

Just Another Conference?

As the momentum of transition into Aquarius gathers pace, increasing numbers of people world-wide are involving themselves in conferences, dialogues, discussions and negotiations on every conceivable subject. From the global conferences that receive all the media attention through to local group sharings, the culture of 'conferencing' has become a vital part of the lives of millions of people of goodwill.

What role is this relatively recent phenomena playing in the transition into Aquarius? And of what significance, if any, is it for our daily subjective work with the triangles of light and goodwill?

From an inner perspective the planetary conferences that are reported in the media can be thought of as rituals in humanity's evocation of the principles of right co-operation and sharing. During these events world servers stand, subjectively, as an "army of implacable spiritual will" and, at times, we can assume that the Great Ones on the inner side of life, the Masters of Wisdom and Compassion, overshadow the discussions and shine a light on the way forward. During such events our meditations and prayers can play an important role in clarifying the issues and evoking the will to sacrifice selfishness.

But what of the multitude of gatherings not reported by the media? Can we not recognise a point of spiritual potency in all events where there is a quest for understanding and meaning? It is common for participants at all manner of conferences to speak of the 'spirit' of the event and of an intangible, lighted, quality in the mental atmosphere. When a group comes together to reflect deeply on some aspect of humanity's quest for wholeness, a soul power can be sensed. This inevitably stimulates an awakening of the spiritual values of the participants. Many of us will know, from our own experience, that it is through such conferences that our attitudes are changed.

Whether it is an event at a local, national or international level, one of the most significant contributions the conference culture is making to the transition into the new era is the opportunity it provides for networking. If there was no other benefit to be gained, most conferences would be valuable just for the links that are built between active servers. It is largely as a result of decades of meetings that the service network is now such a vibrant, global, interrelated body of thought and action.

Through our daily Triangles link we are endeavouring to nurture spiritual values in the world and to help heal cleavages. Along with all workers for the light, we are helping to produce an etheric and mental atmosphere in which the principles of the Plan (freedom, unity, right relations) can flourish. Many conferences do similar work. So when we know of an event that can be a vehicle for the forces of light we can visualise it being irradiated by the energies of the Triangles network. When attending such events, some Triangles workers use the Great Invocation silently, or (where appropriate) together with the group. Others have proposed that participants form Triangles amongst themselves as a way of continuing to work together in a service of mind and heart even after the conference has finished.

So, if in the future, when we hear about a new gathering, we catch ourselves thinking 'it's just another conference', perhaps we should think again and rejoice in another opportunity for the strengthening of the network of light and goodwill.

*A report from a Triangles worker in Germany on the
12th International Transpersonal Conference in Prague*

The 12th International Transpersonal Association Conference was held in Prague on June 20-25th this year. The meeting took place at the time of political tension and uncertainty about the outcome of the divisions between Czechs and Slovaks in what was, at that time, Czechoslovakia. This local atmosphere served to highlight humanity's transition at this time, with its potential both for creative solutions and for catastrophe.

Over 100 presenters including Kenneth Ring, Igor Charkovsky, Karl Pribram, David Bohm, Stanislav and Christine Grof, Karan Singh, Ram Dass and Rupert Sheldrake (to mention a few) shared their thoughts and experiences with 1500 participants from more than 20 countries. The approach, through its mixture of workshops, lectures, ritual, meditation, poetry and music, not only helped everyone to assimilate the flood of information, but also enabled us to go beyond verbal and intellectual attempts to communicate and solve problems.

The theme *Science, Spirituality, and the Global Crisis: Toward a World with a Future* could not have been better chosen at this time. Many people are experiencing great unease due to the enormous amount of incoming information on the critical condition of the global community, ranging from environmental catastrophes, social injustice, economic exploitation and imbalance, to frustration with governmental and religious approaches to the problems. In the midst of these alarming signs of approaching disaster, the individual is often overcome by a sense of futility and inadequacy.

A great emphasis was put on the definition of spirituality as a deep subjective experience that has more to do with intuitive, practical inspiration than religious dogma and faith in its orthodox sense. The possibility of introducing this integrative and highly motivating aspect into science, community life and politics would help us to meet the global crisis on a more holistic level. In areas such as psychology, management and diverse therapeutic practices, the transpersonal ("transcending the personal") attitude has already gained a hold and is becoming more and more established. Much work has still to be done in the fields of politics and economics.

The opportunity, almost physically sensed at the gathering, was the fact that since spirituality is something so highly subjective and individual, inspired work can only be truly promoted through a personal experience of global identification and responsibility. It is this which leads to the courage to speak up, reach out and cooperate with the like-minded. The conference was a great opportunity for people and groups to exchange and strengthen the work already done and it gave much food for thought and action for the immediate future.

Earlier ITA conferences have been held in Iceland, Finland, Brazil, U.S.A., Australia, India, Switzerland and Japan. The Association is, in the words of Board member Stanislav Grof, "a scientific organisation that brings together individuals of different nationalities, professions, and philosophical or spiritual preferences with a transpersonal orientation. This means that, using the specific approaches of their disciplines and the results of their observations, they are discovering and exploring the fundamental unity underlying the world of separate objects and beings and are applying this new understanding of reality in their fields. The purpose of the ITA has been to support the development of new scientific paradigms recognising the role of consciousness and creative intelligence in the universe, emphasising the unity of mind and body and studying human beings in their complex interpersonal, cross-cultural, ecological, and cosmic context".

The Planetary Network

The planetary network of light, love and service is transforming the mental climate of the planet,

reorientating humanity to spiritual attitudes and values. The groups and activities reported in the Bulletin reflect different aspects of the network. Please send information on any activities that could be included in a future Bulletin.

Inward Path

In September 1990 the government of what was then the U.S.S.R. rescinded all laws prohibiting the publication of private magazines and newspapers. Immediately, Alexandra Yakovleva and her husband, Evgeny Shestinsky, launched a journal to explore issues related to spirituality, consciousness, parapsychology, holistic healing and anything related to 'human development'. The 'consciousness movement' had been suppressed for so long that it was inevitable *Inward Path*, or *Put k sebe* as the journal was called in Russian, would be an instant success.

Today, the 100,000 copies of the journal printed every month are distributed throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States. Cocoon Press, the publishing company set up by the couple, publishes books and issues magazines on UFOs, astrology and psychology. At the Inward Path Centre in Moscow regular seminars are held, an extensive library on new age and esoteric subjects is being established and there is a new vegetarian cafe and a shop. A television programme, also called 'Inward Path' is broadcast on prime-time national television every Monday. According to Alexandra Yakovleva the show is watched by millions.

This year the Russian group has launched a new international venture, an English language edition of *Inward Path*. The first issue features reports on Inner Freedom, Human Potential, Healing, Journeys Outside the Body, and 'Russia Hosts the New Age'. It includes an article on Moscow's Eidos Centre where children and adults are taught to develop their imaginative, creative skills with remarkable success. It has been found, among other things, that the training of students to think in images enables them to memorise "a colossal volume of information". The same issue features a report on the Dalai Lama's 1991 visit to Buriatia, a traditional centre of Buddhism in Siberia. The main meeting in Ulan-Ude was held at a stadium designed to seat "tens of thousands of people...old timers say that it was the first time the stadium was filled to capacity". The high point of the visit was a ritual performed at a temple near Ulan-Ude. The ritual "has to do with the preparation for the coming of a new Buddha".

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Relationships

Last year co-workers from a number of units of service in Nigeria, united together as the Nigerian Group for Goodwill, began a new journal. *Relationships* describes itself as "a magazine of enlightenment and companionship". The editorial group, of eight Triangles workers and students of the Alice Bailey teachings, have produced a serious journal of esoteric philosophy and goodwill. "The purpose of this journal", the editor states in the first issue, "is to make a contribution to the work of enlightenment which is going on everywhere in the world, to foster the awakening of spiritual consciousness in man, and the expansion of the spiritual consciousness to enable humanity to tackle the various problems that at present impede human progress and endanger the survival of the human race and other species and forms of life on this planet".

Together with articles from international publications, (especially the Lucis Trust magazine, *The Beacon*, which is difficult to obtain in Nigeria), *Relationships* features articles by Nigerian writers. In the first issue, items by local authors include: 'A Periscope View of the Future: The Signpost of Gemini'; 'Goodwill: The Bridge to Global Survival'; 'The New Planets and the Great Invocation' and an item on the use of seed

thoughts in meditation.

As we prepare this issue of the Triangles Bulletin, Issue 2 of *Relationships* is about to be published and Issue 3 is expected to follow soon after.

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Today, in the planning now going forward in connection with the various international conferences and councils of which you all know, the spiritual effort (for the first time in human history) is to bring all of them, *as functioning groups*, under the direct impact of the energy which motivates and actuates that place where the Will of God is known and the purposes of divinity are defined and projected. This means that each of the coming world conferences (and there will necessarily be many) will have a greater and far more extensive effect than would otherwise be the case; it means, however, that the risks involved and the clash of minds will also be far greater. This is a point which you should bear in mind as you study and read reports of these various conferences.

Alice Bailey

The present time is unique in that it is (as never before) a cycle or period of conferences) communal, national and international) and of men getting together. Clubs, forums, committees, conferences, and leagues are forming everywhere for the discussion and study of human welfare and liberation; this phenomenon is one of the strongest indications that the Christ is on His way. He is the embodiment of freedom, and the Messenger of Liberation. He stimulates the group spirit and the group consciousness, and His spiritual energy is the attractive force, binding men together for the common good. His reappearance will knit and bind together all men and women of goodwill throughout the world, irrespective of religion or nationality. His coming will evoke among men a widespread and mutual recognition of the good in all.

Alice Bailey

Sharing Group Thought

Triangles workers share their thoughts about the work

I just wish to let you know that the members of my triangle meet once each month to discuss and reinforce our commitment to the spreading of peace, goodwill and light in the world, and, whenever appropriate, to spread the word of Triangles in our community. There are signs, I believe, in the midst of such world conflict today, that there is a great groundswell from the mass of humanity towards a desire for peace and goodwill between nations and a willingness to be more accepting of different cultures and ideologies.

United States of America

When our thoughts and hearts are in contact with each other, the words of the Invocation bring a renewed flow of strength and love.

Denmark

It seems that the history of mankind may very well be expressed as the history of ideas. When an idea catches fire it is like a diamond, many people see different facets of it and respond to these different facets. Quite often each individual or group that has perceived a facet may feel that what it has grasped of the truth is all of the truth, or at least the most fundamental or the most important part of it. If the diamond is not seen in its totality, then fragmentation can occur) a situation not unlike the splintering which happened

to the Protestant movement during the late Middle Ages.... The New Age is not a product that can be created the way someone would turn out a painting. It is the sum total of the creative expression of many, many lives, not only human lives, but angelic, superhuman, subhuman) many levels of consciousness all responding to a divine idea and unfolding to embrace that idea.

England

Just as daily meditation is a means of linking-up with our Higher Self, so (I feel), is our triangles work a means of Humanity linking-up with its Higher Self) Hierarchy. Slowly units of human consciousness begin to function as units of Divine Consciousness.... Love (as the Great Ones understand it) is ceasing to be a concept) it is becoming a practice, e.g. Amnesty International, ecology in all its ramifications, the concept of wholeness, holistic health, reverence for life, stewardship of the planet, etc. Our daily linkage brings us many definitions of light and love which enable us to see with a CREATIVE EYE the happenings of the times, and how it is all LOVE IN ACTION.

India

The Triangles network is a way of tapping into the energies of the Aquarian Age, which cannot be experienced by the individual; it takes a group to tap into such an energy.

United States of America

The meditation of Triangles helps us to understand the subjective network of thought that sustains our civilisation and to contribute to the betterment of our mode of living by the intelligent use of Love and Will.

The exponents of the power of Triangles can be seen in those men and women that, in their agitated daily living, work out their responsibilities with a sound and brave sense of justice and harmony.

Paraguay

I see this work as an ongoing, creative process. Thousands of men and women of goodwill everywhere are multiplying in numbers as others join the ranks of workers. Together we are building a dynamic, ever growing thoughtform through which higher spiritual powers and lives are invoked, and the will-to-good in the race is evoked. The network of light is a vital and strong force which has definite effects on the many sensitive souls on our planet. Each day, more people are stirring to the vibrations produced by this work and are becoming group conscious. This is manifested by a slow and steady expansion of the true understanding of "love of humanity".

United States of America