

## A NEW WORLD

### *Approaching the New World: An Essay*

*"I affirm the Light of the future, which through various voices will ignite the entire world. I affirm the hour of difficulties as a trumpet call. I affirm the reunion of many divided members. I affirm the date of happiness which destines salvation for the world." <sup>1</sup>*

The New World is so close that we can begin to sense its emergence. Preparations ongoing for millennia have recently been accelerated by cosmic forces that are driving planetary change. The result is chaos and unrest around the globe, but also a growing readiness for the shift in consciousness that will propel us from the old world to the new.

The falling apart of a reality that had seemed permanent and unchanging has plunged humanity into an unfamiliar crisis: We have a growing need to find stability, while passing from the known into the unknown in a sea of turbulence. Feeling our way through this planetary transition, when outer sources of information are less than reliable, it is increasingly natural for the seeker to turn within to the light of the soul. The more we rely on this inner light, and the more we learn to trust the higher intuition, the greater the perception of how we can serve in this time.

Turning to the wisdom of the soul, we can recognize objectively what is occurring in our world and discern what is needed from us *collectively* to help usher in the New World.

*"One must wisely understand the final clash of the two worlds—the one that departs and the one that is born. Signs of madness can be seen in the first and of daring in the second. It must be understood how near the decisive time has come and how unitedly it should be met." <sup>1</sup>*

When consciousness ascends to the plane of the soul, we enter a world that exists at a higher frequency, where all of life is united through the medium of light. The separative appearance of physical matter that has shaped our separative thinking through the ages is no longer an obstacle to perceiving the greater reality. The

eye of the soul observes the wholeness and oneness that will underlie the birth of a new world civilization.

We, the human race as a whole, are facing an unprecedented challenge that must be met if we want to manifest a different reality. Creating a new world requires new ways of perceiving and thinking that lead to new ways of acting and being. To flow with the forces of evolution, humanity has to lift itself out of the quagmire of separatism and realize our inherent unity.

*"... Every mean and selfish action sends us backwards and not forward, while every noble thought and every unselfish deed are stepping-stones to the higher and more glorious planes of being."*<sup>2</sup>

When we live from the greater awareness of the soul, perception expands beyond the concrete visible world into the realm of light—the subtle realm permeated by the light of Spirit. On the material plane, the concrete mind is limited in awareness, as it recognizes only the outer form of things. In the consciousness of the soul, veils separating the realms of matter and spirit are removed and the light of a new world is revealed.

*"Before our eyes, the world divides itself. The new consciousness grows, unskilled, but full of daring. There is no power that could hold back the tide of the New World."*<sup>3</sup>

Evolution moves through time not only in cycles but also in spirals. With the spiritual awakening occurring on our planet, we are entering a higher turn of the spiral of evolution and a subtler dimension of Earth. The shift begins in the mind that becomes illumined by the light of the soul and this is now occurring across the globe. In the wisdom teachings, the birth of a new world—in the coming Age of the Soul—is part of a divine plan for Earth overseen by Great Beings who dwell within spiritual realms.

Thought currents steadily flowing from these higher realms are releasing new streams of insight and inspiration, generating the consciousness that will in time produce a new civilization. These higher influences are lifting us into a growing awareness of the Lord of the World—in whose folds we live, move and have our being—the Creative Force behind the birth of the new humanity. The inflow of Aquarian energies is releasing the limited, crystallising mind-set of

the old world and steadily revealing the new. Our collective task is to anchor the light of the soul in the soil of the New Earth.

*"For mind is like a mirror; it gathers dust while it reflects. It needs the gentle breezes of Soul-wisdom to brush away the dust of our illusions. Seek, O Beginner, to blend thy Mind and Soul."*<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Agni Yoga, *Heart*

<sup>2</sup> Blavatsky, Helena P., *The Key to Theosophy*

<sup>3</sup> Agni Yoga teachings, *Agni Yoga*, sloca 55

<sup>4</sup> Blavatsky, Helena P., *The Voice of the Silence*