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INTERNATIONAL UNITY

One might ask, what does international unity have to do with Triangles? The short answer is: quite a lot. The longer answer, showing the esoteric connection, is a little more obscure. Obscurity, however, does not imply a lack of relevance or potency. The Plan of God may be obscure from our “normal” view of the world, but the relevance and potency of its basic ideas is what is slowly and inevitably moving human consciousness in the direction of its divine objectives. The Triangles work has the potential to exert a similar potency on the idea of world unity.

World Unity is an ideal, the need of which has become obvious as a result of the divisive wars of the twentieth century. A world ruled by divisive nationalism, separativeness and greed does not provide a fitting vehicle for the expression of the energies of light, love and the will-to-good. These energies of the Plan must be allowed to flow and circulate freely so that they may express the divine intent of a unified world of nations held in the mind of God. The Triangles work has a unique part to play in this reconstruction process by assuring a continuous flow of energies across all obstructing boundaries.

All Triangles workers need to bear in mind the esoteric link of this subjective service. Our work is not without its higher counterpart. It is work “dear to the heart of Hierarchy”, and it is from the energies that pour through Hierarchy that we draw our strength and inspiration. Members of the Hierarchy also work through a triangular pattern as They distribute the energies of Light and Love into the world. Beyond the Hierarchy this same triangular pattern is seen controlling the flow of energies among the constellations, the solar system and the planets. It seems that the triangle is a basic symbol of strength and balance throughout the universe. This is why the triangle is such an important archetypal pattern that we should work with as well. Our daily work in Triangles is helping to elevate human consciousness to vibrate in synchronisation with this universal pattern. It helps draw humanity closer to the working methods of the Hierarchy, and beyond. It is the primary way of distributing the universal energy of love which works out as goodwill. And “goodwill is the touchstone which will transform the world.”

The goal of this transformation process is world unity. Fifty or sixty years ago world unity looked like an impossible dream. But the recent developments of the globalisation of the world economy, the telephone, television and the internet have shown that humanity wants very much to continue on this course of unity. We instinctively want to build relationships around the world; it is a group soul impulse. The triangular network of souls provides a daily balancing of the unifying energies of love and goodwill. It is our daily connection with the divine.

THE LIGHT OF WISDOM

Let the Sage, shaking off his disguises, merge himself utterly in the all-pervading One; as water in water, ether in ether, flame in flame. The gain above all gains, the joy above all joys, the wisdom above all wisdoms; let him affirm that it is the Eternal. When this is seen, there is no more to see ... the eye of wisdom beholds the ever-present Consciousness, Bliss, the Self.

The Crest Jewel of Wisdom.

Much has been written about wisdom down the ages, the essence of which might be summarised as *intelligence infused with love*; for when the intelligent mind and the loving heart resonate as one, the divine self is able to make its presence felt through them. This results in a universal perspective on life that manifests itself through right relationships with the whole and its parts — in a word — HARMONY.

We are perhaps most familiar with the concept of wisdom through the life of the Buddha who spoke so lucidly about suffering in the phenomenal world being caused by desire and attachment. The solution, he said, is to be found in compassion and a detached mind. He encouraged his disciples and followers to cultivate these qualities and thus become a “light unto [their] own feet”. The Buddha therefore made it clear that wisdom is not something that alights upon the chosen few out of ‘thin air’ so to speak, for it resides in us all to a degree; rather, it is the result of the soul’s love transmuting the knowledge gained through countless lives of experiencing both the pain and pleasure of existence.

Those who are thus awakening to the transient and empty nature of sensory life feel compelled to search for a higher meaning behind appearances, and this naturally leads to meditation and contemplation. And as proficiency in this divine science is acquired, the blueprint of ideas held within the universal Mind slowly reveals itself, and the light of wisdom that radiates from great

spiritual lives who are guiding planetary evolution is seen. With the clarifying light of wisdom that radiates from them, these Masters of Compassion and Wisdom stand ready to empower those who have battled their way out of the darkness of self-centred living. Like the evaporation of water under the rays of a spiritual sun, the essence of our being steadily rises to merge with this spiritual Hierarchy who works silently behind the scenes guiding human evolution. We, too, then, as points of light within a greater light, amplify and transmit the light of wisdom to irradiate and widen the path that leads out of the world of glamour and illusion so that others can see it more clearly.

As the lives of the sages of old demonstrated, the light of wisdom is not always a comforting presence though, nor is it welcomed when its rays bring crises in their wake as they shake conventional thinking, revealing inertia and deep-seated prejudices. But this challenges us to see in new ways, to consider new ideas, making change for the better possible — each human crisis representing the opportunity for a latent seed of wisdom to flower. And at this time of rapid intellectual growth throughout modern civilisation where the once secret forces of nature are being appropriated, the necessity for wisdom to flourish is urgent. For without its guiding light, knowledge threatens to become a destructive force with dire consequences for all of planetary life.

In this respect the Triangles network has a significant role to play in setting up a conscious relationship between the worlds of knowledge and wisdom — between the science of matter and the science of spirit. Each of us has an opportunity to share in this creative service and let in the light of spiritual knowing which will one day herald the triumphant ascent of humanity into a new world of love, peace and harmony. Then will the eye of wisdom *behold the ever-present Consciousness, Bliss, the Self.*

SPACE IS AN ENTITY

Space, as defined by the dictionary, is the unlimited or indefinitely great expanse in which all material objects are located and all events occur. According to this view, space is like a theatrical backdrop against which the unfolding drama of manifestation is seen. Its own nature or quality is unstated and it has largely been regarded as a vast and desolate void, virtually empty of any life or meaning of its own.

Recent times have witnessed the astronomical exploration of space and brought the extended vision of extra-terrestrial telescopes, revealing distant galaxies and documenting the birth of stars. These glimpses of the phenomenal life of space have somewhat altered our perceptions and brought us to regard space itself more as an unknown land just on the verge of discovery, not unlike 'the final frontier' of popular science fiction. In fact this view approaches the more esoteric understanding of space as an immeasurably extensive but coherent body of energies, a divine embodiment of all that is.

Space might be thought of as holding all that has the potential to appear — both that which is already known as well as that which remains beyond our perception. And although the concept of space usually prompts us to think of 'outer space', it also includes 'inner space' with its energies so subtle and diffuse that this space is generally overlooked. 'Reality', it seems, must have some definite shape or distinction if it is to be recognised as such.

Science confirms this need for some form of focus. Without this ability to select and to concentrate, both eye and mind are confounded. If we are to be able to make sense of and to find meaning in that which we behold, this kind of limitation is essential. And in part, it is time that performs this function of breaking reality into fragments that can be assimilated and allowing relationships to be explored — experience is thus gained and a steadily evolving appreciation of the great Life that enfolds them all.

This warp and weft of experience is formed by the combined agencies of time and space — the artistic tools of creation, drawing the unseen potentials of the divine Plan into the light of perceived reality. And it is here that meditation is vital, for the mind is the creative agent skilfully directing energy through thought. In the increasingly feverish pace of modern living, it is meditation that creates and preserves this seemingly endangered 'empty space' — the place of silence in which we can turn away from *that which is* and register the subtle intimations of *that which is to come*.

This creation of space is the basis of all meditation: to precipitate energies according to the divine Plan requires stillness and reflection. It is within the entity of inner space that the potential is anchored; it is in subjective silence that it is nurtured and allowed to develop like the image on a photographic plate.

Before all time and beyond all space is the first image of God. Time and space and all that they contain are this Idea revealing itself and tied to it through free necessity.

Joseph Gorres

SACRED MANTRA

Mantrams have been described as “a form of words or syllables rhythmically arranged, so that when sounded certain vibrations are generated”. According to the Alice Bailey teachings, in the coming Aquarian cycle, sacred mantrams will be widely used by all those who have a deep understanding of how sound can be used for beneficent purposes. It is said that a mantram, when rightly sounded, “creates a vacuum in matter, resembling a funnel”, opening a channel of communication between the individual or group who sounds it and the energy centre it reaches, through which spiritual energies flow. In the immediate cycle ahead of us, sacred mantrams will be used in many diverse ways, such as healing, the purification of cities, the control of the forces of nature, and the focusing of the minds of a group, so that they are able to receive the higher impressions.

The Great Invocation is a sacred mantram that we use daily. The destined role of the human family as a spiritual intermediary between the higher and the lower kingdoms is alluded to in the Invocation. Accepting our responsibility in fulfilling this noble purpose strengthens the relationship between the great planetary triangle of Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity. Each time we sound the Great Invocation, with understanding and humility, we

connect with the divine circulatory flow, becoming relaying points of spiritual energy, energising the Triangles Network with light and goodwill.

Human progress is characterised by the recognition of certain ideas and their application in life. In the present period of human evolution the two outstanding ideas that are slowly being revealed are *light upon our way* and *practical goodwill*. All of us who use the Great Invocation share a common responsibility and vision to weave these two strands of divine energy into the very fabric of human living. It is said that the Invocation is a mantram for the new age and for all humanity. As more people use this ancient mantram, the re-connection of the spiritual and the lower kingdoms, through the mediating role of humanity, will be accelerated.

Modern science and the Ageless Wisdom Teachings meet on common ground in declaring that “all is energy”. We clothe sound in words, and words ensoul ideas. Ideas, in turn, are but the outer expression of inner conditioning energies. In the sounding of sacred mantra we connect with energy flows that are always available for redemptive purposes. Increasingly, as the centuries slip by, and the science of sound reveals its hidden mysteries, spiritual servers will be drawn to employ sacred mantra to enable the inner spiritual reality to emerge.

The Great Singer built the worlds, and the Universe is His Song

From Hindu writings

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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