

The Spiritual Caravan

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The Seven Transcendent Weeks and the Violet Fire Cauldron

The seven most transcendent weeks of the whole year begin at Thanksgiving and continue until two weeks after New Year's. The approach of the Christmas holidays brings the radiance of the angelic host and the Presence of the Ascended Masters, particularly that of Jesus, much closer to the consciousness of the people of Earth.

Because this season is the most advantageous for the Ascended Masters' Spiritual Harvest, they press into the seven-week period all the Light that Cosmic Law will allow; therefore, the intensification of the calls and invocations of the chelas at this time doubles and triples the Masters' opportunities to give. Consequently, we are encouraged to lift our thought Heavenward, especially during Christmas Week itself, thus giving the Masters a personal blessing to amplify their ability to radiate to the Earth even more.

In late November, the Christmas Spirit begins to flow over the Earth like a golden rain of beautiful particles of Light, increasing in power until Christmas Eve, when its potent presence is almost palpably felt by even the coarsest outer minds. Each particle is like a nine-pointed star, and the entire lower atmosphere of the Earth, including the bodies of all humans, is enveloped in it. The flow, which is actually the outpouring of Love and all the perfect qualities from the Angels, Masters, and other Divine Beings, increases steadily for about seven weeks, until around the 14th of January, when the conclave at the Teton Retreat ends. Then, this outpouring continues to be absorbed throughout the rest of the year. The Maha Chohan tells us that, at this time, "the atmosphere of Earth is literally 'star-dust' which the people breathe in, unconsciously filling their inner bodies with a sense of ease, peace, and happiness, which they attribute to the 'Spirit of Christmas.' "

The Christmas Season offers humankind one of the greatest opportunities for soul and spirit growth that the whole year affords, and when one is aware of this potent force, it can be greatly intensified in and around you. You can **invoke** this radiant outpouring, as the electromagnet draws particles of substance from the atmosphere into itself, thus drawing the substance from God's Kingdom to feed the evolving spiritual nature of your being.

One of the most beautiful activities connected with the closing of the yearly cycle is the ceremony whereby the Lords of Karma close the individual Book of Life for every lifestream in embodiment upon the Earth, during the past twelve-month period. This ceremony is of particular interest and benefit to students of the Ascended Masters. It takes place on the last evening of the old year (another dictation says the ceremony begins on December 28 and continues until New Year's Eve) in the Violet Fire Cauldron above the Teton Retreat.

This very important activity gives every lifestream connected to Planet Earth the opportunity to transmute any karma accrued during the previous twelve months, provided such karma was not a result of willful intent. This action is performed in order to allow humankind to be freed from a portion of the errors and mistakes made in the past year, not so much through willful disobedience to the Law, as through lack of discernment, discretion, and discrimination. In other words, the mitigation of evil effects relates only to those whose causes are motivated with no evil intent. Here, the Violet Fire is allowed to dissolve and transmute the accumulation of discord that has been created during the course of the previous year (*discord without vicious intent, without malice, and through ignorance*).

If it were not for this yearly purification, humans would, within seven years, destroy their minds, bodies, and possible useful service for that embodiment. *This type of karma can be as much as 50% of the total karma allotted to a person during this embodiment.*

Because of this action of mercy, people enter the New Year with much greater freedom from the limitation and bonds of their own creation. This merciful procedure of the Karmic Board, commenced millions of years ago, after the fall of man, accounts for the lightness with which individuals enter the New Year—filled with hope, resolutions, and a strongly-embedded desire to improve upon their nature, character, and manifest expression. For that purpose, at the end of each year, there is created, by the builders of form, what you would describe as a lake, about a thousand feet in diameter, circular in shape, and filled with deep, Violet Fire. Into that Lake of Violet Fire, the inner bodies of every individual belonging to this planet step, before the end of the year, and each one is literally baptized, one might say, in its purifying essence.

After the Lords of Karma have measured the Light of the lifestreams, each one is then placed within the ceremonial Fire of purification, which is projected and sustained under the direction of the beloved Master Saint Germain, with the help and sustenance of the Angelic Kingdom.

White-robed figures of the angels of mercy, wearing deep bands of purple on the sleeves of their garments, stand all around the edge of this circular sea of Violet Fire. Individuals in their inner bodies approach, most of them in a somnambulant state, completely unconscious of their surroundings, but all drawn here in their etheric bodies, by the magnetizing power of divine love and mercy. As these figures step upon the dock, each of them is approached by two of the angelic figures, who take it by each side, lead it into the Violet Fire, and bathe it carefully in the flame, even to the head. This submergence of the entire body is performed very gently, three times. When the individuals are led out, they are given into the charge of the angels of protection, who return each individual to his/her physical body, staying with it, until there comes a certain sense of relief and release from the pressures of the past year. This baptism is not a "one by one" performance. Many souls are submerged at the same time.

When the chelas of the Ascended Host enter the Violet Fire Cauldron, there is the cooperation of the mental and emotional bodies, and these individuals enter the Sacred Fire with a realization of its power. Students are invited to bathe within this purifying fire, not once, but often. The angelic host will welcome you back as often as you care to come. There is no such thing in the Ascended Masters' realm as weariness, exhaustion, or depletion in service. Every time you come for a blessing, they are more happy than before; so let us utilize the opportunity and remember that the Violet Fire is made available through the life energy of the beloved Kwan Yin, Saint Germain, beloved Zadkiel, and beloved Holy Amethyst.

Humankind has no idea of the amount of energy it takes to make a mighty cauldron of flame, a thousand feet in diameter. It requires an almost limitless amount of concentrated power and attention to keep that Violet Fire at such a vibratory rate; so that no matter what type of energy is passed into it, it never sinks below its purifying state. One of these great beings is in constant attendance to render that service and assistance.

The Twice-Yearly Petition Process

Twice a year, when the Rocky Mountain Retreat (Teton Retreat) is open, students of the Ascended Masters may submit petitions to the conclave that meets there. The petitions are plans that assist in fulfilling the divine plan for this planet and for widening the borders of the Kingdom of Heaven. This article lays out the step by step process of submitting and working with petitions and gives you some background to the events that take place at the retreat. The following excerpt is by the Lord Maha Chohan, and it vividly describes what happens at the half-yearly meetings and the petition process itself.

"The exact procedure followed by an individual, a master, or a group of dedicated beings who are to apply to the Lords of Karma for dispensations of mercy, is somewhat as follows.

"The Master or bold member of the race receives a divine inspiration in the quietude of his own God contemplation. He recalls it again and examines its possible worth as a means of fulfilling the divine plan and widening the borders of the Father's Kingdom. He then develops and matures this idea in his mind and nourishes it with the love and strength of his own feeling nature. If he is a member of a retreat, he will no doubt present this proposal to his brothers, and it will be incorporated in the group petition of the retreat at the great council. If he is working independently, he may prepare this petition, and upon entering the Teton hall, give his scroll to the being (the Keeper of the Scrolls, editor) who is in charge of placing them on the great bulletin board which is situated outside the audience chambers.

"This enables many lifestreams to acquaint themselves with the proposals that are to be presented, and if they find merit and interest in any particular petition, they are allowed to place their names on the scroll, this signifying to the Master sponsoring the petition that the lifestream so signing is willing to support the measure, at such time as the Karmic Board will hear the petition and ask for the presentation of individuals who will back such proposals, release the energies required to fulfill them, and cooperate according to the best of the individuals' powers and capacities in forwarding such a cause for world good.

"The retreat or individual being sponsoring such a cause is then assigned a private meeting room, and here they are free to entertain the members of the race and the Brotherhood who have signified an interest in their

proposed plan. Thus, the representatives from the retreats of the world, as well as the individual Masters, spent the first 15 days of their stay at the Rocky Mountain Retreat in gathering constituents for their cause, knowing full well that when they have the opportunity to present their plan before the assembly, the number, nature, and capacities of those who stand as voluntary supporters of such a cause will determine the final extent of the grant given them and the freedom with which they may exercise their powers in drawing on the universal cosmic storehouse of energy to make that cause appear on the screen of form as an effect worthy and lasting in merit.

"When the Karmic Council sits, each retreat and individual is called forward in successive order, according to rank and purpose, and given the opportunity to present the proposed petition before the entire assembly and the members of the human race who have been magnetically drawn in to the atmosphere. After hearing the proposal, one of the members of the Karmic Board always asks the sponsors to call forward as many lifestreams, ascended and unascended, as have offered to dedicate a portion of their individual energies to such a cause. Besides the individuals which the sponsor has secured through his concentrated preliminary meetings, at the public presentation usually a goodly number of those present, who have either arrived too late, or who have not been interested enough to read the petitions of the Brothers beforehand, will rise and join the ranks of one movement or another. Then, the Karmic Board deliberates on the potential good which will be effected by such an investment of cosmic energies in the particular cause before them. Their measure is the amount of good that can be effected with regard to the development of the individual God flame and the evolution of the planet and not so much with the temporary comforts or pleasures of the people.

After the cosmic grant is given to the sponsor, he must endeavor to launch his movement on the flood tide of the spiritual energies dedicated to his cause by the Cosmic Board. Thus, after the July and January meetings, while the spiritual tide is full, there is at inner levels always a tremendous impetus in the world causes which will benefit the race as a whole.

"If the retreat, the Master, or the individual does not secure much support from the voluntary energies of the race, his grant from the Cosmic Board is small, and he must wait the opportunity at the next meeting to increase the interest of the people, or if the Board feels the service can be superseded by another of greater merit, he cheerfully and willingly gives up this proposed idea, and either enters into the activities of some other member of the Brotherhood, or, in time, evolves another idea which will perhaps be more pleasing and beneficial to the evolution of the race at that time.

"When the final grants have been made, and the retreats, Masters, forces of the elements, and human beings have been given the sanction of the cosmic court to proceed, each returns immediately to the center of his own sphere of influence and sets into motion the most intense activity whereby the cause he serves may quickly find fruition in the world of form. This very important, for he is called upon to report on what he has done with the grant of energy given him by the cosmic council at the next half-yearly meeting, and if he has not availed himself of it, his future grant will be limited thereby." (*Thomas Printz' Private Bulletin, Book 1, Beloved Maha Chohan, July 15, 1952, Pages 19-21*)

Here is a concise set of guidelines, from *Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, for the student who wishes to submit a petition to the Karmic Board.

1. Before writing down the petition, the student should enter into communion with his God-Self and examine his motive.
2. The petition should benefit a number of persons, rather than just one individual.
3. It should be written down in ink or typed.
4. The student should re-read the petition in the evening, before going to sleep, to impress the plan upon his brain consciousness and his etheric consciousness, as well.
5. Then, the student should mentally direct the petition to the Bulletin Board of the Keeper of the Scrolls. As a matter of courtesy, this should be done before the retreat opens.
6. The petition should be burned at the end of the month, since its purpose will then have been achieved. (*Ascended Masters and Their Retreats, Page 405*)
7. Please, also note that "during the 1950's, the Masters repeatedly asked the students to prepare petitions which, if approved, would greatly further the progress of the human race. Such petitions may

be given by an individual or as a group. Generally speaking, petitions formulated as a group are more effective since, typically, a group has more spiritual momentum than an individual has, acting alone." (*Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, Page 405)

Now that you have an idea of the activities that unfold at the half-yearly meetings, here is the schedule of activities that will guide you through both the petition process and the meetings themselves. Werner Schroeder, in the book, *Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, tells us that the Karmic Board meets during the half-yearly meetings "at the end of December and in June, to pass on petitions submitted by the Masters and the students. There is no set timetable for the meetings (of the Karmic Board, editor). Typically, the meetings begin on December 26, but they may start, depending on the workload, as early as December 18. For the same reason, the meetings may last until January 4, at which time the decisions are handed out." (*Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, Page 404)

TIMETABLE AND AGENDA OF THE HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS

December 15 – January 14 and June 15 – July 14: Meeting of members of the Great White Brotherhood and the Karmic Board.

December 15 and June 15: Last day for students to send in their petitions.

December 15 and June 15: Keeper of the Scrolls places petitions of students on a giant bulletin board.

December 15 and June 15: Typically, the Ascended Masters arrive on this day. They study the petitions of the students and add petitions of their own.

December 16 and June 16: The Masters consult with each other. Sometimes petitions are co-mingled for greater effect.

December 18 and June 18: Earliest day for meeting of the Karmic Board. Usually their first meeting day commences on December 26 (June 26). Petitions are heard. A messenger from the Central Sun or the two being governing the Central Sun (Alpha and Omega) are present, in person.

First Saturday after December 15 and June 15: Transmission of the Flame Service. All members of the Brotherhood, who are present at the Teton Retreat, participate in this service.

December 26 through 31 and June 26 through June 30: Chelas of the Ascended Masters meet in groups or individually, to support the petitions.

December 28: First day of the Violet Fire Cauldron. All mankind is bathed in a giant lake of Violet Fire. Karma received during the past year, that was not obtained by willful intent, is removed. Students may be bathed several times. This activity will be completed on December 31.

December 31 and July 1: Students burn their petitions.

January 1: Two Ascended Masters are selected to act as Sponsors of the Year. Thereafter, the Thoughtform of the Year is presented, by the Planetary Silent Watcher, to the Lord of the World. This thoughtform contains the divine plan for the Earth for the new year, and it is contained in the form of a symbol (such as the Freedom Flame or a golden sheaf of wheat).

By January 4 and July 4: The Karmic Board announces which petitions have been approved.

January 7 and July 7: The meetings end. On or about January 7, the Lord of the World returns to Shambhalla and selects the retreats to be open during the year. Retreats are chosen that best express the God-virtues of the thoughtform. The Hierarchs of the retreats obtain this information from the Lord of the World and contemplate how their retreat can best contribute to the divine plan for the year.

(*Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, Pages 402-403)

Some last thoughts about petitions – the criteria as to whether they are granted or not granted by the Karmic Board – from *Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*.

1. The Light (accumulated, constructively-qualified energy gathered during all of the embodiments of the student or group of students.) This includes the energy qualified in the form of decrees, songs, and visualizations.

2. The condition of the inner bodies and physical body of the student. Are they sufficiently developed and reliable enough to be counted on to fulfill the vow?
3. The specific good that can be accomplished.
4. Whether or not a particular group of Ascended Master students is meeting at the same time as the Karmic Board. The Masters pointed to two examples of groups who actually were meeting and had a tremendous effect. One of the groups referred to was the Philadelphia Christmas class.

"Saint Germain explained in the Bridge to Freedom Journal, 'WORKING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH US, IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS, AT THE SAME MOMENT, SIGNIFIES THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL MILESTONE OF THIS ERA. IF UNASCENDED BEINGS WOULD CHOOSE TO GIVE THEIR ENERGIES AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE ARE PRESENTING THE PETITIONS TO THE LORDS OF KARMA, WAVE AFTER WAVE OF HARMONIOUSLY-QUALIFIED GOD-LIFE, FLOWING FROM THE HEARTS OF MANKIND, WOULD BEAR WITNESS TO MANKIND'S WILLINGNESS TO STAND BEHIND EVERY DESIGN AND PLAN THAT THE BROTHERS MIGHT PRESENT. THEN, THE LORDS OF KARMA COULD NOT, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, REFUSE ANY SUCH PETITION, AND TREMENDOUS DISPENSATIONS AND GRANTS COULD BE EFFECTED.'

5. The energy that will have to be contributed from the universal storehouse of energy, to further the specific goal of the petition. If the petition is important, the Karmic Board matches the energy the petitioner is offering, thereby doubling it.

... "If the petition is granted, then, the effort of the petitioner is reviewed at the next meeting of the Karmic Board. The petitioner must return with a full report, explaining how he used the energy granted by the Karmic Board, in furthering the goal of the petition.

"From this we learn that THE MAIN CRITERIA FOR GRANTING THE PETITION, TO HELP THE PROGRESS OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE, IS DETERMINED BY THE PERSISTENT SELF-EFFORT OF THE ASCENDED MASTER STUDENTS OF TODAY." (*Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, Pages 407-409)

Will you serve with us for the benefit of the human race and our beloved planet?

Examples of Petitions submitted by individuals:

- Petition for the Victory of Mother Mary's petition to purify the incoming Illumined life streams and all children destined to come to Earth in 2008 through physical birth.
- Petition for a list of the Ascended Master Retreats which will be open during 2008 and future years.
- Petition for the freedom of elementals trapped in destructive storms; for the adjustment of atmospheric currents to sustain the Cosmic Peace; and for the transmutation, purification, and Ascended Master control of all energy in the gas belts within the Earth.
- Petition for all monetary and human efforts required to translate the Bridge to Freedom books into all languages, to print and distribute these books to bookstores and public reading areas, and into the hands of all those sincerely and unselfishly seeking the Truth.
- Petition for of all monetary and human efforts required to manifest a Research and Education Center in the U.S. for the Ascended Master Teachings.

Examples of Petitions submitted by Ascended Masters

January 1952: (Journal 1, p.23)

- Dispensation to dissolve the mass cause of war at inner levels.
- Dispensation to dissolve the cause, effect, record and memory of atomic warfare
- To grant consecutive memory to incoming lifestreams pure enough to be the builders of the new age
- Petition to save England from sinking during the cataclysmic changes
- (*Dictations*, p. 287) Prince Oromosis petitioned to remove elemental life submerged in decaying forms where there seems to be an incurable disease, that those lifestreams may be taken out quickly and their karmic suffering transmuted by application on behalf of the elementals, themselves.

For more examples see *Dictations*, pp 286-287.

Examples of Granted Petitions: (*Ascended Masters and Their Retreats*, p. 409)

- Approx. 1926: Dispensation granted to Saint Germain (I AM Activity)
- Nov. 8, 1938: Dispensation granted that makes it easier to obtain the ascension.
- 1951: Bridge to Freedom Dispensation, obtained by El Morya, supported by Saint Germain.
- 1953 Dispensation obtained by Archangel Michael. Relatives of Founding Members of the "Bridge to Freedom" are granted the Ascension
- December 1954: Mother Mary, supported by members of the Philadelphia Group of the Bridge to Freedom, obtains approval that hundreds of thousands of babies, who otherwise would have been born deficient in mind or body, could be born perfectly.
- 1955, as printed in September issue of the *Journal of the Bridge to Freedom*: Petition approved which makes it easier to obtain the ascension. In order to ascend, it is no longer necessary that ALL of the individual's karma be transmuted. The required amount of karma to be transmuted to gain the ascension has been lowered to 49%.

A CALL TO ACTION!

AMTF Chelas:

Look at the spectacular accomplishments of a small, united group of chelas, known as the Philadelphia Group, working with the Ascended Masters in the 1950s. The most critical time they met was while the Karmic Board was in session from December 26 through December 31. The following list reminds us of just some of their manifestations at that time and throughout the years:

- The eruption of a Hawaiian volcano was prevented;
- Destructive etheric records of the Civil War were transmuted, the discarnates who lost their bodies in the Korean War, WWI and II, and the Spanish American Wars were removed and placed in school rooms;
- Incoming life streams had 18% of their karma removed; human veil was dissolved by 37%.
- Unprecedented Violet Flame temples were established in the lowest of the astral and psychic realms.
- Hundred of thousands of elementals have been permanently freed from distorted forms in bodies of dwarfs and gnomes; mass pressure of animals who kill to live was decreased by 18%;
- The incoming Holy Christ self of younger generations was lowered from age 12 to 10 (Archangel Michael *The Law of Precipitation*, pp. 216-220).

Working together with the Ascended Masters in groups and as a team, we too can and will accomplish even more! In December, the greatest Council of planetary Solar Lords, Cosmic Beings, the Karmic Board, Ascended Masters, and angels ever assembled meets at The Teton Retreat in Wyoming to make planetary decisions for the next year. Let us join them!

While the Karmic Board meets, from December 26 through December 31, let us unite individually or in our groups, with decrees, songs, and visualization. Saying the words is not enough. Let us fill our lower bodies and the atmosphere with Saint Germain's great feeling of *enthusiasm* for the Light. Let us manifest the dispensation to know the open retreats on a monthly basis. Let us offer our decrees for Mother Mary's purification of incoming souls. Let us call for the transmutation of elemental life. Let us command the translation, publication, and expansion of the original Bridge to Freedom Teachings into all languages and into every corner of our beautiful, magnificent planet Earth that Saint Germain has named "Freedom's Holy Star!"

Remaining TFS this year:

Shamballa Retreat, November 17, 2007

Teton Retreat, December 15, 2007

SPECIAL DAYS IN 2008

January 1

Karmic Board meets. A new Book of Life is opened for the coming year. The Lord of the World

receives, from the Planetary Silent Watcher, the thought form for the coming year. According to this thought form, it is decided which retreats will be open during coming year. Retreats that are open EVERY year are the Teton Retreat (June and Dec.), Resurrection Temple (Easter) and Shamballa (Thanksgiving)

- January 4 The Karmic Board completes action on the petitions of the Ascended Masters and the chelas.
(This action may occur 2 days earlier, depending on schedule)
- January 19 **Special Ceremony**
- February 16 **Special Ceremony**
- March 17 Saint Patrick's Day_
- March 15 Opening of the Resurrection Temple (Depending on the time Easter falls)
- March 15 **The Transmission Flame Service** First Saturday after opening of Resurrection Temple
- March 23 Easter Look at calendar first Sunday after first full moon on or after March 21
- April 19 **Special Ceremony**
- May 1 St. Germain's Ascension Day
- May 8 Lord Gautama's birthday and the day of his enlightenment
- May 17 **Special Ceremony**
- May 19 Wesak Festival – Kashmir Valley. (First full moon in May)
- June 15 Opening of the Teton Retreat. Final day for students to prepare petitions (typed or written in ink). The petition should be for improvement of world conditions. As a balance, the chela offers additional service.
- June 21** **The Transmission Flame Service** First Saturday after opening of Teton Retreat
- June 23 Ascension Day of Geraldine Innocente
- July 1 Karmic Board meets, chelas burn their petitions
- July 4 Karmic Board completes action on petitions of the Ascended Masters and chelas
(This action may occur 2 days earlier, depending on schedule)
- July 19 **Special Ceremony**
- August 15 Mother Mary's Ascension Day
- August 16 **Special Ceremony**
- September 20 **Special Ceremony**
- September 29 Day of Adoration to Archangel Michael
- September 30 Angelic Harvest at Shamballa
- October 18 **Special Ceremony**
- October 31 Elemental Harvest at Shamballa
- November 15 Opening of the Shamballa Retreat
- November 15** **The Transmission Flame Service** First Saturday after opening of Shamballa Retreat
- November 27 Thanksgiving Day 4th Thursday of November
- November 30 Mankind's Harvest at Shamballa
- December 15 Opening of the Teton Retreat. Final day for students to prepare petitions for the Karmic Board,
- December 20** **The Transmission Flame Service** First Saturday after opening of Teton Retreat, exception, if retreat opens on a 15th, the TFS will be performed on a 15th
- December 25 Christmas
- December 26-31 Students decree to support petitions of Ascended Masters and their own petitions
- December 28-31 Lake of Violet Fire over Teton Retreat. Karma is transmuted for transgressions committed in the past year, provided these acts were committed without malicious intent.

The Maha Chohan on Christmas Trees: In an address given on 13 December 1953 (Bridge to Freedom Bulletin) the Maha Chohan tells us that the Masters “take particular pleasure from the beautiful display” of lighted Christmas trees. He also states that “many a Christmas tree has a Master standing by its side, giving that tree new radiance, warmth and light”. He adds, “...when people are through with the trees, it would be a good idea to burn them (if at all possible) rather than throw them carelessly aside. They have been lightbearers and should be returned to the flame when their service is ended”.