

War in the Age of Aquarius

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Dear Friends,

One of the nice things about living in a country born under the Sign of Cancer, and founded by Freemasons is that it is easy to believe that you are living in a 'Hermetically Sealed' environment. However be it Turtle Island or the back of the Crab, the shell is not impenetrable, and the dream of isolation comes to an end as nations like individuals often receive a wake-up call from life. For the United States of America, this wake-up call was on September 11, 2001. Yet unlike a phone call from the desk clerk, a wake-up call from the Cosmic is never a single, simple message.

The messages of 9/11 were many fold, but can be summed up in several points:

1. The United States and Europe have been at war for nearly 25 years with terrorist organizations and states that want to see the destruction of Israel and the United States as their goal. From 1981 to 2001 there were 7,581 terrorist attacks worldwide killing and injuring a significant number of people.
2. America has traded its culture for consumerism, and from its mass consumption has become dependent on unstable sources of energy for its continued rush into the economic, environmental, cultural, and spiritual abyss.
(See: http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/082304_million_depletion.shtml)
3. The majority of the world, outside of Western Europe, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and North America are difficult and at times very dangerous places where life is hard, short, and often brutal by Western ideals and standards of ethics and morality.
4. There are forces within the United States at both extremes of the political chasm that seek to take advantage of this unstable situation for their own advancement and without genuine concern for the greater good or the rule of law.
5. Most importantly, pretending the above do not exist doesn't make them go away. As much as we might like it to be otherwise, we do not live on an island anymore.

While many want the war in Iraq to end quickly, as it is a drain on our national treasure, talent, and moral, it must be clear to our readers that the withdrawing of American forces will not end the war. Militant Islamic forces supported by a complacent, or terrified Islamic majority, will not stop until their goal is reached.

In the September 27, 2004, issue of *Time Magazine*, appears the article *The Enemy With Many Faces*, by Michael Ware. Below is a paragraph from that article:

On one tape, a man named Sheik Abu Anas al-Shami, one of al-Zarqawi's key

commanders and a member of the organization's religious committee, preaches that any nation built on secular principles is "in the light of Islamic law a tyrannical infidel and blasphemous state." Anyone associated with it, he continues—especially soldiers and police, whether or not they are good Muslims—may be murdered, as "they do not represent themselves; they are means in the hands of the tyrants." Even Muslims "who pray" may be slaughtered to punish the Iraqi government or U.S. forces. "If the infidels have good people among them, and our fighting against them necessitates annihilating these good people, we are permitted to kill them because we are ordered (by God) to do so," he says. (See: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1101040927-699341,00.html>)

The United States, Western Europe, increasingly Central and Eastern Europe, and almost all of the technologically advanced and developed countries are secular states based on the rule of law and reason. Individuals may have a spiritual practice if they chose, but there is no obligation to undertake one, or a specific one for that matter.

We are blessed with the ability to read, write, and practice as we chose. This doesn't apply under Taliban rule, where the giant statues of the Buddha in Afghanistan, two of the world's great spiritual treasures were destroyed. Nor does it apply in many parts of the world. We are blessed to believe, not believe, or not to be concerned either way about it.

This very idea is the foundation of our country and liberal democracies everywhere, and in the words of the above cleric, are "in the light of Islamic law a tyrannical infidel and blasphemous state." It is no wonder then that Freemasonic lodges should be attacked along with the democracies they have helped to establish. Not only are governments targets, but institutions of personal freedom and liberty as well. (See: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldlatest/story/0,1280,-3845722,00.html>)

Practical esotericists must make no mistake about this. No matter where you are, not matter what your affiliation, be it Rosicrucian, Martinist, Golden Dawn, or any variation, you are seen as part of the "Masonic Conspiracy" making you a 'legitimate' targets for terrorists. Simply being quiet and 'below the radar' is not enough. It did not keep Stalin, Hitler, Franco, Mao, Petain, or many others from shutting down lodges, imprisoning members, and killing the leadership.

In addition, Iran continues its nuclear development programs, as does North Korea, a nation that is starving, yet maintains the world's fourth largest standing army. North Korea has missile technology that may allow it to reach the West Coast of the United States, definitely placing Japan, Alaska, and Hawaii at risk. Iran has missiles that allow it to threaten all of Europe, essentially holding it hostage if it so desired. (See: <http://www.antiwar.com/pat/?articleid=3427>)

Loose nuclear technology is rampant across the former Soviet Union, and given recent events in Southern Russia with the murder of school children, there is every reason

to believe that the people involved would use whatever weapons they had to achieve their goals of death and destruction.

These people must be stopped, and the causes that gave rise to such blind rage addressed and rectified.

Currently HR163 has been introduced into the House of Representatives, and its companion bill S89 in the Senate. These bills would re-introduce compulsory military or government service for all men and women between the ages of 18 and 26. Be clear on this: there will be no deferments for higher education. There will be no long vacations in Europe or Canada, repatriation will be enforced. (See: <http://thomas.loc.gov/> . Type in H163 for the bill to appear.)

War is upon us, troops are need, and it is our sons and daughters that are being called.

As you look at the face of your child, do not think for a moment that he or she is too young to be called. This is a 'long hard slog' and is against an entity and idea, not a nation state. It has no core, no leadership to surrender, or capital to capitulate. The very idea must be obliterated. Its emotional support from the populous removed. New, fresh, life enhancing ideals must take its place.

Yet each of you who read this letter, because of your esoteric studies, believes, or hopes, that war is never inevitable nor desirable. That more peaceful ways can be used to settle disputes.

History has shown however that non-violence only works with civilized societies. China crushed Tibet, and despite 40 years of non-violent resistance, there is no sign of Communist forces leaving anytime soon. The 800,000 dead in Rwanda were for the most part non-violent. Many killed in the Balkans were prisoners, or civilians. The 12 to 15 million that perished in Hitler's ovens were non-violent. So too with the 30 million who died under Stalin. The list goes on.

However, the choice is not always between violence and non-violence; between a pacifism that creates bloodshed or shedding the blood of another. The choice is between actions done preventively, and actions done reactively. To date, the majority of calls for spiritual action against the War in Iraq and occasionally terrorism as well have been reactive. If WE, and this means YOU dear reader, are to prevent this conflict from spreading any farther, it must be fought and won where it started - in the invisible planes, in the hearts and minds of human beings.

Make no doubt about it, this war is a war colored by the Age of Aquarius, and it is a brutal battle for control of the human mind, and as such, its soul.

This is a war against fundamentalism.

Islamic fundamentalism would destroy Western Civilization and impose a 6th century religion on its own people. Christian Fundamentalism that would exploit the current situation to bring on its vision of the Apocalypse. Jewish Fundamentalism that would see the world go up in flames for the creation of the Greater Israel. Secular fundamentalism that would have us believe spiritual values and practices don't really matter, and are an obstruction to true progress, and that people have no responsibility for their actions and are just victims of one kind or another.

This is a war against complacency.

The idea that one person can't make a difference, when one person is all it takes. Battles are lost and won based on the actions of a single soldier. Congressional Medal of Honor winners all exhibited exceptional heroism in the face of near certain death. Many turned the tide of battles, at the time not knowing if any of it was worth it or not, they simply did their duty.

This is a war for individual freedom and the notion of human rights as being universal and not culturally relative.

But with that freedom comes individual responsibility. How well we are able to respond to the crises we currently face will decide how worthy we are of our personal freedom.

For practical esotericists, this is a call to action. To meet together for common cause, and to drop the petty bigotries that have separated so many practitioners into competing sects for so long.

Each and every one of us must take time daily to address the moral, ethical, and spiritual corruption within ourselves, our communities, and our nation. We must also take time to generate feelings of good will, love, compassion, and gratitude for the benefits we have, and the desire to maintain them in a safe, whole, and firmly established democratic system of government. One need only look at recent scientific studies using double and triple blinds, on the power of prayer to heal physical diseases to see the proven scientific power of intercessory prayer on human wellness. (See: <http://lkm.fri.uni-lj.si/xaigor/slo/znanclanki/dukeuniv.htm>)

We must, as was done in recent history, draw a 'Ring Not Pass' around our lands, invoke the ancient guardians of the circles, and tell evil, it has no place here, nor anywhere.

We must send forth our thought forms of a peaceful world, so that we can be the generation that turns their 'swords into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks' and that our children do not know war anymore.

Now is the time to practice what you preach, to do anything else is spiritual treason.

During the Second World War, Dion Fortune sent out instructions to her students on how to imagine specific images to assist in the spiritual aspects of the war, and to protect the Home Islands. This information has been dealt with in *The Magical Battle of Britain* by Gareth Knight. Dolores Ashcroft-Nowicki, a descendent of the same school, discusses a similar ritual called 'The Guardian' in her book, *First Steps in Ritual*. For decades, the Rosicrucian Order (AMORC) maintained a small, and often unnoticed practice called *Medifocus*, designed to send specific thoughts and inspiration to chosen world leaders. The *Martinist Generalist Ritual*, designed to be performed at the Equinoxes, is similar to a Roman Catholic (and some Protestant services) Mass, in which divine energies are called upon and directed into the aura of the world to help stabilize and balance it. This is nothing new, simply not done often enough, or by enough students.

The Institute for Hermetic Studies is preparing a paper based on the principals presented in these works along with additional information we have, to assist those who understand that undertaking this work is their solemn moral obligation and duty, and that to forsake it is to send their children into the Jaws of Moloch.

Sincerely,

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