



Triangles

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LETTING IN THE LIGHT

The spiritual sciences acknowledge that the majestic path of the sun through the heavens cultures the higher development of the human family. Each month unique energies are available that play upon and impress the human psyche, drawing out the spiritual essence in those who are responsive to the cosmic dance of constellations, sun and earth. This is particularly so at the time of the three spiritual Festivals – **Easter**, **Wesak** and **Goodwill**. During this period there is an increased opportunity on the part of humanity of ‘letting in the light’ and so revealing the emerging divine pattern. At these Festivals the pivotal link of humanity, acting as a lighted bridge in consciousness between the transcendent and the material realms, is emphasised.

The fascination and mystery of light has occupied the attention of great thinkers down the ages. But, it is only in the last three to four hundred years that major advances in its study have emerged from such eminent scientists as Galileo, Newton and Einstein. The science of light is revealing new ways of understanding the physical universe. For example, through the work of Edwin Hubble in the 1930s and his observations on how light appears to be moving away from or towards a source, scientific thinking concludes that we live in an expanding universe. In metaphysical terms, we can interpret this idea to mean that consciousness is not limited or static, but is expanding, and engaging us with ever higher patterns of energy.

The penetrating light of the spiritual dimensions, too, is revealing the complexities and disparities of our modern age, with its limitations and inadequacies, and yet out of this apparent chaos is emerging a new, ethical, global society. The impact of the awakening consciousness of humanity is influencing all facets of human life – from politics to science, from religion to economics, from transportation to education, and from the environment to health provision – all are coming under the close scrutiny of human thinking and planning. Every day, meetings and conferences at local, national and international levels are held focusing on the pressing needs of humanity. Many pressure groups, NGOs, leading servers and visionaries are piercing the veils of illusion to reveal a brighter, sustainable and more enlightened future for humanity.

At this juxtaposition in planetary affairs, the clash of the old ideologies and the new ideals is polarising human consciousness. No doubt this sense of crisis is indicative of the success of the evolutionary process and of the growing responsiveness of humanity to embrace the higher ethical values. Slowly the weight of public opinion is tilting the balance on to the side of the forces of light and progress. Humanity is awakening to its spiritual destiny. In the urgency of world need, it is important that we engage in our triangles to let in the light, to illumine human thinking, and so help develop a universal culture of the soul.

THE SACRED IN SCIENCE

The theme **The Sacred in Science** is one of a series of articles this year exploring the spiritual dimension in four distinct, yet interrelated disciplines: **Science, Literature, Music, and Art**. We all recognise that the nature of God is expressed through form in different ways. To the scientist, perhaps, the most sublime truth would be the discovery of an equation or mathematical formula, which would explain the mystery of the physical universe; to the writer or poet, words in their eloquent, imaginative, cascading and intuitive flow convey the essence of divinity; to the artist, the balance and interrelationship of form and colour, light and shadow, express the innate beauty and sanctity of life; and to the musician, the harmony of sound, its subtleties, nuances and ordered rhythm reflect the 'music of the spheres'. So, with these and other thoughts in mind let us explore the sacred in the first of these four expressions of human creativity.

To many, scientific thinking is a relatively new phenomenon in the life of humanity. But, of course, this is far from the truth. Ancient civilisations have come and gone, and given to the world of human thought new insights and perspectives on the 'outer garment of God'. In ancient China, the Yih King (I Ching), or Book of Changes, observed that God is a pure mathematician and expresses Himself through the outer form, based upon number and geometric design. The ancient Egyptian, Greek, Hindu, Islamic, and Jewish scholars, amongst others, too, reflected upon great and fundamental scientific problems, such as the nature of light.

Just as the human mind can convey the highest, noblest archetypal ideas, so correspondingly can it reflect the basest. Likewise, science, per se, can either be an instrument for revealing the sacred, wisely harnessing the resources of the natural world for the betterment of the many, or it can be used as a means to serve the materialistic, separative nature. In the eyes of many, science has fallen into disrepute, and is regarded as amoral and destructive of the environment. This, in part, is no doubt true; yet, there is some remarkable visionary work being carried forward by the scientific community. One

example of this is the attempt to bridge the divide between science and religion. This fusion of thought, of rational scientific analysis with spiritual, experiential thinking will, in time, contribute to a visionary, universal spiritual science. Their combined resources will eventually meet on common ground, for what the scientist describes as energy, the spiritual thinker calls God.

In recent years a number of visionary scientists, and other intuitive thinkers have attempted to blend Eastern Philosophy and Western scientific thinking. *Fritjof Capra, Claude Curling, Paul Davies, James Lovelock, Lynn Margulis, Ravi Ravindra, Rupert Sheldrake, and Gary Zukav* are just some of the pioneers who have helped to span the divide between science and religion, and offered new insights and spiritually-focused perspectives upon God, the universe and humanity. No doubt the next great scientific frontier will reveal the etheric, the matrix or pattern upon which the outer, physical world is circumscribed. Perhaps, too, the 'jewel in the crown' of scientific thinking, the Holy Grail of modern physics, the discovery of the 'theory of everything' will take a quantum leap forward with the discovery of the etheric nature of the universe. These revelations will have profound effects in other scientific disciplines such as medicine and psychology, for the interrelationship of energy and form is focused through the etheric.

In many ways, the practice of Triangles is both a spiritual and a scientific technique. Spiritual, because its rationale is to elevate human consciousness to a higher awareness of reality; and, scientific, because it draws upon the use and direction of energy for a specific purpose. In time, the science of invocation and of evocation, the conscious manipulation of energy for spiritual purposes, will herald the dawn of a new, enlightened era where science and religion will co-exist side-by-side in harmonious symbiosis. Each will offer its own unique perspective and experience to lead humanity into a golden era of scientific spiritual discovery, for in their hands "the form of the new civilisation is being constructed".

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The Center for Theology & the Natural Sciences

For over 20 years, the Center for Theology & the Natural Sciences (CTNS) has promoted “the creative mutual interaction between theology and the natural sciences.” Its remit includes research, teaching and public service. The center focuses on the relationship between “the natural sciences including physics, cosmology, evolutionary and molecular biology, as well as technology, and the environment, and Christian theology and ethics.”

CTNS is an Affiliate of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, California, USA and provides courses at the doctoral and seminary levels in order “to bring future clergy and faculty to a greater awareness of this important interdisciplinary work.” The center embraces a multi-religious agenda, which focuses on theological issues arising from “the engagement between the sciences and religious traditions such as Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and indigenous spiritualities.”

Past events organised or co-sponsored by CTNS have included such themes as ‘Science and Religion’; ‘A New Kind of Science? Complexity Studies and Religious Reflection’; ‘Reductionism or Emergence? An Introduction to a New Paradigm?’; ‘Works of Love: Scientific and Religious Perspectives on Altruism’; ‘Gaia and the Sacred: Religion, Science, and Ethics’.

The center publishes a bi-annual journal ‘Theology and Science’. The journal is also available to members on-line.

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The Institute for Research on Unlimited Love

The Institute is a research and educational center focusing on the study of unlimited love “for all humanity without exception.” The Institute explains: “The essence of love is to affectively affirm as well as

to unselfishly delight in the well-being of others, and to engage in acts of care and service on their behalf; unlimited love extends this love to all others without exception, in an enduring and constant way. Widely considered the highest form of virtue, unlimited love is often deemed a Creative Presence underlying and integral to all of reality: participation in unlimited love constitutes the fullest experience of spirituality.”

The Institute’s purpose is “to help all persons to better understand their capacities for participation in unlimited love through research, scholarly publication and educational opportunities.” The Institute invites and welcomes support from all people, from all walks of life, who wish “to assist us in enhancing our understanding of loving kindness and service to humanity without exception. Such understanding has the potential to shape science, thought, education, spirituality and culture globally in the 21st century.”

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www.ssq.net
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www.wisdomtalk.org
- **The Scientific and Medical Network**
www.datadiwan.de/SciMedNet/home.htm

THREE SPIRITUAL FESTIVALS

There are three major spiritual Festivals which form the high point in the annual cycle – **the Festival of Easter, the Festival of Wesak, and the Festival of Goodwill**. Through the steady, persistent meditation work of many individuals and groups in all parts of the world, these Festivals are now achieving a subjective anchorage in the consciousness of the human family.

In the future all people of spiritual inclination will keep the same holy days. This will bring about a pooling of spiritual resources and a united spiritual effort, plus a simultaneous invocation. The potency of this will be apparent. The three major Festivals each year are concentrated in three consecutive months and lead to a prolonged annual spiritual effort which affects the remainder of the year. These are:

The Festival of Easter: This is the Festival of the risen living Christ, the teacher of humanity and the head of the spiritual Hierarchy. He is the expression of the love of God. On this day the spiritual Hierarchy, which he guides and directs, is recognised and the nature of God's love is emphasised.

The Festival of Wesak: This is the Festival of the Buddha, the spiritual intermediary between the highest spiritual centre, Shamballa, and the Hierarchy. The Buddha is the expression of the wisdom of God, the embodiment of light and the indicator of divine purpose.

The Festival of Goodwill: This is the Festival of

the spirit of humanity aspiring towards God, seeking conformity with the will of God and dedicated to the expression of right human relations. On this Festival for two thousand years the Christ has represented humanity and has stood before the Hierarchy and in the sight of Shamballa as the God-man, the leader of his people and "the eldest in a great family of brothers" (Romans VIII: 29). Each year at this time he has preached the last sermon of the Buddha before the assembled Hierarchy. This is, therefore, a Festival of deep invocation and appeal, of a basic aspiration towards fellowship, of human and spiritual unity; it represents the effect in human consciousness of the work of the Buddha and of the Christ. This Festival is also observed as **World Invocation Day**.

Although they are not yet sufficiently related to each other, these three Festivals are a part of the unified spiritual approach of humanity. The time is coming when all three Festivals will be kept throughout the world and by their means a great spiritual unity will be achieved and the effects of the Great Approach, so close to us at this time, will be stabilised by the united invocation of humanity throughout the planet.

(Adapted from the **Three Spiritual Festivals** pamphlet)

Easter Festival: 5 April

Wesak Festival: 4 May

Christ's Festival/World Invocation Day: 2 June

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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