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2. Italy: Carving new paths from pandemic to Brotherhood

Hi, everyone. It is a great Joy to be here, together, to saturate Space with our united Work and commitment "to lift humanity's load", in Service to the hierarchical Plan.

3. I am transmitting from a town in North Italy, in Lombardy, as we know one of the most damaged and struck by the pandemic phenomenon, the point where it started in the West.

In extreme synthesis, we could say that this great karmic opportunity we are all facing, and its dharmic solutions, are definitely accelerating our entrance into the Age of Aquarius, which – from our point of view – it will be astrologically sealed by a very important solar rhythm,

4. by the **conjunction between Jupiter (Solar Love&Wisdom) and Saturn (Solar Light and creative Intelligence) in Aquarius**, occurring in this incredible year 2020 for the first time since 1404! For the next 180 years we will have Their conjunctions in Airy Signs, and for 4 times in Aquarius before 2200.

Many times this great conjunction between heart&mind, love&light, in the outer and inner heavens has been put in evidence, yet the more we approach it (on November heliocentrically, and on December, at the winter solstice, geocentrically) the more we can feel its potentiality and potency, its significance in terms of a unique and decisive turning point for the planet, an *Aquarian Renaissance*,

5. prepared as we know by the deflagrating conjunction between Pluto and Saturn (1st and 3rd Ray) in January 2020, around the Capricorn full moon; this is the heliocentric march of planets - a destructive and reforming huge impulse whose effects geocentrically exploded in the western world with the entrance and transit also of Mars in Capricorn, around mid February, and now expanding globally with Mars in Aquarius. Considering that Mars will stay for many months in Aries, squared to the deep Planets in Capricorn till **January 2021** when it will join Uranus in Taurus square then to Saturn and Jupiter in Aquarius, we could expect a real release **from February 2021**...but hopefully before!

We can really assert, with a united breath and unified rhythm, that this historical moment of planetary and human life requires, at the dawn of the Aquarian age and given the gravity of the internal and external pressure of world events, the urgent conscious reorganization of our common life on this wonderful Planet, on pain of deranging, with a knock-on effect, our well-being or environmental, health, economic, mental and spiritual Ecology.

6. **Nations**, the very living *organs* of the *collective Unity* which is Humanity as a planetary Center and organism, are ever more driven by the evolutionary Law, despite the apparent prevailing separativeness, to relate to one another through increasingly comprehensive systems towards *organic globality*. In formal terms of social aggregation, humanity has in fact seen its progressive organization from tribes to cities or regions, then nations and international relationships: that is, from isolated and local units to a *potentially single interactive community*.

At present mankind still needs the Law of Pain to recognize and realize it, as we see throughout the planet; but we move – slowly and yet at an accelerated pace – towards the ideal of *right human relationships*, which embodies the primary Idea of the Age of Aquarius: **Brotherhood**.

The *isolated Units* of the One Humanity, the **Nations**, must today rise to their planetary or spiritual function, to ensure that the global Organism is *safe and sound*, at the Service of Evolution. (The initiative of the *Esoteric United Nations*, for example, responds to this urgent need and direction of planetary Service.)

Nations are presented by the esoteric Teaching as a temporary form of manifestation of human races and sub-races, those septenary centers of the 4th human Hierarchy

7. ("over the lapse of centuries — nations are reborn several times or come into incarnation in a new form which we may call a period, if unimportant, or a civilisation if significant and dramatic enough ... there is a magnetic interplay between countries (territories) and the nations which occupy them." – DN 67&72). Nations are actual living, magnetic and conscious *collective Units*, equipped with a more or less manifested Soul or higher nature, a more or less integrated Personality and a body of territorial expression.

As we know from the Destiny of the Nations, for some Nations a 'motto' is also indicated, which sets their mission with a view to global evolution.

8. Well, as many of us will know, for **Italy**, a tiny Nation yet so beautiful and so *resounding* in the last two millennia, and in the past months also sadly famous all over the world, the motto is *I carve the Paths*.

Here is an interpretation of it by a great Italian disciple, Enzio Savoini:

"According to the Tibetan Master, the motto of the Italian nation is: 'I carve the Paths.' They are paths, not main roads, which other nations, at different times, have the task of building and paving. To trace a path, just a single man, who has sense, courage and intuition, is enough. That motto therefore does not express the work of an integrated community, but the intelligent and far-sighted work of a plurality of individuals.

9. The Italian Nation is a people made of many individualities. It may sound strange but it is true. Perhaps it is the only one in the world. Italians, who [apparently] understand everything [DK defines us as "highly intelligent Italian people"], do not understand each other and are misunderstood by other people. This unusual psychic situation places them both at the forefront and at the rear. They are an admirable people yet not aware of their own strength and moral richness, which is the true treasure of any Nation [and in this sense the test of the coronavirus is greatly helping this soul awareness].

The abovementioned motto therefore applies to any Italian but not to the Italians as a whole. It describes not only Italy's service and function, but also its political history. Many innovations and discoveries are due to the Italian genius ... often expressed by a single person, who did not take advantage of it for himself or for his Nation, which lives in him though not in his thoughts.

10. Actually, any Italian does not care much about the political unity of his Country, because he/she is capable, being Italian, of adapting to any environment, to the point of considering it as his/her own. In this respect Italians are similar to the Jewish people, but without the cohesion that keeps these united even if dispersed all over the world". [Enzio Savoini, *Cyclic study of the sixth epoch:* 1070 – 1910, unpublished text, 2000]

11. We could say that the Italian Disciple carves paths not in view of national unity, but towards the *planetary Individuality*, based on the Ideal and matrix of an *international harmonic System* [which is the topic of the next talk in the main conference and workshop on Friday 8]

12. So Italy carves the Paths.

In DK's words: "This will be true eventually in the spiritual as well as in the literal sense. Rome was the great road builder and road maker of Europe in the far distant past...

- 13. Upon the spiritual side... the whole field of religion will be re-inspired and re-orientated from Rome because the Master Jesus will again take hold of the Christian Church in an effort to respiritualize it and to re-organize it". (The Destiny of the Nations, 59)
- 14. And our current Pope has the name of our national patron,
- 15. Saint Francis, indicated as a reincarnation of the 6th Ray Master Jesus.
- 16. At a Soul level *Italy* is governed by the 6th Ray and its Sign is Leo (1st 5th R.) whereas its Personality is governed by the 4th Ray and the Sign of Sagittarius (4th 5th 6th R.), rays and signs which bestow in the deep a royal heart (Leo), ardor or spiritual idealism and sense of Communion (6-Neptune)
- 17. and outwardly beauty and artistic expression, refined taste, but also quick and irresponsible cunning and individualistic conflict, all mercurial (4th R) qualities and 'squalities'.
- 18. "The sixth Ray of Idealism is potent in Russia, the United States, Italy and Spain. It is the fanatical adherence to an ideal which is responsible for the potent changes in these four countries. In Germany and Italy the harmonising of the fourth ray, working through conflict, is also to be seen. Hence we have in all these countries a process of "breaking-down" and of destruction of old forms prior to an adequate responsiveness to the influence of the incoming ray. It should be remembered that as with individuals, so with nations the reaction to an increasing influence of the soul ray is ever accompanied by a breaking down period; this demonstration of destruction is, however, only temporary and preparatory." (DN, 52)

And here we go!

- 19. Let's see what other precious indications M. DK gives us about Italy:
 - (19. "The following conditioning forces make the story of Italy sufficiently clear:
 - 1. Leo with its ruler, the Sun.
 - 2. Sagittarius with its rulers, Jupiter, the Earth and Mars. Nation
 - 3. Taurus with its rulers, Venus and Vulcan. Capital.
 - 4. Leo with its ruler, the Sun.
 - 5. Soul ray Ideals, Devotion. 6th.
 - 6. Personality Harmony through conflict. 4th.
 - 7. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming through the planetary rulers...". (DN, 87-8)
- 20. In a chart the Personality Sign corresponds to the Sun Sign and the Soul one to its Ascendant ("...the soul of the people is represented by those who react to the influence of the soul ray and of the sign which is affecting it (its ascendant, one might say), whilst the masses are conditioned by the personality ray and therefore by the sun sign of the specified nation." DN 68) -- hence for Italy Sun in Sagittarius and ascendant in Leo Its *monadic* orientation, indicated by the Sign opposite the Sun Sign, would be **Gemini**, the great reuniting Magnet, "Head of the cosmic Christ" oriented to Sirius and transmitting in this precessional cycle the 2nd Ray of Love Wisdom underlying all polarities.

As we know, these Signs and Rays correspond to an occult *Date* and setup, referring to the essential nature of the Italian People; we can nevertheless consider them in the light of the meaningful outer dates – therefore primarily that of

21. the **Unification of Italy**, more related to the Italian unified territory (and DK says: we "need to distinguish between the horoscope of the territory, housing the nation, and the people themselves who compose that unit which we call a nation", people which can be throughout the planet – DN 70): the **Unification of Italy** occurred on **March 17, 1861**, the *birth* or current 'incarnation' of **Italy**, subsequently updated by the Birth of the Italian Republic, in **June 1946** (outer wheel)

The cycle between the start of the national unification process (inner wheel), and the proclamation of the Italian Republic in Rome, annually celebrated on **June 2**, is of about 85 years, then marked by Uranus, the Initiator of 1_{st} and 7_{th} Ray, *He who makes all things new*, that in 1861 was in Gemini at 11 degrees and in 1946 at 17 degrees, together with Sun and Mercury.

22. This reading will proceed according to both the *heliocentric* and the geocentric *perspective*.

The *heliocentric* horoscope of the Italian nation is intended as the one which concerns the reading of the highest potentials – namely, those causative energies and essential qualities of Italy, *as* if the Soul of the Nation were already at the helm of its vehicle of expression, at the center in the Heart of the Sun: we see that the position of the **Earth**, occultly in **Gemini** as we have seen, is here in **Virgo** (2nd - 6th R.), the cosmic Mother, in conjunction with the star *Alkaid* of the Great Bear, *Bhrigu* in Sanskrit, Rishi of 5th Ray according to the Secret Doctrine, a cosmic Venus, Alkaid-Bhrigu the 'commander' of the vital power of the Seven Rays (emanating from the Great Bear) through the Fire of Mind.

The two Luminaries representing the 'Italian' Nation Rays, Neptune and Mercury, are here surprisingly in opposition and powerfully in relation precisely to the Earth-Sun axis.

In these esoteric tropical heliocentric readings, the *direction of the Soul* or rising sign, *in this case of all incarnated Nations*, is identified with that of the *planetary Soul* (**0**° **Aries**, *the First Sign*), univocal for this multi-millennial evolutionary phase.

Here Neptune (6th R.), the God of Waters, is in powerful conjunction with it, dominant at the edge of "His Sign" Pisces, in an oppositional tension with Mercury (4th R.) and the Earth on the edge of Virgo: Italy, the cradle of the Catholic religion (of 6th ray) as well as of the 'maternal' and materialistic attachment, has the potential to be a womb for the *new Ideals in the service of Brotherhood*.

23. Symmetrically, that is placing the Earth at the center in the geocentric chart, the *Sun Sign* (thus in opposition to the monadic Sign Virgo) is **Pisces** (2nd – 6th R.), the descent into substance to *save* and redeem, and return to the Father's Home; Mercury and Neptune are then magically in conjunction with the Sun, the Individuality-Person Italy, at the equinoctial limit of Pisces and at the root-point of the Imum Cœli.

This *stellium* or concentration of Planets in Pisces (also Venus, in this Sign *exalted* or at maximum power, in *companionship* to the *faithful* asteroid Juno) is the cornerstone of the current national Personality: sensitive but impressionable, predisposed to idealism and sacrifice as well as to emotional, sympathetic and compassionate fanaticism.

Venus in Pisces in the 3rd House makes us extremely enthusiastic, romantic, *latin lovers*, abounding in communication, by gestures and in all expressive ways, talkative and eager for relationships and knowledge, even superficial and remote-controlled by the fluid 'mediumship' of feelings, fashions and good looks.

Sagittarius is the current rising Sign, here meaning the relentless pursuit of the Center of centers first through the *Integration of the National Personality* (ruled precisely by Sagittarius), as a tireless Archer aiming at ever new Lands or Goals in his Becoming, yet at *one* and only in his Being, that central and very profound Direction to the Common Good (which the *shining Soul in Leo* of Italian Nation and People can accomplish through its esoteric ruler, the *Sun veiling Neptune*, Its Soul Ray, here in His very Sign Pisces).

From 2025, when the 4th Ray of Harmony through conflict is going to emerge powerfully, Italy will hopefully be able to *aim at the Target*, to continue to carve the paths of whatever is Good, Beautiful and True, as many of its Geniuses have done in the past: Saint Francis, Dante, Giotto, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raffaello, Lorenzo il Magnifico, Donatello, Galileo, Vivaldi, Paganini ...?

The "prison of the soul" is indicated by the **Moon** in **Taurus** (Sign, together with Leo, of its capital Rome), where **Mars** and **Pluto** are also found, an accurate portrait of that mix of obstinate attachment to acquired values and material goods, to family or tradition, to good food, sensuality, beautiful singing, to 'recreation' and health (Planets in 5th and 6th House). However, the conjunction between Pluto and the asteroid Pallas Athena reveals an extraordinary power and mental independence when attachments and the destructive tendency to self-criticism are destroyed.

The Moon is the unconscious or etheric legacy of the past: attachment to material sensations. But the 'Mother of Form' is also the casket of the most sacred treasure, hidden in the depths of matter: here,

24. being in conjunction with the star *Algol* of **Perseus**, the head of Medusa, it seems to point out that the Italian Personality, when tamed by the liberating Spirit, potentially conceals an inexhaustible reserve of 'primary energy', able to overcome any obstacle, at any cost.

Back to 23) Mars is the "divine incentive" of Vulcan transferred into action, here even more powerful due to the co-presence of his alter ego Pluto, among other things in conjunction from a sidereal point of view with the star *Hamal*, the Head of the Ram: acting as agents of armed destruction, as rulers of Scorpio and the 8th House (see Mussolini and the Lega, the current political party which is a sort of impoverished version of that), will convey the power of regeneration, that transformative and redeeming will that can carve an inspiring path for the whole planetary scene.

In short, as it is clear also from other planetary positions, the Italian country is young, ungovernable for its laziness and its rebellious individualism; yet the *abstract Idealism of Italian higher Thought* has been, is and will be the greatest driving force of its compassionate and visionary Soul.

25. This admirable Formula could summarize the direction of our egoic Lotus of Sixth Ray:

Rulership is not in crowns nor in crowds, but is in the cosmic expanse of ideas. (Agni Yoga – New Era Community, 84)

A beautiful ideal vision is this: when the Sign of the Italian soul, **Leo**, will be free to express itself, at the Service of the monadic Sign **Gemini**, the royal Heart center (Jupiter in Leo) of the Italian

Nation, under the aegis of the cardiac outlet of Geneva, will know how to launch those *thundering* flashes of the Will-to-Good that dispel unhealthy energy gridlocks, electrically purifying the planetary atmosphere.

Is this already happening?

Back to 23) Uranus (7th R., the life force, organizing and sublimating) in both charts in Gemini (2nd R.), is in conjunction with the Star *Aldebaran*, the Eye of the Bull (**Taurus**), bearer of the primal and overwhelming force of Light and "interpreter of the divine Voice": Uranus, the occult Mind, once the Italian vision is suitably released from earthly shackles, will activate its Rod of initiation towards the inexhaustible source and reserve of Revelation and Co-creation, according to the higher Will and Purpose (Uranus became conjunct Aldebaran in 1944 and will be again in 2028).

Saturn (3rd R. of creative Intelligence yet vector also of the 1st Ray energies, transmitted by the **Great Bear** through **Leo** to Shamballa and to the head and base centers of the initiates) is so fundamental for the Italian spiritual task, as it is reported that the Italian matrix will host the 3rd Ray "esoteric advanced school" (together with southern France for its "preparatory" counterpart), as They have already been the seat of ancient Mysteries of this Ray or quality: the creative Intelligence of the "highly intelligent Italian people" through the brilliant French intellect conveys the planetary Mission of radiating Paths of Light towards the World of Ideas:

- 26. And for us through a 6-4th Ray Nation: "There is no beauty without unity, without embodied idealism and the resultant symmetrical unfoldment. [The 4th] ray is *not* the ray of art, as it is often claimed, but is the energy which brings about the beauty of those living forms which embody the ideas and the ideals which are seeking immediate expression.
- ... The fourth ray is "the ray which teaches the art of living in order to produce a synthesis of beauty." (DN 143)
 - 27. At the conference last year and on the TPS website, in this regard, a hypothesis of *systemic* formulation of the ideal Planetary Plan has been presented, and a prototype group, now international,
 - 28. has been experimenting in the last 40 years in order to *embody* and implement it.
 - 29. The "Harmonic System of Nations" of the next talk is another attempt to apply the hierarchical sevenfold Model to the international Order and Organism.

Progressions and Transits

30. And now let's see briefly the next updates for the current Italian software.

First of all, the **progressions**, that deep system of comparison between the day and the year, the two planetary breaths. In 2020 159 years have passed since 1861 and in 2025 they will be 164, a perfect Neptunian Year or Cycle.

In view of 2025 we have exceptional progressions on natal Saturn in Virgo: Mars, Sun and Jupiter on progressed IC, and a few years later also Mercury, in the natal 9th house of distant destinations, travels, direction and vision kept steady to the goal. In a possible Formula,

The Light of creative intelligence (Saturn), lit by Love and solar Ardor (Jupiter&Mars), ignites the paths (9th house) for the birth of planetary Brotherhood (4th house)

31. Even from the point of view of current **transits** or cycles, this is indeed a fundamental 'time' for the evolution and planetary mission of Italy.

There are two fundamental factors:

1) Uranus, the great Renovator, sails until 2025 through the space waters of **Taurus** (since 2018), the Soul Ray of Rome; the *second* round or birthday of the natal Uranus will be in

- 2027-8, bearer of fulfillment with respect to the rhythm of the general advancement and order here of the Italian People (the first geocentric *Uranian* birthday was in 1943/4, in the middle of World War II, which saw us conceitedly rebellious and on the side of the 'bad guys'.
- 2) But what is more important: In 2025 **Neptune**, 6th R. of the Italian Soul, will have completed a whole round, and it will be Its first *birthday*. Since 2011 in Pisces, It will be on its natal position, in conjunction with **Saturn** at 0° in Aries, *the dawn of a New Day*, precisely in 2025, the date indicated by the Teaching for the *externalization of the Hierarchy* and of the 4th Ray (Mercury), that of the human kingdom destined to the triumph of enlightened Thought and Beauty.

The 3rd Ray would find, in the Seeds introduced by the esoteric schools of the Italian and French spirit, a direct matrix and resonance that could lead to recognize their joint mission as *righteous planners and economists* (Saturn) of the planetary Community (Neptune), through the 6th Ray of *abstract Idealism* and the 5th of *Science and Mental Construction* of Their national Souls respectively; ...knowing of course that the field electrified and magnetized by the 3rd Ray/Department, with the *Lord of Civilization* at its head, is unlimited and transversal to the manifested nations, all-pervading between the worlds of consciousness and form.

This conjunction of the 3_{rd} and 6_{th} R. at the sacred incipit of all Beginnings is truly the *Dawn of a New Day* for the global Society:

32. Will this be the right time for each Nation to lay the First Cornerstone on the north-east edge to found the Temple of the New human Order of the Age of Aquarius?

If one day all the *Spirits of the Nations*, inspired by their own Sun at the center, by their own *Heaven in the Heart*, gathered in harmony to understand their system of golden relationships, we could truly witness our Planet becoming sacred, governed by an order and organization of *united Peoples* capable of knowingly saving and liberating our common Home.

Certainly this is an Idea of cosmic magnitude and necessity.

33. And here is a wonderful drone footage to celebrate the Heart Centre of my beloved country, in this crowned time. Enjoy. https://youtu.be/DeG0qPD0Awc

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