

## NOTE ON TRANSLITERATION

Transliteration follows the Library of Congress system except that the familiar English spelling is used for well-known persons and terms such as:

Andrei Bely  
Elena Blavatsky  
Fedor Dostoevsky  
Nikolai Gogol  
Maxim Gorky  
Gurdjieff, Gurdjieffian, Gurdjievist movement  
Nicholas and Elena Roerich  
Vladimir Soloviev  
Peter Tchaikovsky  
Lev Tolstoy  
Leonid Vasiliev  
Boris Yeltsin

Kabbalah  
Shambhala

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