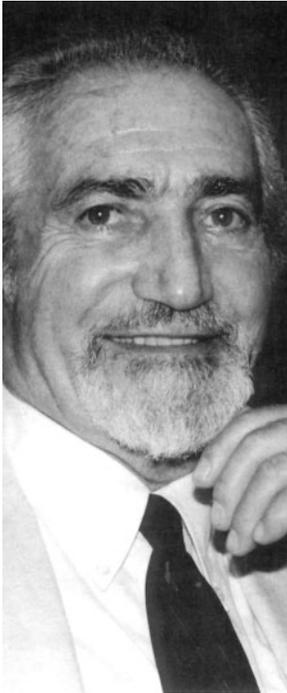


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The Future is Ours... Great Tests and Great Opportunities

By Gita Saraydarian

For the first time in my life, I heard at a public event the following words uttered by a clergyman: "God, the Father of Abraham, Muhammad, and Jesus Christ." I was filled with hope and expectation as I listened to speaker after speaker, leader after leader, express the thoughts that all students of the Teaching have yearned for in our entire life: Expressions that validate the presence of God in our lives, the presence of Great Ones who originate from the One Father, and the presence of compassion and caring for different forms of expression of the Divine Purpose and Plan.

The November/December issue of *Outreach* is always devoted to the celebration of Torkom's Birthday and the TSG anniversary. The tragic acts of terror against the Higher Principles of humanity have compelled me to devote an issue about our responsibilities as disciples in the face of the extreme challenges of the new millennium. We can celebrate and honor Torkom's huge gifts to all of humanity by honoring his message of discipleship. In all our actions, if we can be the best disciples, spreading the joy of the Teaching to others, then we will have paid the greatest tribute to him and his legacy. It is only through expanding our level of consciousness and helping others do the same that we help the inauguration of the true Fu-

ture of humanity. By keeping balanced, vigilant, calm, and clean-hearted, we can help our nation and humanity heal and move toward a greater future. Let us honor our Teacher by intensifying our efforts to strive and serve and spread the true Teaching to every corner of the world. Let us know him by spreading the vision for a great future.

What happens when crises hit our life in the form of disasters, man-made and otherwise? How do we respond? How do we make sense of them? Let us create a calmness in our minds and speech, and quietly ponder the situation and what this means to all of us.

The Ageless Wisdom teaches that we are now at a great crossroads of changing times. We are facing great tests and great opportunities. The time for sane and balanced living is more needed now than ever before. What happens to one person affects others; what happens to one nation affects humanity.

We know that the Shamballa energy streaming forth onto our planet has tremendous impact. According to the Teaching, the energy began to radiate directly toward the planet ten years before the year 2000, and will continue to radiate ten years after. This means that we have another nine years of this energy flow that will test our inner strength and inner determination to transform ourselves. If we believe in the principles of the Ageless Wisdom, this is the most opportune time to

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take the bold steps to make our efforts even more intense and be more involved in the activities that will help global transformation.

There is a new thinking that is emerging, a new paradigm that is taking root in everyone's lives. For this new paradigm to take place, we need to remove old forms of thinking. Unfortunately, we do not always heed the guide of our Teachers, and we start seeing the urgency of life only when we face personal and national crises.

Torkom has written several books on the subject of crises: *Earthquakes and Disasters*, *The Year 2000 and After*, *Olympus World Report... The Year 3000*, *Entering the New Millennium*, *The Legend of Shamballa*, *The Ageless Wisdom*, *The Purpose of Life*, *Battling Dark Forces*, *Obsession and Possession*, *Cosmic Shocks*, *Transformation*, *Hidden Glory of the Inner Man*, and *Dynamics of the Soul*, to name just a few. In all these books, Torkom speaks of readiness, the meaning of evil, the changes that must occur within us and within the community in order to respond to the demands of life, the potentials for change and what is needed in order to make change possible, and so on. If you have not visited these books lately, take a look with fresh eyes and you will be amazed at the contents. See especially pages 7-8 of *The Year 2000 & After* for the three possible scenarios for our future.

Torkom has also spoken of *Unexpectedness*, and how to deal with it in a lecture dated 10/01/1995. He advocated physical, emotional, and mental

readiness, coupled with the strength of spiritual commitment and maturity. In the book *The Year 2000 and After*, Torkom discusses this topic from a personal and global perspective and how, when the idea of readiness is firmly rooted in our minds, we can see some real changes taking place:

“What can we expect if, toward the year 2000, humanity makes itself ready to respond to the energy of the Tower, to the energy of the Father's Home?”

“First, let us discuss *readiness*.

“In this case, the readiness of humanity will appear first as a global feeling that all humanity has the right to live in a safe world, in happiness, and in prosperity.

“The second phase of readiness will appear as a global understanding that territorial disputes and territorial borders are insignificant if people live together, if everyone respects the rights of other people to live and to be prosperous, safe, and happy.

“The third phase of readiness will appear as a global understanding that unless we appreciate each other's existence and differences, we cannot reach a synthesis.” (*The Year 2000 and After* by Torkom Saraydarian, p. 147.)

So, the first aspect of our work is to be ready with the right mental attitude of understanding and tolerance as well as a broad definition of the rights of all people everywhere to live in peace and freedom and with access to health, nutrition, and safe living quarters.

When this basic mental attitude is held by large numbers of people everywhere, we will slowly see every department of human endeavor changing to

accommodate this shift in thinking. For example, humanity will demand true leadership from its leaders. We will demand that our leaders serve us for the betterment of life, the elimination of fear, and the creation of a safe environment in which we can grow and explore the universe. We will demand that our educators teach about the latent virtues and potentials in every human being and not be simply machines to increase information. Education will help us expand our beingness and not rely only on having, knowing, and ruling over others. In communication we will “create colleges and universities in which people will cultivate spiritual telepathy, which in two-hundred years may replace television, telephones, and radios — thus saving the world from various pollutants.” (*Ibid.*, p. 149.)

How will the arts change? “Art will turn into a means of communication with the unseen world.” (*Ibid.*) Artists have the sensitivity to understand the beauty and complexity of the higher worlds. In their work, they can bring the beauty of the higher dimensions and help others see the huge potentials hidden in every human soul.

The scientists of the world will start to develop ways to travel without mechanical means. They will discover the existence of the human soul. They will learn how to harness the energy of the sun and replace old electrical industries with the energy of the sun. The sun energy “...will also be used in agriculture, in massive constructions, communication, healing, increasing our intelligence, and expanding our consciousness.... The sun energy will be used for

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food in concentrated forms, like pills or capsules. Man will eat sun-energy. This energy contains seventy-seven original colors which will be used to create corresponding sound waves." (*Ibid.*, pp. 149-150.) Finally, will help clean out our planet from all forms of "distortion, disturbances, and poisons." (*Ibid.*, p. 150.)

Religion will also take a major shift when our mental attitudes change. People all over the world are developing a tolerant attitude toward other religions. In the 20th Century, we saw a huge growth of the Ageless Wisdom Teachings that helped to direct our minds toward a new definition of religion. On the other hand, sectarianism and fanaticism are still rampant and pose a potential for violent acts against others. People still use religion as an excuse to hurt and control others. We see this happening in outright acts of violence as well as in very subtle and sneaky ways! Nevertheless, in the future, religion will change a great deal. It will teach us how to have a direct communication with higher forces and understand the role we all play in this great tapestry.

Economics will also undergo a change. We will be able to see first the great abundance we have within us. We will have renewed respect for life. We will learn how to use our abundance for everyone in the world. We will use our financial expertise to eradicate poverty, disease, greed, and hatred. We will make our economic well-being an integral part of our human rights. "Everything will be so abundant that people will not think about how to exploit people. Increasingly, abundance will annihilate the importance of money and, with it, the power of greed." (*Ibid.*)

We will also have a new definition of heroism. "Great heroes in the past had great dreams for their personal life, for their group and nation. The true heroes in the future will be those who will dream for the future of humanity, and they will be ready to burn their lives on the flames of those dreams." (*Ibid.*, p. 151.) We have already seen this shift in the definition of heroism with the honor bestowed upon those who helped in the Trade Center disaster.

Each of us has a responsibility to better life in any way that we can. In these days of danger and crises, there is much that we can do individually and as a group. Each of us must take the responsibility, and here is why:

"A human being has a great power over Nature — whether he is conscious of it or not. Being an active mechanism in the energy currents of the Universe, he can cause various changes in these currents, changes which may result in destruction or rejuvenation.

"There are great powers in man which act as keys to manipulate these energy currents. An electrical switch is a small mechanism, but it can put into action the machine of a great factory or stop it.

"The human being is a switch, controlled by his thoughts, visualizations, imaginations, words, and actions." (*Ibid.*, pp. 151-152.)

In order for us to be ready to respond to crises in a steady and mature way, we need to prepare ourselves. Our physical health must be maintained. Our emotions must be in balance and fed with beauty. Our minds must be healthy, free of illusions and vanities. We must steadily strive to go beyond our current limitations. We must always try to see the larger picture. We must take our stand in every aspect of our lives, being ready to speak of the principles of the Teaching, using co-measurement, being sane. Sometimes we think that our knowledge of the Teaching puts us in a very special perspective. Knowledge without practical application means ego and vanity. It makes us depressed. It limits us. When we put our knowledge to the test and practice it, we are truly ready to serve. We do not serve with words but with deeds. It is not the esotericist who is a server but the one who is out there daily giving, serving, and sacrificing for the welfare of others.

In *Letters on Occult Meditation*, the Tibetan Master warns against the imbalanced development of the mind. He makes the following warning that will seem familiar: "Some natures become so polarized on the mental plane that they run the risk of breaking connection with the two lower vehicles. These lower bodies exist for purposes of contact, for the apprehension of knowledge on the lower planes and for reasons of experience in order that the content of the causal body may be increased. Therefore it will be apparent to you that if the indwelling consciousness comes no lower than the mental plane and neglects the body of emotions and the dense physical, two things will result. The lower vehicles will be neglected and useless and fail in

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their purposes, atrophying and dying from the point of view of the Ego [Solar Angel], whilst the causal body itself will not be built as desired and so time will be lost. The mental body will be rendered useless likewise, and will become a thing of selfish content, of no use in the world and of little value. A dreamer whose dreams never materialize, a builder who stores up material which he never employs, a visionary whose visions are of no use to gods or men, is a clog upon the system universal. He is in great danger of atrophying.” (p. 97.)

Eight Spiritual Laws

The spiritual laws discussed below will help us raise ourselves from the present crisis and help us strengthen ourselves for future challenges. These have been explained in depth in Chapter Nine from the book *The Year 2000 and After*. In brief, the laws are:

1. The Law of Beauty: We can surround ourselves with physical, emotional, and mental beauty. Beauty in any form gives us spiritual satisfaction and releases our inner potentials. Beauty is soul inspired. Ugliness is materialism inspired. Moral relativists confuse us by mixing ugliness and beauty and telling us both are acceptable. When we mix the two together, we desensitize our hearts from contact with our souls. Ugliness eventually defeats the perpetrators and those who support them. Beauty helps us live and expand toward Higher Principles. Test this out on yourself: How do you feel after seeing beautiful works of art? How do you feel when you see a magnificent sunset? How do you feel when you hear beautiful words from others?

2. The Law of Harmlessness: We can strive to be harmless in all our thoughts and actions. This is the Law of Consideration for the welfare of others. Its violation brings disturbances in our families, schools, and businesses. When our children are not taught to be considerate of others, they will open their hearts to evil; they will commit acts of violence against others.

3. The Law of Purity: We can purify our bodies, emotions, and minds. “Purity is a state in which the human soul is in full control of his mechanism and runs that mecha-

nism in harmony with the Plan and Purpose of life.” (*Ibid.*, pp. 135-136.)

4. The Law of Unity: We can visualize the world as one and say the *Mantram of Unification* daily. We can faithfully support the recitation of the *Great Invocation* and form extra triangles of light. This Law is defined as follows: “...people must live a life as if they were one with all life-forms, as if they were cells in one body, as if all of them had the same urge to be happy, healthy, prosperous, and enlightened.... Every time we think contrary to the Law of Unity, we weaken our mental mechanism. Every time we feel separative and selfish, we petrify our heart — that great mechanism of contact with the highest principles of the Universe. Every time we engage in separative, destructive, and criminal actions, we sow seeds of disease in our body, groups, and nations because all acts of disunity, momentarily or for a long time, cut our electrical power from the Cosmic Source and short-circuit our whole wiring system. Every time we short-circuit ourselves, we expose ourselves to viruses, germs, and psychic attacks.” (*Ibid.*, p. 136.)

5. The Law of Cooperation: We can step up to our responsibilities and do everything we can to help those who are working to expand the work of the Teaching. This is a fundamental law for real success in our lives. “In an atmosphere of cooperation, it will be difficult for criminals and opportunists to make their future at the expense of your happiness and health.” (*Ibid.*, p. 140.)

6. The Law of Responsibility: We can take on added responsibilities to increase awareness of the Laws of the Ageless Wisdom. This is said to be one of the highest laws in the Universe. “To be responsible means to understand fully that you can make people either happy or miserable by your thoughts, words, and actions. When you have the sense of responsibility, you live in a way that you not only prevent misery for others, but you also increase their joy, happiness, and success and become their protector without violating their freedom.” (*Ibid.*)

7. The Law of Striving Toward Perfection: We can strive a little bit more this year and next year. It is striving that balances our knowledge and our beingness. If we do

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Current Events

The Torkom Saraydarian University went online on September 3rd! Students can register and obtain the course materials online. If you have always wondered what taking a class would be like, check us out. Many levels of classes are offered now and more are being added.

www.TorkomSaraydarianUniversity.org.

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New books are scheduled for release at the end of 2002. You can still take advantage of your 20% discount on all book and video purchases - perfect for the Holiday Season!

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We are sending the following books to libraries: *Sex, Family, and the Woman in Society*, 1st ed.; *Woman Torch of the Future*, 1st ed; and *I was* — all by Torkom Saraydarian and *Esoteric Look at Hatha Yoga* by Dr. Selak. You can sponsor any number of boxes at \$5.00 for shipping per library within the USA.

United States Libraries:

We have sent, to date, 354 boxes of books! A very generous donor has made a matching grant offer of \$1000.00 for the library gifts for the months of November and December. If we can raise the matching funds, we will have \$2000.00 for libraries. If you would like to contribute to this matching grant, please send your offerings and specify the Library Matching Grant.

Torkom's Birthday Celebration will take place on November 3rd, 10am to 3pm at TSG. \$35.00 contribution. Events include: lectures with Gita Saraydarian, group discussion on current events and Armenian food and dancing.

Book News:

November starts our fundraising efforts for the Book Fund. Please see the enclosed letter for details of our activities and our needs. We need your support and contributions to help us keep this labor active. Together, we can make a difference!

Books on Sale

A large number of books will continue to be offered at 40% or more discount through December 31st. If you wish to have a list of the sale items, please contact us or check out our website.

Wesak 2001 Annual Conference

Our third Annual Wesak Conference will take place April 25th through April 28th 2002 in Sedona, Arizona. Information packets will be sent to everyone before the end of the year.

From all of us at TSG, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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not strive, we live a life immersed in matter; we try by all means to satisfy our urges for sex, drugs, violence, alcohol, tobacco, and other materially driven behavior. If we strive, we will invariably start to grow, improve, and reach new heights in our beingness.

Our future as a humanity will be determined by our striving toward higher ways of life.

8. The Law of Love: We can simply love one another. This Law pervades our Universe. Our Solar System is imbued with the Ray of Love. Only

through love can we open the communication with God and let His Grace fill our hearts. "The currents of darkness and destruction and the currents of light and regeneration are in a fierce fight. It is imperative that all enlightened people offer their energy to light,

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to make the darkness retreat.” (*Ibid.*, p. 144.)

“If these eight laws are violated, the result will be unhappiness, sickness, crime, death, poverty, and misery.” (*Ibid.*, p. 133.) If we follow these laws, our bodies will be under the control of our soul, our emotions will be pure and serene, our minds will be lucid and creative. And, we will be inspired and charged with the psychic energy of Cosmos.

Cleaning our hearts of all evil

There is evil in the world, and there are people who perpetrate this evil. In the book *Battling Dark Forces*, Torkom Saraydarian discusses this topic extensively, giving 32 techniques that evil uses to hurt humanity. Evil acts are carried out by agents of the Dark Forces, and by those who have let their hearts harden and let evil in. It is also carried out by those who do not know the power of discernment and leave themselves open to all influences. The underlying cause of the quality of our actions is this:

Human beings have a dual aspect — a material aspect and a spirit aspect. When we live a life that focuses on the material aspect and the transient values in life, we open ourselves for darkness to enter into our hearts. When we clean out our hearts and live by the laws of Nature, we will have no reason to fear that we can be used by the darkness.

Decent human beings sometimes are caught in the ugliness and narrow-mindedness of separatism. People of many religious and cultural backgrounds may get ugly against anyone who is different. They get intolerant and full of hatred. Decent people can do harmful acts of violence when they let fear enter into their hearts.

There are also people who absolutely have no concept of good. They have sold out and have no soul connection at all. These are people who are directly influenced by evil. And we can see this in the history of humanity in all nations.

The origin of evil is discussed in detail in the above referenced book. The most important fact is that we have many tools with which to protect ourselves. These are very simple and practical tools. They may seem over-simplified; however, when we look at each one carefully, we will realize that each one, observed and practiced, will strengthen our shield.

What is our shield but a pure heart and pure motive? What is our shield but being linked up with others of the same vibratory rate? What is our shield other than being linked up to the Teaching and Hierarchy? If practiced faithfully, along with the eight Spiritual Laws given above, these are very important steps to gain protection and right direction (listed on pp. 375-376):

- purity
- increasing our psychic energy
- learning the ways of the dark forces
- blessing others
- prayer and high-level reading
- fasting
- hiking
- retreat
- heavy labor
- listening to special music
- eating proper food
- periodic abstinence from sex
- keeping silence periodically, for three days or more
- intensifying our observation
- forming triangles [to say the Great Invocation]
- organizing goodwill activities
- working harmoniously with a group meditation

Let us think carefully about these points. Let us meditate on them and understand just how they build the protective shield.

The Use of Prayer

Prayer is an important tool that can be used individually or in a group. Any time we feel vulnerable, we can stop and communicate directly with God, with the forces in the Universe that can shield us, protect us, and guide us. There are thousands of prayers given in all religions and cultures. Prayer is a means of direct contact with the highest without interference and without intermediaries. In the old ways of thinking, we asked God to intervene on our behalf and defeat our enemies, take revenge, and help us establish our superiority. Or, we asked for material benefits. In the new ways of thinking, our prayers must take on a Universal ap-

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proach. We must place ourselves in unity with our brothers and sisters and talk directly to God.

During times of crises and loss, how can we tailor our prayers?

We can ask that God bless the leaders of our nation and all leaders in the world so that they are acting from good. We can ask God to unite the United Nations and guide them for a united response that will help resolve underlying world problems.

We can ask God to have mercy on the souls of all those who died, all the families, all the loved ones and friends of the departed. The Ageless Wisdom teaches that sudden deaths are very shocking to the souls of the departed. So our prayers will help them make their journey in the Other Worlds and be in a peaceful state. If we get frenzied and hateful, we will cause more grief and suffering to the departed souls. So our prayers can be a tremendous help to those souls who have just departed and who really and truly need our help and our prayers. And our prayers will help soothe the pain of the families and friends of the departed. This is a time of heavy grief for them and they need our help.

We can ask for Universal Principles to materialize in our daily life, principles such as beauty, goodness, freedom, and truth.

We can ask for inspiration to become better people every day, to be able to live under the influence of our souls.

We can ask for God to guide us in every part of our life.

We can actively ask to be imbued with good. After our prayers, we cannot keep that energy to ourselves alone. We can give our time and money, volunteer, and help in any way we can. Prayer does not mean to hide away somewhere and be neutral. Prayer is a powerful act of connecting to the voltage of the Highest so that we are able to use that voltage to do good. We can pray before undertaking any action, even before the start of every day. When we start our days and activities with prayer, we will not succumb to hateful activities. We need to remind ourselves that many times ordinary people are misdirected and can cause harm to others.

We can ask to be protected from evil. We can make sure that evil, in any form, has no room in our hearts. We can refuse to be ugly in any way.

By remaining in contact with God, we will stay calm, connected, and not succumb to chaos and fear.

In prayer, we stay stable and focused. We can understand that evil wants us to destabilize, to act in fear and terror. As long as we remain calm and united, evil has been defeated. Know that evil will always defeat itself. The light will always win. Even in the darkest hours, we must hold our hope that everything will turn out fine.

Our heartfelt prayers will create a fertile ground for God to act. If God wanted now to help us understand something, we had better have the clean hearts to receive that Grace and that understanding. If we do not prepare our hearts to receive, how can God get through to us? So, prayer removes the static from our lines of communica-

tion so that we can open our hearts to receive God's message.

During the coming months, let us pray, meditate, and practice the Teaching with renewed effort. Let us annihilate fear and doubt. Let us be ready for changes. Let us be strong and able to comfort. Let us seriously work on soul-consciousness.

This is a time for renewed commitment not to be complacent and let evil take root in our lives and in our society. A disciple is not a pacifist but one who works tirelessly for good to triumph. See for example pp. 476-480 in *Externalization of the Hierarchy*. See also Chapter 18 in *Hidden Glory of the Inner Man*, "Soul-Consciousness and Its Social Effects." The time for transformation is here. We are seeing it everywhere. Let us take the opportunity to be vigilant and ready.

Merging into the waves of the Infinite, we may be compared to flowers torn away by a storm. How shall we find ourselves transfigured in the ocean of the Infinite?

It would be unwise to send out a boat without a rudder. But the Pilot is predestined and the creation of the heart will not be precipitated into the abyss. Like milestones on a luminous path, the Brothers of Humanity, ever alert, are standing on guard, ready to lead the traveler into the chain of ascent.

Hierarchy is not coercion, it is the law of the Universe. It is not a threat, but the call of the heart and a fiery admonition directing toward the General Good.

Thus, let us cognize the Hierarchy of Light. (Preface, Hierarchy, Agni Yoga Society.)

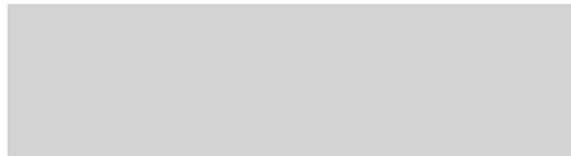
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Mantram of Unification

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.

This mantram is reprinted from *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, by A. A. Bailey, p. 142.)

This and more than one-hundred prayers have been newly reprinted in the booklet *Prayers, Man-trams, and Invocations*, a selection of prayers written by Torkom Saraydarian and other writers.

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Dear Friends:

Heartfelt greetings from sunny Cave Creek.

As I try to understand what has happened to America and the world since the attack of September 11th, I am also trying to understand how students of the Ageless Wisdom fit into the larger mosaic and what we can do to help in the process of transformation. If we can see this as an opportunity, we will see clearly there is much that we can do. Real transformation starts with the individual and moves on to society at large. In order to be of the most help, we can focus our resources and our energies toward the most essential.

In November of every year, we have two important celebrations: Torkom's birthday on the 1st and the TSG anniversary on the 30th. This is an opportune time to review our work and vitalize our future plans and visions.

It seems that every year the realization of our role in the world becomes clearer and more defined. The Ageless Wisdom is a beacon of light for everyone. The Higher Principles that form the foundation of the Teaching are inclusive, loving, and non-separative. We are finally seeing, as a larger community, that the enemy and evil does not lie in different expressions of religion, different skin colors, different cultures, but it lies in the hearts of those who wish to see the end of the transformation of humanity and the imposition of narrow political and religious constraints. This enemy can come from anywhere and be energized by the forces of darkness. We know that as the entire humanity labors to travel toward a better life, the forces of materialism and totalitarianism will work to stop this evolutionary process.

What can we do as disciples of the Teaching to help the labor of evolution? Our work at TSG is directly related to providing humanity with the books by Torkom Saraydarian, books that give hope and glory to the human soul. These are not just books; they are currents of energy that, when completely released, will have a huge impact on everyone who comes in contact with them. In addition, as we read and study and discuss these ideas, we broadcast that electrical energy to the Higher Worlds. In our labor, we help build thoughtforms that are fruitful, give courage and hope, and remind us of the Glory of God.

In this past year, we have had many significant events take place at TSG: Our second annual Wesak Conference, the opening of the Torkom Saraydarian University, the publishing of two magnificent books, the re-energizing of the work in Sedona have all contributed to the wider reach of the Teaching. But they pale in comparison with the larger events taking place on the world scene.

The world is going through a giant transformation process. We are seeing, for the first time, who the real enemy is. For the first time, we are all united in purpose. For the first time, we are trying to build a global community to deal with this threat. The Teaching has provided, in the last 120 years, the foundation on which this community building can take place. One by one, we see barriers being taken down in the hearts of people everywhere. But the work is not over; there is much yet to be done. We have a tremendous momentum and we, as students, can help that along.

Now we need your help, pure and simple. We need your help throughout the year, your financial support, your prayers, your volunteer assistance, your presence at our events. We need your help because we cannot do this without you. We need to keep the candle of the Teaching bright and burning. We need to help release the energies of reconstruction on a new level all over the world.

The world financial situation of this past year has meant that contributions toward the Book Fund have suffered. We are at a point that we cannot continue to publish books without your committed help. We need to rebuild our Book Fund so that we can take the steps outlined below to prepare the manuscripts and eventually have them printed. To have enough funding for publishing does not necessarily mean one huge contribution, although that would help. It means to accumulate the funding needed, drop by drop. If each of us does his or her part, we should be able to continue with our work without stopping.

This past year, I have re-organized the manuscripts that remain to be printed, consolidated some of them, and now we have a total of 70 titles that need to be published. You can see that we have chipped away at the 100 titles that we started with five years ago!

To help you understand the process of publishing, I have listed here how your contributions pay for producing a book:

- Preparing of manuscripts by putting all chapters on electronic media.
- Reading the text, checking references, and cleaning out electronic text to prepare for editing.
- Reading of entire text, at least 4 times by two editors.
- After each reading, the marked edits are added onto the electronic files and the manuscript is printed for checking a second, third, and fourth time.
- When the manuscript looks and reads well, it is typeset.
- The typeset version is read two more times, once for overall style and clarity, and once for indexing.
- The cover designs are made and checked.
- The final typeset version is printed, several times, and checked each time for any problems.
- The book goes to the printer.
- The final proof is checked once more.
- The books are delivered and stored.

Then we start shipping the new book.

Publishing is an intensive and laborious effort!

In the past few months, we ran a survey on our website to find out whether or not readers are interested in electronic books. The overwhelming response was preference for the printed book. So, for the time being, we will still think of books in the printed form as a primary way to distribute them. In the meantime, we will start thinking about how to make books available on electronic media for those who are interested in this form.

Before Torkom passed away, he told us that his primary wish was to have the books published, the sooner the better. Humanity needs them, especially now, and we must do our part. We need to remember, as our bookshelves bulge from the number of Torkom books, that many people all over the world read these books. Everyone does not need to read every single book. One book may appeal to one person, and another to another person. We cannot worry about who will read what and when. Our job is to release this psychic energy contained in each book and let it do its job. We need to do this as fast as our wings can carry us.

If you are unable to contribute financially, we ask that you consider volunteering at our offices. If you live in the Phoenix area, or are considering a move, please come and join us with your volunteer efforts. We need many workers every day for a variety of duties. Volunteers help us cut down on many expenses that directly or indirectly impact our publishing efforts.

My deep gratitude to each of you for your support throughout these years. I hope you continue to support our work and, together, we can complete our responsibility. Please be generous and contribute to the *Torkom Saraydarian Book Publishing Fund*.

I wish you and your family a joyful holiday season and a blessed new year.

With love and gratitude,

Gita Saraydarian

Class Schedule

November and December 2001 Schedule of Events

Annual Birthday Celebration for Torkom Saraydarian

Torkom's Birthday Celebration will be held at TSG on Saturday, November 3rd, 10 am to 3 pm. The event will feature lectures by Gita Saraydarian on the topics of "The Spiritual Warrior," "The Problem of Fear," and a group discussion of "Discipleship and the World Situation." An Armenian Buffet lunch will be provided, and there will be Armenian Folk dancing. Everyone is invited. Reservations must be made by October 24th. \$35 contribution. TSG is located at 28641 N. 63rd Pl. in Cave Creek, on the NW corner of Dale and 64th St. just north of Dynamite.

The Full Moon of Capricorn will be celebrated on Sunday, December 30th. The lecture topic will be "The Process of Initiation." This is a very important full moon. We look forward to seeing you and preparing together to welcome the new year.

Cave Creek Schedule

28641 N. 63rd pl. Cave Creek, AZ 85331
 Tel: 480-502-1909 Fax: 480-502-0713
Bookstore hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

NOVEMBER	3 rd	Torkom Saraydarian's Birthday Celebration. At TSG, 10 am to 3 pm
	6 th	Higher Worlds: Class 202-1 (<i>Torkom Saraydarian University</i>) 7-8 pm
	13 th	Higher Worlds: Class 202-2 (<i>Torkom Saraydarian University</i>) 7-8 pm
	20 th	Higher Worlds: Class 202-3 (<i>Torkom Saraydarian University</i>) 7-8 pm
	27 th	Sun in Sagittarius: "One-Pointed Determination: Fanaticism vs. Faithfulness." Lecture and meditation with Gita Saraydarian. All welcome. Love Offering.
DECEMBER	4 th	Higher Worlds: Class 202-4 (<i>Torkom Saraydarian University</i>) 7-8 pm
	11 th	Higher Worlds: Class 202-5 (<i>Torkom Saraydarian University</i>) 7-8 pm
	18 th	Higher Worlds: Class 202-6 (<i>Torkom Saraydarian University</i>) 7-8 pm
	25 th	Merry Christmas. No classes. Offices will be closed.
	30 th	Sun in Capricorn: "The Process of Initiation." Lecture and meditation with Gita Saraydarian. All welcome. Love offering.

Sedona Schedule

Ageless Wisdom Group

Sedona Creative Life Center, 333 Schnebley Hill Road. For directions please call 520-282-9300.

NOVEMBER	25 th	The Sun in Saggitarius: Lecture and Meditation with Damon Catizone. 11 am - 12 noon. Love Offering.
DECEMBER	30 th	The Sun Capricorn: Lecture and Meditation with Damon Catozone. 11am - 12 noon. Love Offering.

TSG Foundation website: www.tsgfoundation.org

The Torkom Saraydarian University website: www.TorkomSaraydarianUniversity.org