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Good morning from New Zealand. I'm honoured to be part of this conference and this endeavour, which is very rich and valued. Behind me you'll see an image of the Mountain Aoraki Mount Cook. It's a sacred mountain to Ngāi Tahu based in the South island of New Zealand. There's quite a bit of information in my talk today so the presentation will be posted in the chat so that you can look at the detail later on.

So yeah, these are just a few of my thoughts on New Zealand, the land of the long white cloud. So I’ll just see if I can share. Okay, hopefully you can see the presentation now. (Tech) Yes. (Katherine) Perfect, thank you.

So New Zealand is part of the British Commonwealth and is therefore linked to Europe via Great Britain. The connection to Europe started in 1642 when Abel Tasman set sail for New Zealand and sighted the West Coast of the South Island. He anchored in a bay there and attempted to land, but had a rather intense encounter with the local Māori where he lost some men and decided not to land and venture further north. He was a Dutchman.

There was nearly a French connection as many of the early settlers were French. They set up a colony in Akaroa near Christchurch. There were many French whalers and later on there was a prominent French Catholic Bishop Pompallier, who was quite influential, particularly in the Treaty of Waitangi which we'll come to. However, the rays and the astrology did not align with France and New Zealand and effectively the British got in first before the French could expand further.

The connection with Europe was grounded when Captain James Cook set out to explore the Southern Hemisphere. The Royal Society of England tasked him with going south to observe the transit of Venus which would be visible from the South Pacific. It was thought that by observing this transit and making measurements, they'd be able to calculate the astronomical unit, the distance from the Earth to the Sun, and thereby understand the size of the solar system.

The transit of Venus across the sun is relatively rare. They always come in pears, eight years apart, around about every 120 years. The orbit of Venus over time makes this pattern of a five-pointed flower or star each time it approaches the Sun. Back in the 1600s and 1700s there was no split between astronomy and astrology. The likes of Kepler and Galileo were astronomer-astrologers. It's unlikely the Royal Society of England and James Cook had this approach in 1769 and were purely looking at things astronomically, but the symbolism of Venus being the motivating reason is interesting nonetheless.

Captain Cook also had an ulterior, secret mission given to him by the Royal Society, and that was to discover Terra Australis Incognita, the great southern continent that was believed to balance the land mass of the Northern Hemisphere. This was an idea proposed by Aristotle and Ptolemy put the image of this proposed continent into maps.

Cook didn't discover this great continent, but in the process he discovered many islands in the South Pacific and he mapped the outline of Aotearoa New Zealand and observed the local people and the flora and fauna along with the botanist, Joseph Banks.

People predominantly from Great Britain started arriving consistently which greatly increased the population of New Zealand. This led to the death of many of the indigenous people, the Māori, through disease and subsequent wars.

Over time, in 1840 a treaty was signed on behalf of the British Queen and the Māori chiefs of the majority of tribes -- not all of them signed -- which became known as the Treaty of Waitangi. Its intention was to try and bring law and order to the inhabitants of New Zealand and to protect mainly the Māori people. Many of the newcomers were whalers and brought with them alcohol and unruly behaviour.

New Zealand is the only nation state to have such a treaty and it's seen as a treaty of peace that is much talked about in 2023. And there is momentum for a constitutional transformation to be reached by 2040, the 200-year anniversary of the signing of the treaty, as it's not fully embedded in the political system, and there is also much opposition to this. There are around 70% of New Zealand who identify as New Zealand European, and around 16% who identify as Māori, although there has been much intermingling of the two races over the years.

So for whatever reason, the British Empire established this outpost in New Zealand which has evolved where it is today.

There are only three references to New Zealand in the Blue Books. The first points out that it is a place where members of the new group of world servers are found, which is in Esoteric Psychology II. Additionally, Blavatsky and CW Leadbetter say that the 6th route race will start to emerge on the west coast of the United States, California, in Australia and New Zealand.

The second reference states that there'll be a preparatory school in New Zealand and is linked to the advanced school in Australia to come in Australia. In terms of there being a preparatory school, there are four others that are predominantly based in Europe and one in the US, linking predominantly Europe, the US, and New Zealand as outposts of the European and British influence.

A pioneering attempt was built in Akaroa near Christchurch in the 2000s led by Lawson Bracewell, and a temple based on sacred geometry was built and a teaching space set up. It's stated that the schools will materialise when the causal body of the country is ready. The temple site is currently occupied by two esoteric workers, Julia and Orest Tarnawsky who teach the Ageless Wisdom on a small scale. Julia is Australian and Orest is a German-born Ukrainian, who also spent a long time in Australia. Another school was set up around the same time in the North Island at Highden, and there's also a small group in Nelson that meets regularly but has no physical space.

The third reference gives the astrological rulers of New Zealand being Gemini as the soul ruler and Virgo as the personality ruler. And DK makes this statement that:

“These countries are related to the mother country through their planetary rulers and in this statement you have a definite hint conveyed. The zodiac signs relate, but the planets are more influential at this stage of evolution.”

So the esoteric ruler of Gemini is Venus. So Venus is an important planet for New Zealand and was, again, the instigating reason for Cook traveling to the Southern Hemisphere. As DK says, Great Britain soul ruler is Gemini with a Taurus personality ruled on the mundane level by Venus. So again, a double influence of Venus for Great Britain. And Gemini is the only sign that is influenced solely by the secondary.

So this perhaps indicates that both Great Britain and New Zealand have some kind of synthesising role in the realm of ideas in relation to the plan. We also know that Venus is seen as the system or complementary planet to the Earth. And many of the higher qualities emanate from Venus. And this is where the spark of mind of humanity originated.

Gemini is said to be the interplay between the dualities. There's the light of the intuition and of the mind blended together into one illuminated whole, typical of the fusion of spirit-matter and the demonstration of their essential oneness. Gemini is the sign of divine interplay.

Going back to James Cook's chart, he has a prominent Venus in his chart. It's exactly conjunct Mercury and Uranus. It's square to his moon and square to Saturn. He was a Quaker, a pacifist with humanitarian and altruistic values. So the conjunction of Venus, Mercury and Uranus in his chart suggests an enlightened and inclusive mind; he, of course, being the carrier of the impulse from Britain to New Zealand.

The previous transits in 1519 and 1526 were at the time of Magellan, who set sail to prove the world was not flat, which was an advancement in the world consciousness at the time. During the transits of 1761 and 69, the Southern Hemisphere was discovered to the Northern Hemisphere and knowledge of each hemisphere was shared between the two, so north and south were linked.

My sense is that New Zealand can take this Gemini impulse and ground the synthesising principle of Venus and embody the relating of ideas to the etheric level and to ground it in a practical way. So rather than the integration of East and West, It's more an integration of North and South, or the highest and the lowest and how the esoteric and exoteric interact and how spirit and matter combine. The interaction of the 1st aspect, the impulse from Great Britain, and the 7th aspect of New Zealand and expressing via the 2nd aspect, the vibration of Gemini that resonates with the two.

One possible example of this is Peter Jackson, the New Zealand director, has a lifelong fascination with JRR Tolkein and the Lord of the Rings, and he brought the books to life in the early 2000s through the trilogy movies. One could speculate that Tolkein was an initiate with a strong 7th ray influence. Phillip has written about him a couple of times in his newsletters . And Peter Jackson and his wife Fran Walsh created the movies based on the books and they were filmed predominantly in New Zealand. New Zealand has been likened to Middle Earth. It's possible that New Zealanders are predominantly from the earth chain; a possibility. And in the Wellington Airport, which is the capital, they've placed Gollum on top of the building and Gandalf is inside on the eagle there.

The national symbol is the Kiwi, which is a flightless bird. There are several flightless birds including the now extinct Moa bird. So this again could be seen as symbolic of the grounding of ideas, making ideas practical and imbued in the etheric field that I feel will be part of the soul nature of Aotearoa New Zealand. And the Aquarian values of inclusivity, acceptance of diversity, egalitarianism are potential soul qualities.

New Zealand's rays are speculated as 2 and 7. So aside from whether they're correct, there's a strong 2nd ray influence in the astrology with both Virgo and Gemini having the 2nd ray influence them. The 7th ray can be seen in the rather pedantic bureaucracy that is part of New Zealand. And the number 8 wire mentality, which is a combination of ingenuity, innovation, and practicality. There is a reasonable degree of common sense and an organised approach. We're quite etherically sensitive people and there's an etheric vitality in the land. There's also a hole in the ozone layer above New Zealand so the Sun’s rays, penetrate strongly through.

So as the 7th ray grows in potency in the world, it's likely New Zealand may become more visible on the world stage where we would become active in perhaps more than just the All Blacks and sporting prowess, which New Zealanders can be known for. Rugby is a game which is prevalent and very highly valued New Zealand, and perhaps can be seen as a way of grounding the masculine as part of the 7th ray nature of New Zealand, making them practical and skilled in navigating the material world. And this is a game also that was brought in from England.

Another expression can be seen in the granting of legal personhood to features in nature. In 2014, the Ureweras a national park, was granted legal personhood with all the rights that go with that, including the physical and metaphysical properties, as understood in Mātauranga Māori, or Māori scientific knowledge. This followed in 2017 with the Whānganui River being granted the same legal status. And this again could be seen as an example of the 2nd and 7th ray coming together; maintaining both the holistic, the layer of meaning of values and principles in connection with the etheric-physical. The Māori people inherently have a spiritual understanding and connection to the land. They are very ritualistic and all of their tikanga, or ways of being and protocols, inherently have spirituality imbued within. And as people from Britain and Europe have come to settle here over the generations, they have gradually come to be imbued with the energy of the 7th ray, and thereby helping to anchor the 2nd ray impulse on the planet.

Gemini relates to the etheric body and Aotearoa, the Māori name for New Zealand, translates as the long white cloud. This relates to the white clouds that the Polynesian navigators saw when they first came to New Zealand. The symbolism hints at the overlaying of the land from the sky, the realm of ideas and, through Venus and Gemini, New Zealand can blend and manifest its particular note within humanity.

Other symbology is New Zealand consists of two main islands and names and places of tapu or sacred sites are now spoken of as dual, with both their Māori and English names represented. For example Ōtautahi Christchurch and Aoraki Mt Cook. And this is a continuing trend with many people learning the Māori language.

So, true to the nature of a mutable and Gemini country, there are several New Zealand flags that have existed over the years and also several possible astrology charts. My sense of the two that are favourable the Treaty of Waitangi chart and the Cook’s landfall chart represented here. Graham Ibell, an experienced astrologer in New Zealand, a few year years ago proposed the chart of when James Cook first set foot in New Zealand as the appropriate chart for New Zealand.

Having reviewed both charts in light of major events in New Zealand, my sense is that this one seems appropriate, or at least is more esoteric as it indicates the first interaction of Europeans and Māori. In any case, both charts have an Aries ascendant. New Zealand is known for its pioneering spirit. It's the first major country to see the Sun. There's a great deal of independence. Kiwis are very independent which stems from the first settlers who were dissatisfied with the control of the aristocracy and the caste system in the UK and wanted to make a life for themselves, which has coloured the psyche of New Zealand. We're certainly more on the labour side of the capital-labour dynamic. And we also have one of the highest rates of small businesses in the world. The esoteric ruler, of course, of Aries is Mercury, so the soul potential is to come from the plane of mind.

New Zealand has a feminine nature, perhaps due to the Virgo influence. The natural environment is prominent, women are generally strong, and the Moon is conjunct Pluto in Capricorn in the 10th house in this chart. We were the first country to give women the vote. And so New Zealand gives more of a feminine layer to the parent, royalty-based, 1st ray colonising nature of the British Empire. There are several world-firsts that have been achieved in New Zealand. Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi espoused non-violent resistance at an event in 1881. It’s said that they corresponded with Gandhi prior to his non-violent star in India. Ernest Rutherford was a physicist who obtained a Nobel Prize. He's named the father of nuclear physics, and produced the first artificially induced nuclear reaction in 1917. And perhaps more famously, Edmund Hillary was the first to climb Mount Everest in 1953 which was apparently looked on with great interest by the Hierarchy.

Like Gemini, New Zealand is a relatively unstable place, it lies on the Pacific Rim and there are often earthquakes. The land is fertile and arable and perhaps the New Zealand psyche can be seen in this mutable and changeable way. Unlike other countries with large land masses, we are more flexible or adjustable in our make-up, which perhaps puts us as more overly modest and self-deprecating and certainly flexible and adaptable.

We're also surrounded by water, which could be symbolised as the subconscious or unconscious mind. There are many lakes which are -- some quite deep, perhaps suggestive of the deeper feeling nature in New Zealand psyche, and we are probably made up of more introverts.

In terms of the fixed stars, Deneb Kaitos is conjunct the ascendant in the chart, which is in the tale of the whale or the sea monster in the Cetus constellation. Whales are seen as very significant in Māori culture. They’re seen as wisdom holders and represent the depth of wisdom and have a deep knowledge and the use of sound is related to whales as well.

The Constellation Cetus can be seen as the sea monster, which, like the Hydra, must be overcome. So because of New Zealand's nature, it can be in some sense like going to the underworld. People can have transformative experience here. We're at the bottom of the world which can be seen as symbolic of moving into the unconscious or underworld. The mythological character of the underworld in New Zealand is a feminine Goddess, Hine Nui ki te Po and can be perhaps correlated to, similar to Hades and the Greek pantheon.

So my sense is that a nation can manifest its soul by being grounded in the indigenous people and the etheric. It can be said that written communication and academic education was brought from Europe and Great Britain to the indigenous nations through colonisation. However, the negative effects are now evident due to the force of this process.

So in 1840, the treaty was signed between the chiefs of the majority of tribes and the British representatives. It was called for as many people who had come from Britain were causing problems and there was a high degree of lawlessness. And New Zealand is the only nation state to have such the treaty with the indigenous people.

And one of the features of the treaty is article 4 which gives religious freedom for all people in New Zealand, both Māori and newcomers alike, to worship in whichever way that they choose. This was a unique and progressive position for its time and was instigated by the French Catholic Bishop Pompallier. So this is similar to the second of the Four Freedoms articulated by Franklin D Roosevelt a hundred years later in the context of Humanity in terms of freedom of religion.

There's a movement in New Zealand that's aiming for constitutional transformation by 2040, the 200th year anniversary, and it's been promoted by one of the foremost New Zealand thinkers, Moana Jackson. He was a lawyer, an educator and activist. And the goal is to have the treaty as the constitutional foundation of New Zealand, which it's not currently. We're still predominantly dominated by the British, Westminster system.

In terms of te ao Māori, or the Māori worldview, given to me by Reverend Maurice Gray, the world is seen through the lens of the elements. Earth relates to the African region, Hawaiki Pamamao; water relates to the Americas, Hawaiki roa, and air relates to Europe-Asia and it's known as Hawaiki Nui, the big Hawaii; and fire to the Pacific region, the Pacific Rim. So from this lens, Eurasia can be seen as the area where the mental body emanates and its focal point is in terms of Humanity. So from this perspective, one could see it as the focal point for the location of the current battle occurring on the mental plane. And one could argue the epicentre of the conflict is being acted out in Ukraine.

So going back to the governing link between Great Britain and New Zealand is the sign Gemini; the only colonised country mentioned by DK as having a Gemini influence is New Zealand, though there may be others, and the Māori New Year, Matariki, begins in New Zealand with the heliacal rising of the Pleiades and this occurs in the month of Gemini, usually around the new moon. It spans a period of weeks where the Pleiades set and then several weeks later rise above the horizon. It's a time of celebration, of recognising the dead and envisioning the future.

What's interesting to note is that Sedna, which is a newly discovered planet, enters Gemini in June of this year. Sedna was discovered in 2003, and each newly discovered planet represents a new level of consciousness that Humanity is apparently ready for. So it's of particular importance perhaps for Gemini countries that Sedna is entering Gemini in this year just for a few months, until it retrogrades back into Taurus in November. And so this may have an effect on the nations of Great Britain and New Zealand as well as the general etheric field. This hasn't occurred before because Sedna has an over 11,000 year orbit.

The myth of Sedna is she's an Inuit goddess who was an independent spirit who did not want to marry. Her father arranged for her to marry a suitor who took her away to an island. The husband was actually a birdman and treated her badly. The father came to rescue her in a boat, and as they escaped, the husband used his power to recreate a storm. Fearing for his life, the father threw Sedna off the boat. She clung onto the boat and tried to get back in the boat. However, her father chopped her fingers off and she sank to the bottom of the ocean where she became a goddess and ruled over the sea creatures, her fingers becoming seals and other marine creatures.

So Sedna is seen as an impersonal, feminine energy. Alan Clay is a New Zealand astrologer who has written quite a large book on the subject, and in his view Ceres is the higher octave to the Moon and Sedna is the higher octave to Ceres. So through that lens, one could possibly say it's sort of a hierarchical level of the feminine.

He sees it as a transpersonal nurturing of our spirituality and that crises occur in order to transcend. Another astrologer, Mitch Horowitz, sees it as relating to feminine healing and to do with environmental issues. Maria Rodriguez believes it would be the ruler of Virgo. Astrologers are still getting a feel for what Sedna is about based on research and observing patterns, but it seems to create crises and stimulate reaching a higher or deeper level of consciousness. So this is likely to be a huge shift for Humanity, just as Pluto is as it moves into Aquarius.

Various astrologers have made speculation about how Sedna in Gemini will manifest, but there is concurrence that it will be to do with artificial intelligence and a transformation in human consciousness.

It's also noted that Great Britain is ruled by Taurus on the personality level, and China is ruled by Taurus on the soul level. Sedna was in Taurus for about 60 years, from 1965 to 2023. It was conjunct the fixed star Algol from mid-2016 to March 2020, which would've had a strong impact on both of these countries, perhaps more so Great Britain being the personality rulership. Algol was seen as a malefic star, but also one that has high spiritual rays simulating from it. And it relates to Medusa and the turning of people to stone. So this was around the time of the Covid experience which penetrated right into the physical Taurean level, literally into the DNA of Humanity. And in relation to China, the pandemic emanated from there and strongly affected the nation. Both Sedna and Algol relate to death and there's much been much talk of the influence of the dark forces through propaganda, big pharma and those seeking to maintain duality and power. This period spanned the Brexit period, also an event with much propaganda, and also the disruptions in the royal family, both with Prince Andrew and Mexit.

Sedna is also currently conjunct Alcyone, which is mentioned several times in the blue books as called the Star of Individuality and is related to the Pleiades. It'll be back in the anaretic degree of Taurus from December 2023 to April 2024, which may again be a powerful period for Humanity.

The influence of Sedna and its connection to the Pleiades is likely to affect the nations ruled by Gemini. Those rulerships are Poland and the USA on the personality level and Belgium, Great Britain and New Zealand on the soul level. Some suggested themes may be transformation of consciousness, particularly in relation to the feminine, a growing knowledge of the etheric body and its structure, perhaps growing knowledge of sacred sites on the earth and leylines, and greater knowledge of the deeper aspects of the subconscious and consciousness coming into the mainstream, and perhaps a focus on the ocean and purifying it.

In December 2024 the North Node will conjunct the New Zealand ascendant and will be squared the Sun and Chiron will square the Moon, which may be a significant time. And in July 2025 Uranus will be in Gemini, Pluto in Aquarius and Neptune in Aries. Neptune will conjunct the ascendant and there'll be sextiles from Pluto and Uranus. So this should be a progressive time for New Zealand and the stimulating of its soul nature. And Victor, a Hungarian astrologer, notes that Sedna was opposing Pluto in the 90s at the time of the dissolving of the Soviet Union, and he predicts that Russia and China will rise on the world stage during the Pluto Sedna trine from 23 to 25, 2023 to 2025.

In the New Zealand Cook’s landfall chart, Sedna is at 14 degrees of Pisces, which makes it square to the nodes and opposing Neptune and Ceres, creating a cross. So this gives Sedna quite a strong influence in the New Zealand chart. This is a very feminine aspect with the nodes of the Moon, Sedna and Ceres involved; and both Neptune, Sedna, and Pisces all relate to the ocean, and New Zealand has a strong affiliation with the ocean being surrounded by water. The equivalent of Neptune is the god of the ocean Tangaroa in Māori lore.

So the strong placement combined with the impending transit of Sedna through Gemini indicates a shift in consciousness, perhaps related to the subconscious or unconscious realms, and in order to manifest the ideas and 2nd ray impulse and to embody them, the shadow nature of the person or a nation is seeking to be recognised and mastered. So there's likely to be a consciousness shift in New Zealand over the coming few years that perhaps transforms the emotional or feeling nature. And with Great Britain being influenced by the entrance of Sedna into Gemini, perhaps this colonising nation may need to recognise the shadow and balance the karma of events of the past in relation to the colonised nations and indigenous people.

It's possible that New Zealand would become a republic and release more of the attachment to Mother England. And we, of course, can aid in this process by focusing on the plan and being the bridge as the New Group of World Servers, as Gemini relates all the energies together, and New Zealand and Great Britain potentially have a role to play in resolving these dualities on the world stage.