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Light From Darkness

New Year address from the Prolocutor General

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“And the Light Shineth into the Darkness, but the Darkness comprehended it not.”

1 John, verse 5

We have lived through a year like no other. We have experienced a worldwide pandemic, which shut down most of our daily lives in ways we have never experienced. We have also lived through climatic changes such as wildfires, and strong hurricanes. As we enter into the new year of 2021, we are expecting life to start to return to a more normal place. But will life ever return to what was, or are we going into a new phase of existence? Let us look at the Tarot through the eyes of Jupiter and Saturn for some clarification.

We understand that life goes through cycles, and we have completed another one of those cycles with the unification of Jupiter and Saturn on the winter solstice. These two planets have not been this close for about 800 years, and that was the beginning out of the dark ages into the Renaissance. Looking at Key 10, which is ruled by Jupiter, we can clearly see these cycles at work. In Tarot Fundamentals, lesson #23, Paul Case writes, “To Kaph, and thus to Key 10, the planet Jupiter is attributed. Astrology calls it the Greater Fortune. Myth makes Jupiter ruler of the gods, and, through their agency, master of the destinies of man.” When we learn to grasp the significance of the power or agency of Jupiter in our lives that these experiences are an extensive cycle of cosmic activity. The same lesson further explains this, “Carried to completion, such comprehension enable man to free himself from every **disease**, every misfortune, every semblance of bondage. The power of Jupiter, the sky-father, is man’s power.”

Looking at Key 21, ruled by Saturn, is also represented by Cosmic Consciousness. This is the Eternal Dancer, or first-hand knowledge of our identity with the One Power. Tav is the Hebrew letter attributed to this Key or the Administrative Intelligence. “Thus Tav represents the point of control at the CENTER or heart. Not the physical organ, understand, but heart in the sense of “midst, inmost core”. To get at the heart of your personal existence is to enter the Palace of the King. There the ONE SELF is enthroned. There the Lord of the Universe has His abode. There is the central point of authority and rulership, extending boundless influence throughout the cosmos. There, when the Great Work is accomplished, and the Father and Son are in perfect union, the New Kingdom is established and shall have no end.” Tarot Fundamentals, lesson #45.

Let us look at Jupiter as the Light, and Saturn as the Darkness. But we can't understand one without the other, for we understand our world through comparing one to another, in a dualistic system. Jupiter also represents expansion while Saturn is constriction. If we can see the year of 2020 as constriction of our lives, this directs our attention to the focus on moving within, to contemplate the current reality and our role in it, and to further our energy into moving through it in a calm state of mind, without fear of the unknown. The year of 2021 brings us into a lighter world of the pandemic dying away through the expansive quality of Jupiter.

This next year will bring us a newer and fresher way of living. The constriction of the power of Saturn brings us into the expansion of the power of Jupiter. We are like flowers under the snow of deepest winter waiting to explode into the Light of springtime. The year of 2021 is moving the collective consciousness of humanity into a higher level of expression through the cycles of darkness and light. As spiritual aspirants let us then stay centered in the Light of Cosmic Consciousness and dance through the dark night into the new awakening that we live in Love, Light and Joy! Remember that every circumstance we experience in this Path we call incarnate life, is to move us ever closer back to the Source of All. It is up to us how we react in times of great stress and challenge. We are given free will and choice, isn't it better to choose Love and Light than the other? Our reactions to all conditions and circumstances in our lives is the test we face each day. If we can face these experiences with strength, fortitude and understanding then we can face all obstacles in our path and become triumphant at the end of another cycle of completion, and further the evolution of our souls.

Let us then enter into the new year with the knowledge that the dark night of the soul has been passed through, and we enter into the full knowing that the Light shineth into the Darkness!

Shalom in L.V.X.,
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