



Triangles

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LIGHT

“Lead me from darkness to Light, from the unreal to the Real, from death to Immortality.” So runs the ancient appeal of the *Brihadaranyaka Upanishad*. The human yearning for light is fathomless, if sometimes misdirected. Traditionally, darkness is associated with ignorance, while light is equated with divinity, and it’s true that the Source of light is divine. Yet, the Ageless Wisdom teaches that light and matter are synonymous terms scientifically, while “darkness is pure spirit”. In this realisation we get a glimpse of the enormous significance awaiting revelation within the material realm, for light is an intrinsic part of every atom of substance.

The past century has brought an inflow of light to earth that has in some respects been almost blinding in its glare. Very few places on our planet are now unlighted and the great urban areas exist in perpetual light. Added to the almost universal availability of electricity is the light of knowledge, now rapidly expanding through the growth of literacy and the development of communications. More information is available to the average individual than he or she can possibly assimilate and use, yet the hunger for the light of wisdom remains, for many, unfulfilled and the capacity to “take the light” is not yet universally developed.

Light is sometimes experienced literally as a shock, with effects both painful and potentially expansive to consciousness. An example of this is humanity’s response to the events of 11 September 2001, which generated an immediate and worldwide recognition that humanity has reached a point of grave danger if ignorance and wrong values are allowed to prevail, and, at the same time, an almost universal revelation of human beings’ capacity to respond as one in the face of great pain and sorrow.

Humanity’s destined task, to become a station of light for our planet, is surely being subjected to a forcing process through the crises and tests of the past hundred years or so. The fulfillment of this task is aided more than we can possibly appreciate by the downpouring of the Forces of Enlightenment—powerful spiritual energies which are released at the time of the Wesak Festival, to be observed worldwide this year on 26 April. These Forces, as they make impact on all intelligent, thinking, reasoning people, are producing an ever clearer grasp of the Plan and of humanity’s role in that Plan, but the necessary steps to be taken are left to the choice of human free will. In this we are strengthened by the living examples of the Buddha, the Lord of Light whose very name means “the Enlightened One”, and by the Christ, the Light of the World. Because these two great World Teachers are of the same substance as humanity, their examples are the guarantee that, as they achieved, so can we all, one day.

EDITORIAL

Triangles Seminar

In February of last year, the first Triangles Forum was held in London. The aim of the Forum was to introduce people of goodwill to using the power of thought to direct light and love into human consciousness through forming triangles. There was an enthusiastic response at the meeting and new triangles were formed. Following on this initiative, we are planning a Triangles Seminar on November 9 this year (in each of the three headquarters centres) in Geneva, New York and London. The purpose of the Seminar will be to deepen the spiritual focus of the worldwide Triangles group and so further precipitate the flow of light and goodwill into the consciousness of humanity. Also, there are plans to work in co-operation with units of service worldwide who will organise their own Triangles meetings/celebrations/periods of meditation and reflection on the same day as the Seminar. Through the co-operative efforts of all involved a global spiritual focus on Triangles will be generated in the run up to, during and beyond the Seminar. Further details will be sent to all co-workers in the next few months.

Triangles on-line

All those with access to the internet may be interested to learn of 'Triangles on-line', which is a web-based initiative enabling co-workers on secure web pages: to register their triangles; to form triangles on-line, after completing a short questionnaire; and to submit their reflections on the work or related matters, on the 'sharing group thought' page. Selected papers will be published on our web site and/or in future editions of the Triangles Bulletin. So, please do visit the web-site (www.triangles.org), click on 'Triangles' on the top horizontal navigation bar and you can then select the service you require. We hope this new facility will encourage people to form new

triangles, to register their triangles and to share their thoughts on the work.

Problems of Humanity on-line

World Goodwill has also recently launched a new web-based initiative (www.lucitrust.org/goodwill/poh/) focusing on the study course 'Problems of Humanity'. It features a selection of passages from the printed study course, along with discussion forums for sharing thoughts and envisioning pathways towards solution. The new pages currently feature an introduction to this study course, and there are six main areas which will be highlighted in future: the relationship between capital and labour; youth and education; minorities; international unity; the psychological renewal of nations; and churches and organised religions. Each of these issues must be imaginatively and intelligently resolved if humanity is to create a better world for all.

The Great Invocation in Kinyarwanda

The Great Invocation is central to our work in releasing light and goodwill into human consciousness. Given out to the world in 1945, the Great Invocation, a mantram for the new age, has now been translated into over seventy languages and dialects, and used daily by countless thousands of men and women of goodwill in over 100 countries of the world.

It is always a joy to learn of a new translation in another language. At the end of last year a co-worker in the Ivory Coast informed us that the Great Invocation had been translated into Kinyarwanda.

Kinyarwanda is spoken in Rwanda, Burundi, parts of Western Tanzania and Southern Uganda. It was used for the first time, as a group prayer, in April of last year to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the Rwandan genocide as "the concluding part of a prayer session on inclusiveness".

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

Science and the Spiritual Quest 11 (SSQ11)

SSQ11 is a four-year international program organized by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences in Berkeley, California, USA in association with several partner organizations.

Its purpose is to promote dialogue amongst leading scientists on “the connections between their scientific pursuits and their religious or spiritual practices” through workshops and public conferences around the world. SSQ11 encourages open dialogue within the scientific community and makes its insights available to the public.

SSQ11 aims, amongst other things, to:

- increase public awareness of the science-religion dialogue;
- affect cultural perceptions of science and of religion in favor of their constructive interaction.

Discussing the challenges which lie ahead, SSQ11 remarks: “...the last decades of the 20th century have seen a major transformation which will reshape the 21st. Scientists as well as religious people have argued convincingly that the old ‘warfare’ model of the science-religion relationship is fatally flawed. Religion does not exclude science by magically transcending it, but may indeed take up where scientific knowledge reaches its limits. Likewise, science does not exclude spirituality by reductively eliminating it, but may instead offer fruitful insights where religious tradition meets its boundaries. Recent years have seen a vibrant and active dialogue between scientists and religious persons (in many cases both in one person) within which mutual respect has developed.”

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icos – First International Conference on Organisational Spirituality

A three-day Conference will be held this year at the University of Surrey, Guildford, England during the 22-24 July. The purpose of the Conference, ‘Living Spirit – New Dimensions in Work and Learning’, is to bring together “people from all walks of life, and from all over the world (especially people in business or higher education with an interest in the application of spiritual dimensions in work and learning) to dialogue on this topic which is growing in interest and relevance throughout the world.”

The organisers of the Conference explain: “the challenge for all organisations is to explore the concept of spirituality as the search for direction, meaning, inner wholeness and connection to others, and to seek to integrate this vital dimension of human nature into work and learning cultures. ”

The four major themes of the Conference are:

• Living Spirit at Work

What is the relationship between ethics, aesthetics, religion and spirituality in the workplace and in education?

• Transpersonal Realities

Is it possible to experience the claim that the spiritual is effective and safe in the workplace?

• New Age and Esoteric Spirituality

How is it possible to integrate both esoteric spiritual practices and the New Age movement and spiritual eco-intelligence with traditional practices of worship, working and learning?

• New Leadership

How important is it for leaders to understand emotional and spiritual competence as part of encouraging holistic ways of working?

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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**.

These three Festivals are a part of the unified spiritual approach of humanity, although they are not yet sufficiently related to each other. 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

Wesak Festival

Christ's Festival/World Invocation Day

March 28

April 26

May 26

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.

The Triangles Bulletin is for men and women of goodwill and is published four times a year in Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Triangles is an activity of the Lucis Trust, a non-profit educational charity which exists to promote right human relations.

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