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The Legacy Continues...

The Spiritual Warrior: Warriors of the Future

by Gita Saraydarian

...Now listen to the Yoga of action, with which you will be able to break through the chains of Karma.

According to this wisdom, no effort is lost on the path of liberation. Even if man does not reach his goal, his attempts to reach the goal do not create contrary results. Even a little practice of duty protects man from the great fear of birth and death.

On this path, O Arjuna, there is but a single, one-pointed determination. The goals of those who have no determination are many and endlessly diverse

The Bhagavad Gita as translated by Torkom Saraydarian, 2:39-41

The *Bhagavad Gita* is the story of the warrior who is facing his self-made enemies and has lost his willingness to battle. He has come face-to-face with all his crystallizations. As we meet him for the first time, we see the effects of the crisis: fear has overcome him; grief has clouded his memory; self-pity and sorrow have filled his heart; he has dropped his willingness to continue and sunk down in despair; and he has given up on the future.

The allegorical story has inspired and guided many people throughout centuries. It is as fresh and timely now as it was thousands of years ago. When faced

with crises, we respond in much the same manner. Can we listen to the Teaching and become grateful for the opportunity to free ourselves from our self-made prisons? Can we listen to the Teaching and be grateful for the good and bad times because each one of these is a test to develop our warrior spirit?

It is just at these times when we need the reminders of the Teacher and the Teaching:

Whenever men become indifferent toward their duties and responsibilities, and whenever the unrighteousness and disorder increase, then, indeed, I manifest Myself, to protect the virtuous, to destroy the wicked and to re-establish the sense of duty and responsibility. Thus I manifest Myself, age after age.

Ibid., p. xiii.

On January 5th, we celebrate the passing of Torkom Saraydarian into the Higher Worlds and the opening of a new phase of labor in the life of that great soul. To all who knew him and learned from him, he was the example of a spiritual warrior. This issue of Outreach will be dedicated to the discussion of the spiritual warrior.

On January 5th, let us remember the labor of this great soul, and let us dedicate ourselves anew to labor and uphold his legacy.

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We honor our teacher, our father, our friend by following in his footsteps and learning the way of the spiritual warrior. He planted these seeds in our hearts in every expression of his own heart. Now we can make these seeds bloom and grow and continue the legacy that he started for us. In reality, he followed the legacy of his Teachers. Now we can do the same. This is how the Teaching keeps moving forward, how it blooms, and how his work prepares the way for the new warriors of the future.

Our main responsibility is to achieve mastery over our material existence, the physical, emotional, and lower mental worlds. We see in our clear observations that most of our daily lives are focused on the needs and desires of our three bodies. In any given day, very little of our life is focused on the Higher Worlds or the labor of self perfection. When our life is moving along comfortably, we usually see no need to make any particular sacrifices nor take any new and daring steps. However, when crises hit our lives as they have this past year, we see how lacking we are in preparedness, alertness; how lacking we are in the spiritual skills that will take us to another level despite the crises, or rather in spite of them. We see the lack individually as well as in humanity as a whole.

We as human beings do not easily move in the direction of change and readiness. We keep waiting and waiting, making excuses and making excuses, until the crisis hits a higher note. It would be useful for us to ponder: at what point in my life am I ready to move away from my comforts and into a yet unknown area of change and awareness? Those who take the plunge and focus on the purpose of life wholeheartedly are called *spiritual warriors*.

“A warrior is a person who is armed with Beauty, Goodness, Righteousness, Joy, and Freedom and by the power of Spirit. A warrior fights against his own weaknesses and against all obstacles which hinder his evolution on the Path. He risks his life to do the same thing for others, fighting against crime, corruption, hatred, and against all those conditions which make life a miserable field of destruction.” (*Leadership, Vol. I*, by Torkom Saraydarian, pp. 180-181.)

There are many names given in the Teaching to men and women who commit themselves totally to the labor of actualizing the Divine Plan in themselves and who serve to help humanity do the same. If we search the pages of the Teaching, we will find many such references given to people who display special qualities:

- Disciples
- Warriors
- Fighters
- Immortals
- Those who can surf on dangers
- Illuminators
- Transformers
- Way Openers
- Healers
- Spiritual Warriors
- Warriors of Spirit
- My Warriors
- Leaves in the Garden
- Heroes
- Chosen People
- Leaders
- Members of Our Community

Heroes and warriors are needed now more than ever. When we find ourselves in quickly moving and dangerous times, it is crucial that we wake up to our duties and responsibilities. Actually, the time to wake up is before a crisis. But many people are dulled and lulled to sleep and do not wake up until a crisis hits them. A spiritual warrior is someone who is not asleep, and even in quiet times finds ways to keep the fire alive and burning. In times of crisis, the warrior takes even more open and deliberate action.

A warrior is an active server in any of the fields of human endeavor. A warrior is someone who is able to utilize the First Ray of willpower energy in whatever field he or she is in. The First Ray of Will is the energy of discipline, government, willpower, the ability to overcome difficulties. This energy is available to everyone regardless of the field they are in.

The Ashrams of Hierarchy are arranged under the Seven Rays. In turn, each Ray Ashram has the seven

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sub-rays in it. So, for example, the First Ray Ashram has sub-rays one through seven in it. Each Ray Ashram therefore has all the seven rays represented in it.

Once we realize that in whatever field we are active we have the capacity to wield the willpower, the discipline, the leadership that is the hallmark of the First Ray, we will see that in every part of our life we can be a spiritual warrior. A warrior is a person who has power, discipline, organization, leadership skills, time management skills, and the ability to synthesize and use his internal treasures for any aspect of his service.

A spiritual warrior can belong to any of the seven fields of human endeavor and work in any one of the departments or sub-departments.

Spiritual warriors are needed at any time. Their labor, their talents, their devotion is very precious and is a result of lifetimes of commitment and sacrifice.

Warriors are needed to work out the Plan in all the fields and help Hierarchy do what is needed by imbuing each of their fields with the principles of the Teaching and its values.

A spiritual warrior is a leader in the truest sense of the word. You can use your special talents and special gifts to fight in your own field.

Fighting does not necessarily mean the use of weapons and bombs. This is the outer, material use of force that is used sometimes constructively and sometimes de-

structively. Weapons of destruction are not in themselves the solvers and the planters of the seeds of the future. A spiritual warrior's weapons are subtle and always plant the seeds of a greater future. His weapons may be books, booklets, music, songs, speeches, paintings, sculpture, poetry, dance, political movements, organizational skills, financial skills, skills in bringing order and symmetry to any situation, religious philosophy, skills in teaching others, explaining ethics and principles, communication skills, research skill, writing skills, media and computer skills, advertising and print media skills, and so on.

A warrior has the skill to cultivate his treasures and to bring to the fight anything that is needed that fits his own particular field and the need in that field.

Of one thing we can be sure: a warrior has visible leadership skills and clearly displays the will, the determination, the one-pointedness, the fieriness of the First Ray.

Having "fiery qualities" does not mean being loud and noisy. You can be just as fiery, just as able, just as determined by quiet and consistent labor. So let us not make the mistake of thinking of a leader or a warrior as someone who is loud, noisy, or has outwardly fiery qualities. The First Ray in your heart, in your soul means direction, sacrifice, willpower, a goal-fitting life, a disciplined life, a life that is well managed and rhythmic. True warriors are people who are quiet, listen, do their work without fanfare, plan in detail, and who think of the past, present, and the future as they plan.

True warriors are not always visible in the beginning of their labor. Only when life puts them into the spotlight do they become visible. We have many spiritual warriors in all the fields of life who are not known by many people.

The Battlefield That is Life

We are continuously in battle. Consider the debates going on in our physical body, in our emotional body, in our mental body, and in our spiritual life. If we do not do the battle with our diets, our exercises, our relations, our feelings, our meditations and studies, everything sinks down and starts decomposing. It is our battle that keeps us alive and growing.

A spiritual warrior knows this and does not shrink away from the fight.

Sometimes people think that they just want peace and harmony. In reality, there is no peace until we have achieved transformation.

Peace is not the absence of war or battle. As long as we have injustice, exploitation, totalitarianism, and slavery we are in danger and we need spiritual warriors.

Peace is a desirable condition where human beings everywhere can have the opportunity to evolve into their True Self. This is achieved after the karmic debts have been paid and the pollution on all levels cleaned up.

"The fight for Beauty, Goodness, Righteousness, Joy, and Freedom must start on the physical plane, and the fighter must prove that he

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can handle complicated situations with wisdom and balance before he can enter into the Army of the Lord and learn the subjective counterpart of the art of war or battle. Great Masters were warriors in certain of Their incarnations and had heavy responsibilities on Their shoulders.”

(*Other Worlds* by Torkom Saraydarian, p. 186.)

Battle against darkness of any kind does not decrease as we grow in consciousness, but it increases. Every battle we fight strengthens us and harmonizes us. Every battle expands our consciousness.

What battles are we fighting so we prove ourselves on the physical plane? Look at your life right now and see on how many fronts you are battling, individually and in your family and group.

We either fight the battle of our earthly life or we loose and go deeper into matter.

Choosing Your Field of Battle

Whatever your field of interest is, that is how you define your field of battle. Once you define your field, then you can decide how you will be battling.

- Will you be a public speaker?
- Will you write?
- Will you teach in schools?
- Will you counsel people using spiritual principles?
- Will you enter politics?
- Will you compose music and songs, create works of art or dances that give your message?
- Will you be a journalist and write articles?
- Will you write books?
- Will you start a group? An organization? Join one and help there?
- Will you travel and give seminars?
- Will you train parents, children, and teachers?
- Will you strive to become a “way for which men may achieve”?
- Will you assist others who are laboring for the Teaching?

The sky is the limit. You just decide and you will see how many fields will open for you.

A spiritual warrior cannot sit comfortably and wait for the fruit to drop into his mouth! Do not wait for someone to hand you something. Go and seek it out. Show your readiness. Conquer your inhibitions. Do not say you are going to wait until your next life.

What a Battlefield Reveals

A field of battle is a test. It is like a light that reveals the truth to you. It shows who you are and what qualities you bring to life. It shows what you do and do not know. Do we know who the real enemy is? Do we know how to battle and with what? Do we know when to battle?

Battle also shows us what we truly are. Are we a whole person? Are we fragmented? Are we mature and can make our own choices? Are we so full of fear that we will do anything so we can stay away from any sort of decision or confrontation?

A battle is self-confrontation. So, being a spiritual warrior is not for people who are afraid to face themselves, or who want to sit on the fence or hide. Each battle is a test. Each one shows where we make our stand.

Battles reveal the future to us because what we do and do not do will determine tomorrow for us. For example, if you allow your child to use drugs and stay out too late, there is not much you can do when he becomes a teenager. A sensitive person will see a battle coming years before and start preparing.

A battle will reveal to us what kind of future we are building. Will the future be different or more of the same? Do you sometimes look at your life and see the same battles repeat themselves just like a re-run movie? When will you win the fight? ...When you make the decision to fight and take a stand.

The Teaching shows us that as we grow older, more mature, the tests and battles increase and grow more difficult. As we get married, become parents, get older, have aging parents ourselves, we will face many more battles. As we become leaders our tests will increase.

Whether in personal or national terms, growth means more tests. Growth means the old skin has to go. How? It has to be removed and everything associated with it must also go.

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Current Events

Book Fund Donations:

We need your continuous support and contributions to the Book Fund. Please contribute and help us continue our work on Torkom's precious books.

Class on Sacred Poetry:

In January we will have a four-week class on Sacred Poetry. See the schedule of classes for details.

Wesak 2002 Annual Conference

Our Third Annual Wesak Conference will take place April 25th through April 28th in Sedona, Arizona. An information brochure is included with this issue.

Full Moon Schedule for 2002

The complete schedule for 2002 will be ready by the end of December. It will be available on-line, or call us for a copy. The Full Moon of Aquarius is January, 28th; Pisces, February 27th.

For Full Moon Celebration dates in Cave Creek and Sedona, please see our schedule of classes.

TSG Office Volunteers Needed:

If you have good office skills and are good with details, we can use your help. We need all kinds of helpers at our Cave Creek Offices. Call us for details.

Library Books:

Your generosity made it possible for us to send a total of 2143 books to 330 US libraries in the year 2001. Our donor has extended his matching grant of \$1000 for January and February 2002. We have raised \$80.00 to date. If you would like to have more books go to libraries, your contributions are needed.

Each \$5.00 contribution will double in value and pay for two boxes of books.

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The tests may be subtle or not so subtle. Battles test our endurance, our sincerity, our motive, our heart, our words, our silence.

So we will see tests in physical life, in emotional life, in mental life. We are even tested on a regular basis in our level of soul consciousness. Each test shows us something different about ourselves.

A spiritual warrior must show that he can be depended on, that he is solid. He keeps his word no matter what happens. We cannot advance unless we are able to pass these tests. Passing a test means you see the problem arriving before it arrives and you can take action, appropriate action. If, for example, a particular full moon is a problem area for you, anticipate it and ride through the storm with creativity.

Tests and battles will protect us. It will show us just what we can and cannot do. If you are overwhelmed, tired, fearful, depressed, you are not ready to fight. Better take time off and pull your forces together. Preparation for battle is just as important if not more so that the battle itself. If we are not ready it is better

for the commander not to give us the job. It may be lost or get messed up.

Test and battles also protect great tasks. Can you show that you can carry out a task no matter what happens in your life? Find out if that is the case and how you are being tested. You will determine your own training period. Will you stand up for the challenge or do you still need more thinking and training? It is interesting that many times in history we have seen that a spiritual warrior was trained on the job! The person was willing to take the mantle and carry out his or her duty. You see this in many of the greatest leaders in the world. Once in place, they carried out their work with total courage.

Battle shows us just how far we can go. If you begin a course of study and you give up after a while, you were not ready. You did not plan well. If you wanted to write an article but nothing is coming out, you are not ready. If you said you will help someone and you were not able to, you were not ready. So, a spiritual warrior is someone who understands his strengths and weaknesses and plans accordingly. If you are going to

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fight, you make sure that you know who and what you are and you use all of your strengths. Life after life we learn to battle. Eventually we will be able to battle on many fronts and on many planes.

The Fire of the Warrior

The spiritual warrior is fiery. He is not timid. He will not say: "I am busy. Who am I to be a warrior? Someone may not understand me. I am embarrassed. What if they think I am too esoteric. They are not ready." You will be surprised how ready you are and how people are hungry for your help. If you say these things you are not a warrior because you have not taken the trouble to overcome your hindrances and learn the ways to communicate and fight the battle in a way that will work. You may be using excuses to stay out of an important decision.

No warrior goes into battle thinking he will lose. You go into battle knowing you will be a winner, even if the only thing you win is knowing that you had courage to try.

Find out the way you can shoulder a part of the Plan. You will need to be vigilant to find the opportunity and the right timing to jump in.

You will be surprised to know how much serious help is needed in all areas of the Teaching. With a good handle on the law of economy and good time management skills, each of us can do so much more than we are presently doing. It is amazing the amount of work that can be done by a few fiery servers.

There is so much to do, and so few helpers. Find out where the help is needed and go for it!

Vigilance

We are lacking the deeply spiritual quality of vigilance when we are not aware of causes and effects in our life. This topic is discussed in detail in Volume II of *Leadership*.

"Vigilance is a great virtue of leaders of the spiritual path. It is sometimes called the crown of the warrior. Each jewel in the crown is an eye which is vigilant, day and night, on objective and subjective planes, and which registers clearly those currents which are in harmony with the Plan and those which disturb the Plan.

"Vigilance is the foundation. It is the sword and shield of the warrior."

(*Leadership*, Vol. 2, by Torkom Saraydarian, pp. 105, 108.)

A spiritual warrior needs to be vigilant regarding the following:

- Sacredness of life
- The Higher Principles
- Limitless expansion of consciousness
- Limitless unfoldment of the human soul
- Fatherhood of God
- Immortality of the human soul

How do we develop vigilance? We can develop it by concentration exercises, meditation, sacrificial service, spiritual refinement, contact with higher realms, by becoming less matter and more spirit, by be-

coming more aware and awake. (adapted from *Ibid.*, pp. 108-109.)

A spiritual warrior avoids everything that clouds his mind, his body. He avoids anything that dulls his consciousness.

The leader-warrior sees that when antagonistic forces appear, they are a sign of his victory.

We cannot give up. We cannot give up when we feel we have failed. Instead, we must feel that

- What we do is worthy
- What we do is a service for the human cause
- What we do is an act to express our gratitude to the Great Ones and it is part of the Plan

The disciple/warrior knows that any crises or attacks toward him are tolerated by the Great Lord for one reason: To make him eventually a victorious warrior. If we do not go through these battles, we will remain the same.

"Actually the great plan is to make you a warrior who will fight for right human relations, for beauty, for righteousness, for abundance, for harmony, for cooperation, destroy limitations and hindrances, and free your soul." (*Leadership*, Vol. IV, p. 143.)

After we have prepared and we have the psychic shield around us and we have become warriors, we do not rest. The Commander sends us to other battles until we become one of the Immortals.

"You think this is not for you. It is for all of you. This is for all of us.

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All these difficulties, hindrances, sufferings, disappointments, agonies, physical, emotional, mental upheavals that we are passing through are so good for us. Later, when we become Masters, the only thing that we are going to be grateful for is for the past suffering. Put this in your mind and you will understand it." (*Ibid.*)

Tests of the Spiritual Warrior

"...The Teaching must be presented in its purest form, and the life of the warrior must be an example of harmlessness." (*Ibid.*, Vol. 2, p. 181.) A spiritual warrior learns the ins and outs of the Teaching. He makes the Teaching come alive and become part of his life. He can then integrate it into every aspect of his life seamlessly. If the spiritual warriors do not learn, teach, and practice the Teaching, how will life ever change? Any great movements, great changes, great cultural developments were the works of daring men and women who were spiritual warriors.

If you are ready to become a spiritual warrior, take note of the following ways you will be tested. Prepare to pass the exams of the Great Ones. We are told in the Teaching that in olden days, warriors were tested for the following:

- Punctuality
- Alertness
- Politeness
- Royalty
- Solemnity
- Keeping their word
- Sensitivity to the need

- Courage
- Patience
- Spirit of gratitude
- Harmlessness
- Gentleness
- Respect

(Adapted from *Ibid.*)

Imagine what a future awaits humanity when larger numbers of people take the plunge and pass these tests and become active spiritual warriors.

It is the intention of the Teacher to create warriors, fighters of the future.

Great leaders follow this path of the Great Ones and try by all means to help their followers achieve this kind of victory. Great leaders want us to be healthy, balanced, spiritual, and heroic. They show us by their example how to be a spiritual warrior.

Great leaders want us to be crowned by the diamonds of virtues, but with humility and simplicity.

Great leaders and Great Ones rejoice when they see emerging warriors. They know that they will have invisible helpers they can utilize.

"The security of an individual, the security of a nation, the security of humanity depend on knowing the dangers and being prepared to handle the dangers in such a way that the world security is not undermined. Then even the agents of dangers and darkness are transformed and become helpful elements in the society of the world."

(*Ibid.*, p. 219.)

What are the qualities of the warriors of the future?

1. They are not fanatics of religious or political doctrines and dogmas.
2. They are not greedy, racist, nor materialistic.
3. They are not experts in killing or destruction.
4. They are not liars, imitators, exploiters, and manipulators.

But they are

- Illuminators
- Healers
- Transformers
- Way openers

"They are those who expand our consciousness, who put our heart in touch with the Cosmic Heart to create harmony, cooperation, unity, and synthesis.

"The warriors of the Future are pioneers of the Higher Worlds, the spiritual realms. They fight against darkness, death, disease, ignorance, separatism, and greed.

"It is a great honor to be a warrior of the Future because each true warrior will be a transmitter of the light, love, beauty, and bliss which will flow in from higher realms of the Universe and regenerate the life of this suffering planet."

(*Ibid.*, pp. 219-220.)

Let us bloom in our service to the Teaching. Let us carry out the Legacy of our Teachers. Let us, together, uphold the Teaching in our daily lives.

(Adapted from a lecture, by Gita Saraydarian, commemorating Torkom's Birthday, Nov. 2001)

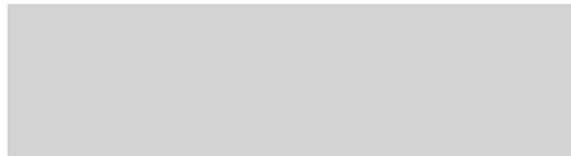
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If you are ready to make major changes in your life and commit yourself to your transformation in this New Year, consider taking a course at our University. Establishing a spiritual University was Torkom's major goal. You can be a part of that dream. No matter at what level you are, or how much or how little you have studied the Teaching, systematic study gives you the training and discipline needed to be effective in communicating it to others. A full year's course on the Constitution of Man is now available. We have a new course on Challenge for Discipleship, and a new meditation course on Agni Yoga will be available in January 2002. The class on Other Worlds is in progress and you can start at any time. We also have meditation courses and self-enrichment programs. You can take a class on site, by mail, by e-mail, or on-line. Contact us or see our website for more details. Take the time to expand yourself in the New Year by systematic study and meditation and join our student body of spiritual warriors!

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Class Schedule

January and February 2002 Schedule of Events

This year we will observe **Full Moon Celebrations** in Cave Creek either on a Sunday (10 am - 11 am) or a Tuesday (7 pm - 8 pm), whichever day falls before the exact full moon day. Please see the schedule below for exact days and dates. If you wish to be notified of the meeting dates by email, please send us your email address.

In January on Tuesdays, we will offer a self enrichment course with Gita Saraydarian. This will be a four-week group study course on **The Teaching in Sacred Poetry**. We will study poems by Tagore, Gibran, Torkom Saraydarian, and from Agni Yoga. Everyone is welcome. (\$20.00/ four classes. Includes class materials)

Cave Creek Schedule

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Bookstore hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

JANUARY	8 th	7-8 pm: The Teaching in Sacred Poetry
	15 th	7-8 pm: The Teaching in Sacred Poetry
	22 nd	7-8 pm: The Teaching in Sacred Poetry
	29 th	7-8 pm: The Teaching in Sacred Poetry
Sunday	27 th	10 am - 11am: Sun in Aquarius: “What is the Aquarian age?” Lecture and meditation with Gita Saraydarian. All welcome. Love Offering.
FEBRUARY		The Third Quarter of University Classes on Other Worlds begins on Tuesdays, February 5 th , 12 th , 19 th
Tuesday	26 th	7-8 pm: Sun in Pisces: “I leave the Father’s Home and turning my back, I save.” 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.

JANUARY	27 th	The Sun in Aquarius: Lecture and Meditation with Damon Catizone. 11 am - 12 noon. Love Offering.
FEBRUARY	24 th	The Sun in Pisces: Lecture and Meditation with Damon Catizone. 11am - 12 noon. Love Offering.

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The Teaching in Sacred Poetry

With Gita Saraydarian

You are invited to join us in a beautiful and creative class to enrich and expand your heart

Dates:

January Tuesdays
8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Time:

7:00 - 8:15 pm

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\$5 per class

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In January 2002 we will have a four-week class on The Teaching in Sacred Poetry. Many great poets had very sensitive insights into the spiritual realms and wrote about their feelings in the form of poetry. We have picked four great poets to study: Torkom Saraydarian, Khalil Gibran, Rabindranath Tagore, and poems selected from the Agni Yoga Teachings.

What is poetry?

"There are rare moments in our life when an event happens, but it runs by so quickly that we cannot grab it. We need a fast camera which takes instantaneously the event that is occurring.

"There are many events like that in the physical plane, but especially in our emotional world and in the world of ideas, impressions, and inspirations. Events, ideas, and thoughts come and go so fast that we must develop our apparatus to catch them. That apparatus is what the real poet is, and what he catches is the poetry."

"Readers of poems are not average people. They have abstract and practical minds, plus the light of Intuition. It is very important to have creative imagination and visualization to catch echoes of the poems that no average ear can hear." (From My Heart, A Collection of Poetry by Torkom Saraydarian, p.5.)

Class Organization:

Everyone is welcome to participate. Please call us to register so your class materials can be prepared in advance.

We will study one poet each week.