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We begin to build the thoughtforms of the Future by immersing ourselves throughout this year in constructive and visionary thoughts.

In 1999 we will present for you inspiring passages about each of the seven fields of human endeavor—Politics, Education, Communication and philosophy, the Arts, the Sciences, Religion, and Finance. We will focus on the theme of Future Visions in each of the fields.

We can be of tremendous service to all visible and invisible helpers when we help build a thoughtform of possibilities. Then, whenever someone is in a position to make a difference in society, he or she can tune into that thoughtform and become inspired by the visions and beauty found there. Great leaders, humanitarians, heroes in all fields are great visionaries who build such thoughtforms in space as well as utilize the positive thoughtforms to help them in their missions. As we approach the New Millennium, much doom and gloom and dire predictions will fill space. Let us not allow ourselves to be seduced into such thoughts. Let us together build the thoughtforms that are full of hope and joy for all Cosmos.

How do we do this? By building the positive thoughts and tuning into them whenever we can. There is much hope for humanity. Great Teachers and Sages encourage us not to give up. Torkom writes in *Olympus World Report... the Year 3000* "According to the Teaching, a great future awaits humanity. The 'captain' of the 'ship' is alert and able, and conditions will gradually improve. Though many are suffering and will continue to suffer, the future of humanity is bright." (p.7) Further on he continues, "The Teacher said: 'It is the human thoughts, striving, and visions that will create the new.'" What a magnificent book this is that takes the human potential and weaves a tapestry of drama that shows what can happen to humanity when these soul potentials are actualized. We recommend that this book is read out loud by groups of people throughout 1999 and 2000. (p.25)

Each of the seven fields can be viewed as a microcosm and macrocosm. In the individual sense, politics means self discipline, commitment, the will to continue on the path, to learn to lead oneself and then to inspire others to do the same. Politics in the macrocosm is a result of the application of the principles of

Leadership on a national or global scale. If we have men and women who are truly leaders, then the political relations in the world will change. When we have leaders who lack discipline and spiritual principles in their individual lives, then we have leadership that continuously falls short.

There is leadership in each of the seven fields. This is why we will start this series by taking a careful look at the concept of leadership. Torkom Saraydarian wrote five volumes on this topic. We recommend the *Leadership Series* to all serious students of the Teaching. Contained in these books is the vision for the true leadership of the future.

"A great Master was asked, 'How does the Hierarchy lead the people all over the world?' He answered, 'By distributing the wisdom, the light, and especially by being an example.' The only anchor that we have in this stormy sea of existence is the Hierarchy. This is because we see in each member of the Hierarchy the achievement of immortality, the one principle, the achievement of beauty, the achievement of wisdom, the achievement of righteousness, the

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achievements of freedom, striving, sacrificial life, all the seven principles. In thinking about Hierarchy we are thinking about our future becoming, what we will be ten million years from now. In ten million years, whether I like or not, because of the Cosmic energies and forces and laws, I cannot be left behind because the whole evolution is going on. You and I will be super-Beings, Buddhas.” (*Leadership Vol. V*, p. 289)

Leadership is governed by the First Ray. Many people mistakenly think that the First Ray has the qualities of harshness, pushiness, imposition, and basic obnoxiousness. It is not. Leadership does not mean pushiness. Having willpower does not mean imposition. Staying on the path in a committed way does not mean to tell others what to do, take their freedoms away, and basically be a person without any concern for others. On the contrary, the truth is far from these beliefs:

“Some people think that leadership is imposition. This is the most subtle point in leadership. Is leadership going to impose or not? Leadership never imposes itself, but it creates pressure within you to make your soul impose upon yourself. Leadership enlightens you, explains the situation, reveals your future, makes you know where you are going, how you are going, what will happen to you, and leaves you free to choose, to create your own pressure upon yourself and your environment and find the path of your leadership. If leadership imposes on you, you do not become part of the leadership. You do not have a personal, individual dignity and merit or worth. That is why dictatorship and totalitarianism fail....Leadership stands only for unfoldment because an unfolded, developed, educated, enlightened person is already a leader. He does not need to learn to be a leader.” (*Ibid*, p. 422)

Leadership starts with you

The principle of leadership emphasizes that we must learn to lead ourselves first. We need to lead our little bodies, put them into discipline. Then we need to be

sure that we are not stuck there. Many students of the Teaching get stuck in the discipline of the bodies to such an extent that they forget the most important point is the development of our souls. There is personality development and soul development. Personality development has built-in limitations. Soul development leads to higher levels of consciousness.

“Leadership is not imposing yourself on others. Leadership is becomingness. You must become somebody. If you become somebody, whether you like it or not, you are influencing people because everyone who achieves a certain degree of self-actualization becomes radioactive. Everyone who is becoming beautiful, who is becoming honest and noble, so to say, who is presenting an inspiring image, becomes radioactive. Radioactivity means to influence.”

“We have two sides of leadership. One side is that you lead people by your beautiful example and influence. The other side is that you are led by the blind urges and drives of your body, by the hatred, revenge, and fear of your emotional body, by the greed and fanaticism and separatism of your mental body....There are mountains of difference between what you know and what you are.” (*Ibid*, p. 286)

How do we learn to be true leaders? By learning the science of observation. “In true observation you lead yourself because with true observation you become more spirit. You have higher principles to follow, and you make your personality follow those higher principles.”

“Do you know the difference between principles and laws? Principles are directions. Laws are the ways to actualize those directions. For example, I say, ‘The principle is beauty.’ Then I make twenty laws, such as” ‘Do not sneeze in the face of others. That is ugly.’ Then I say, ‘Do not kick others,’ and so on. These become laws, and all these laws are directing toward beauty. If you obey these laws, you will be beautiful....These are all laws, but they are not principles. Laws are the servants of principles. Principles stand

like a powerhouse of light. Laws take that light and apply it to people’s lives in such a way that they are directed to that light.” (*Ibid*. p. 287-288)

Whether you are a parent leading your family, or you are a business person or group leader, you can still inspire people to follow principles. The following example can apply to any form of leadership: “In board meetings the leader must present the plan of the work, give courage and enthusiasm, shed light on the problems, and let the board members carry on the work. The leader is not a dictator. He or she is there to encourage board members, to expand their consciousness, and see that they do their jobs. The most important duty is to train people to stand on their own feet and be efficient. If the leader continuously tells them what he wants them to do, they will become automatons, and when the leader is absent the smallest problem will devastate them because the leader did not train them to stand on their feet.

“We are leaders or co-workers or officers or board members not because our prime goal is to do a job, but we are here to perfect ourselves through the agency of the work, duties, and responsibilities. For example, it does not matter if you build a temple or not. You can build a magnificent temple but remain the same donkey. Our intention is to make that donkey a human being. We cannot do this by pretending that he is working and doing great things when he is not.” (*Ibid*. p. 34)

The whole idea of leadership is to become an example by being a person of principle. Then to lead by example and enthrone others to strive. The age of growth through pain and suffering is being replaced by growth through joy and healing. You are a true leader wherever you are when you take the energy of the First Ray and apply it through your heart and soul. We cannot impose anything on others any more. “People rarely grow by imposition of ideas and interpretations. What makes them grow is their experience, thinking, and free choice and

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experiment.” (*Leadership Vol. III*, p.367)

When we individually practice the art of true leadership our influence will spill over into all areas of our life. It is in true leadership that humanity will become one family in practice.

“It is a great crime to force people to think like you or to accept your interpretations as absolute truth.”

“Cooperation between people is possible only if they see the same vision, the same purpose, the same plan and are allowed to be free to approach them the way they want. Unity in purpose but diversity of interpretation and labor for actualization keep the group of people together in harmony but free. This is the foundation of true democracy.” (*Ibid.* p. 367)

When we become true leaders, we are linked to every aspect of leadership in the visible and higher worlds. “There is a leader of a group, a leader of a nation. Then there is the leadership of Ashrams, the leadership of Hierarchy, the leadership of Shamballa. It is one electrical line which is going from your birth to the Shamballa door. All the leadership you are learning in your lives is preparatory to higher and higher leadership, and you cannot escape. You are going to find the way toward Shamballa. You can miss it for five million years, but eventually you are either going to go or perish. Leadership is a path of life.” (*Leadership Vol. V*, p. 420)

The Purpose of Life and the Field of Politics

“If humanity survives, a new generation of geniuses will be born to formulate for humanity a new political system based on the ultimate Purpose of life. All separative tendencies will be eradicated. People will be educated to bloom into their own flower and to let other flowers bloom in the fields with their own beauty.

“The new political system will not be totalitarian because it will educate everyone in how to contact his innermost Self. Those who establish such a contact

will not need to be forced to live a life for the benefit and good of all.

“Totalitarianism is imposition. The new system will work in the spirit of freedom, helping people consciously adapt themselves to their highest calling. Humanity will work as a hierarchy in every nation. Every group and individual will know what to do to work out the Plan so that the Purpose is achieved.

“As the True Self unfolds within us, we will become intuitive and follow the lead of those who are greater authorities in their field of knowledge, experience, and skill.

“Nature is currently used like a prostitute to satisfy our unending desires and the interest of our greed. In the new politics, Nature will be considered our Mother, and no one will dare to violate Her beauty and integrity. (*The Purpose of Life*, pp. 87-88)

New Diplomacy

“Diplomacy is the science of negotiation used to eradicate the ill will among nations and establish right relations among them.

“People cannot learn to be real diplomats unless they have inclusiveness, compassion, and a deep understanding of human nature.

“Diplomacy is a science. True diplomatic activities should be based on the criteria of

1. Understanding people
2. Cooperating with people’s higher goals
3. Enabling people to see our own real motives and goals
4. Helping to create in others ever-expanding viewpoints
5. Securing the existence and freedom of others and providing the ways and means for their physical and emotional well-being
6. Providing the greatest possible education so that everyone is able to understand cooperation, responsibility,

and an ever-inclusive world order

7. Evoking a sense of beauty in others

“Diplomacy has not followed these criteria. Rather, it has been based on exploitation, manipulation, suppression, threat, and force.

“Such a diplomacy has been used for thousands of years, causing never ending pain, suffering, destruction, and animosity. It is known that pain, suffering, destruction, and animosity are currents of forces which will meet those who caused them in the next cycle. However, after many generations these currents can exhaust themselves if new fuel is not added to them.” (*The Year 2000 and After*, pp. 171-172)

Leadership to Refute Negativism

“Many agents of darkness and their servants try to convince humanity that the end of the world is near, that humanity will never learn cooperation, that peace will never come, that greater suffering, pain, and starvation are on the way.

“The agents of darkness never give us a bright picture, and by spreading such pessimistic, negative thoughtforms, they pressure humanity to think and act along the lines of destruction, death, suffering, and pain.

“Once the gears of the human mind are engaged in such negative, ugly, destructive thoughts, humanity will be forced to live in such a way that it will fall into danger in trying to actualize the prophecies of the agents of darkness.

“At the present we need leaders who will bring us hope, optimism, and joy; tell us the future will be bright; tell us that the human soul is alive and sound; tell us that humanity will pass the crises and will build a greater future. In spreading such a vision we will condition the thinking of humanity and lead it into positive lines — ‘Whatever man thinks in his heart, so is he.’

“Give vision to people and people will actualize the vision.” (*Olympus World Report...The Year 3000*, pp. 8-9) □

Sun in Capricorn

Exact time of Full Moon: January 1, 1999 7:51 p.m. MST U.S.

Keynote: "Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back."

Sun in Aquarius

Exact time of Full Moon: January 31, 1999 9:08 a.m. MST U.S.

Keynote: "Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men."

NOTE: *The meditation can be done for both full moons, since we are entering the Age of Aquarius.*

Meditation

1. Say the Great Invocation:

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

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

*From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men —
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.*

*From the centre which we call the race of men
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.*

2. OM OM OM

3. Visualize yourself as a golden chalice into which the stream of more abundant life pours from Aquarius as liquid fire.

4. OM

5. Visualize the Fiery Life filling your nature.

6. Say the Mantram of Unification:

*The sons of men are one and I am one with them.
I seek to love, not hate.
I seek to serve and not exact due service.
I seek to heal, not hurt.
Let pain bring due reward of light and love.*

*Let the Soul control the outer form
and life and all events,
and bring to light the love
which underlies the happenings of the time.*

*Let vision come and insight.
Let the future stand revealed.
Let inner union demonstrate
and outer cleavages be gone.
Let love prevail.
Let all men love.*

7. OM

8. Salutations to Christ, the true Aquarius of humanity.

9. OM

10. Salutations to all our brothers and sisters all over the world who are carriers of the Water of life.

11. Mediation seed thought:

For Capricorn:

Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.

For Aquarius:

Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.

12. OM

13. Visualize the world standing in the waterfall of Aquarius; see the dream of ages coming true — one humanity on the planet and one world in the light of Christ.

14. OM OM OM

MUSIC and Angels

“Some musicians are even able to hear the music of angels and record it.

“They [angels] inspire in a person Beauty, Goodness, Righteousness, Joy, Freedom, purity, and solemnity. Actually, they can inspire all these virtues in him once the person shows his real merit.

“Angels love the beauty of gardens, flowers, natural colors, music, and fragrance. Music is very important to them. They like to enjoy music or paintings that carry a spiritual charge from the artist. If the artwork is created from a high spiritual level and by a person who is charged with lofty ideas and visions, the music or painting carries a great power for them, a great nourishment and joy. They dwell in those areas where great music and art in various forms are created or performed.

“Angels especially love the fragrance of rose, musk, freesias, violets, amber, and frankincense. They love the natural fragrance emanating from a person full of joy and ecstasy.

“Devas and angels love fountains, waterfalls, rocks and precious stones. They love beeswax candles, flames, and incense, especially sandalwood and rose. They love live flowers and little plants in your home, especially little pine trees. They love

melodious music, paintings, statues built by great artists, and Oriental and Indian carpets.

“Angels enjoy learning and feeling high vibrations and emanations. That is why many of them attend lectures and visit halls where great music or singing is performed. They enjoy galleries of great art.

“Certain angels love ceremonies and ritual because of the harmony and rhythm of color, sound, and movement. They not only like the ceremonies and rituals, but they also transmit energy to the celebrant, who distributes it to the audience. They even partake in ceremonies and rituals. They deeply love ceremonies of initiation when the neophyte repeats an oath and makes promises for a noble life. They help and serve those who are conducting the ceremonies and rituals and impart certain blessings and energy to each of the celebrant’s actions.

“Angels heal through music, inspiring certain composers to create music which at that particular time will prevent an epidemic, a cataclysm, a war. Through such music, they purify and balance the fire of Space and bring safety to people.”

(*New Dimensions in Healing*, Chapter 55, pp. 545, 548, 549, and 558) See the order form for available music releases by Torkom. □

T.S.G. News Briefs! The Future is ours...

Upcoming events: Join us for our first collaborative Spring Conference on April 6-10, 1999 in Prescott, Arizona. See enclosed flyer for details.

Anniversary Update: Our 11th Anniversary and Torkom’s Birthday celebration on November 14th was a huge success. We had a two-hour seminar on Atma Vidya (Soul Knowledge), then we had lunch on the patio followed with Birthday Cake. A brief history of TSG and its functions was presented. Students old and new presented their favorite readings and remembrances of Torkom. Everyone left having felt the joy of being together once again. Thank you everyone for your support and presence. God willing, we will have another anniversary in November 1999 and hope to see all of you here.

Donations update: The Creating Abundance Team mailed out a fund-raising letter for their marketing efforts. We have had a wonderful response and the Team is going ahead with proposals on ads for 1999. Thank you all for your donations to further the work of the Teaching.

TS Book Publishing Fund: The 1999 new book releases are almost ready. Your continuous support of the Book Fund has made this possible. All donations to the Book Fund are

collected in a special account. Donations of all sizes are crucial to this effort. This Fund supports all activities related to publishing: editing, proofing, typesetting, indexing, cover design, and printing.

We are constantly looking for ways to stretch our dollars. In 1998 we launched our first book printed on demand, *Teaching the Ageless Wisdom*. This eliminated costly warehousing of large numbers of books and eliminated a huge cash outlay. We hope to raise funds for the publishing of all of Torkom’s books and make his legacy available to everyone throughout the world. If you wish to fund an entire book or contribute to the Book Fund in any amount, please contact us.

New Find: We found a beautiful prayer by Torkom in the boxes of handwritten manuscripts. We have reprinted it for you on the back page. If you would like to have a bookmark with this prayer on it, **send us a \$1.00 donation for each card and a self-addressed stamped envelope. For International requests, please send a \$2.00 donation which includes the mailing costs.** Proceeds go into **The Book Fund.**

We used this prayer to start our 11th Anniversary Celebration. Our goal is to send out 1 million of this prayer in 1999 and have 1 million people all over the world saying it together. □

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Dedication to World Unity

(hold hands)

*We the members of this group
We are one in Essence,
may our souls rejoice.*

*We are one with Humanity,
may our souls rejoice.*

*We are one with all Life Forms,
may our souls rejoice.*

*We are one with the Sun,
may our souls rejoice.*

*We are one with the life of
Galaxy,
may our souls rejoice.*

*We are one with Stars,
may our souls rejoice*

*We are one with Infinity,
may our souls rejoice.*

(We will be reciting this prayer at every full moon celebration in 1999. Join us wherever you are.)

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