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THE INNER BEAUTY

A gem cutter's art lies in revealing the beauty hidden within a crystal. Beginning with the cleaving blow to the stone, followed by cut after cut, the gem cutter gradually releases into full expression the inner beauty imprisoned within the larger stone.

The soul, the quality aspect, of the human being emerges into active expression in a similar manner. Just as one sculptor explained his art as the elimination of everything in the stone that didn't belong to the intended subject of the sculpture, so the spiritual aspirant sets about eliminating from his or her field of expression all that is of the not-self—all that is contrary to the soul. Knowing what belongs to the not-self is similar to the decision of the sculptor: a clear vision of that which is to be revealed must be held uppermost in consciousness throughout the process of revelation.

Learning to see the inner beauty in a person, a situation, an environment, or a circumstance isn't always easy. Life, as it is lived on earth, tends to cause the accretion of layer upon layer of material substance until the inner spiritual essence is hidden just as an ear of corn is encased by husks. This outer world of appearances is often mistaken for the true reality, and the longed-for search for beauty relies upon outer appearances.

As in all goals worthy of achievement, training is necessary to reach them, and so it is with the revelation of inner beauty. We learn to recognise beauty and to assist in its full flowering by looking for it behind the outer planes on which we live our lives. We can find this inner beauty often silently expressing in a brief moment or a chance encounter. In an otherwise somber environment we might suddenly be struck by a subtle radiance awaiting our recognition. The inner beauty is ever present, but latent and awaiting our discovery when we look for it in unexpected places and come to it with a willingness to be surprised.

It has been said that beauty is as much of divinity as can be expressed through any one form. Form is intended to serve, not as a container, but as a lens through which inner beauty can pass—from higher realms to lower, in fulfillment of a cycle of energy flow and for a purpose that we cannot fully understand.

The network of triangles that enfolds the planet, conducting energies of light and goodwill through the world, is a powerful agent in the revelation of inner beauty. By bringing spiritual qualities such as light and goodwill from latency into potency in human expression, the beauty of the inner realms is being brought into sharper revelation, and the command, *let inner livingness emerge for all to see*, is being fulfilled.

MUSINGS ON BEAUTY

You've seen the world —
The beauty and the wonder and the power,
The shapes of things, their colors, lights and shades,
Changes, surprises – and God made it all.

Robert Browning

Beauty is, after all, as much of divinity as can be expressed through any one form. Remember that form and life are *one*. There is naught but life in manifestation.

Alice Bailey

Ask the loveliness of the earth, the loveliness of the sea, the loveliness of the wide airy spaces, the loveliness of the sky, the order of the stars, the sun making the day light with its rays; ask the moon tempering the darkness of the night that follows, the living things which move in the waters, which tarry on land, which fly in the air; ask the souls that are hidden, the bodies that are perceptible; the visible things which must be governed, the invisible things which govern – ask all these things, and they will all answer thee. See, we are lovely. Their loveliness is their confession. And these lovely but immutable things, who has made them, save Beauty immutable.

Saint Augustine

In beauty surpassing
the Universe smiled,
On the morn of its birth,
like an innocent child,
Or like the rich bloom
of some delicate flower;
And the Father rejoiced
In the work of His power.

John Cardinal Newman

Spirit of Beauty, that dost consecrate
With thine own hues all thou dost shine upon
Of human thought or form.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Never regard your study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.

Albert Einstein

There can be no doubt but that everything in the world, by the beauty of its order, and the evidence of a determinate and beneficial purpose which pervades it, testifies that some supreme efficient Power must have pre-existed, by which the whole was ordained for a specific end.

John Milton

God is beautiful, and He loves beauty.

Muhammad

Beauty is the gift of God.

Aristotle

The ideal of beauty is simplicity and tranquility.

Goethe

...The ideals which have guided my way, and time after time have given me the energy to face life, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth.

Albert Einstein

Some thoughts always find us young, and keep us so. Such a thought is the love of the universal and eternal beauty.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Infinite has written its name on the heavens in shining stars, and on the earth in tender flowers.

Jean Paul Richter

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

Psalms

NOTES ON THE NETWORK

The Notes on the Network page provides an opportunity to bring co-workers up to date with the work of Triangles, related initiatives, and projects from headquarters, and from groups around the world.

- This time last year we mentioned that headquarters had been engaged in running a series of Triangles articles and adverts in leading holistic magazines throughout the world. Since the beginning of the year a number have been published in the following periodicals and responses have been steady:

Insight, Australia; *Consecration*, India; *Network Ireland*, Ireland; *Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom*, New Zealand; *Rainbow News*, New Zealand; *Link Up in Eden*, South Africa; *Renaissance*, South Africa; *Energivagen*, Sweden; *the dionysus.biz*, UK; *Healing Today*, UK; *Sundial House*, UK; *Edge Life*, USA and *Metamorphosis* electronic magazine.

- Triangles co-workers may not be too familiar with the World Goodwill initiative: **Cycle of Conferences**, which uses the power of lighted thought to help create a positive mental climate for the solution of world problems. This group service works with the energy of the will-to-good to help prepare the right mental climate in the build up to a selected conference or series of meetings. The work involves imaginatively projecting a lighted seed of 'will energy' and developing it into a pulsating heart centre radiating the light, love and power of the Great Invocation throughout the event and its participants. Many people doing this in preparation for the event create streams of living 'will energy' that connect to the thoughtform, its inner light being fanned into a flame of synthesis by the group gaze. In this way, a large and potent group thoughtform is built, wielding a powerful influence. The current dual focus of this initiative

is the Geneva Accord, which is helping to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian crisis, and Earth Stewardship.

For further details on this inspiring project, please contact **World Goodwill** or visit: www.worldgoodwill.org and click on *More*.

- We often receive letters from co-workers mentioning that they would like to form a triangle, but do not know of two other like-minded people to link with. If you have access to the internet and a private email address then you might consider using Triangles Online.

Triangles Online, or the Triangles Bulletin Board, is a web-based initiative helping people of goodwill to form triangles. Since 2003 Triangles Online has been available to co-workers. English, French, Italian and Spanish speaking co-workers are listed on the Bulletin Board. We hope to include other language speakers in the fullness of time. There are now over 200 co-workers listed from nearly 50 countries. So, what better way to celebrate the New Year than to form another triangle and serve the planet. Further details can be found at: www.triangles.org and click on *Questionnaire*.

- Co-workers may not be aware that the Triangles Bulletin is published in 12 language editions: Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. We are grateful to the group of international translators who tirelessly give of their time and skills to ensure that the Bulletin reaches Triangles co-workers throughout the world.

We thank you for your participation in the group work of Triangles this year. And we look forward to our work together next year, renewed in our commitment to serve the good of the whole.

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

Love, Peace and Praise

The distant vision is near today
Where love, peace and praise are the way
Battle and strife need be no more
Each is with a settled score
Cries and laments of days gone by
Now understood are the many whys
Life times of repeated travail
In search of what is to prevail
And so this day and days to unfold anew
And blessed for the love to ensue
Hold out your hand and open your heart
It is with God's praise you do start
A call, a gesture, a knowing glance
A hand extended, for another chance
And so each can BE this very day
Living love, peace and praise as the way.

USA

The Triangles work remains a daily commitment. Visualising the rays of light (symbolising the energy of love) radiating towards the earth and infusing human hearts and minds every morning with light and goodwill makes the exercise a worthwhile venture for all of us who do it.

Nigeria

It has given me the privilege of working with other "spiritually minded" people to lift and focus on "Light-Love-Power" and "Restoration", the importance of group work and Prayer/Meditation,

life beyond the "form side."

USA

It is a wonderful experience sharing our triangle with other triangles. I visualize many triangles around the world. The network brings the energies of three into the triplicity of energies to create one large triangle of peace and love. We share our love, will, purpose for the benefit of humanity and do the work. When groups of three gather for peace, peace begins and is carried forth to others.

USA

Let there be Light. And there was Light. Nothing lives without the light, nothing moves without the light. We cannot see without the light. There is light everywhere in the universe. There is no need of calling the light to come when the light is with us always and we are the light. What we have to do is to see the light and make use of it because God is Light.

Nigeria

At the time of meditative state in Triangles there was experienced a clear vision of the universe with compassion and universal peace and love.

Sri Lanka

The clear and good thought of human beings can help the whole nation. Having discovered the power of thought, power of the mind, power of positive imagination and power of positive affirmation, let us bring light and illumination to the world.

Nigeria

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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