It is an honor to be part of such a beautiful international group of people.

With love and deep appreciation,

Gita Saraydarian  
On the occasion of Torkom's celebration  
Cave Creek, Arizona, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Copies have been sent to all celebrants.