



*As long as it is thought that the community is an experiment, so long will the community be found in the alchemist's jar. Only a firm realization of historic necessity will bring the community to life.*

El Morya, *New Era Community*<sup>1</sup>

Dear Friends of Light,

Knowing well the intensity of your lives, we nonetheless hope you will set aside time to read about the spiritual ideal set before our Community by El Morya as the open door for our dharma and mission together.

We are advocates for Morya's Universal Ashram of Goodwill. We are one point in the *antahkarana*, standing with all who are dedicated to the will of God. We do not claim to be sponsored by any existing organization or to follow new messengers. We are simply Mark and Mother's chelas who have responded to the Master's call.

We claim no mantles, proclaim no dogma. We want to share with you El Morya's vision and ideal of the Ashram. We are not an organization claiming to be that Ashram, but are an international alliance of chelas affirming its possibilities. The Ashram belongs to El Morya. We hope to reacquaint you with his dispensation, so that each individual or group that so chooses may consider the Master's invitation.

Your bond with Morya and the Masters through the Ashram is entirely self-determined and is not contingent upon a relationship to any group. Cooperation among individuals and groups serving under the banner and umbrella of Morya's Worldwide Ashram is founded on freedom and motivated by our common and sincere desire to walk the path of initiation and to hasten our spiritual unfoldment through our ties to the Brotherhood and our service to humanity.

The high watermark of the Mission of the Two Witnesses occurred when Mother was vitally involved in the activity and when chelas from the world around gathered under one tent in the heart of the Inner Retreat for the delivery of the Word. Remember when our enthusiasm ran high in a world of new possibilities, giving us an ever-present sense of connection to the Masters and the God Presence?

Now, in what seems the blink of an eye, life is different. Yet the bond of the Guru and the Chela remains forever imprinted upon our hearts. The flame of eternal brotherhood is borne into the future by each devotee of God's will. Indeed, from the perspective of the Teacher, the high watermark of the Mission will occur at a point in time determined by the student who, having received the teachings and internalized the Word, becomes the Word. Thus the Mission of the Two Witnesses is ongoing; its future is in our hands.

Many times Morya directed us to a worldwide dissemination of the teachings. He said,

*The Darjeeling Council of the Great White Brotherhood is unanimous in affirming that this is the key to the explosion of Light upon this earth and to the tens of thousands of souls who are hungry, waiting to be filled with this truth so that they may immediately come forward to reinforce your ranks. <sup>2</sup>*

The Brotherhood has been very clear about our joint mission. They called for the Ascended Master Teachings to become a "household word." And in the same 1993 landmark anniversary dictation, Morya spoke of the goal of seeing the Teachings beamed by satellite into the world's living rooms.

Fifteen years later this has yet to be accomplished. Our goal is to begin collectively to mainstream the teachings through a grassroots movement and at the same time to work toward building communities that are in harmony with the Aquarian ideals of freedom.

The ongoing situation of Mother's condition and retirement has posed enormous challenges to the fulfillment of the Masters' call. Truly, it is a time of great initiation for all students worldwide. The creation of artificial divisions between those who were once close serves only to undermine the mission to which we have dedicated our lives. Morya foretold the "Dark Night of the nineties"<sup>3</sup> that would begin a tumultuous period of the testing of this spiritual community. The Masters described this challenge as the initiation at the two-thirds level of the pyramid, the place of the heart chakra, such that the ultimate test of the heart would be whether it would "faint not and endure."

The Ascended Messenger Godfre likens these initiations of our spiritual community to the time of the American Civil War. He said,

*You must know where you are in the course of history and the course of prophecy... Now we come to the era of the testing of this movement, even as this nation under God was tested and is being tested to see whether it could long endure.<sup>4</sup>*

He told us that our ability to meet these challenges would determine whether or not our spiritual movement would survive to ensure the continuity of the last hundred and twenty-five years of the Masters' spiritual teaching.

Yet challenges and difficulties create the crucible that allows us to integrate a deeper and fuller understanding of the path into our lives, our relationships to one another and to our God Presence. However, a solution that could unify all and yet allow for the full outplay of free will to fulfill the Mission of the Two Witnesses seemed almost beyond our reach. But Morya said, "Not in the pleasantness of repose but in the darkness of the storm is my voice useful to you: learn to harken."<sup>5</sup> And so it was in answer to many prayers that the fullness of the vision of Morya's Worldwide Ashram became clear to us. This is the vision we wish to share with you.

With the 1990 publication of the *Ashram Notes*, an entire cycle of teaching and dictations by El Morya and numerous Ascended Masters began to elaborate upon the concept of the Worldwide Ashram. While not overlooked at the time, their relevance to the success of the Brotherhood's work becomes powerfully apparent today.

There are two keys to understanding the Ashram concept. The first is our relationship to the Master and the second is our relationship to one another. In the first, we realize the Ashram is a dispensation and an opportunity. In *Ashram Notes* Morya says:

*I make you a promise: If you accept my words, both hearing them and doing them released through my Ashram Notes...you shall most assuredly receive no less benefit from our association than do disciples who live under my Ashram roof. This is a serious commitment that I am making to each chela who will meet me half way with a like commitment.*<sup>6</sup>

Secondly, to achieve the Ashram's lofty goals as described by the Masters requires our cooperation with one another. We view the Ashram not as an organization per se, but as a grassroots initiative by individuals and groups freely choosing to participate in achieving its purposes. Together we will begin to serve the greater cause of spiritual freedom and divine love through the Ashram meditations. God will bring Coworkers. As Morya said:

*Though I could speak to you for many an hour on the realities of the Ashram and what it can mean to your acceleration on the path, I do request as chelas of the will of God you will accept my word that this is so. Accept that this bonding together of your souls with one another, with my heart and with all servants of God's will is a major key to your success and your God-victory.*<sup>7</sup>

How will we bond together? Our relationships will form the core of the Ashram's mission to humanity. In 1990 John the Beloved said, [The Ashram] "requires no signing of papers, no membership in the outer, no disaffiliation from any other organization but only the application of the heart."<sup>8</sup> Through the heart we will pass the crucial initiations before us.

Saint Germain's technology, the Internet, is a powerful, free resource available to Lightbearers for spiritual searches. Use of the Internet adds breadth, depth and power to our international relationships by connecting resources and people, ideas and imagination. As in the highly energized period prior to the American Revolution, we may

now establish our Committees of Correspondence, creating plans for coordinated action and for the dissemination of the ideas and vision of the Ascended Masters for a new era of spiritual freedom. John Adams wrote, "Let us dare to read, think, speak and write." Morya would surely add, "Let us act."

Imagine a Worldwide Ashram web site where Lightbearers can find the original *Ashram Notes* with links to the entire library of Mark and Mother's works published by The Summit Lighthouse, where small Ashram groups could form circles to study these works and follow the precepts of the Great White Brotherhood. Here one could also find articles on current leading-edge thought in significant areas of cultural and scientific change that dovetail with the Teachings of the Ascended Masters. Doorways will be created through which seekers may make contact with the heart of Morya, the Brotherhood and the *antahkarana*.

We hope to strengthen the thread of contact to El Morya's heart by fulfilling his request regarding the Worldwide Ashram and the wider dissemination of the Teachings. The community still feels the gravity of that moment in April 1997 when El Morya Khan announced his removal of the thread of contact. Morya said that our merit for intercession would then be "based upon your own decree momentum, your devotion to your God Presence and your service to mankind."<sup>9</sup> We have a threefold assignment from Morya, through which the Light shall prevail through hearts willing to act and join together for this higher purpose.

The ideal of the Universal Ashram of God's Will uniting Lightbearers worldwide in an accelerating revolution in higher consciousness on this planet has been entrusted to the Keepers of the Flame. After reading this document we hope you will ponder it in your own heart with your God Presence, for it represents as faithfully as possible our highest understanding of the Master's intentions. Our own intentions are best expressed in the following prayer:

*Beloved El Morya, I pledge to be the manifestation of your gemstone, the result of your efforts, the victory of your sponsorship, so that this dispensation shall come to fruition through the "I AM He" consciousness of my brothers and sisters with me as the incarnate representatives of the Great White Brotherhood, as Above, so below.*

We close with these words from Lincoln's second Inaugural Address: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in."

Your coworkers, brothers and sisters on the path,

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PS. To read the full history and development of the Ashram concept as given by El Morya, please read our [Ashram article](#).

**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.