

THE POWER OF SILENCE



THE STROKE OF THE BEGINNING IS

OUR BELL

AGNI YOGA, 463

**MOUNT KAILAS, THE MOUNTAIN OF THE BELL,
SOUNDS ITS SILENCE THROUGH THE WORLD**

**LISTEN TO THE SILENCE REVERBERATE AS IT
RINGS THROUGH US**

COMPILATION FOR DAILY REFLECTION
OF SEED THOUGHTS IN THE LEAD UP TO

THE GLOBAL SILENT MINUTE

21 DECEMBER 2019 AT 9.00PM GMT/UTC

AND

**THE FESTIVAL WEEK OF
THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS**

21 – 28 DECEMBER, 2019

In the lead up to the Festival Week, 21-28 December 2019, join us for a daily reflection on Silence as we build a subjective Chalice for reception, absorption and distribution of incoming energies.

The Global Silent Minute – on 21 December 2019 at 9.00pm GMT/UTC – falls on the first day of Festival Week. Citizens everywhere around the globe and on both sides of the veil will unite in Silence on behalf of the common good.

The daily reflections have been compiled from the Agni Yoga teachings. Statements are either direct (red) or adapted/distilled/collaged (blue) quotes or, if not referenced, authored by the compiler.

The word “silent” is an anagram for “listen”. That the two words are formed from the same letters is profoundly significant as they energetically live together, so to speak. They share an underlying synthesis of component parts that are sequenced differently. In silence we listen and, in listening, we hear the sound of Silence.

A story to begin:

A well-known Rishi sat in silence, his expression one of striving.

He was asked what it was that absorbed him so. The Rishi answered, "At this moment I am building a temple."

"And where is this temple that you are building?"

"Twenty days' march from here; the builders are in great need of help."

"So even in your inactivity you build?"

The Rishi smiled, "Is action only by the hands and feet?" *Agni Yoga, 489.*

In the lead up to, and including Festival Week 2019, many of the New Group of World Servers will participate in many forms of action. The purpose of this compilation of seed thoughts is to encourage reflection on, and participation in, the powerful *action* of Silence.

Master Morya speaks about the exponential value of sitting in silence and thinking one thought. He says:

When in perplexity, sit together in silence and think one thought. Soon you will understand to what an extent such silent counsel is practical. We precipitate the force of the spirit along one channel. An unusual discharge results, reinforced by magnetism and harmonized by rhythm. The law is that two concordant thoughts increase the power seven times. This is not magic but a practical consideration. *Leaves of Morya's Garden II, 155.*

When we sit or meet in silence, the bond becomes stronger. *Leaves of Morya's Garden II, 267.*



November 21

Silence awaits Humanity to harness its power.



November 22

True power comes when the whole being is overwhelmed by silence and an energy is generated that permits communion with the Higher World. We know these hours of surging energy, and can affirm that this kind of silence is the highest tension.

Supermundane, 89



November 23

Silence can be a sign of the intensity of inner power. It has long been said that stillness can be more powerful than the storm or whirlwind. The Thinker required that His disciples be imbued with an understanding of the significance of silence.

Supermundane, 681



November 24

Silence is not the absence of speech or sound. Silence is not thinking, nor is it thoughtlessness. Silence is beyond thinking. In Silence we must find new sight, so as to perceive what we create in new ways. *Supermundane, 789*



November 25

The soundings of Silence, like powerful chords, ring out, filling all of existence; joy abides in these harmonies. One should learn to discern the fundamental chords. At times they fill space like a resounding string; at times like many-voiced choirs; at times they resemble a majestic symphony, but sometimes one can hear the song of one Voice. Thus can be heard the Music of the Spheres. Space resounds with a special rhythm at every moment. The Thinker sometimes, during a discourse, would become silent as if listening, and say, "How beautiful is the sound of the Supermundane World!"

Supermundane, 924



November 26

One should know the difference between the living silence, full of supermundane harmonies, and the dead silence, when the currents of the Higher Worlds are cut off. *Supermundane, 924*



November 27

One can understand that words are inappropriate when the essence of thought is aflame. Silence is more eloquent than words. How beautiful is the transmission of lightning-thought in silence.

Supermundane, 398



November 28

When We suggest unification in silence, then somewhere something significant is taking place. Such concentrated silence gathers a special energy, which is silence as action. *Supermundane, 139*



November 29

When silence reigns in Hierarchy there is a powerful tension, and this communion with the Higher world results in a renewal of forces. *Supermundane, 89*



November 30

To realize eternity, with lightning speed, instantaneously, without words, one places oneself in continuity with the whole chain into the Infinite. Resolving to unite with the Infinite, one inhales emanations of the ether and establishes the best circuit for the current. Thus, in silence, one can receive a stream of refreshment. *Aum, 97 & Leaves II, 307.*



December 1

To observe the signs of the Subtle World, it is necessary to exercise attention. Attention has to be developed by various methods. One can select a single voice in a symphony and follow it, or one can recognize several harmonies simultaneously. It is also helpful to learn to recognize the sound of silence. Silence has many subtle voices, and following their rhythm means coming closer to the Subtle World. But when studying silence it is instructive to recognize the dissonance that every physical intrusion brings. *Heart, 327*



December 2

The sensitive, elevated consciousness knows how to heed the inner thinking, the deepest layer of thought. It needs no words and knows that ascent is forged in the hearth of silence. *Supermundane, 710*



December 3

Brief silence, also called *active* silence, serves at beginnings to invite cooperation and collaboration between worlds for the common good. This silence ends with a deep sigh. *Supermundane, 918*



December 4

The Blessed One pointed to a silent man, saying, "Who can define the boundary of silence? A right word is difficult to find, but it is even more difficult to find the beauty of silence." What is the beauty of silence? *Agni Yoga, 385*



December 5

Silence may be teeming with voices and darkness may be suffused with light. Hence, he who regards Space as empty will not apprehend the mighty life manifested in silence as the highest Word of Cosmos, nor the invisible as the manifest Eye of Cosmos. The law of Cosmos is inviolable, and even man has accepted the Voice of Silence. Where speech is meagre, the voice of the heart affirms silence. Cosmos in silence makes manifest the language of the heart, and the Cosmic Voice may become audible. Sensitiveness and vigilance can aid us in giving ear to the Voice of Silence. The beauty of Cosmos is manifested in silence. The beauty of silence is expressed in all the higher manifestations of life. Let us learn to harken to silence! The infinitude of Cosmos creates the manifestation of the Silence.

Infinity 1, 80



December 6

Sometimes a short period of silence is the best accumulator. One's consciousness, according to the degree of development of straight-knowledge, provides an understanding of what action is needed.

Agni Yoga, 535



December 7

"First the storm, then the thunder, then silence." In this absence of sound comes the so-called Voice of the Silence. But higher than this voice is communion. You know how the voice of the Teacher is transmitted; but there can be a coming together in consciousness, not using words but transporting one's consciousness instantaneously into the consciousness of the Teacher. One almost ceases to be aware of oneself; but the Chalice is filled to the brim with straight-knowledge. Such union surpasses words, for it nurtures one with straight-knowledge. All forms of communion are made possible by such a consciousness. *Agni Yoga, 563*



December 8

An intense silence constitutes a fiery barrier that, when reinforced by the number of those who are uniting, becomes a genuine stronghold. Therefore, in an hour of tension you can gather together and sit in silence. Naturally, you may think of the single path in which salvation lies. And so I am sending you all strength. *Heart, 185*



December 9

The language of Silence is the language of the Heart.



December 10

The transmission of thought is also a manifestation of Silence. We often use it. Before the consummation of the thought manifestation, We send the ray of Silence. The rays of Silence call forth those sacred pains in the Chalice. There are rays which are sent into the heart, invisibly and imperceptibly. They are most penetrative, and the organism must assimilate them. At first they evoke anguish, yet they are comparable to pure Fire. The one who sends experiences a manifestation of the highest joy, and the one who receives will manifest the same joy after assimilation. In the most sacred Mysteries these rays were called "Agni Invisibiliae." Thus, remember!
Infinity 1, 81



December 11

When I advise silence, it does not mean to merge into sleep, but on the contrary, to resound to the Might of Hierarchy. *Hierarchy, 244*



December 12

After all the demarcations have been made, we inevitably arrive at the synthesis of the heart. We need not mention that silence arises from an intermingling of all the sounds. So let us learn to correlate the heart with silence. But this silence will not be a void; it will saturate space with the synthesis of thought. Just as a heartfelt prayer has no need of words, a saturated silence has no need of formulas. An intensified silence requires creation of many strata of thought as well as many benevolent desires. So the heart, intensified by silence and full of energy like an electric generator, beats out the rhythm of the Universe, and personal desires are transformed into the all-guiding Universal Will. That is how cooperation with the distant worlds develops. *Heart, 68*



December 13

At the centre of cosmic foundation resides the Bell; Mount Kailas, the earthly counterpart to etheric Mount Meru, is known as the planetary Mountain of the Bell; and there is a centre in each and every human being which is called the bell. Like a resonator, it gathers the symphony of the world, and transforms the deepest silence into a thundering chord. *Includes fragments from Infinity I, 110 & Leaves of Morya's Garden, 134*



December 14

S/he who has come in close touch with Us learns silence. *Leaves of Morya's Garden II, 155*



December 15

In the hour of confusion silence is the best friend. But let this quiet be not the stillness of malice. Though only momentarily, let the rhythm of the heart calm down. Let there be found again the quiet of psychic energy; thus will be strengthened the work of the centers—alight, but without inflammation. *Brotherhood, 73*



December 16

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December 17

Learn to become renewed in silence. Let a fluttering wing from space touch you and bring you new sight and new achievement. *Supermundane, 789*



December 18

At times it is so necessary to unify through silence! Nothing influences the heart so much as intense silence. *Heart, 401*



December 19

A single minute in Silence can recalibrate, resurrect and rejuvenate the course of evolutionary destiny.



December 20

In all beginnings, remember the time of silence. *Leaves of Morya's Garden I, 360*

The stroke of the beginning is Our bell. *Agni Yoga, 463*



December 21

Day 1: Festival Week of the NGWS

During the fiery tension it is especially useful to gather together and to give the fire a new direction. So, too, the moments of silence are like a balsam of tranquillity by which a near one's heart can be sustained. *Fiery World I, 217*



December 22

Day 2: Festival Week of the NGWS

A state of silence is sometimes filled with discharges and lights, but there can be a deep silence when nothing stirs—which is the greater? *Fiery World II, 518*



December 23

Day 3: Festival Week of the NGWS

A hermit was once asked how he could dwell in continuous silence. He was much surprised and said, “On the contrary, I am never silent, but converse constantly—so many companions visit me.” The hermit had drawn so near to the invisible world that it had become entirely perceptible to him. Prayer became communion, and that world was affirmed in all its magnitude. To such a spirit his own transition into the Subtle World is altogether imperceptible. Amidst discourses about the Good one may ascend any and all steps. At first, prayer is external, then it issues from the heart, and after that it becomes a communion with Good. *Aum, 41*



December 24

Day 4: Festival Week of the NGWS

Only the beginner poets sing praises about silence, themselves contradicting it. But science has ascertained radio waves which are registered by certain people without apparatus. Psychic energy opens up the inner hearing. Space cannot be silent, it is filled with the sounding of all three worlds. It is full, for there is no void. *Aum, 495.*



December 25

Day 5: Festival Week of the NGWS

When We suggest unification in silence, then somewhere something significant is taking place. Such concentrated silence gathers a special energy, which potentially is more powerful than even the loudest words. Very few understand silence as action. Our entire Abode sometimes merges into profound silence when something of great importance is taking place. Often people feel the need to go into silence before undertaking a dynamic action. Thus, an experienced speaker will be momentarily silent and take a deep breath before uttering a decisive word...The potency of one’s psychic energy increases with the expansion of consciousness. There is joy in Our Abode when We learn that some great task was performed consciously. Thus, a current of striving can benefit human endeavours. *Supermundane, 139*



December 26

Day 6: Festival Week of the NGWS

It is in silence that Essence is found. *Agni Yoga, 380.*



December 27

Day 7: Festival Week of the NGWS

The ancient people...in times of danger turned instantly to Heaven, and in silence and without thoughts opened their hearts in receptivity to the Higher Forces. They understood that earthly words are useless in such circumstances and could not express their need, and they allowed the Higher Force to flow unimpeded into their consciousness. They were certain that in time of need benevolent help would come. They knew that space is fully inhabited, and that the Good Ones are always ready to provide help. *Supermundane, 384*



December 28

Day 8: Festival Week of the NGWS

The Thinker advised people to gather together, and in silence to direct their thoughts to Humanity. *Supermundane, 853*