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Initiation - The Path of Living Service

*Dear Friends: We are happy to announce the release of two new books by Torkom Saraydarian. One is the long awaited **Initiation, the Path of Living Service**, and the other is **Avatars, Revelations of God**. Both books are scheduled to be delivered in time for Wesak, the first week of May. In this issue of Outreach, you will find a reprint of two magnificent chapters from the book **Initiation**, an article by Gita on Peru, as well as news and schedule of events. We hope you enjoy the reading.*

Initiation and Fear

Initiations are the result of victory over fear. Fear is the sign that you are attached to matter. No one can advance while he is controlled by matter.

Fear is hidden in matter; fear is hidden in objects. Whoever identifies with matter, identifies with fear.

In every initiation your control over fear increases.

Ancient initiation ceremonies had to do with something fearful. If the initiate was afraid, he failed.

We are told that each plane is surrounded by forces which prevent entrance into that plane. These forces are mostly forces of fear and the initiate must pass through them to enter that plane. In any major initiation you confront such forces of fear.

Immortality is the destruction of fear. The greatest immortals were those who overcame fear.

Fearlessness makes you virtually immortal even in the memories of people.

Each victory over fear is an initiation.

Fearlessness is of two kinds: One is fearlessness of the personality; the other is the fearlessness of the soul.

The personality appears "fearless" under the influence of fear. Someone may say that he was fearless and killed a man, insulted his teacher, broke the law, or destroyed a city.

The soul on the other hand operates with fearlessness because he is over the fears of the personality.

A fearless person has the following qualities:

- He liberates.
- He sacrifices.
- He uplifts.
- He expands.
- He protects people from dark attacks.
- He risks his life.
- He sacrifices his possessions.
- He acts under the Divine Will.

Any harmful activity under the guise of fearlessness proves that the person has either emotional attachment, is the slave of

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his habits and posthypnotic suggestions, or he is mentally unstable or insane.

Fearlessness is the virtue of a healthy mind and healthy, loving emotions.

Anger is often used as fearlessness. Selfish, self-centered anger mobilizes the human system and appears as fearlessness. But fearlessness has nothing to do with anger and hatred. Fearlessness is the power to risk one's self to accomplish a heroic act to serve a principle, a law, a value, and to transcend one's own limitations.

Most cowards are always angry and in fear.

One can die in pain and agony, and one can die in joy. Those who die in pain and agony are destined for the astral levels. Those who die in joy may reach the higher mental plane or the Intuition Plane. This is why it is necessary to die in joy, unattached and unburdened by the loads collected physically and psychologically.

The pain and suffering referred to here are not related to physical pain and suffering, but they are related to the conscience. It is the conscience that suffers during the moments of death in recollecting memories of harmful actions, negative emotions, destructive plans and thoughts, and the negligence of one's duties and responsibilities. Joy is the result of a memory full of Beauty, Goodness, Righteousness, Joy, Freedom, Striving, and Sacrificial Service.

There are materials in our bodies related to death, and there are materials related to life. When we slowly free ourselves from the materials of death and fuse with the materials of life, during the time of transition we do not die but continue to be conscious in another body without passing through the agony of dying or losing consciousness.

Every successive initiation is a greater state of immortality, as each initiation increases the light of consciousness and makes man more conscious of the changes he is passing through. The first three initiations are still in the domain of the experience of death, although in the Third Initiation the Initiate knows beyond a doubt that immortality is possible.

During the Fourth Initiation the human soul experiences immortality, but he still has the possibility of returning into a carnal body.

In the Fifth Initiation all that belongs to death is dead, and the Initiate has an experience of immortality in the planetary sense.

In the Sixth Initiation he has an experience of immortality in the systemic sense.

In the Seventh Initiation he has an experience of immortality in the galactic sense.

In the Eight Initiation his immortality is an experience of survival in the Cosmic Astral Plane.

In the Ninth Initiation his experience of immortality is related to the Cosmic Mental Plane.

But we are told that this is not all that there is. Aspiration and actualization are steps taken on the path of Infinity. Each initiation is a conscious response to the centripetal force. Each incarnation is a response to the centrifugal force, although after a few decades the centripetal force can be responded to and each initiation can be taken on higher spirals.

Curiously enough, the centripetal force acting through the body keeps the body as an integrated form. When the centrifugal force begins to predominate, the disintegration of the body starts. Thus one may see that it is possible to respond through our vehicles to the centrifugal force and to respond through our soul to the centripetal force.

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The Narrow Path

Esoterically understood, to take initiation means to enter a higher level of consciousness or a deeper relationship, communication, or awareness. Some people think that when a Master initiates you, you suddenly expand your consciousness and you are purified and perfected. On the contrary, real initiation is a process of great labor, through which you gradually build your vehicles of communication and through them achieve greater relationship with the centers of light, love, and power within the planet and the solar system.

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To be initiated means that you worked very hard in “school,” and at the end of the year you were granted your diploma. Many people forget all about the labor they did throughout the year and think that the ceremony of receiving the diploma is the initiation. Actually, in the real initiation ceremony, no new unfoldment or development is added to that which you already have. Your unfoldment and development are simply approved through the ceremony of initiation and, some locked doors in your nature are opened.

Initiation is a long journey from the Spark to the Sun. On this journey, there are nine stations where you are checked and you are given a new vision to go forward if you wish. On this journey to the Sun, you pass through great difficulties, hindrances, obstacles, and dangers; but an initiate is a person who takes risks. Throughout this journey, one main power is unfolded and developed, and that is the willpower.

On a scale of one hundred, if you have ten degrees of willpower, you are a first degree initiate. If you have twenty degrees of willpower, you are a second degree initiate.... If you have 90 degrees of willpower, you are a Ninth Degree Initiate. The willpower is the ray of pure Essence, or the Self, which extends from the Sun to the Spark. The more will you are, the more you are yourself. This means that to the degree you are yourself, you are an initiate.

There are four definitions for initiation:

1. Initiation is an increasing identification with the energy of the will and increasingly becoming oneself.

As man strives to a greater path of initiation, he develops his willpower. To become oneself means to become more energy, to have clearer direction, persistence, and greater harmony with the Will of God. As the initiate proceeds from one initiation to another, his will energy increases, and he becomes a closer co-worker with the Hierarchy, with Shamballa, and beyond. He becomes the path itself, which goes toward his Cosmic Self.

In your own unfoldment, you can watch yourself in your daily life and ask yourself the following questions:

- a. Am I increasing my control over my body, urges, and drives?

- b. Am I becoming more self-actualized?
- c. Is my willpower increasing?
- d. Am I becoming more awake in my physical labor?
- e. Is my attitude of detachment toward material objects getting stronger?

2. Initiation is a bridge-building process. “Bridge-building” has many meanings. It refers to right human relationships. It is your network of communication with people, with other living beings, and with the material world. It is the relationship between your vehicles of expression and the process of their integration, alignment, and fusion. You become a more advanced initiate when your personality and your higher vehicles are better integrated and you are fused with the Soul, or with the Inner Self.

Bridge-building also refers to the communication a person can have with humanity as a center, with the Hierarchy, and with Shamballa. This bridge-building process expands toward the solar system and beyond.

3. Initiation is entrance into greater freedom. This applies to all initiations. Initiation gives greater freedom from maya, glamor, and illusion. It gives you the power to master the Dweller on the Threshold and dispel any formations of ill will, destructive thoughts, or negative emotions. It annihilates the habit of submitting yourself to the automatic reactions of your vehicles. You eventually gain freedom from your separated self.

4. Initiation is a process of unification and synthesis. Initiation is entering the shoes of others, or into their skin, and seeing things from their viewpoint. This does not mean that you agree with them, but you see them as they are. Unification makes you feel the pains of others, see their difficulties, and see the causes of their suffering. The Initiate bears the sufferings of others and he suffers for them. His suffering for others is a method to bring them out of their own suffering. Eventually the pains felt for others become like the birth pains of the Initiate, through which he takes a new birth on a higher path of initiation.

As you progress on the path of initiation, you become more discriminative in your speech. You learn the power of speech and the power of silence. It is very

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interesting that when you are silent, you often impress people more than with your speech.

An advanced Initiate knows that all his expressions condition his future success or failure. He knows that you are that which you speak; you are the result of your speech. An Initiate sees how much precious energy is wasted and how complicated karmic nets are woven through idle, incorrect, or unkind speech.

As he restrains his tongue more and more, the power of his speech increases, and eventually he either speaks pure wisdom or else keeps silent. The moments of his silence are the moments of contemplation. You can know an Initiate through his general conversation. He speaks less and less about his spiritual contacts and his achievements. Each initiation is a greater lock put on his mouth.

Only those who are not Initiates talk about their “initiations” and advertise themselves as initiates into great mysteries. The number of these people is increasing rapidly. At this time there are thousands of so-called initiates, great channels, and readers of your past lives!

It is possible to retrogress on the path of initiation. In religious literature, this is called “falling from grace.” Sometimes you may pass a certain initiation, but then heavy past karma or obstacles hidden in your emotional and mental natures surface and slow you down, so that you do not get hurt in higher realms. The deeper you go on the path of initiation, the greater the payment of your mortgage, the heavier your responsibility, and the stronger your adversary. But it must be remembered that at the same time your joy, wisdom, and power also increase, along with your techniques for dealing with negative forces. Each victory becomes a fountain of bliss within your heart.

Each initiation is an entrance into a proper task or office in the field of the New Group of World Servers or in the field of the Hierarchy. It does not necessarily mean that someone is being appointed to an office but, because of a level of consciousness or awareness, a person fills a vacancy; he fills a need in the field of service of the Plan of the Hierarchy.

Each Initiate is a graduate in some degree, and he automatically responds to the need and meets it. He even appoints himself to certain tasks and fulfills

them. In each initiation, the Initiate becomes more daring and more courageous and expands his field of service. All these things are carried out under the influence of the dominating Ray in the Initiate’s nature.

It must also be considered that a person cannot take an initiation at every moment. There are cycles and astrological opportunities at which time initiation is possible. Some Initiates wait for more than fifty years to pass through a ceremony of initiation.

For some Initiates, the Taurus Full Moon represents an opportunity. Also, at the time of the release of the energy of Shamballa, a great opportunity opens to go forward on the path of initiation. This energy was released in 1975, and it will be released again in 2000¹ and 2025.² Opportunity indicates that there is a limited time. At the time of opportunity of a cycle, we must be ready to face the opportunity. Opportunity is the cycle of vacancy that must be filled by new disciples or Masters. If nobody is ready to graduate and take more advanced offices, the promising disciples are invited to move on under the guidance of their Master to serve the need on higher planes. Sometimes such disciples do great works in the world, creating great awareness. If they were left alone on their level, they could not create such higher activities; but because of the inspiring, energizing, and impressing aura and presence of their Master, they can do things they never imagined possible.

Such things are done in our social life when we are in crises. For example, in the time of need during the War, they used people who were not licensed physicians for doctors. My Father was a pharmacist, but he was forced to do surgery on soldiers and he saved hundreds of lives.

Crises also happen on higher levels, and in these cases the juniors are challenged to do daring works for the Hierarchy. This is the path in the chain of the Hierarchy. We will always have crises, opportunities, release of new energy — and all this in cycles.

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by Torkom Saraydarian, Chapter 7.)

1. For Further information, see pp. 69-73 in *The Legend of Shamballa*.

2. Shamballa energy opens the gates, facilitates the moving forward, cleans certain obstacles and hindrances for initiates, and strengthens their willpower to press forward.

TSG News Items and New Book Releases

The **Annual Wesak Conference** begins Saturday, May 1st, and the Full Moon meditation will be on Tuesday, May 4th, 12:00 noon at the Lutheran Retreat Center. If you would like to attend the conference or just the Full Moon meditation, please call us. Everyone is invited.



New Books: We are happy to announce the release of two new books by Torkom Saraydarian: *Avatars: Revelations of God*, (US\$30.00) and *Initiation: The Path of Living Service*, (US\$ 35.00). Both are due by Wesak. If you are a Book Club member, reserve your copy now with an updated credit card number. If you would like to order a copy of each, call or email us. Postage and handling for one book is \$8.50; both books \$10.40, shipped UPS ground in the US. You will love these two new arrivals to the family of Torkom's Creative Works.



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TSG UK has moved into a new building. We are so happy to have this new space and congratulate Catriona Nason and her family and co-workers for their labor and dedication. The TSG UK seminar friends have created an online discussion board. This is open to TSG seminar attendees. If you have attended our seminars anywhere in the world and would like to join the discussion forum, please contact our TSG UK or USA offices. We are looking forward to spreading Torkom's Teaching in Europe and are very grateful for all the work done by our European co-workers.



Job opening at TSG US office: We have an opening for an office assistant familiar with PageMaker, Microsoft Office, and basic website management. 30-35 hours per week. Job duties include archiving manuscripts, typesetting books, and creating promotional materials. Artistic creativity and computer troubleshooting abilities are most helpful. Email resume to gita@tsgfoundation.org



Trip to Peru

- by Gita Saraydarian

My trip to Peru was a complete success. I flew to Lima, Peru on February 10th for a scheduled seminar on *The Flame of the Heart* on the 14th and 15th. Gladys Moran and her family and co-workers labored

tirelessly and created a very wonderful venue for the Teaching.

The day I arrived, the country was in a political crisis. After a few hours of sleep, we went to the local radio station and were interviewed. The radio station

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was full of political leaders, news media, and there was a buzz about the crisis. Gladys translated the questions from Spanish into English and then translated the answers into Spanish. It was great fun to listen intuitively and quickly answer the questions since we had very little time in which to think and ponder. After several days of this, Gladys and I became very adept at speaking in two languages simultaneously!

Back at the hotel, we rested and were off again to another radio interview. This time the radio station was full of people from both sides of the conflict and various local people who came to air their views. The atmosphere was electric and the radio host sandwiched us between political commentators.

It was late when we returned to the hotel. The next day, we were off again to another radio interview. The radio talk show host was very well versed in spiritual issues and asked penetrating questions about the value of spiritual work in light of the crises facing the society. We had with us a CD of selected sacred songs by Torkom, and these were played on the air. As soon as that was done, we rushed off to another radio talk show. This host is a fantastic doctor, Dr. Jose Luis Perez-Albela, who is a most dedicated disciple. He has three radio shows and a TV spiritual hour in which he gives meditation, and spiritual and medical advice. I was thrilled to hear the Great Invocation in Spanish being broadcast on the radio. We spoke about children, about spiritual issues, about meditation, and we completed the show with the visualization "Shine your Light." We were then invited to the Dr.'s home for lunch where we met his lovely wife and four children. After lunch and family visit, we went to the clinic where the Doctor holds daily free public sessions that anyone can attend and ask medical questions. The meeting opened with the Great Invocation and prayers and OM. It was a sight to behold! Here were men, women, children, teenagers, and young adults from all walks of life. After a few words given by me, the Doctor began to take questions and gave advice concerning medical issues. The most beautiful part was how he is able to show people that healing takes place when the

whole body is involved. In every aspect of his work, he emphasizes love and forgiveness, combined with sound medical practice.

After the clinic visit, we met with a group of spiritual students called the Brotherhood. The group is housed in a beautiful Victorian mansion in Lima. We were met with a room-full of eager students. I spoke about the Map of the Human and Cosmic Heart and finished the lecture with the song Beloved Lord and the sacred movements that accompany this beautiful mantram. I deeply admire this group's dedication and striving. The lecture was ably translated and I could feel the deep spiritual training and practice of all the members.

The next day was Friday, and I took a full day to rest and prepare for the seminar.

The seminar was scheduled on Saturday and Sunday. We had a great turnout of professional men and women, eager to learn and experience the beauty of the Teaching. Gladys had arranged simultaneous translation, which was perfectly executed. I kept calling my translator Francesca even though her name is Roxana, and somehow, it stuck! She was a professional translator with a deep spiritual understanding. She worked hard and was absolutely essential for the success of the seminar. There was no gap in what I said and the time it took to have it translated. All attendees wore headsets that enabled them to listen to the Spanish as I spoke in English. After a while, I was not aware that I was speaking in English; it seemed language had been surpassed and was no longer an issue. The seminar contained lectures, sacred songs, and sacred movements. The songs were a hit!

On Monday I was picked up at 6 am by the Moran Family: Gladys, Father and Mother, Brother, and Aunt. We went to the airport and flew to Cuzco, the Inca Capital. When we arrived at the airport, we saw a group of local musicians playing the most joyful music. The elevation at Cuzco is 11,150 feet and I experienced my first altitude sickness! By the time we arrived at the hotel, my heart felt like it was going to leap out of my chest. It was the craziest feeling. I was given

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some medication and was told to rest, walk slowly, and if needed, oxygen was available just outside my room door! We rested for an hour and then we were taken on a city tour. We saw magnificent temples and stadium-size structures of Inca ritual and worship. We drove through the mountains and walked in fields and stony landscapes. By evening, we were back at the hotel. After a good night's rest, we had to get ready for a 6:00 am departure by train to Machu Pichu! Well, we were ready and on the train just in time. The train took four hours and meandered through some of the most beautiful countryside. We arrived at Machu Pichu and then took a bus to the top of the mountain. The young and hearty got off the train some time before and backpacked along the Inca Trail! We opted for the bus. I had no idea what to expect. I had seen photographs of Machu Pichu, but seeing the mountain half covered with mist and the remains of a grand civilization was really breathtaking. We climbed the stone steps, huffing and puffing (I promise to be in better shape the next time!) and suddenly, the entire site opened in front of my eyes. All I can say is WOW! The Machu Pichu structures are a series of living quarters, places of worship and astronomy, stone steps, terraced fields on steep mountains, and fields for grazing the animals. We threw some plastic sheets under a tree on a patch of grass and lied down looking at the sky and pondering the Inca world. How did the Incas do this and for what reason? No one knows. After visiting so many of the Inca ruins, I understood that this civilization had an advanced knowledge of the Teaching. How it came to ruin and why is another story all together and bears good research.

We spent the day at Machu Pichu, got soaked in a downpour, but our spirits soared at the beauty of the land. We went back to the train and got off after two hours. Our friend Dr. Jose Luis and his wife were in town and wanted us to visit them in their country home. I would say this was paradise in Peru! It was dark when we arrived, we sat under the stars around a huge fire, eating Inca corn and cheese, looking at the stars, talking about the Teaching, say-

ing the Great Invocation in English and Spanish as well as many other prayers and mantrams, and sending blessings to Torkom and our ancestors for making it possible for me to speak about the Teaching in such a blessed atmosphere. A falling star punctuated the magical moment! We sat for many hours in the dark, looking at the stars, visiting and feeling as one family. We reluctantly left late in the night, and took a taxi through the meandering highways back to the city of Cuzco and to our hotel. I announced that I would not appear before 9 am the next day! Everyone felt the same way. I would have stayed in bed longer, but we had to check out of the hotel by 9. The next day, we walked around beautiful downtown Cuzco, saw the historical churches, and attended mass at one of them. The priest spoke about the virtues of the heart and gave Holy Communion. We took communion and we lighted candles and asked for blessings for all our co-workers all around the world and blessings for TSG and our families. The candles stayed lit as we walked out of the church, having had a very blessed experience.

We flew back to Lima and, after some rest at the Moran home, I went to the airport and took off for the US at 1:00 am. When I arrived the next day at 9:30 am, all I wanted to do was sleep. But work was waiting for me. The next night in Cave Creek, I went out for a walk with my husband, looked up at the night sky and saw the Great Bear and other familiar clusters of stars and remembered seeing them in the sky in Cuzco. Once again, nature showed me how we are one, all of us under one heavenly sky.

As I ponder on the events of the Lima seminar, I can see how we are all connected to each other and to the universe through our hearts. I experienced pure magic and synchronicity at every turn of events. I thank Gladys and my Peruvian family with all my heart. The whole family worked around the clock to make sure my visit was safe and enjoyable. I could not have done it without Papa Moran, Mama Moran, and brother Johnny. They are disciples; joyful and enthusiastic, and I look forward to many more years of friendship and collaboration.

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Calendar of Events May-June 2004

Cave Creek Schedule: TSG Foundation Center

- **Wesak 2004 Conference, May 1 - 4.** Topic - *Avatars: Messengers of God* based on the book by Torkom Saraydarian.
- **Sunday, May 30th, Sun in Gemini.** Full Moon lecture and meditation with Gita Saraydarian. 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
- **Sunday, June 27th, Sun in Cancer.** Full Moon lecture and meditation with Gita Saraydarian. 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
- **TSU Class Schedule: 4th Quarter: May 18th, 25th; June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.**

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