

Winter Solstice Message

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From winter solstice to equinox is seen as the fourth part of the year. It is the spiritual path of the year. The first quarter is the beginning, the second quarter is its growth, the third part is culminating the growth into a return, and the fourth part of the year enables us to join the source from which we emerge.

That's why it is after the equinox we have the Passover function. The Passover is to pass over into higher circles. It's an annual ritual. The very purpose of Passover is to pass over the cycle of awareness in which we are into a higher cycle.

So, it's from 22nd December, according to the solar year, and from 14th January, according to the lunar year, the journey starts. It's a journey of ninety days for an initiation, in the three days, around the equinox. It has to be understood like this.

That's why a group life in the beginning of Capricorn –beginning is on 22nd December.

A great festival is carried out in all ashrams to enable additional impulse to be received by disciples and aspirants to avail the northern coursing of the sun. Along with the northern coursing of the sun, we too can course northwards in us. The north in us is the crown. So therefore, we try to move up. And hence these four months should be seen as months for deep spiritual practice for aspirants.

According to the Vedic understanding, Capricorn is the dawn of Devas. Gods are born in Capricorn. Men are born in Aries. Gods set in Cancer. Men set in Libra. This is the understanding. There is an occult meditation dedicated to this in the ninety-third meditations that we have. When there is a dawn of the Devas in Capricorn, the Devas reach the meridian in Aries. Meridian.

So, when we follow the path of the Devas, we reach the meridian of our own being, which is Sahasrara. That's how this festival is conceived.

It is for this reason Master CVV has set the December Call on twenty-ninth December, around which we gather. It is for the same reason Master EK conceived a three-day group life in the month of Capricorn on 11, 12, and 13 of January. So, we are lucky that we celebrate both, so that we are more in it. In fact, from 22nd December onwards we should be in it.

According to the understanding of the East, the birth of Jesus Christ is also on the midnight hours of 22nd December. Therefore, we all gather on 21st evening to welcome the Capricornian energies on the morning of 22nd December.

We normally have to look to the transit of the sun from Sagittarius to Capricorn, and gather the evening before to consciously welcome the entry of the sun into Capricorn and follow the sun in its upward coursing.

Therefore, the month of Capricorn is seen as the month where we move up the mount.

Moving up the mount is the message of Capricorn. The *capra* slowly moves up, up to the top of the mount. So, we too, as disciples or aspirants, have to make a gradual upward movement consciously, realizing every sunrise of Capricorn. Every sunrise of Capricorn. The mount, which is symbolized by a triangle, represents our personality. So, we have to ascend in the month of Capricorn up to the peak of the mountain. Meaning, up to the apex of the personality. Upon the apex there is the soul.

That's why the symbol is a circle over a triangle. Within the triangle there is a cross. The cross represents the four-fold personality, which carries an understanding of a vertical division and a lateral division.

There is a vertical division with the vertical line of the cross, and the vertical divides into left and right. The horizontal causes a lateral division. The lateral division is above and below. Higher and lower. Higher and lower.

So, we divide the whole energy into four parts. When we are in personality, "This is low, this is high," like that we say. We respect that which is high. We neglect that which is low. We want to lean towards the right, and we wish to reject the left. This is how, as we divide, we are divided.

So, the personality is represented by the mount, which we ascend in the month of Capricorn, with the help of sun rays, which move northwards, degree by degree. So, by end of Capricorn, we should be able to mount the personality.

Normally, when a *capra* or a goat goes up the mount, what else it does? It comes back. We also climb mountains. Every important mount, man wants to climb. It can be Montserrat, it can be Mont Blanc, it can be Everest, it can be Matterhorn.

I have seen so many mounts all over the world. And there is the activity of climbing the mount, either by the feet or by the cable car. But the instinct to climb is there. That instinct to climb is very natural and inherent in every man. Even in life we want to be climbing in terms of material wealth, worldly placement, a higher placement. But then what will you do after? Come down.

That is what the goat in Capricorn indicates. Even if you climb up in your personality, that's not the end of it. You have to climb further. That's where Aquarius comes.

Aquarius relates to the sky. It relates to the sky and the energies of sky. It relates to that energy which is beyond the four elements of earth, water, fire, and air, beyond. In this sky there is no division. In this sky there is no high and low. In the sky there is no left and right. Sky displays all colours. And it is in sky we see the shining stars and the planets. Man wants to be with the planets, with the stars, if possible with the sun. That's a natural urge. Because he has come from the sun.

So therefore, as you relate to light in Capricorn for thirty days, you get oriented towards the sky, from which air comes.

Air emerges from it. So, we take air as a means to reach the sky. That's the reason why Aquarius is said to be an airy sign. So, we also need to relate more and more with the air in us to reach the soul dimension in us.

There are two electrical lines as symbol of Aquarius. The lower enables us to reach the higher with the medium of air. Then you get to the higher horizontal. That's where the whole world of five elements ceases to be, and you are into a world which is beyond. That's where there is a bliss of existence, which leads you further into Pisces to the male-female dimension, which expresses as the two fish. The two fish. The two fish can be seen as Ashwins.

One relates to the cosmic nature; another relates to cosmic substance. And when the two are in harmony, it tends to be a harmonious whole. Yes. That's where in Pisces there is ultimate synthesis. And in that synthesis, you stand a chance to pass over from the cycles of birth and death, while you also have a facility to come back and help the fellow beings. To come back and help the fellow beings, by which time Aries arrives, and a new cycle starts. So that's how the culmination is.

So, it is by an invisible guidance that we have been gathering for thirty-two years in the month of Capricorn, and we are filling ourselves with the energies to move forward.

Therefore, I wish you all to move forward until the equinox, as much as you can. This fourth quarter of the year is the quarter-wave we stand a chance to move up in our Sushumna, in the vertical column. The upward movement starts in Sagittarius itself.

Sagittarius fans the aspiration and gives the related fire. The aspiration is renewed in Sagittarius. Therefore, the Vedic seers say, "Even from the beginning of Sagittarius, be on the job." "Be on the job." Even from the beginning of Sagittarius, be on the job. That would make it a program for one hundred twenty days.

From the beginning of Sagittarius: Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces — one twenty days. Meaning, one third of the year, one third of the year is deeply spiritual, one third is for descent, one third is to experience. One third is to experience, one third is to return. That is how there is a triangular division of the year.

Aries to Leo — Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer. Aries to Cancer, you get the descent. The descent is further completed in Leo and Virgo. Thereafter you have Libra for experience. In Scorpio, you either dip deep into matter or you remain in a kind of solitude and retribution, to join once again the upward movement.

We all know from the Scripture that Libra is the month where the descent of the serpent is complete. Serpent represents the consciousness. It touches down into matter and then thereafter crawls upon earth and even gets into the holes of the nature, holes of the matter. So that is a greater possibility, to get into the hole of the matter and get buried. That's why Scorpio is called the death house. But it can also be a house for resurrection.

So therefore, even the spiritual program for an aspirant starts in Scorpio itself. And in Libra, the descent happens and we may get attached to matter. The association with matter slowly brings an unconscious bondage by matter of the incarnated soul. Therefore, in Libra itself you take the caution not to get conditioned by the material world. That's where we have worship of Durga, the Mother, to make sure that the Mother does not sink us into matter and keeps us afloat on the matter, that we do not sink too much into matter.

So, if you get back to Virgo, Virgo is virgin matter, so there is not such a danger. Not such a danger. The danger is between the second part of Virgo, Libra, and the first part of Scorpio. That's the black hole. Second part of Virgo, Libra, first part of Scorpio — that's the black hole. So, with the help of the Mother you can bridge over the hole, cross over the hole, otherwise you fall into a bottomless pit. That's why the Vedic seers caution us. Right from the second half of Virgo, from second half of Virgo, you have to be very alert. Then what happened? Almost half of the year is meant for aligning with the spirit in us so that we are not overcome by matter.

From Aries to Cancer, it's all greater light, because the sun moves even northwards up to Cancer. In Cancer there is the descent of the soul. In Leo it gets individualized very much. Normally a leonine person is very proud, like Julius Caesar, who is also a leonine person. The Leo-born people are naturally proud, tend to distinguish themselves from the rest of the crowd. So, the incarnating soul in Cancer tends to be individualistic, and in Virgo he continues to carry the virginity in the first part, and in the second part, because of the pride of Leo, he gets a concretized intelligence, which is called the intellect. Intellect has not so much flexibility. Up to the first part of Virgo, intuition is available. In the second part of Virgo, intellect prevails. And then into Libra the passion emerges. So therefore, from the new moon of Virgo, one has to be very cautious and then recollect himself through second part of Virgo and Scorpio, so that he retains the fire in him, which gets ignited in Sagittarius. And later, in Capricorn, it takes you on an upward path.

This is an annual activity of energies. So, we take advantage of them and move forward.

So, I wish you all to make the best use of the upcoming months.

Thank you, one and all.

Wish you all very well.