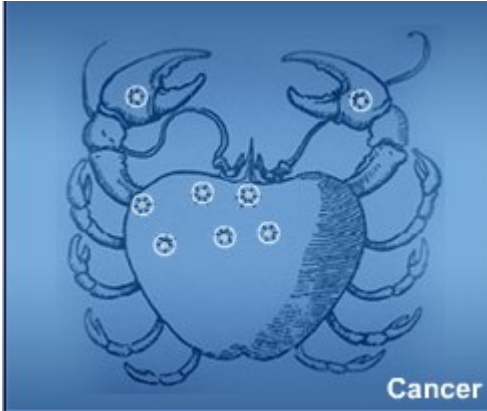


## The Festival of Cancer



### Keynote – Cancer:

*“I build a lighted house  
and therein dwell.”*

I = Soul

*“The sign of Cancer is well known as the gateway into form life. As such, it is linked with the experience of mass consciousness, deep materialism, and spiritual blindness. But it also gives opportunity to those who are awakening as souls to build a lighted house of purpose and freedom. This sign therefore carries deep meaning for everyone, for we are all in the process of incarnation. But is the house we are building yet lit, or is it still a dark prison? If lit, it will attract to its light and warmth all who are around us, and the magnetic pull of the soul, whose nature is light and love will save many.”*

## FESTIVAL OF CANCER

- Sarah McKechnie

Entrance through the gate of Cancer into outer manifestation is the taking of a form of some kind. This is a cyclic process of birth, death and rebirth, or reincarnation, and it's governed by spiritual law. Without the taking of a form and the need to respond sensitively to a material environment, the soul would never awaken to knowledge in the three worlds. It would never know God in manifestation. Yet, the problem which seems to be unique to the human kingdom, and not to the lower kingdoms which also incarnate in forms and which also experience birth and death, is the human tendency to become attached to the form itself rather than the life or spirit manifesting through the form. This endows us with a deep instinct to "self-preservation"—to the manifesting of life in form no matter at what cost.

The Tibetan says "Rebirth, in truth, is a magical and magnetic interplay between the form side of life and life itself. This interplay is consciously undertaken by the soul which is the product of the two related factors" (life and form). Too often the purpose of rebirth is mistakenly thought to be for the achieving of perfection—that if perfection in form hasn't been achieved, the soul must return. Yet, the soul on its own level is already perfect. It doesn't need a form to realise its perfection. The main pull upon the soul to return is the will to serve and sacrifice on behalf of the Plan. And for the realisation of this purpose, groups reincarnate cyclically and together.

History offers a fascinating study of group rebirth. One pair that comes to mind in recent history is Yeltsin and Gorbachev,

born only a month apart in the same year and both playing powerful, influential roles in the emergence of that great nation Russia from the grip of totalitarianism. Although they appeared to be and no doubt believed themselves to be diametrically opposed on certain major issues, perhaps as souls and as members of a greater group-soul involved in the evolutionary development of Russia, they shared a closer partnership than they realise. Shall we take a moment to examine our own lives and relationships for identification of our fellow souls-in-incarnation who constitute our group.

Rebirth is not about perfection but about light. The light of Cancer is diffused, unfocused—the "dark light" of matter awaiting stimulation from the soul's light. Through repeated experience in form, the diffused light of Cancer is vivified, awakens and manifests as consciousness in form. The keynote of Cancer, with is "I build a lighted house and therein dwell." The house is often a symbol for the self—for awareness of identity. There is a beautiful passage from *Esoteric Astrology* in which the Tibetan touches on the meaning of the keynote: "This sign can carry deep meaning to all. You are in process of incarnation; you are following your chosen way. Is the house you are building yet lit? Is it a lighted house, or is it a dark prison? If it is a lighted house, you will attract to its light and warmth all who are around you and the magnetic pull of your soul, whose nature is light and love, will save many."

To build a lighted house means to become aware and accountable for oneself, and this is a stage of the Path that can be very painful. The inpouring light of the soul brings previously unrecognised traits

and shortcomings to the surface—to the light of consciousness—where they can be claimed and redeemed. Increasingly on the world scene, we see this phenomenon of previously hidden sins coming to the surface, when "all things shall be shouted from the rooftops". We live in such a time now, hearing more and learning more about what had previously been hidden—safely tucked away out of sight and out of mind—in our society. But it's a necessary stage and only a stage, leading to greater transparency and clarity and purity.

Cancer has much to do with consciousness; it governs mass consciousness, the progression being from mass consciousness in Cancer to self consciousness in Leo and group consciousness in Aquarius. As we look at the world today, there are signs that the mass consciousness of humanity is rising, awakening. One example is the tsunami that struck southeast Asia, which evoked such a massive, heart-felt outpouring from people all over the world. The power of the response was that it came from people, not governments—from human beings one by one who responded voluntarily out of love and compassion for the suffering of fellow human beings. Another example, or two really, is the protests that erupted in Ukraine and Lebanon against oppressive external forces that became intolerable intrusions into the right of the peoples of those nations to be self-governing. The uprising came not from political parties or elements within the government but from the people themselves: the "masses".

One more example: last month some co-workers and I toured the United Nations in Geneva. The guide took us into one of

the conference rooms where, he said, negotiators had spent thirty years hammering out an agreement on the rights of the child. It struck me, when I heard that, that this is as it should be; that perhaps humanity has reached the point in its evolution where right action has to come as a result of humanity's self-chosen initiative, without imposition or coercion, even if it takes thirty years to reach an agreement. This is the slow path towards the goal, but some goals require a real shift in consciousness, as in the case of a formal recognition of human rights, to be ratified by nations with their consent, one by one. In such cases, time and patience and education are needed in order to make impact on the mass consciousness and awaken the sense of self-determination and group responsibility.

This shift is underway on a global level now, thanks to mass literacy and the growth of communications. As we work now in our meditation, let us hold this thought in mind as we visualise, in the higher interlude, the three planetary centres—Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity—gradually coming into closer alignment. And in the lower interlude, let us hold the vision of a mass awakening within humanity, for this is what is needed to create the "Pathway of Light" for the Christ.

### **Seed Thought:**

*"I build a lighted house  
and therein dwell"*

## Full Moon Meetings - Cancer -

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Keynote:

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