

## A NEW WORLD RELIGION - THE SCIENCE OF INVOCATION AND EVOCATION

### INTRODUCTION

A new world religion probably comes quite far at the bottom of the list of good ideas for many people nowadays. Certainly in the west many turned their backs to religion and the possibility of an existing God. They perceive the world and everything in it, such as themselves, as well as the whole universe more or less as random phenomena without any meaning, which however must be scientifically explained. So they turned their hope to science, which is mostly restricted however to the materialistic paradigm in which there is no place for a God, or other invisible things like the soul, a spirit, the etheric vehicle, etc.

This vision creates in itself a lot of unsolvable problems but that is not the topic of this paper. Here I will try to make a case why a new world religion is a good idea by investigating what is meant by it according to Master Djwhal Khul (DK), worded by Alice Bailey, how it will be brought about, and the role of the science of invocation and evocation in it.

### WORKERS IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION

One of the seed groups (the sixth) of the New Group of World Servers (NGWS) works in the field of religion. Its work is to *formulate the universal platform for the new world religion*. This group is a channel for the activity of the second ray of love-wisdom, that of the World Teacher which is at present the Christ.<sup>1</sup>

The workers in this group constitute the platform of the new world religion along the following lines:

1. Transcendental *Mysticism*: the direct experience of the spirit of God, both transcendent and immanent, and His relation to us, human beings; the method of approaching God via the soul.
2. Transcendental *Occultism*: the demonstration of the divine qualities of the forces in nature and in human beings; learning the method of utilizing those forces for divine purposes.
3. Transcendental *Religion*: demonstrating that Humanity as a *whole* is a complete expression of Divinity; that the work and the nature of the planetary Hierarchy is divine; how these two groups (Humanity and Divinity) can approach each other in group form.<sup>2</sup>

### PREVENTING A RELIGIOUS WAR

Following these three lines and building upon them will overcome, in the end, the contemporary mess the many false interpretations and competing practices of religion have created. The present situation is very dangerous as the discourse between the different religions has the potential to develop into the religious war DK has warned about. The present war in Syria and the many crises in the surrounding Middle East countries could very well be the herald of such a dire situation.

DK describes in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* (EOH) some necessary things that have to happen to prevent such a war, such as: *“The reorganisation of the world religions—if in any way possible—so that their out-of-date theologies, their narrow-minded emphasis and their ridiculous belief that they know what is in the Mind of God may be offset, in order that the churches may eventually be the recipients of spiritual inspiration. (...); Preparation for a revelation which will inaugurate the new era and set the note for the new world religion. (...); creating a much closer relation between the Hierarchy and Humanity; this will lead eventually to the externalisation of certain of the Ashrams, and later to the appearance of the Hierarchy on earth, bringing the new revelation.”*<sup>3</sup>

He adds on this the following warning: *“If none of these things happen, humanity is headed towards a religious war which will make the past war appear like child's play; antagonisms and hatreds will embroil entire populations and the politicians of all the nations will take full advantage of the situation to precipitate a war which may well prove the end of humanity. There are no hatreds so great or so deep as those fostered by religion.”*<sup>4</sup>

But further on he gives a hint for the solution: *“This incipient war is contrary to the will-to-good of the Lord of the World and any world plan; it can be averted by goodwill. This is the most important statement in this message, as far as humanity is concerned.”*<sup>5</sup> With the practising of goodwill humanity has to pull itself out of the present chaotic and dangerous situation.

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In EOH is also made the hopeful statement that *“the new world religion is nearer than many think”* because *“the theological quarrels are mainly over non-essentials, and the younger generation is basically spiritual but quite uninterested in theology.”*<sup>6</sup> And further on: *“Therefore, in the new world order, spirituality will supersede theology; living experience will take the place of theological acceptances.”*<sup>7</sup>

And in *The Reappearance of the Christ* (ROC) is stated: *“The world today is more spiritually inclined than ever before. This is said with a full realisation of the generally accepted idea that the world of men is on the rocks spiritually,*

*and that at no time has the spiritual life of the race been at such a low ebb. This idea is largely due to the fact that humanity is not excessively interested in the orthodox presentation of truth, and that our churches are relatively empty and are under public indictment as having failed to teach humanity to live rightly. These affirmations are distressingly true, but the fact still remains that human beings everywhere are searching for spiritual release and truth, and that the truly religious spirit is more fundamentally alive than at any previous time.”<sup>8</sup>*

So, according to DK a new world religion will certainly come and it will be based on four truths:

1. *The Fact of God.* This means the recognition of the fact of God; the central Reality that can be called by any name for it cannot be defined or conditioned by names. Consciously or unconsciously all men recognize God (Transcendent or Immanent).
2. *Man's Relationship to God.* Inherent in the human consciousness—inchoate often and undefined—is a sense of divinity. "We are all the children of God."
3. *The Fact of Immortality and Eternal Persistence* (the Law of Karma or the Law of Cause and Effect). The spirit in man is undying, it forever endures, progressing from point to point; with that inner conviction we face death and we know that we shall live again.
4. *The Continuity of Revelation and the Divine Approaches* (e.g. through the Buddha, the Lord of Light, and Jesus Christ, the Lord of Love; and the Christ is expected to return again). All the planned work of the Christ is tied in with spiritual revelation and the need of man for God and for God for man.<sup>9</sup>

The new world religion will lay emphasis on the Full Moon periods, especially the three major ones (Aries, Taurus and Gemini usually in April, May and June) but the other ones as well. During these periods group meditations will be performed building a relation between the work of the Christ and of the Buddha in the minds of spiritual people everywhere. Eventually this will lead to the linking of the East and the West and to an intimate relationship between the four major world religions: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism.<sup>10</sup> In their present form the old religions are labeled as “*dead and gone*” by DK. They have served their purpose. He also reckons Judaism (by which he refers to Zionism) among them, which he calls “*old, obsolete and separative and having no true message anymore for the spiritually-minded people.*”<sup>11</sup>

The new world religion will be inaugurated by the Christ himself who will return for that. “*The motivation for this reappearance is complete and settled. It is clearly perceived by the Christ. The work initiated by Him two thousand years ago must be completed; the new world religion must be inaugurated; the needs of a demanding, invocative humanity cannot be ignored; those steps which precede a stupendous hierarchical initiation in which the Christ is the leading Participant must be taken; the events which are symptomatic of the*

*"time of the end" may not be delayed."*<sup>12</sup>

## THE SCIENCE OF INVOCATION AND EVOCATION

The seed concept of the new world religion will be embodied by the science of invocation and evocation. For bringing this science into practice humanity has to become mentally polarized (focused, oriented) which is not the case yet for the majority. Religion still is strongly driven by emotions. Christ, in the person of Jesus, came 2000 years ago to demonstrate the Christ-consciousness. Since then this is a very important goal for humanity to achieve.<sup>13</sup> We are told by DK that more people than we think already took the first initiation where the "babe of Christ is born in the heart". With this birth the germ of Christ-consciousness is seeded within the man. But much remains to be done after that. DK makes the analogy with the disciple Jesus who spent many years between the birth (first initiation) and the baptism (second initiation). *"The remaining three initiations were taken in three years."*<sup>14</sup>

The same goes for humanity. Men have to walk the narrow path between the pairs of opposites (positive and negative emotions) and must find a balance on this path by learning to mentally detach themselves from their emotions and become mentally polarized. Then they will be able to practice the science of invocation and evocation, which will take the place of the emotional polarized prayer and worship. The word "science" here doesn't point to the purely rational and often cold and heartless analysis of the materialistic scientists, but to *"the intelligent organization of spiritual energy and of the forces of love (that) will evoke the response of spiritual Beings Who can walk openly among men and thus establish a close relation and a constant communication between humanity and the spiritual Hierarchy."*<sup>15</sup>

The Science of Invocation and Evocation is primarily a great scientific activity that is related to thought power and to thoughtform building. Prayer is the dim, faint and inadequate expression of this.<sup>16</sup> Invocation is the *appeal* and evocation is the *response*. A significant example of this is the annual appearance of the Lord Buddha at the Full Moon of Taurus – called the Wesak festival – evoked by the mutual effort of group invocation by the aspirants and disciples all over the world. The lesser ever invokes the higher, and higher factors are then evoked and respond according to the level of understanding and the dynamic tension displayed by the one who invokes. So, for evocation one does not work. This word simply connotes the response of that which has been reached. The task of the lesser aspect or group is invocative, and the success of the invocative rite is called evocation. One is only truly invocative when personality and soul are fused and functioning as a consciously blended and focussed unit. Then the radiative power of the invocative subject is strong enough to become a real magnet for the evocation of the higher powers.<sup>17</sup> In this last sentence is given an important thought for consideration: *"Invocation*

*is related to radiation. Evocation is related to magnetism.”*<sup>18</sup>

Humanity, via the aspirants and disciples, invoke or call on the Spiritual Hierarchy thereby evoking their response. This is however also a reciprocal effort. Humanity could not be invocative were it not that the Spiritual Hierarchy (including both Shamballa and the planetary Hierarchy) is evoking the spirit of man. The invocative cry of humanity is evoked by the invocation or Sound of the spiritual hierarchies.<sup>19</sup> Man's responsibility however is to invoke the Hierarchy. An effective means for this is *the Great Invocation*<sup>20</sup>, given to humanity through Alice Bailey in 1945. This is said to be used daily by hundreds of thousands of men. If this amount is still correct I don't know but I am certainly one of them. This technique of invocation becomes much stronger when used in a triangle whereof three people have agreed to be part of. They each connect daily in thought with their two fellow members while speaking out loud the Great Invocation. Each member can do this in his/her own time and in his own space. Triangles can be formed with three people in three different continents. Every time one of the members is calling the Great Invocation the light, love and power of the Hierarchy is evoked in a strengthened way by the connective power of the triangle. This triangle work is initiated by the Lucis Trust, founded by Alice Bailey, and is still functioning with three offices in London, New York and Geneva.<sup>21</sup>

There are three stages of work the personality has to do before it can successfully work with the technique of invocation and evocation:

1. The building of the antahkarana: the bridge between the personality and the soul and between the soul and the Hierarchy. This bridge is being built by regular and persistent meditation (thought), study (words) and service (action). The broader this bridge the stronger the invocation of the personality can evoke the desired response of the soul and the stronger the invocation of the soul can evoke the desired response of the Hierarchy.
2. The correct use of the lower mind in its two higher functions: the holding of the mind steady in the light and the creation of the desired thoughtforms. With this a clear intention is set, by which *“is not meant a mental decision, wish or determination but the focussing of energy upon the mental plane at the point of greatest possible tension.”*<sup>22</sup> This point of tension is increased by the processes of creative imagination and visualisation. *“The more potent and the clearer the visualisation process, the more beautiful and strong will be the process.”*<sup>23</sup>
3. The process of precipitation or projection whereby the impression eventually will take tangible form. *“This is a combination of will, further and continued visualisation, and the use of the ray Word of Power.”*<sup>24</sup> An example of such a Word is “I see the greatest Light” for the second ray of love-wisdom, the soul ray of many of the aspirants and disciples.

Invocation is not only an active call or appeal from the lesser subject onto

something higher, it also is an *inherent urge* towards the light which is innate in all forms and which is the cause of all progress or pushing forward along the path of ever expanding consciousness and penetration into the light. Examples are a plant pushing its way out of the darkness of earth into the light of the sun, a child extricating itself under the life impulse from the womb of its mother, the human being pushing himself towards greater knowledge and more effective physical living, the aspirant driving forward from gaining knowledge to sharing Wisdom, and the disciple penetrating into the realm of soul light and life. This evolutionary pushing forward out of darkness into light, from the unreal to the real, and from death to immortality, is an inherent urge in all forms. This relates to the not yet understood and therefore mysterious Life principle.<sup>25</sup>

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

A new world religion is, according to DK, nearer than we think. It will certainly come (the question only is when) and replace the old, obsolete and separative religions who became dangerous to men by their increasing fight over non-essential things. This fight creates the risk of a global religious war that has the potency to terminate humanity. This must be prevented by the practicing of goodwill, the reorganization of the world religions, and by creating a much closer relation between Humanity and the Hierarchy.

Such a closer relation will be brought about by the science of invocation and evocation. This is the science of intelligently making an appeal (invoke) by a lesser subject to higher energies and forces thereby triggering a response (evoke) from the latter. A yearly example of this is the yearly appearance of the Buddha in the etheric field of the Earth during the Taurus Full Moon (the Wesak festival) due to the group appeal by the aspirants and disciples. The Buddha is evoked by this group invocation.

This science of invocation and evocation is the seed concept of the new world religion and it is very important that the aspirants and disciples work persistently and consistently on a daily basis and in group-formations to bring this science into manifestation. This will evoke, in the end, the reappearance of the Christ who will inaugurate the new world religion.

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<sup>19</sup> Freely summarized and translated from RI, p. 76

<sup>20</sup> The Great Invocation:

From the point of Light within the Mind of God  
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.  
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God  
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.  
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known  
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—  
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men  
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out.  
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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