

Group Avatar
The Newest Link in the Chain of Hierarchy

"Whenever there is a withering of the law...
and an uprising of lawlessness on all sides,
then I manifest Myself.

Lord Krishna

We are living in a time of great expectancy. Millions across the globe are praying for the Coming One—the Christ, Lord Maitreya, Imam Mahdi, or Messiah—to appear. Believers everywhere are calling for a savior to intervene in their lives and redeem the world.

What most seekers do yet not realize is that they, as individuals, have a vital role to play in bringing the Coming Avatar to earth and that when He appears, He will not come alone. The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul (DK)¹, describes the reappearance of the Coming One in the following passage:

...He Whom both angels and men await, will approach near unto this physical plane, He will bring with Him ... [those with] heightened vibration and superior knowledge...[to] unite their forces with those of humanity...²

Accompanying the Christ, who is the Coming One according to the Tibetan, will be Masters of Wisdom from the spiritual Hierarchy and Devas—ethereal “creative builders.” Their shared goal will be to bring the divine Plan into manifestation, but They will not work alone. As They move outwardly from subtler invisible planes into our dense visible world, Christ and the Masters of Wisdom will work openly with human beings. In fact, the cooperation of human beings is essential to fulfilling the divine Plan for the coming cycle of planetary evolution—the Age of Aquarius.

It goes without saying that before we can cooperate with Beings of “heightened vibration and superior knowledge,” we will first have to recognize the existence of the hierarchy of planetary Lives of which we are a part. The Tibetan Master teaches that “there is naught but Hierarchy,” which is defined as a steady progression from lower to higher states of being and consciousness. As humanity awakens—with the upward-turning of Earth in the spiral of evolution—we are challenged to recognize ourselves as part of this chain of Lives encompassing beings at many different stages of awareness. This recognition is especially important for all who are called to consciously play a part in materializing the grand design of the forces of evolution.

This Chain of Hierarchical Lives—lying behind all major events throughout history—has remained largely hidden except for the great Teachers and Avatars³ who have occasionally appeared on earth as isolated figures. This progression of lives is responsible for implementing a Plan that expresses the divine Purpose for a given epoch. What is totally unique about the present transition into Aquarius is that human beings (particularly the more conscious souls within the human race) are expected to

participate—*as a group*—in the hierarchical chain that will materialize the divine purpose for the new era.

The Tibetan Master designated this segment of humanity—co-laborers in the birth of the Aquarian Age—as the New Group of World Servers. Its ranks include both those who work esoterically to nurture the Plan into concrete manifestation, and the people of goodwill who devote their lives to alleviating the suffering of humanity and the other kingdoms in nature. This is not a group in the ordinary sense, with outer structure and form, but a cadre of individuals in every corner of the world who are called by their own souls to serve the greater good. Joined, connected subjectively on the plane of the soul, they form an essential link in the chain of Hierarchy that will become visible on Earth in the coming cycle.

The Role of Awakened Souls at This Time

In order to consciously participate in the externalization process already under way, it is important to grasp the fact that Realities previously invisible to human sight will be coming into outer, visible appearance as the new age unfolds. Beings of Light—members of the Spiritual Kingdom— Who for eons dwelt in spiritual realms will again walk among us, as They did in the distant past. These Teachers and Masters, we are told, were present during the time of Atlantis until the great deluge, known to the West as Noah's Flood, sank the entire continent.

The Master Djwhal Khul describes this time in pre-recorded history as a prelude to what lies ahead for us now at a higher turn of the spiral:

[In Atlantis]...there was no barrier between the Kingdom of men and the Kingdom of God. Divinity was then present in physical form and the Members of the spiritual Hierarchy were openly guiding and directing the affairs of humanity.⁴

Now, in the immediate future...on a higher turn of the spiral of life, this will again happen. The Masters will walk openly among men; the Christ will reappear in physical Presence.⁵

This powerful message is one that humanity needs to absorb consciously. Great Beings of Light will reappear on Earth, led by the Christ. Furthermore, as stated above, Christ will not return alone. The Coming One will be overshadowed by a Great Avatar—the Avatar of Synthesis.⁶ The overlighting presence of this great being of spiritual Power, emanating from a realm beyond the sphere of our planet, is already catalyzing the awakening of the New Group in advance of the Coming One.

Christ, the great Teacher, Savior, and Revealer of spiritual truth for Whom the whole world waits, has a unique mission to fulfill upon His return. This time He will personify the quality of divine Will, just as when He last appeared He personified self-sacrificial Love. As the embodiment of the redeeming Force of Will, He will galvanize the participation of countless other forces, ranging from Beings outside the scheme of Earth, to angelic presences and guides, to tens of thousands of awakening souls across the globe who fill the ranks of the New Group of World Servers.⁷ Members of the New Group, through acts of compassionate service plus “right cooperation, right preparation and right understanding,”⁸ are even

now conditioning the field of consciousness into which the Christ and Masters of Light will externalize. In so doing they act as intermediaries between the Hierarchy and humanity as a whole.

All who share a deep love of humanity, plus an awakening sense of responsibility for our planetary Life, play an essential role in calling forth the Coming One into manifestation. Many already sense the guiding Presence of externalizing forces in their lives. The next stage lies in realizing that it is our destiny—as human beings—to work under the direction of these Guides of the Race, Members of the Spiritual Hierarchy, to create a civilization and culture reflective of the higher stages in human consciousness.

Beyond absorbing the immensity of this emergent reality, and allowing it to shift our thinking, we also have to develop certain capacities of the soul. DK teaches that particular energies and qualities have to be evoked, nurtured, and established within all individuals who would help prepare the way into the new era. These spiritual potencies are referred to as “mediating powers of the soul.” The fact that they are an innate part of the higher Self makes them familiar to seekers from all true spiritual traditions. They are: *light*, *love*, and *spiritual power*, plus “*the power to relinquish*.”⁹

The *light* that humanity must develop is the light of higher knowledge and wisdom, plus the light of intuition which bestows a vision of new possibilities. The *love* that must be present is neither emotion nor sentiment but “the fixed determination to do what is best for the whole of humanity...at any personal cost...”¹⁰ The *spiritual power* referred to grows out of the soul’s capacity “to know the Plan” and work to further the Plan in cooperation with Those striving “to re-establish order on Earth.”¹¹

The power to relinquish is crucial to this work of preparation. It involves the capacity to relinquish old and outmoded ways that hold back spiritual progress. It is this “willingness to let all preconceived ideas and ideals go”¹² that allows for “spiritual fluidity” and counteracts the influence of “the reactionary types of people...[with] ultra-conservative and closed minds... who can and do hold back the hour of liberation.”¹³ By exercising the power to relinquish, we prepare the way for the externalization of the Hierarchy and help clear a path toward creating a new world under the direction of those higher Beings Who have ‘graduated’ from the human kingdom and entered into the Spiritual Kingdom.

A widening group of human souls is discovering the Path that leads into this higher world, along with the means and methods for aligning with the Source of our divinity. The stages of ascent into spiritual realms, and the practices that result in spiritual attainment, have been tried and proven true by all who have achieved liberation before us. Those Who have mastered the human experience and entered the councils of the planetary Hierarchy are the “just men made perfect”¹⁴ alluded to in sacred texts. They are the ones who come forth as Teachers and Avatars in humanity’s hour of greatest need.

The Will of God on Earth

When the Christ comes forth from the Kingdom of Souls to reappear on earth, two realities of the spiritual world will play a key role in his reappearance. These are *the technique of overshadowing*, to be utilized by the Avatar of Synthesis, and *the power of group invocation* to be wielded by the World Servers Group. The Christ, Who appeared in Palestine 2,000 years ago, is returning to walk among us as World Savior, but He will also be World Server—Head of the New Group of World Servers. Primary

among the Great Beings of Light and Power who are overshadowing Him, as He draws closer to Earth, is the Great Avatar of the First Ray (the cosmic ray of will and power), the Avatar of Synthesis. He is the embodiment of the principle of unification, the force that fuses separate parts into a living whole. We are told that this Silent Avatar, as He is known, has already descended from spiritual realms to the plane of mind, a dimension of Earth subtler than the dense physical plane. From there, this Avatar of Divine Will can work in close cooperation with the Christ Who will descend into physical incarnation to inspire and direct the Group of World Servers.¹⁵

The reason for this close relationship is that the Christ, when He reappears on Earth, will be carrying out a new mission on behalf of the center of Will and spiritual Purpose on our planet—Shamballa. He will be anchoring a new energy on earth—the energy of Divine Will. He will come as Head of the New Group of World Servers and will lead this group, comprised of individuals across the globe who are imbued with the spirit of goodwill—an energy resonant to the will and purpose of Shamballa for the coming age.

When Christ appeared in Palestine as World Savior, He embodied the principle of Sacrificial Love. He manifested the second ray energy of Love-Wisdom, as reflected in the commandment to love one another as brothers. Although His teaching to love one another is only now becoming manifest in the world, He comes to earth this time with a different mission: to work with the Chain of Hierarchy to manifest the Will of God. To achieve this goal, He will collaborate both with the Avatar of Synthesis and the World Servers Group. The Silent Avatar will empower Him with the First Ray energies emanating from Shamballa, which He, in turn, will distribute to all kingdoms in nature via the New Group.

It was near the end of his previous incarnation that Christ first registered the energies of Shamballa. As that lifetime drew to a close, He realized “the universal implications of His mission”¹⁶ while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Looking to Shamballa for direction, He spoke the words which for millennia have changed the lives of those who attempt to follow in His footsteps: “Father, not My will but Thine be done.” These words, which have found resonance in human souls throughout the course of the Piscean Age, can be heard as both a declaration of Christ’s surrender to the will of His Heavenly Father, and a request for divine assistance in aligning His will more closely with that of the Lord of the World.

With that declaration, Christ lay the ground work for His new mission in the Age of Aquarius¹⁷ and His collaboration with the Silent Avatar. The Tibetan outlines the purpose of this mission:

[The Coming Avatar Who embodies the Spirit of Synthesis]...is closely related to the Will Aspect of divinity, and His cooperation has been made possible through Christ's Own attainment along the line of the highest, spiritual will. He works under the great natural Law of Synthesis, producing at-one-ment, unification and fusion. His function (in unison with the energy of Christ) is to generate spiritual will in humanity, the will-to-good.¹⁸

Engendering the will-to-good within the human family is the higher purpose of the Great Chain of Hierarchical Energies that includes the Avatar of Synthesis, the Christ, the other Members of the spiritual Hierarchy, and the members of the New Group of World Servers. Each link in the chain, at its own level of awareness, expresses what DK has called: a “lasting devotion to the good of the whole,” and thus each is an aspect of the redeeming power of God. At each level of expression, beings of light

demonstrate a willingness to sacrifice for the greater good, giving selflessly in service to those above them in the chain of conscious beings and offering themselves in loving sacrifice to those below. In the coming age, their blended energies will manifest the purpose of The Lord of the World on earth, fulfilling the divine directive that issues from “the center where the will of God is known.”

A great variety of names and epithets have been given to the Lord of our Earth. They range from Melchizedek¹⁹ and the Ancient of Days of the Old Testament, to Sanat Kumara, called the Fountainhead of the Will of the Planetary Logos in the wisdom teachings. This planetary Lord embodies the Will Aspect of the first cosmic Ray, which Christ will bring into incarnation when He reappears. Sanat Kumara is the Ruler of Shamballa, the planetary head center, as Christ is the Ruler of the spiritual Hierarchy, the planetary heart center from which the subtle forces of love and wisdom emanate. As Christ reemerges from this center of love, He will be accompanied by Beings of will and power²⁰ with the aim of bringing the Will of Shamballa into manifestation on earth *for the first time*.

The Reappearance of Christ and the Group Avatar

In 1945 Christ made a decision to “return to visible Presence on Earth...earlier than had been planned.”²¹ That decision made possible the collaboration between the two great avatars. The Tibetan describes the symbiotic relationship between the Christ and the One Who will overshadow Him in the following passage:

As a result of Christ's decision and His "spiritual fusion" with the Will of God, the Avatar of Synthesis has become, for the time being, His close Associate. This is an event of supreme and planetary importance... Owing to the stupendous task confronting Christ, the Avatar of Synthesis will fortify Him, and He will be buttressed by this "Silent Avatar" Who (to speak symbolically) will "keep His eye upon Him, His hand beneath Him and His heart in unison with His."²²

Just as Christ has been empowered by the Avatar of Synthesis, He, in turn, empowers members of the new group of servers in His role as “Nourisher of the Little Ones.” As head of the planetary Hierarchy, He fulfills this responsibility by preparing candidates for the first initiation into the spiritual kingdom: “the Birth of the Christ in the cave of the Heart.” He nurtures *the spiritual consciousness and life* of the spiritually-minded people of the world, moving them forward onto the spiritual Path—preparing them, collectively, to become instruments for the transmission of higher energies into the denser planes of Earth. The growing visibility of the band of light-workers around the world is an outer manifestation of His inner plane work.

The more sensitive members of this band of workers are becoming aware of the energies of the two Avatars acting as One. The Christ and the Silent One work through all who have awakened spiritually, inspiring those whose hearts are open with an increasing capacity for love, and impressing those whose minds are “held steady in the light” with a deeper awareness of the unfolding Plan. These individuals are distinguished as mentally polarized, integrated, and soul conscious, having been prepared by lifetimes of experience to respond to the impulse of the True Self. They are on the path to becoming

accepted disciples, able to work consciously with the divine Plan under the guidance of the Hierarchy of Light.

These advanced souls are increasingly aware of being part of a larger group, the New Group. Their group awareness is critical to the plan in these unprecedented times. The energies of “The One for Whom the whole world waits” (the Force of the two Avatars working in synergy) are of such great potency that they cannot be safely transmitted through individuals working in isolation. These “terrific potencies, which emanate from Shamballa,” must be stepped down and distributed through the chain of servers to become effective.

This method of *group approach* is the same method utilized by the Hierarchy when members of various ashramic groups convene in conclave to approach Shamballa. It is a method that ensures the right distribution of higher energies into denser frequencies. Implementation of this group method is well underway in the world. Groups of servers who recognize the magnitude of world need are already reaching out to other groups of like mind, forming aggregations of increasing potency that can be utilized to “absorb, share, circulate, and then distribute energy.”²³ In so doing, they are creating the conditions for the inner ashrams²⁴ to externalize.

The Tibetan Master, writing in the mid-20th century, anticipated this time of inter-group relationships. He offered a vision of groups collaborating in the future (the time in which we are now living) with the goal of invoking a new manifestation of Divinity. This vision was based upon the spiritual legacy left by the Buddha, the Christ and other Avatars Who inspired world religions in the past. The influence of Those Who left “the stamp of their lives and words and teachings...upon the race,”²⁵ has persisted for millennia, paving the way for a new type of approach to the spiritual world.

Avatars of ages past have made possible the appearance of a “group avatar” in the coming era. Christ, in particular, paved the way through contact with Shamballa. He recognized the need to build “a deeper relation” with that center of planetary purpose, which He referred to as “the Father's House.” He recognized that love had to be empowered by will within all spiritual workers. He expressed this idea when He said: “Greater things shall ye do, because I go unto the Father.”²⁶ The result of this higher contact, the Tibetan Master tells us, was “such an inflow of spiritual strength, insight and creative accomplishment in men, that their deeds would surpass His.”²⁷

The Tibetan expands on this idea:

It was the “angel, born under Capricorn” which came to Christ in the garden of Gethsemane and fused His individual will into the divine Will and thus enabled Him to carry out His mission to completion. This was not only the revelation of divine love to the world but—as the legend in the Masters' Archives goes on—He came “to fabricate the gossamer thread which bound the two together and linked the place of the Most High (Shamballa) with the Holy City (The Hierarchy). The bridge between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was securely anchored. The will of God could now be carried to fruition.”²⁸

According to the Tibetan, the time has now come to build the next span of the bridge to connect the Holy City (the Hierarchy with Christ at its Head) with the Outer Court—the world of humanity where the New Group of World Servers is now emerging. By adding this span to the bridge, the purpose of God, held sacred in Shamballa, may be given form in the outer world through the World Servers Group. This group works, even now, under the guidance and inspiration of the Coming One as a channel for a new revelation to be given to humanity. As the capacity of this group to link the inner and outer worlds grows, the idea of a group avatar may become a reality in the world. Yet this idea is a new one and the potential of such a group remains unknown. So it is that DK presents the concept of group mediation in the new era through a series of questions for us to reflect upon:

What will be the effect of the message of a group Avatar? What will be the potency of the work of a group of knowers of God, enunciating truth and banded together subjectively in the great work of saving the world? What will be the effect of the mission of a group of world Saviours, not as Christs, but all knowers of God in some degree, who supplement each other's efforts, reinforce each other's message, and constitute an organism through which the spiritual energy and principle of spiritual life can make their presence felt in the world?²⁹

What—the Tibetan Master is asking us—will be the effect of a living organism comprised of agents of goodwill acting together as a link in the chain of the hierarchical Life of our planet? We may wonder whether the formation of such a group is even possible. DK assures us that it is, and that it came into existence, in embryonic form, during the 20th century.

Such a body now exists with its members in every land. Relatively...they are few and far between, but steadily their numbers are increasing and increasingly their message will be felt...they are the builders of the new age.³⁰

As we move further into the 21st century, members of the New Group of World Servers are becoming increasingly more visible, as was foretold, in every land and in every field of service. It is our collective task to “usher in the New Age”³¹ by aligning with the Will of God and radiating the transforming energy of goodwill and the will-to-good.³² All who are a part of this group, this potential group Avatar, are called to “stand in spiritual being” in order to evoke the Coming One. Acting in mutual resonance as “knowers of God,” we can become the necessary span in the Bridge for the externalization of the Hierarchy on Earth. It is our appointed task to transmit “light and power...under the inspiration of love, to build the new world of tomorrow.”³³

¹ Known as “The Tibetan,” Djwhal Khul was a fifth degree initiate of the Ageless Wisdom on the Teaching Ray. He worked telepathically with Alice A. Bailey to produce **the books Alice Bailey** affectionately known amongst esoteric students as “the blue books.” Profoundly learned, He is one of the Masters who trains disciples to work with the divine Plan in service to humanity. He has been called “the Messenger of the Masters.”

² *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I, p. 123*

3 Avatars are the embodiment of divine principles, such as the Light of Wisdom of the Buddha, or the
4 Sacrificial Love of the Christ.
5 *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p. 121.
6 *Ibid.*
7 The Avatar of Synthesis is a Great First Ray Avatar, known as the Silent Avatar. For further explanation
8 see the text below.
9 The New Group of World Servers is a group of awakening souls who are subjectively linked because they
10 share a common purpose. Each member recognizes the call of the soul to be of service to the world
11 (consciously or unconsciously), in cooperation with the unfolding Plan.
12 *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 276.
13 *Ibid.*, p. 279.
14 *Ibid.*, p. 277
15 *Ibid.*
16 *Ibid.*, p. 279
17 *Ibid.*, pp. 278-79.
18 Hebrews, 12:23.
19 DK tells us that both the Christ, and the Silent Avatar Who overshadows Him, will transmit the energies of
20 will into the world. The Christ—Who has transcended the human kingdom (the center of active
21 intelligence on earth) to head the planetary center of love-wisdom (the spiritual Hierarchy)—will transmit
22 the energies of Divine Will from Shamballa (the center where the will of God is known). The Christ—a
23 second-ray avatar—will be “buttressed” and fortified in the expression of first ray energy by the Silent
24 Avatar of Synthesis Who is the embodiment of Ray One. He, the Spirit of Synthesis has been invoked from
25 extra-planetary levels to overshadow the Christ and the Spiritual Hierarchy on inner planes to bring will
26 energy into living demonstration on Earth. See footnote 22.
27 The sense of universality is a “specific potency” embodying the will-to-good. According to the Ageless
28 Wisdom, it will come into manifestation on the physical plane during the Aquarian Age.
The Aquarian Age is associated with group consciousness, which is the same as soul awareness. It is the
time in which the soul of humanity will awaken, revealing the interconnectedness of all human beings on
the level of the soul. Recognition of our shared humanity leads inevitably to service to the greater good.
It is for this reason that service is said to be the keynote of the coming age.
The Reappearance of the Christ, p. 77.
Melchizedek, or Malki Tzedek is translated as “my king (is) righteous(ness).” He was known as the king of
Salem—the Place of Peace—Shamballa in the wisdom teaching.
Among Those Beings of Light and Power who are working in close cooperation with the Christ in
preparation for His return are the members of the First Ray Ashram of the Master Morya, the Manu
(prototype of the current root race—the 5th), and a triangle of overshadowing Entities—The Silent Avatar-
The Sprit of Peace and the Buddha—all of Whom convey the influence of first ray energies associated with
Shamballa.
The Christ arrived at a “point of decision” (as it is called in hierarchical circles) to return to earth following
a nine year period of deep reflection (1936 to 1945) during the World Wars. See *The Reappearance of the
Christ*, p. 69.
The Reappearance of the Christ, pp. 77-78.
Ibid., p. 68.
An ashram is an inner group of disciples working under the direction of a Master of Wisdom. It is
essentially a reservoir of thought embodying the Master’s vision of the part that the group can play in
fulfillment of the divine Plan.
A Treatise on White Magic, p. 329.
John, 14:12.
The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, p. 602.
Esoteric Astrology, p. 633.

²⁹ *A Treatise on White Magic*, pp. 329-330.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, p.330.

³¹ *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p. 78.

³² DK makes a distinction between the two. The will-to-good is the Father aspect, whereas goodwill is the Mother aspect. Through the relation of these two, the Christ, working through the World Servers Group, will found the new civilization based on sound spiritual lines. See *The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 110.

³³ *The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 233.