

Responsibility

It is within the family atmosphere that children learn the first lessons in responsibility. The shouldering of small duties and the sharing of responsibility (which is always concerned with some form of group relation) is an important factor in determining a child's character and future vocation.

The sense of responsibility shifts from stage to stage, with growth. For example, our physical care for our loved ones may and must persist in some measure, but wise discrimination is also necessary. In this respect, there may be a particular responsibility which we choose to shoulder (rightly or wrongly), but we need to take care that it does not offset or undermine any responsibility which someone else should carry.

Our mental assistance should always be available when needed. However, our *spiritual* responsibility is, curiously enough, usually the last to be recognised, and action taken on that recognition is equally slow. Yet, in the last analysis, it is by far the most important, for our spiritual influence can be lasting and carry with it releasing power to those we love.

There is another aspect of responsibility which extends beyond the family environment and includes all human beings; it demands from us the strict fulfilment of duty. The "doing of one's duty" (for which one gets small praise and little appreciation) is the first step towards the unfoldment of the divine principle which we call the *sense of responsibility* which is the first and outstanding characteristic of the soul.

This soul influence expresses itself as a growing awareness of the needs of others, not only on local and national levels but also on a global scale. The large organisations and movements which have for their objective the uplift and welfare of humanity and the other kingdoms of nature are an example of this sense of responsibility.

There is one further area wherein much still remains to be done, and that is in the realm of thought. The responsibility for the control and right expression of thought is little grasped as yet. Those who believe in its power are steadily becoming aware that their thoughtform-making activity can be either definitely constructive or potentially destructive.

A gigantic thoughtform of selfishness pervades the mental atmosphere of the planet, built up by the uncontrolled thought of countless millions of people. Fortunately, there are many today who understand the problem and who recognise their responsibility to help dissipate this mental pollution, through the power of prayer, meditation and invocation, and through the pouring in of light, love and the power of the will-to-good.

Thoughts on Responsibility

We must be far-sighted enough to plant seeds now toward a new Genesis so that our descendants will look back on us as ancestors who brought honour and life to them and the planetary community. We must be willing to bring whatever talents, skills, insights we have toward a new genesis in the human community. We must see and act on the knowledge that we are co-creational beings, and that, while the whole responsibility for the whole future of the

world does not rest on any one person's shoulders, we each have a unique task to do in forwarding a more human world order that no one else can do for us. It is in discovering that task and taking it on in community with others that our life finds its meaning and that the world finds its direction and a basis for hope.

Patricia Mische

The sense of responsibility shines forth in flickering flames from every soul which has sought and found alignment. Fan those flames into a steady fire in every soul you meet. Ponder on this. **Alice Bailey**

The world is ourselves, the world is not different from us. What we are we have made the world because we are confused, we are ambitious, we are greedy, seeking power, position, prestige. We are aggressive, brutal, competitive, and we build a society which is equally competitive, brutal and violent. It seems to me that our responsibility is to understand ourselves first, because *we are* the world.

J. Krishnamurti

Being in the forefront of the cosmic wave of advance, the energy of humanity assumes an importance disproportionate to its apparently small size.

Teilhard de Chardin

When we shall have learned to enjoy the breadth of responsibility, we will also appreciate the importance of thought and we will learn to investigate its laws.

Agni Yoga

In our search for a new way, we forget a central spiritual law: that our world, with all of its good and all of its evil, is our creation; that it is a collective expression of our inner selves; that we, in fact, *create our own reality* Our freedom and our hope as individuals and humanity lies in taking responsibility for the world as our creation and in learning how to change the realms both within and without.

Wendy Mogey

Each man has the responsibility for exercising the powers of consciousness that he has so far developed. If he fails to exert himself and neglects to use them, he is guilty of sins of omission, which are just as serious as sins of commission.

Annie Besant

We must realize most intensely our *awesome dependence* and interrelation with everything in life. Thence should come a sense of great responsibility for each thought, word, and action. Cause and effect act continuously and infinitely.

Helena Roerich

Life ultimately means taking the responsibility to find the right answers to its problems and to fulfill the tasks which it constantly sets for each individual.

Victor Frankl

The world must choose another way, the path of shared responsibility for our common future.

Shridath Ramphal

I believe that every individual has a responsibility to help guide our global family in the right direction. Mere good wishes are not sufficient; we must assume responsibility. Large human movements come from individual human initiatives. If we feel that we cannot have much of an effect, the next person may also feel the same way, and a great opportunity will be lost. On the other hand, simply by working to develop our own altruistic motive, each of us can inspire others.

H.H. The Dalai Lama

Notes on the Network

Recent months have seen steady progress for the Triangles work. Through persistent attention to the daily link-up thousands of co-workers have helped to ensure that the network remains a vibrant energy field radiant with light and goodwill.

In addition, individuals and groups all over the world have selflessly given time and energy to bring the network to the attention of a wider audience. The latest issue of the Units of Service Forum includes reports on groups associated with Triangles and World Goodwill in fifty-three countries. Activities range from gatherings for meditation as a world service, to the publication of journals on meditation, esoteric philosophy or the problems of humanity, and the organising of major conferences promoting understanding of the New Group of World Servers.

In October of last year, on United Nations Day, the Edinburgh Unit of Service in Scotland, held a one-day Forum on the theme *One Humanity*. In addition to a number of guest speakers a co-worker spoke on the work of Triangles. By all accounts the Forum was well attended with literature being distributed steadily throughout the day.

In Vietnam, co-workers from the Golden Lotus Foundation in Ho-Chi-Minh City hold public meditation meetings at the time of the Three Spiritual Festivals and at the full and new moons throughout the year. They actively encourage new members to join in the Triangles work.

The Lagos Unit of Service in Nigeria reports that "the group's Triangles work has intensified." The co-worker responsible for this aspect of the work sees Triangles as a "creative effort at making Right Human Relations a reality".

Last year the White Mountain Educational Association in Arizona, U.S.A celebrated its 10th anniversary of public meditation meetings for the Three Spiritual Festival period. The Association distributes Triangles and World Goodwill literature and promotes the Great Invocation. A monthly letter on Triangles is issued, together with a publication, *Meditation Monthly*.

We recently learnt of a group in Puerto Rico, Fundación Desarrollo Nuevo Pensamiento, which distributes information on Triangles and

holds public conferences. The group is funded by donations, as well as the sale of books and audio tapes in its library, reading room and bookstore.

Public meditation meetings are held for the Three Spiritual Festivals and throughout the year.

A co-worker from the South African Goodwill Association (SAGA) writes: "We are now in touch with Units of Service in West African states and we hope before long, lines of lighted energy will be criss-crossing the African continent uniting us in one brotherhood and creating a partnership of goodwill and co-operation." SAGA's Newsletter included a feature on Triangles during the year.

The last year has seen increased interest in the important work of the Triangles Distribution Programme. Friends and co-workers distribute literature on this service to selected individuals and groups. Information on the programme is available from Triangles headquarters.

The Lucis Trust was fortunate to have recently received a generous donation for an advertising programme to publicise the Alice Bailey books, World Goodwill, the Lucis Trust and of course, Triangles. Advertisements will be in print from February 1993 onwards. We look forward with joy to keeping you informed of this project in the next issue of *Notes on the Network*.

A mention must be made of the international network of translators and distributors. Their loving support enables the Triangles Bulletin and Triangles literature to be published across many continents in nine languages.

We are grateful also, to all those co-workers who submit their contributions to the 'Sharing Group Thought' section of the Bulletin. Unfortunately we are unable to print all contributions received due to lack of space. Please do keep writing though, as we are always delighted to hear from you.

To all our friends and co-workers in Triangles around the world, we extend our loving appreciation for your dedicated support. Let us hold clearly in our minds the potency of this work to transform human consciousness and uplift all life on Earth.

Sharing Group Thought

Triangles workers share their thoughts about the work

Triangles means transforming the spiritual climate of the planet; providing a way for the circulation of directed enlightened thought and the distribution of spiritual energies to transform human life and consciousness.

Nigeria

I gave a sermon on the "Science of the Triangle". At the end of the service, I explained the Triangles work as it offers a unique opportunity for service to the planet. We gave out the Triangles materials you sent us. Mostly everyone took the application.

We are going to create a Triangles Bulletin Board in our church library, so everyone can see the Triangles groups formed by the church members. We shall continue to have the Triangles materials in our church, and we will encourage new people to join a group.

United States of America

Natural laws and spiritual laws have similarities. A Triangles worker could be visualised as being in receipt of higher energies like a tree through its branches, translating the energies into a useable form and giving them out) for humanity) through its roots.

England

After practising the techniques of Triangles for many years, I know the network has an important task in the creation of a world peace based on right human relations. I believe we will have a new culture and a new civilisation for mankind in the near future.

Vietnam

I regard it as a privilege to have been introduced to the Triangles work, particularly at this time of world crisis when the ordinary man or woman in the street is apt to feel utterly helpless. But this is not so — through Triangles great changes *can* be wrought in the consciousness of mankind to lift us up and bring us into a state where we can accept the great changes and challenges that await us in the New Age.

South Africa

I think I may say I never forget my Triangle work. I am trying more and more to do this work with full intent, light and love. I meet many people who are entirely negative and filled with despair about the conditions in the world. It is good to feel a close bond of love and light with all Triangles workers all over the planet.

England

I am grateful to be involved in Triangles. I want to help the conditions of this world. This work helps to fulfil this desire. I can visualise the light shining) penetrating into human minds. Triangles helps to bring purpose and meaning to life. We are all here to serve on many levels.

United States of America

There is a deep sense of relief in knowing that one is part of a great stream of energy being distributed throughout the world for the good of the human and sub-human family. It is like being part of a large army sent forth to distribute the Will-to-Good, Light and Love; knowing that no matter how the battle looks from the ground it will eventually be won by those forces.

England

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 and Spanish editions. Triangles is an activity of the Lucis Trust, a non-profit educational charity which exists to promote right human relations.

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