

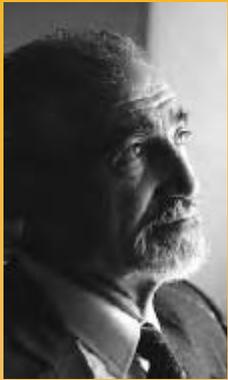


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Affirmation of a Group Disciple

Dear Friends:

As most of you are aware, TSG Publishing Foundation is moving into a new phase of growth as has been outlined in Gita Saraydarian's recent fundraising letter and business plan outline. As we move fully into the harvest season, this is a good time to reflect with gratitude on the abundance that we share. Personally, the recent economic crisis has forced me to stop taking things for granted and start appreciating the great wealth that is around me. As I come to work every day at TSG, I refer mostly to the spiritual wealth here that has been organized into various forms such as books, music, and classes, and which begs to be utilized and shared with the world. In order to utilize our spiritual wealth, we must expand.

The expansion of consciousness is at the heart of initiation. The energy of our consciousness is that of Love, and so we could say that initiation is our loving expression, expanding and producing ever-widening circles of inclusiveness. This is the Love that transcends limits and the Self that creates the mystery known as initiation. We go through initiation not only as individuals, but also as groups.

Our unfolding consciousness of Love is sacrificial in nature. As it expands, it increasingly dissolves its own boundaries through its desire to give of itself. The more our Love is expanded, the more joy and beauty we experience, and the more our divinity wants to expand and be shared. This Love also creates the point of Light that illuminates the darkness and yet is often felt as growing pains on the physical plane. As TSG experiences this new degree of its own group initiation process, we are made increasingly and achingly aware of our desire to give and to expand. It is a process of sacrifice that allows us to cross this void in order to reach a new degree of inclusiveness.

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Healthy,
Happy,
Joyful
lives.*



Gita Saraydarian

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TSG University

A Spiritual Journey of Self-Initiation and Self-Transformation

TSG University strives to provide comprehensive courses that help students discover their True Self through Torkom's teachings and has been serving students worldwide since the year 2000. In this issue we are honored to offer some beautiful quotes taken from our TSG University student files. We hope you enjoy them. To maintain their privacy, we have used only the initials of the students.

What is the "Teaching"?

"The Teaching is a body of knowledge that teaches critical thinking using the physical, emotional, mental, and higher bodies and senses.

"In academic training, we are taught how to use our minds to observe, verify, test and engage in logical and sequential thinking. If you observe something one time, you try to find other instances of the same event so that mere chance or accident is ruled out. This training relies on the faculties of our mind that analyzes and concludes according to the data collected by our five senses.

"The Teaching takes us to a world where you may be able to do the same thing, but using your emotional senses, mental senses, intuitional, atmic, monadic, and divine senses. Instead of the five senses of the physical world, you now have a potential of using 35 or more layers of senses. Following the training given by the Teaching of the Ancient Wisdom, an individual is able to build these senses in a logical and sequential and safe manner and, using them, is able to observe life in its many dimensions. There is nothing accidental or mysterious about the Wisdom Teachings. The scientific method is applied, but using senses that are beyond the mundane."

- NS

"The Teaching is the knowledge of the heart; the knowledge that is beyond rational and intellectual information. It is also the knowledge of the Subtle Worlds and other planes of existence. In summary, it is the Divine knowledge of how the Universe works, of what is real vs. what is unreal, of where we come from, who we are, and where are we heading to; of getting to understand what Life is."

- NP

"The best foundation for [this] empowerment is the concept of the divine image, the divine Spark that is in every human. This concept is one of the central concepts taught by all the major religions. The Jews, Christians and Muslims speak of the divine image. Hinduism speaks of the atman or jivatman. Buddhists speak of Buddha nature. We are all children of God. We are all rays from the Central Spiritual Sun. The Ageless Wisdom can teach this with the greatest sanity and freedom from religious distortions and limitations. It is the Ageless Wisdom that can highlight the highest common denominators in all religions and bring about an end to the sometimes-hateful exclusivist in some religious groups."

- RC

The Teaching and Money

"In order for us to draw all of the desired resources for the Teaching, including money, we must each believe with all of our mind and heart that humanity can triumph over its corruptions, glamors, and limitations.

"The Tibetan Master describes this belief as "vital." Vital means that our belief in humanity's future is not something passive or vague, but a belief that maintains a strong clarity, a strong fire of enthusiasm and motivating power. In order to keep our belief, our vision of humanity's future dynamic, alive and vital, we each need to regularly give "fuel" to our vision of humanity's future. To stand in the midst of humanity's barbaric relationships and yet continue unwaveringly to see the "soul culture" of the future, we need to regularly project our thinking, love, and dedication to that future....

"Without a belief in humanity's ability to achieve this higher level, we have no vision and we are defeated before we begin. It is this belief that gives us our fire of striving. It is this belief that makes us willing to enter the battle against the forces of chaos and ignorance, in ourselves and in humanity. It is this belief that unites our hearts and minds with all of the workers of goodwill around the planet. It is this belief that makes us sacrifice our time, energy, and money to fulfilling this magnificent vision for the future. It is this vitalized belief that will draw to TSG the needed money and resources for its work."

- DM

The Teaching and Money, cont.

“The meaningful activities of TSG must be carried on for the sake of humanity and the planet. So we have no choice but to demand the resources from the universe with which to expand the work of the Teaching.”

- SS

“A vitally important presentation to the public is needed to attract attention to our vision and contributions. We must appreciate the power of the little man, the common citizen, and somehow present a vision of a life more abundant that he or she can assist in bringing to fruition. The glory of a reappearing Christ is a magnetic vision. However, it has been relegated by many to a purely institutional domain, perhaps only a myth, a yearning for utopia maintained by Christian churches.

“More appealing to some is the project of establishing right human relations, even if they do not know that that is a necessary preparation for the reappearing Christ. Everyone wants to be happy, to have good relationships in the home and with coworkers. We can present a vision that happiness based on right human relationships is possible and that we all can achieve this in daily living. We can help the little man to feel he or she has the power to make all things new by working for and contributing to a cause that promotes right human relationships on all levels – at home and factory, in school and in the office...

“We can empower those around us with our encouraging words, the look in our eye, by standing tall and giving a silent smile, by a gentle touch or pat on the back.”

- RC

Love, Joy and Beauty

“Visualize a situation that is going to happen in the future. For example, if you are going to give a lecture or a sales presentation, visualize the presentation in full detail, going exactly the way you want it to go. Visualize a cloud of joy-love in the form of a pink light with purple waves ascending on this event. See everyone in the room and the room itself being filled with the energies of love and joy and bathed in this pink and purple light. Visualize the individual people in the room, each being filled with the love and joy that you are sending. See them joyful and receptive to what you are presenting. Now take it a step further by trying to sense the “group energy” and bathe

the “collective group energy” in the energies of love and joy. See a beautiful and successful outcome to this event. Do this exercise once a day, for several days prior to your event. If it is a very big, important event, you could consider starting this process weeks in advance. Keep doing it until you impregnate the event with the energies of love and joy. Now hand the event to the divine and watch what happens...

“Exercising love and joy for thirty minutes a day will expand and transform you. Allowing the love and joy of your true essence to radiate outward is an auspicious gift one can give to humanity. It will move you forward in your own evolution as well as uplift and heal others. Joy is a gift everyone possesses. You do not need to “get” joy. You simply need to learn to “allow” the joy from your core to infuse you. Once you radiate joyfulness by becoming one with it, you can share the precious gift of joy with everyone and everything. Joy is one of the most beautiful acts of self-less service one can offer humanity.”

- LF

“Here are a few pointers that were found amongst the writings of Torkom on seeing the beauty in others:

1. ...When we appreciate the diamond in someone else, that appreciation actually helps us to shine that same facet of our diamond. We have a constructive creative influence upon one another when we see one another through the eyes of Beauty.

2. In order to see the beauty in others, we must adopt an impersonal attitude. If we have been thinking for a long time about how much someone bothers us, we must stop and take a new look at him. **Pretend** that you have never seen him before and treat him in a really impersonal way...

3. Learn to enjoy life and show others how to enjoy life. God does not want us to be weighted down with worry, fear, and trouble. It is very difficult to see beauty in others when we are weighted down. Sometimes we even take our bad days and bad moods out on others. Go outside into nature. Feed the birds, talk a walk, bike ride, jog, garden, deep breathe. Each day take a few minutes to communicate with Nature. Let Her Beauty be your medicine.

4. Develop an understanding sympathetic eye. Don't jump to conclusions. Calmly ask questions and try to see things as they are. Using our sympathetic eye doesn't waste the energy of others by putting doubts in their minds and false conclusions on their path. Talk with others in a gentle

way. Remember when we increase the beauty of others, something in us is touched and we feel beautiful also. If we concentrate on the good, which others have, and don't think about their irritating qualities, soon we will notice that they will manifest the good more than the bad. Reinforce people's good. Reinforce people's good...

5. Make it your duty to make others happy. Keep a spiritual diary. Every day mark in it what you did for others. Make it a point to reverse the ugliness in the world with your beauty. Be Beauty."

- JS

What is the immediate goal of the Plan?

"A simple way to see the immediate goal(s) of the Plan is that they address all the immediate needs of humanity. 'Immediate need' means something is real, true, and it demands a response/answer that is effective, and true to its reality. Serving humanity involves such constant challenge: to know the needs, to find effective ways to respond, and to hold the grand view of the Plan so we can respond with higher understanding and compassion.

"The upliftment of humanity and our home-planet is the most simple and clear way to explain and motivate ourselves and others to contribute towards a Something that is 'larger than your self'; such basic teaching will endure during difficult times and make more depth possible during times of ease and calm. Then all of life, all human beings and all circumstances are the Field of the Plan: to learn, to grow, to serve and sacrifice."

-NP

"It is the heart that allows us sympathies with the frailties of humanity and our wrestling with the problem of human pain and need. When someone is truly moved to better understand and to help solve this condition, we say that their heart is open...which for us references that the heart is aflame because of the impulses from the higher worlds... since it is the heart which is sensitive to the higher worlds.

"As I see it, truly being truly committed to serve the human need with an aflamed heart is not only inspired by the higher worlds but ultimately builds the bridges to cross the boundaries and discover the higher worlds... which ultimately helps fulfill the Hierarchy's goal of integrating the seen and unseen worlds.

"We know this...and we know that sages have written about the heart since ancient times. And yet... it is not easy to understand the heart. There is a legend about which Torkom writes in Other Worlds that states when conception takes place, the invisible devas engage themselves in labor to build the physical body of the human being, but, "they do not dare to build the heart, because they know that the heart is a link between the higher worlds and that it must be sent to the person as a gift from the higher realms". (Other Worlds, p.235)

"When we stop and think about receiving as a gift, we instinctually want to say thank you... and to reflect on how we should use this gift. In the case of this legend, is there a better way to do both than to feel wide human sympathy for human pain and need - and increasingly strive to serve to improve the human condition? But our striving is not out of sentimentality or pity - but the capability to feel what every part of humanity undergoes... while feeling and seeing that all the conflicting forces ultimately serve the Great Life. This is the definition of compassion.

"In conclusion, and in the context of our study of prosperity, it is the Teaching of the Heart which brings us contact with the higher worlds and a more abundant life... and in that abundance, we serve. So on my birthday, I wish for each of us individually - and for the outcome of our group - that which is expressed so movingly from Leaves of Morya's Garden: "...My heart I give to thee O Lord... sacrifice it for the sake of the world."

- LS

What is the Ageless Wisdom?

"What is distinctive about the Ageless Wisdom is that it draws from an unlimited database of experience, experiment and revelation, both individual and collective. It is not restricted by doctrine, dogma or previous conceptions of what are thought to be true or real.

"It is a synthesis of wisdom and beauty, not a distorted syncretism. A syncretism is picking something from various traditions and gluing them together, like a human torso with a wolf's head, elephant legs, monkey's arms and a horse's tail. A synthesis is like a well-developed and graceful athlete or ballerina, with everything integrated and balanced, a beauty to behold. The Ageless Wisdom is internally consistent with a coherent logic that offers the most efficient and logical way to reconcile the paradoxes of the apparent contradictions in various traditions."

- BC

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*I am a point of light within a greater Light.
I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of
Love divine.
I am a point of sacrificial fire, focused within the fiery
Will of God.
And thus I stand.*

What do we have to give and what have we to sacrifice in order that we may give? These are the questions of initiation. What is our most precious resource? In what or in whom do we place our security? We know we must sacrifice the accumulated knowledge of the past in order to embrace the freedom that is the future. We know our security lies in the faith and wisdom of the higher worlds and our ability to give, which is also called our service activity.

In order for the group to answer the question of what we have to give, and what we need to sacrifice, each individual must first ask these questions of himself or herself.

*I am a way by which men may achieve.
I am a source of strength enabling them to stand.
I am a beam of light, shining upon their way.
And thus I stand.*

There is an old saying that says, “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder”, and commonly this saying is used to excuse what we believe is someone’s poor taste. We say it to mean that we don’t understand why that poor fellow thinks something is beautiful, but hey, each person has his or her own individual sense of beauty, right? However, when I think about it more deeply, it appears to me that true Beauty is the harmony of various forms in relation to our fundamental essence. I’ve come to understand that if beauty is in the eye of the beholder it is because the beholder has achieved this harmony within and has become so full of beauty that only beauty is reflected on the outside. There is naught *but* beauty for such a beautiful one, and this is the twinkle we see in Torkom’s eyes. This is the legacy he wants us to reach and to teach.

*And standing thus revolve
And tread this way the ways of men,
And know the ways of God.
And thus I stand.*

I hope you will consider sharing your resources with us, and providing feedback as to how we can best serve you as we continue to expand. Whether you give in the form of time, tithe, treasure, or inspiration, we appreciate all you do to support TSG and our efforts to preserve the inspired legacy of Torkom Saraydarian.

With Love,
Debbie George

(Debbie works at the TSG Cave Creek office in the accounting and orders department, among many other duties)

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A Letter To Our Readers

By Robert Constas



Dear Friends,

My name is Robert Constas. I was a member of the original group of students that met in Torkom's garage on Hayvenhurst Avenue in Van Nuys, California. This was in the 1960's. That is when I first met his eldest daughter, Gita Saraydarian, the President of TSG. She was a teenager then, both beautiful and smart. After Torkom left the physical plane, she pledged to continue her father's work and publish all his books, booklets and music.

Recently I learned about the financial crisis facing TSG. It is clear that TSG must grow by developing new strategies and reach out to a wider group, or it will have to drastically curtail its activities.

It would be a devastating loss to the world if this outer work had to stop. Torkom's genius was to clarify the abstractions of the Ageless Wisdom Teaching and to make the Teaching practical. He gave us a multitude of exercises, meditations and visualizations to assist us in cultivating our spiritual development, to improve our relationships and make us happier. He helped us to contact our hidden glory and to express it in beauty, goodness, righteousness, joy, freedom, striving and service to the common good. He showed how the Ageless Wisdom reveals the highest common denominators in all the major religions and how such an understanding can prevent the sectarian hatred and violence that threatens to engulf us.

For those of you who never met him, Torkom was a bundle of enthusiasm and energy with a bearing of piercing solemnity, yet always with a ready smile and a chuckle or laugh to relax us. He conveyed a sense of spiritual presence, and made us feel that the spiritual Hierarchy and the Christ truly exist here and now.

Gita and TSG continue to publish his works. She has my full confidence in her ability to carry on with this mission. I have seen her lecture and conduct seminars both in the USA and abroad. She has a wonderful and beautiful public presence that carries enthusiasm, joy and practical wisdom. She has a deep understanding of the Ageless Wisdom, high intelligence, two master's degrees, leadership skills, and organizational skills. She has attracted dedicated staff who each do the work of two people, and who receive

low salary with no benefits. It would be very difficult to replace them. She also has a core group of coworkers and friends, both in the USA and abroad, who are highly dedicated to continuing Torkom's work.

We cannot let Gita down and allow Torkom's unique work to fade into obscurity. The major problem we have is lack of funds to continue the nonprofit work of publishing his works. After his death, donations and book sales gradually declined. In addition, times have changed. Younger people do not attend lectures, seminars and read books the way the older generation of my age did. Instead, they read news from online sources on their computers and avoid newspapers and television news. They want to study online and need mentors and teachers who can communicate with them online.

As a result of these changes, TSG Foundation must reinvent its business while preserving the essence and integrity of the Teaching. This means TSG must develop new products, including web-based courses and publications, that can be a bridge between Torkom's books and the level of understanding of the intelligent public. TSG must develop new marketing capabilities for reaching a wider audience. This requires increased financial support. It is urgent, for we must publish the many books by Torkom that remain unpublished.

There is no reason why one needs to wait for tomorrow to help the Plan. Crisis presents its opportunities, and this one is no different. You don't need to wait for Transfiguration to help advance the good works of today's age - your contribution right now can serve the Plan today by keeping these works intact and available for the benefit of all future generations. This is a call to action and, if not heard and acted on, there may not be another opportunity for a very long time. We're not asking to build a castle or temple of personality worship, we are simply asking for group action for the threefold purpose of (a) publishing more works, (b) reaching out to a wider audience with the entire body of knowledge and (c) preserving the knowledge for future generations.

The estimated goal is that donations totaling \$200,000 will be needed to keep the doors open for 2009, reinvent the business, and continue publishing the books. This is a realistic hope. If only 400 people contributed \$500 each, we would achieve the

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fundraising goal. This crisis presents us with the exciting opportunity to be of direct service to our teacher through TSG, who has given us so much by making his work available to countless others in the future.

The intelligent reading public is hungry for the Teaching that inspires, clarifies and is practical. The Ageless Wisdom is what is needed, and in my experience, Torkom's books do the best in clarifying the Teaching and in making it practical.

Thank you for your past and current interest in the the Ageless Wisdom. It is a great feeling to have a part in contributing to a wonderful cause that will help create a more beautiful and harmonious future for the entire planet.

Wishing you greater joy in the service of the Teaching,

Robert Constas, M.D.

Torkom on Beauty

Beauty heals.
 Beauty uplifts.
 Beauty brings enlightenment.
 Beauty brings rhythm
 and harmony to your life.
 Beauty brings the power
 of renunciation.
 Beauty builds bridges
 between you and the
 creative forces in Nature...
 between you and Infinity.
 Beauty is the manifestation
 of Infinity.
 The finite transmutes itself
 into Cosmos,
 into Infinity,
 only through Beauty.

Excerpt: From My Heart, Volume 1

TSG Cave Creek Center Upcoming Events

Scorpio Full Moon



Sunday, November 9, 2008

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Expanding Our Service to Humanity
 Part #5 of 12

with Gita Saraydarian

Sagittarius Full Moon



Sunday, December 14, 2008

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From Gita

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate our 21st Anniversary, I remember all the great men and women who have come through our "doors" both physically and digitally! You are all so precious and so loved and appreciated. I could not have done anything without you. So, thank you from the depth of my heart for your friendships, patronage, and support.

All of us at TSG wish you and your family the most joyous Holiday Celebrations. We wish you abundant joy and health and wellbeing. May you be blessed in every way and have the Divine Guidance always with you.

As life takes all of us into new and challenging times, remember that generosity heals fear. It is exactly times like these that can bring the best out of us if we remember not to shrink back but to face the challenges head on and find the best ways to adapt ourselves to the new realities of life.

Maintain the inner, spiritual poise and stay courageous. All of us at TSG are holding ourselves in readiness to meet the challenges of the new year.

We are here to serve you and help you find the perfect tools for transformation. We look forward to continue serving you in the years ahead.

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