



Triangles

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A week of joyful group impact —

Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers

Every seven years, during the period 21-28 December, the lighted energies of Capricorn that condition this time of the year are augmented by forces flowing in from a still greater constellation which has been enigmatically described as “the zodiac of our zodiac”. One of the effects of this is that the door between the human and spiritual kingdoms opens wide and special influences are available to stimulate and empower all who are working for the psychological upliftment of humanity. This period of opportunity is celebrated as the Festival Week of the new group of world servers and occurs again this year.

One of the cumulative effects of these festivals over the years has been to magnetically strengthen the ties between the many diverse groups that are serving in the world. It has demonstrated most obviously in mutual support for one another’s work but also more subtly as a subjective identification with the energy of goodwill that is driving them all towards a common goal. This rapport can be detected in some quality radio and television broadcasts when intelligent, compassionate people are discussing and debating topics of particular human interest or concern. An underlying note of confidence and joy is often apparent in the speakers despite the gravity or contentiousness of the subject being addressed, and this quality of joy is a shared hallmark of all soul-inspired workers – it qualifies their interactions with others.

The outstanding quality of the soul is group consciousness and those who express its joyful inclusiveness are automatically brought under the influence and rhythm of a spiritual law that conditions group progress. The sympathetic resonance between units in a group causes the individual lights to coalesce into a collective that “glows” as one, coherent living organism. A living synthesis is taking place as individualistic thinking transmutes into receptiveness to group impression and expression. As the part becomes focused in the whole, the whole, in turn, becomes focused in the part and acts through that part – a living organism. The Triangles network is, of course, an outstanding example of such an organism, and each triangles worker can provide living testimony that group work enhances rather than diminishes our sense of true identity.

During this coming week of group impact, Triangles workers can help to raise human consciousness nearer to the “point of Love within the Heart of God” that animates all spiritual organisms. It is a time when we can especially sensitise ourselves to impression from the inner worlds where groups of enlightened minds guide the incoming ideas to implement the vision of the One Life into human expression. To support this work, the Lucis Trust is holding a meeting on the topic of “Living Synthesis” in New York, Geneva and London on Saturday, 17 December 2005. Please contact us for further details on this and the week’s events.

CRAFTING AN ENLIGHTENED PUBLIC OPINION

Public opinion is often thought to be a fickle thing, moving with the tides, fluid, impressionable, easily swayed by well-organized pressure groups and those who speak with charisma and charm. The drama of day-to-day events seems to bear this out as support for particular programmes in any local or national environment rises and falls in response to which side is winning the public relations game.

Yet this is only part of the picture. If we take a longer-term view of public opinion, we see things differently. Certain ideas stand out over time, like energetic potencies, at the centre of popular thinking. It is as if they have a life and a momentum of their own, becoming magnetic fields, attracting thought and motivating activity. In these early years of what might be regarded as the Age of Interdependence ideas of synthesis, wholeness, oneness, ‘unity in diversity’, rights and responsibilities, empowerment and participation are like this. They are fields of coherence around which so much thinking revolves, in all societies. This is what makes our emerging Age so exciting: for the first time ever we are seeing the beginnings of world public opinion. Inevitably this also involves opposing counter-forces, reacting to the dominant thrust – like the religious and political groups that rail against the synthesis field.

Bearing in mind that so many of the ideas at the core of the world of thought bear the hallmarks of interdependence, our work in the Triangles network is to look deeper and to consider the enlightenment of public opinion. This is to look less at ideas and more at the qualities and atmosphere of popular thinking – at the warmth and illumination emitted from the field of thought. To be more specific, the idea of interdependence and wholeness is one thing.

The infusion of that idea with an atmosphere of goodwill is quite different. For then the idea, interdependence, reaches into every aspect of thinking and feeling, affecting the way individuals and societies respond to problems and crises. When goodwill flows through public opinion (as, for example: during this year’s natural disasters; or in response to the bombings in New York, Madrid, Bali, and London; or in the millennium celebrations and recent ceremonies opening and closing the Olympic games) it brings sweetness into the field of thought and outer action. This is not the sweetness of sentiment, but rather an orientation of being where at the most simple and basic level individuals feel personally involved. The idea of interdependence then affects the heart individually and collectively. People in large numbers feel to some extent empowered to contribute; they feel a measure of identification with fellow human beings who are suffering – or rejoicing. When an atmosphere of goodwill prevails, differences of opinion are not divisive (even though they may be strongly held) because there is a shared sense of wanting to get the best result possible.

Concentrated, organized group use of the energy generated by thought is a powerful technique for crafting an enlightened public opinion and an atmosphere of goodwill. This is very much our work in the Triangles movement. Through the daily magical link we establish with the mind and heart of our two co-workers, and the lighted net of our fellow meditators around the world, we reach upwards for inspiration and impression by those inner, liberated and enlightened souls of all the religious and spiritual traditions. Our work then is to turn, as a group, and irradiate the field of popular thought with echoes of the light and goodwill we have received from above.

NOTES ON THE NETWORK

In the last **Notes on the Network** (June 2004), we mentioned that introductory Triangles literature had been translated into several Indian languages, as well as Bulgarian. We are pleased to report that in the last few months, a co-worker in the Middle East has been instrumental in helping to coordinate the translation of some of the literature into Arabic. This is a region of the world where little focus has been given to Triangles in the past, so we greatly welcome this positive development. Also, the World Goodwill Newsletter is being translated and printed in Arabic, and will be mailed to appropriate individuals and groups in the region. With the wind of change sweeping across the Middle East, perhaps it is timely that the note of Triangles and World Goodwill is beginning to resonate with thinking people of goodwill in this important region of the world. We will keep you informed of further developments.

Still on the theme of translation work, we greatly value the dedicated support of the international group of translators who translate the Bulletin from English into Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish; and, who enable the Bulletin to reach co-workers throughout the world.

Over the next few months, Triangles advertisements will be appearing in three spiritually focused Indian magazines, two of which are published in English and the other in Hindi. One of the magazines is also featuring a 900-word article on Triangles and a similar length abstract on World Goodwill. Similarly, Triangles articles will also be appearing in three UK and one South African spiritual journal. If you know of any progressive spiritual magazines in your part of the world that may be interested to feature an article on Triangles, please do let us know. Or, you may care to submit an article yourself? We will be glad to offer advice.

Since the beginning of the year, we are pleased to report that French and Italian co-workers are

now using Triangles Online, a Bulletin Board web page, in order to link up with like-minded people of goodwill to form triangles. To date English, French, Italian and Spanish speaking co-workers are able to use this facility. We plan to expand the language base in due course and news of further developments will be announced. In order to use Triangles Online, you will need to have access to the internet and your own personal email address. Co-workers who are looking to form a new triangle and who speak one of these languages are encouraged to use this service. It is quite a simple procedure: after completing a short questionnaire on-line, your details, such as your name and email address, will be posted on a secure web page, which you and other co-workers can view to select like-minded people to work with in a triangle.

Over the last two years we have noticed that the number of triangles being registered at headquarters has fallen. It may be that co-workers are forming triangles, but are not registering them? Of course, there is no compulsion to do so, but if they are registered, new co-workers are sent a series of four sequence mailings at monthly intervals introducing them to the work and they are also included on our mailing lists to receive the quarterly Triangles Bulletin. No doubt, we would all agree that in the present world climate the need to awaken human consciousness to the higher values is pressing. Triangles offers us a real opportunity to make a difference in the world, to construct a bridge in consciousness through the power of lighted thought connecting the spiritual and material worlds, and to inspire human thinking to express the higher spiritual values. One more triangle need only take a few extra minutes each day. If you are unable to find one or two other co-workers to link with, you can always use Triangles Online or write to headquarters for suggestions about forming triangles.

We thank you for your loving support of Triangles this year and look forward to our work together in 2006.

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

Every year we are pleased to feature in the Bulletin a selection of thoughts on Triangles that we receive from co-workers around the world. We hope, too, that you will be encouraged to share your insights with the worldwide group.

As a senior citizen I find there is not much of an opportunity to give physically active service any longer. Triangles has given me a different mode of service to the Plan that is positive and spiritually oriented. It gives me a focus to my days and thoughts as well as a strong sense of fellowship with the other members of this triangle and to all others involved in this work. In this period of transition in individual and collective experience, I find it a most welcome balance and participation on the activities of humanity. It serves as a reminder that I am a part of the Whole.

USA

Participating in Triangles work is an uplifting exercise every morning. Visualising the streams of lighted, loving energy wafting down onto the earth, and touching humanity in their different fields of endeavour and making them glow with renewed energy gives me hope that all will eventually be well.

Nigeria

The daily work of Triangles is one form of the practice of harmlessness. For what else could it be – the visualising of light and love pouring through the network and seeping into human consciousness? Harmlessness practised all day becomes a state of mind.

India

Over the past year, I have watched my ability to grasp the meaning of Triangles as a service to mankind.... I believe the work we are doing is *essential* to balance the energies of negativity and positivity in a world that is slow to evolve in consciousness.

USA

A method to purify the soul is for three people to form a triangle of meditation and prayer to release the inner self. For one to recognise the presence of the higher self is most essential for a disciple. The recognition of the presence of God enables a student to attain spiritual illumination to serve humanity with love.

Ghana

I am part of seven triangles here. It has been a very focussing process to persist in each days prayers, blessings, and communion. We take our work seriously, and I send out new material to members as often as I can. Some of them have begun forming other triangles. We intend to see the whole energy of Triangles increased and expanded everywhere.

USA

Although a triangle is made up of three, I am finding it increasingly difficult to overlook the image and beauty of the many other triangles sitting serenely within the network. As our triangle is reinforced and more clearly defined each time it is used, so too all the other triangles expand, allowing more light and spiritual energy to infiltrate human consciousness.

UK

Triangles is a world service activity in which people link in thought in groups of three to create a planetary network of triangles of light and goodwill. Using a world prayer, the Great Invocation, they invoke light and love as a service to humanity. Further information is available on request from Triangles.

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