



## The Worldwide Ashram

*Shall one seek arhatship for escape into bliss or shall one attain as a co-laborer with God? Who is enlightened and shall cry, "Nirvana!" The Spirit of the Lord would lift up the downtrodden, heal the afflicted and bless the broken-hearted.*

*O labor, chosen ones, for the Holy One has called thee. How can you sleep when our Ashram call has gone forth? The cries of the children of God are about healing, about wisdom, about salvation. Send forth the thought. Many laborers in the vineyard need the solace of our sending. At the appointed times be in that Spirit.*

*Ashram Notes*<sup>10</sup>

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### Part I

#### The History of Morya's Ashram of Goodwill

Beginning in 1952, El Morya dictated the *Ashram Notes*, a series of letters and rituals, to his amanuensis Mark Prophet as a unifying path for spiritual seekers. Fifty years ago, Mark said that through this groundwork, "The Ashram in due time may manifest outwardly for all Lightbearers to see, whether in this century or another."<sup>11</sup>

On August 10, 1985, the Goddess of Liberty described Mark's calling as a Messenger and his cooperation in the establishment of El Morya's Ashram:

[Mark's] meditation had been upon the Divine Mother when he penned the Ashram Notes from the heart of El Morya; and the establishment of that ashram unto her and the Great White Brotherhood was his greatest dream. Thus, in full faith in El Morya he answered the call and went to that alabaster city [Washington, D.C.], converging there with the Master and his chelas in the

power center of the nation to draw many souls to their point of origin. Thy origin in the heart of Liberty is truly thy reason for being.<sup>12</sup>

Rather than an organization, the Ashram was established more as a constellation of individuals and groups revolving around the shared intent of the Master and disciple to reduce world suffering and to work toward the spiritual awakening of humanity. Formed of the Master's love of the will of God and the student's love of the will of God, it creates what Morya terms the "ashramic consciousness." In this consciousness one may dwell in the wisdom of the God Presence, in spiritual union entered through the heart of Christ in each one. This threefold flame of God self-awareness is both the center and the circumference of the Ashram.

The Ashram is an answer to the call of the soul, an answer to the call of God and to the deep need of humanity. It was founded so that through meditations, invocations and prayers hearts linked worldwide could cast a planetary net of divine love, for divine love is both the motive and the goal of the Ashram work.

Morya says,

We are committed to the Ashram's high and holy purpose: The spreading of the message of the inner Christ, the awakening and strengthening of all Brotherhoods of Light and all true initiates thereof, the dispersal of Darkness by Light, and the relieving of sorrow by joy.<sup>13</sup>

Indeed, this is a summons to world service, to be a co-worker with God "that the highest good may come by your presence among men."<sup>14</sup>

It is not only through freely giving that we receive but also in so doing we find undiscovered resources of our being, as our divine pattern unfolds through our relationship to the God Presence and our tie to the Master. We find that we do make a difference; we do not have to accept the world as it is but can participate with brothers and sisters of Light across time and space in forming a new reality and a new future. The future is not fixed. Freedom in the highest sense is exercised by the power of choice, as we individually and collectively create a better world by following the way God speaks in each heart.

## Part II

### Reaffirmation - A Torch Is Passed

*The Ashram is ever present. It is a world order. There are many members outside of this Community who are my chelas. They uphold the ashramic consciousness, and the antahkarana has been abuilding for thirty, forty years and more. For the understanding of the Ashram as the house of Light, the dwelling place of the Guru and the chela, gives comfort to all. It is the comfort flame midst the storm. It is the light in the cabin window that is seen afar off by the traveler through the night storm.<sup>15</sup>*

El Morya

Through the evocative symbolism of the storm, the traveler and the light in the cabin window, Morya conveys to us the essence of the Ashram and its significance. It is a place of consciousness to which we journey on the upward path and a place where we receive one another in Christ. It is a nexus through which we may access octaves of Light and Light may enter the earth plane, where free will, merging with God's will opens the door to individual and world transformation.

The Ashram recognizes love as the common denominator of the mystical paths of the world's religions. Elizabeth Clare Prophet said, "Without love, you can't get to heaven...Doctrine, what you believe, is immaterial. It's what you do that creates union with God."<sup>16</sup>

The Ascended Masters teach that through love is realized the highest fruition and meaning of all that has come forth through Theosophy, Agni Yoga, the "I AM" Activity, the Bridge to Freedom, the Summit Lighthouse and indeed the very teachings of Jesus Christ and the Piscean Age. Entry into Aquarius is through love. It is the open door to the expression of our individual and collective Christ consciousness and the source of our true spiritual empowerment.

Morya describes the essential nature of the Ashram as

An impulse to love and to fulfill the commands of Christ Jesus. We are worshippers of the universal manifestation of Christ. Yet we are here to fulfill the words of the Saviour Jesus Christ, who is Lord and must be seen as Lord by those who would enter the heart of God's will and receive the strength to fulfill it; for without Christ ye cannot.<sup>17</sup>

In 1990 El Morya's *Ashram Notes* were republished in book form, edited and compiled by Elizabeth Clare Prophet and her daughters, with additional invocations and meditations. At the Freedom Class of 1990, El Morya delivered an expository dictation entitled "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God" that should be explored deeply, for it contains the Master's clear, unambiguous thoughts on the Ashram.

We are shown how the meditations and rituals are a dispensation from El Morya through which we may enter the *antahkarana* of the entire Spirit of the Great White Brotherhood. Morya says these are foundational and fundamental to all who would begin the path. By their regular recitation, one may receive the luminous blessing of Spirit, for he says,

In truth, with my amanuensis Mark Prophet I have opened the door to thousands and millions through the ashramic consciousness. Now beloved, I have passed the torch, I have given you the key. The book is in your hands. May you let it do the work and may you be its handmaid and the handmaid delivering souls to worship their God and be free to know Christ.<sup>18</sup>

Now, almost eighty years after Saint Germain introduced the violet flame to Godfre Ray King, Morya points out, "Still this teaching has not made its way to the hearth and home of every single Lightbearer upon earth! We say, beloved, that this is our greatest concern." He reaffirmed the goal of the Ascended Masters, which is "to see to it that

every Lightbearer on earth has the opportunity to study our Teachings in this decade - and if not in this decade, then very early in the next century.” Then he said,

The greater cause that lies before you is the maximizing of what you have, the multiplication of holy purpose and the fervor of the Holy Spirit in your heart that does make you desire, no matter what the price, no matter what the cost, to give to the many the Ascended Masters’ cup of self knowledge and the knowledge of the Path itself. <sup>19</sup>

To this end may we bring to the Lightbearers the message of the Universal Ashram of the Light of God’s holy will and the teachings of the Messengers on the path of the Ascension, on karma and reincarnation, on the way of Christ and Buddha.

Morya asks that we establish a focus of the Ashram by doing the rituals to expand the circle of our meditation to include others and to give “morsel by morsel,” knowledge of the path and the teachings of the Great White Brotherhood. Many creative avenues are available to fulfill Morya’s requests.

In his 1990 dictation, John the Beloved offered some very practical suggestions for seeking out new students, including announcing the formation of a new meditation group, the Worldwide Ashram, in local newspapers, or publications advertising spiritual activities. He said, “Think what can be done for the healing of a planet as more and more come to understand the tremendous power of group meditation.” <sup>20</sup>

Mother herself made the following comments after Morya’s 1990 dictation:

You can invite people to your home to study the *Ashram Notes* and give the rituals without any permission from me, as long as you remember that you are doing this yourself and not as a representative of our Church. You are doing this as a representative of your own I AM Presence.... You can make sure you know who are the Keepers of the Flame in your area if you wish to unite with them. And I would like to see more and more of such little groups springing up and expanding around the *Ashram Notes* and moving from the teachings of El Morya to the Chohans and to anything else that you would like to bring to their attention. <sup>21</sup>

In essence, the Masters have opened the door for a grassfire movement to spread the teachings that have come through Mark and Elizabeth Prophet. Many opportunities have been lost and many gained since Morya’s dictation, but the Ashram’s goal remains unchanged—to unite hearts, never to divide, that all may join together in the common cause of universal good will.

## Part III

### Communities of Purpose

*Accept no compromise. Where there are lightbearers, give the Ashram rituals. And reinforce, by meditation, by mantra, by profound inner dynamic decree—reinforce, then,*

*the strength and oneness of heart by heart by heart. ...This is your revolution!... For you know yourselves that the hour is come and now is for the gathering of all the fragments and sparks of light, the rescue of all elements of being of all who have come forth from the Great Central Sun and shall return in the name of the mighty one, Surya.*<sup>22</sup>

Jesus

The Worldwide Ashram is a nascent spiritual movement that has been ripened by time. Devotees of the will of God recognize the lateness and seriousness of the hour, yet they also know that opportunity still exists to confirm in the physical octave the works of the Great White Brotherhood. A Golden Age is ordained but it is not predestined. It is a future created through conscious participation, requiring all of our love, talent, dedication, creativity and cooperation. Morya says,

How you take what is given, how you lock your forces with this *antahkarana* of God, how you increase the resurrection fire, how you do all these things is the most determining factor of all. Not what I say, beloved, but what you say and do will determine the outcome of your life and of this Community. Hear it well and know it clearly! Be practical. This is your hour on earth. Use all sixty minutes of it to the highest good and gain for God, yourself and all Lightbearers.<sup>23</sup>

El Morya has imparted to us the vision of the Worldwide Ashram. Every individual and group is free to interpret what it means to them and whether or not they will join its mission. Maximizing the opportunity presented by the Ashram concept invites our participation, initiative and cooperation.

In the Ashram there is no overarching governance, no concentration of power in any group, place or individual set of hands. It is neither desirable nor necessary. Participation in the Ashram revolves simply around shared intent and the basic irreducible principles of the Brotherhood. Knowing the purposes and values of the Ashram allows independent action and a strong sense of accountability. It enables people to organize their unique and valuable contributions. Throughout the *antahkarana* there is coherence and integrity because individuals and groups have a shared understanding of the Ashram's meaning and purpose. It is a spiritual association whose center is in every participating heart. As Helena Roerich wrote, "There is great joy to be found in the power of cooperation but it will necessitate a fundamental change in the art of thinking."<sup>24</sup>

In the *Ashram Notes*, Mother included Mark's guiding comments on home-rule and self-government as a necessity for individuals and nations to assume the responsibilities of self-government as the foundation for equitable world government and genuine world brotherhood.

In becoming interdependent, men and nations must not surrender their individuality. Each element should complement the other by imparting to and receiving manifold blessings from the whole, thereby completing the divine design.<sup>25</sup>

The Ashram embraces this concept and seeks to provide the matrix for many to achieve their spiritual goals through both self-autonomy and community, for support as well as contribution, because it is built upon the strong foundation of respect and good will.

The relationships within the Ashram are horizontal in nature. Actions and interactions by separate individuals and groups are not directed from the top down in an organizational sense, but originate locally and are directed from the heart. The vertical aspect of the Ashram is formed of each one's tie with his God Presence. Each group governs itself according to its highest understanding of the teachings and the simplicity of universal truth. As Morya says, "The teachings of Christ could be written on the palm of the hand." The movement of the worldwide Ashram is simply and unequivocally principle based.

Vaivasvata Manu points out,

If those who consider themselves to be among the vanguard of the spiritual forces of the world are to remain effectively aligned with hierarchy in their outer service, they must hold to the cardinal principles of virtue in their dealings with one another.<sup>26</sup>

The concept of freedom is the high bar placed before individual groups and their cooperative efforts. It becomes apparent that this is the nexus through which all must pass. This is the Aquarian experiment. Saint Germain says,

We are concerned with the sinews of mission, and the mission is freedom for all. If we would have freedom be the joy of all, then we must give freedom to all; for then none can exclude freedom from us...

Collective dominion comes about when the contributing spirit of the group, the nation, the planet—recognizing all that it has received from Life—joyously offers itself and all that it has received to the Great Spirit of Life. At that point man the individual and man the collective unit ponders the enrichment of the Real Self and the true mystical identity of the group through the increase of individual talents. These gifts of God, when multiplied, are as stars in the firmament of Being that glow in the grand design of universal destiny.<sup>27</sup>

Saint Germain is addressing the crux of the issue: the increase of individual talent and the full downloading of those causal-body gifts that we are destined to bring forth for the betterment of mankind. Herein lies the potential and power of the movement. As love increases, responsibility increases. Freedom and creativity are its natural consequence. As the conditions of freedom flourish, a self-generating cultural ambience emerges, inviting more participation and more responsibility by engaging the mind and imagination with new possibilities.

## Part IV

### The Future Is An Open Door

*There is the accelerated and untimely descent of karma. It is all around you! Some have eyes to see it. Some say it is an act of God or an act of nature or just a coincidence or something that happens every so many hundreds of years. But, beloved ones, karma is falling like rain. Karma is descending and many people suffer. And many who suffer because they have not learned how to follow the rules of God are now ready for a catharsis. Yes, they are ready for that purgation which karma brings.*

*They have knocked on every door. Many have come upon their knees, knocking upon the doors of etheric retreats, asking to be admitted, for they are ready to learn and to know the straight gate and the narrow way that leadeth to eternal Life. We will teach them. We will send them back to you. May your homes and centers be opened! May your hearts be opened!*<sup>28</sup>

El Morya

Imagine throwing a stone into a clear, still pond and watching concentric ripples moving outward to touch all shores. On an adjacent shore another does the same. The ripples move toward you until they lap at your feet. Now imagine the luminescent sendings of devotees from every continent, culture and walk of life as they enter the inner chamber of the heart in meditation. Radiant waves and currents of undulating light continuously traverse and encircle the planetary home as each one consciously, mutually, amplifies the generative field of the Universal Ashram and receives its blessings.

Though separated in time and space, we are united and spiritually reinforced through this *antahkarana* of light by giving the Ashram Rituals and by our shared desire for oneness in God's will. But it is greater than this. Morya said,

Blessed ones, all who have any attainment whatsoever must be devotees of the will of God. Thus, you begin to see the magnitude of our Ashram, that the entire Spirit of the Great White Brotherhood is a part of the *antahkarana* that you enter when with regular rhythmic cycle you recite our rituals.<sup>29</sup>

Through the rituals, meditation and decrees, change occurs not by an act of the human will or the human ego but through the Higher Self and contact with Hierarchy.

Morya asks, Will you choose to serve?

If you establish this forcefield, even if you are alone in your home, if you establish a weekly routine of daily meditations and keep it, I Morya, Lord of the First Ray, will sustain for you the matrix of the Ashram where you are.<sup>30</sup>

Through this focal point one may enter into world service. And if you would do more, Morya asks that we seek out souls of Light and expand the circle of our meditations to include others and to impart incrementally, as they are able to receive them, the

Teachings of the I AM Presence and Holy Christ Self, the violet flame and the path of the Ascension. He has said that it is not the mountains of material but the love quality of the heart that counts.

Many will come who are awaiting the opening of our hearts, our homes and our centers. Through an expanding circle of relationships, students of the Ascended Masters may self-organize into higher levels of service to meet ever-greater needs by pooling resources and talent, as well as sharing the knowledge and practices that improve their ability to serve. In essence we are engaging in a grassroots movement to mainstream the Teachings and expand a higher order of relationships--a community of the Holy Spirit imminent through the Worldwide Ashram. It is an evolutionary process.

We live in a time that is cosmically ripe for spreading the Teachings of the Great White Brotherhood. The 2,000 year Aquarian cycle turns simultaneously with a greater 25,800-year macro-cycle of profound world change: one of judgment, transformation and redemption. Inwardly we know that it is not a charismatic leader or a relationship to an outer organization upon which our salvation (self-elevation) depends. As the saying goes, "We are the ones we have been waiting for." Long have we sat at the feet of the Masters. Now is the acceptable time to put on the mantle of Christ-responsibility and to walk the path of servant leader. It is time to summon the courage and commitment to participate in the creation of a new world.

In reality, to change the world, it is we that must change. Only as our condition of consciousness changes will we be able to glimpse a "new heaven and a new earth." When Morya says the future is an open door, it means that the future is not predetermined but that we live in a world of possibilities. We can actively engage the future by our present actions. For better or worse, our past selves bequeathed our present to us. What are our intentions for the future? Collectively, what are we able to create?

It is interesting that Thomas More's *Utopia* has become a concept synonymous with an unrealizable, ideal society. In fact, the word Utopia means "nowhere" and yet with the slightest shift it becomes "now here."

### El Morya's Benediction:

***Now I come in the ending to set my seal upon your brow, O chela of the will of God. Here in full presence yet also in Darjeeling, I AM the Diamond Heart of this movement. And I AM determined that it shall not fail, for the chela one by one will not fail.***<sup>31</sup>

Keepers of the Flame, we have received the greatest gift of many lifetimes; direct contact with the Messengers and the Great White Brotherhood. We pray for the Guru to be blessed, for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven and for the contact with the Brotherhood to be strengthened.

We are the inheritors of a priceless spiritual legacy of personal, community, national and global freedom. Let us unite under the banner of the El Morya's Ashramic Consciousness and fulfill the mission. Regardless of affiliation, let all who would walk in the Light of the God Presence reach for the out-stretched hand of the Master. Let us give our all to the greater cause of freedom and return home with all our brothers and sisters who have not yet made the outer contact with the Teachings of the Ascended Masters. Let us be about our Father's business.

### A Call To Action

Please check our new and evolving website at [www.worldwideashram.org](http://www.worldwideashram.org) for more information. There you will find some beginning steps on starting an Ashram Study Group with much more information to follow on how we can connect together in our service to the Brotherhood. We can all begin at the beginning with giving the Ashram Rituals and opening our hearts and homes to new students.

Please write us at [coworkers@worldwideashram.org](mailto:coworkers@worldwideashram.org) with your questions and we will be happy to respond. Your interest and questions will also help us format an FAQ section for new people. If you have articles or links that would be of value to our work together, please send these ideas to us. We look forward to your feedback and to the hope we share for the future.

**Notes:** **1)** [Helena Roerich] *New Era Community* (New York: Agni Yoga Society) 1951, no. 191, p. 168. **2)** El Morya's Christmas Letter, December 25, 1994, *The Greater Cause of Divine Love*, a dictation delivered August 8, 1993, at King Arthur's Court in celebration of the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of The Summit Lighthouse, p. 5. **3)** El Morya, "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God," given July 8, 1990, published in the 1990 *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 33, no. 34, p. 435. **4)** Godfre and Lotus, July 7, 1990, "The Point of the Victory," published in the 1990 *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 33, no. 30, p. 386. **5)** [Helena Roerich] *New Era Community*, no. 64, p. 46. **6)** *Ashram Notes*, by the Ascended Master El Morya, dictated to his amanuensis Mark L. Prophet (Livingston, Mont.: The Summit Lighthouse, 1990), pp. 174-75. **7)** El Morya, "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God," p. 435. **8)** John the Beloved, "The Great Mystery of the Christos," July 1, 1990, in 1990 *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 33, no. 24, p. 309. **9)** Excerpt from El Morya's Letter of April 30, 1997, read by the Messenger on May 13, 1997, at a Staff Meeting in King Arthur's Court. **10)** El Morya, *Ashram Notes*, no. 27, p. 134. **11)** *Ibid.*, no. 15, p. 89. **12)** The Goddess of Liberty, "Our Origin in the Heart of Liberty," 1985 *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 28, no. 45, p. 534. **13)** *Ashram Notes*, no. 6, p. 43. **14)** *Ibid.*, no. 10, p. 75. **15)** El Morya, "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God," pp. 431-32. **16)** Elizabeth Clare Prophet, from an interview with Philippe Coste, a reporter with the French magazine *L'Express*, quoted in *The Greater Cause of Divine Love*, p. 11, fn 2. **17)** El Morya, "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God," p. 432. **18)** *Ibid.*, p. 437. **19)** El Morya, *The Greater Cause of Divine Love*, pp. 6, 8. **20)** John the Beloved, "The Great Mystery of the Christos," pp. 309-10. **21)** *Suggestions for Forming an Ashram Study Group*, a six-page handout distributed in King Arthur's Court. **22)** Jesus Christ, "I will Come when You Have Matched My Light, given September 1, 1993, published in 2004 *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 47, no. 34, p. 317. **23)** El Morya, "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God," p. 438. **24)** Excerpt from a newly discovered document by Helena and Nicholas Roerich, *The Leader*, translated from Russian by Gleb Drobychev, 2001, no. 29. **25)** El Morya, *Ashram Notes*, "A World Pillar, p. 200. **26)** Vaivasvata Manu, "The Hierarchical Principle of a Chaste Intent," 1969 *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 12, no. 41, p. 178. **27)** Saint Germain, quoted in *Climb the Highest Mountain*, by Mark L. Prophet, Elizabeth Clare Prophet (Livingston, Mont.: 1986) p. 124. **28)** El Morya, *The Greater Cause of Divine Love*, pp. 9-10. **29)** El Morya, "The Universal Ashram of Devotees of the Will of God," p. 434. **30)** *Ibid.*, p. 436. **31)** *Ibid.*, p. 431.