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It is overwhelming to behold the countless galaxies in the night sky and their celestial movement orchestrated with divine precision. And, likewise, we cannot but wonder at the richness and diversity of living forms on our small planet. All of life interweaves and interpenetrates on a scale that is inconceivable to the human mind and senses. The shifting kaleidoscope of form reflects the expanding awareness that is ceaselessly taking place at every level of life.

It is paradoxical that spiritual teachings affirm that 'life is one'. Yet, however true this may be in theory, in practice this is not the case. There is a gap, a hiatus in human consciousness that has yet to be bridged linking the higher transcendent realms with the outer world of form. The ageless wisdom alludes to this dichotomy and its resolution.

In the world today, there is a rich seam of spiritual truth and thought that, studied carefully and expressed practically, will give credence and veracity to the proposition of unity in diversity. We may not understand why the unity becomes a trinity, the trinity a septenate, and how the septenate leads to yet further mutation and diversity. Nor, can we have but the faintest understanding why eventually all will be resolved back into the One. Yet, we do know that the seeming diversity of form is but a reflection of the differing stages of consciousness of all evolving lives and that ultimately all have a part to play in this unfolding drama.

We are emerging into an age that will transcend the outer differences and recognise the underlying essence that links form with form, kingdom with kingdom and planet with planet. The faint beginnings of an integral or holistic approach to differentiation and complexity are being mapped out in the minds of leading visionary thinkers worldwide. Reverential and deep ecology; Gaia; Spiral Dynamics; the bridging of Eastern philosophical and Western scientific thinking; interfaith initiatives; the growing trend towards the idea of an international community, and the expression of right relationships are all indicative of a movement towards the resolution of the diverse strands of human thought into a more integrated and cohesive paradigm. Intuitive spiritual thinkers are also adding their testimony to this ongoing planetary transformation to reveal the spiritual dimension that lies back of manifested existence.

Triangles, too, is helping to overcome the seeming complexities of the outer world and unveil the underlying universal pattern of wholeness that is slowly dawning. The building of the planetary etheric web into a lighted, triangular matrix permeated with the quality of goodwill is impressing receptive minds upon the science of right relationships and the resolution of differentiation into unity. A new awareness is emerging, bridging the inner and the outer worlds. Transcending the limitation of form, human thinking is awakening from its deep slumber to the reality of unity in diversity.

EDUCATION – THE SCIENCE OF MEDITATION Part 3

One of the outstanding human achievements of the past two centuries is the realisation of the importance of education for all. In the developed world, education is regarded as so crucial for the health, well-being and progress of society that for over a hundred years in many countries it has been compulsory from early childhood through to the mid or late teens. Higher education or vocational training, which used to be the preserve of the elite few, is now widely encouraged and has become the norm. In addition there exist new wonderful opportunities for learning, such as The Open University in Britain, which pioneered a new educational model known as Supported Open Learning. This was such a successful experiment that it is now replicated all over the world.

In the developing world, education for all is equally recognised by some as an urgent and prized ideal. But there are still obstacles and prejudices to overcome before this can be realised. In some cultures, for example, the idea of educating women is still unacceptable to a great many people. The economic resources necessary to achieve education for all children in the world are not huge. A UNICEF report states that we would need to spend about \$7 billion every year over the next ten years. To put it in perspective, this is less than what is annually spent on cosmetics in the USA or on ice cream in Europe. So it is obvious that what is necessary is the mobilisation of the political will in all parts of the world before education for all can be a fully realised ideal.

Of course, it is true that to an extent a utilitarian motive lies behind much of government support for educational programmes: schools are there to supply literate, numerate and law-abiding citizens to keep the wheels of the modern state oiled and moving on the path to even higher levels of personal earning, possession and consumption. But despite this, a major and spiritual result is that people are now learning to think for themselves. It is for this reason that the great educational

movements in the world are described as the most spiritual activity that humanity is currently engaged in.

Education used to be principally concerned with the learning and use of facts, but for decades there have been some interesting and heartening developments in many parts of the world where there are signs of a growing educational emphasis on values and cultivating the sense of responsibility. Value and responsibility are not external facts but inner realities. Is this not an indication of education advancing into the realm of the soul?

So, as the educators in the world, increasingly focus their work in this direction, we will see two main results. The first will be a conscious cultivation of the ability to concentrate – ever the first step in the science of meditation. It is largely unimportant which field of human activity and interest is the vehicle for this concentration; what is important is the ability, which concentration brings, to sense the meaning and reality – the soul, in other words – that lies behind every outer form. The consequence of this will be the second main result – an increasing number of people all over the world consciously in touch with their souls and infusing the values of the soul into the body of humanity.

As we know, it is the evoked soul that overrides the harmful selfishness of the personality and replaces it with that powerful harmlessness which sees things whole in time and space, which grasps the Plan of right human relationships and consecrates daily living to anchoring light, love and the will-to-good in human hearts and minds. From this perspective, education is seen as not being confined to school and university, but rather as a lifelong journey. Education then becomes what it truly is, a meditation on life with the goal for people everywhere to convert factual knowledge and experience into discerning wisdom and skillful, loving action.

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The Seeker Magazine

The original Seeker Magazine was published quarterly during the last half of the last century by Academic Publications, England. Under the stewardship of its present editor, The Seeker magazine shares the same values and is dedicated “to the search for truth and the publication of any information coming to light which carries us that step further.... After all is said and done, we are all seekers in the quest for truth. Anyone, or any organisation, professing to have all the answers, wandered off the path of truth long ago”. Recent themes have included: *What Are We Here For?*; *The Spirit of Mars*; *God and the New Age*; *Karma in Reincarnation*, and *Being and The Order of Things*.

The magazine is published three times a year in April, August and December, and is available by subscription.

The editor welcomes articles “from those who can contribute new or rediscovered knowledge that can be of value to us all, fellow seekers, in our ongoing journey into the millennium and beyond”.

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Triangles in Education

Triangles in Education is a global educational project, which developed out of the work of Triangles. The focaliser of this initiative writes: “the Triangles concept has much to offer as an inherently educational activity which can be of long-lasting and practical benefit both to participating teachers as well as to students at all stages in the educational process. In the long term, the daily subjective work involved is seen as a powerful means of bringing the energies of the Soul into active expression in schools and educational centres of all types including the home, capable of

transforming the creative thought-life of humanity as a whole.”

Founded in 1994, its aims are:

1. To provide a coherent body of workers through which the subjective energies of light, goodwill and nobility of purpose can be steadily directed into the field of education.
2. To support and strengthen all efforts to facilitate the emergence of the Soul in education.
3. To sound forth with increasing clarity and wisdom the healing keynote of Soul education.

In recent years Triangles in Education has been instrumental in organising several ‘Soul in Education’ international conferences at various venues throughout the world. At the last gathering in June of last year in Boulder, Colorado, USA ‘The Boulder Statement on Soul in Education in the 21st Century’ was released. The statement calls upon professional educators to support the concept of the soul in education.

Membership is open both “to individuals and to groups engaged in Soul-based and Soul-nourishing educational activity.”

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Interfaith Seminary

The Interfaith Seminary is a teaching academy within a community of ministers located in the UK. The overall purpose of the Seminary is to serve the emerging spiritual needs of humanity. The Seminary trains ministers to support those enquiring into a spiritually focussed life, to awaken a sense of unity, and understanding of our shared journey of evolution.

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FESTIVALS OF LIGHT

Worship and reverence of the sun have ever been the focus of human aspiration and thought. In ancient Egypt, the worship of Ra, the Sun-God was a fundamental belief system; in Gnostic and Orphic philosophies as well. And in the Hindu Vedas many hymns are dedicated to Surya, the sun personified.

For over seventy years, co-workers throughout the world have worked at the time of the full moon in united group focus to receive, hold and distribute spiritual energy, and to strengthen the relationship between the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet and the human family. Each month, when the sun and earth form a direct path of alignment, and the moon lies on the opposite side of the earth to the sun, we are offered the opportunity to augment the flow of spiritual life into human consciousness.

Whilst these festivals cannot be construed as sun-worship; nevertheless, the source of their inspiration and purpose is directly related to the unimpeded path that lies between the sun and our planet. At this time, divine energy is uniquely available for assimilation and expression in human consciousness. It is as if an electrical flow is established between these two great centres of energy, and human participation and celebration in these celestial events become possible. As the sun bestows its objective beneficence in the form of light and heat, so on subtler levels it performs a similar function in stimulating spiritual expression

within the human family.

There is a great need today for thinking people of goodwill experienced in the practice of meditation to link up in these festivals of light. We may not be in a position to care for the disadvantaged of the world, or to devote vast sums of money in philanthropic endeavour, or to influence human affairs from a privileged position of power. But, probably, we do have the opportunity to give a few minutes of our time each month during the period of the full moon to link up in thought with the worldwide group and to work with the flow of vital, living solar energies.

It is suggested that these festivals will eventually form the foundation of the new approach to divinity, which will characterise human aspiration to God.

All change that takes place in the affairs of humanity must first originate in consciousness. Consciousness is causal. The higher is ever the inspiration of the lower. So, these higher interludes of the monthly spiritual cycle provide a focal point for the distribution of divine energy to effect those necessary changes in human consciousness that will more adequately reflect the life within the form.

As meditators, we welcome your participation in these Festivals of Light. For further details, please contact Triangles headquarters.

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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