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THE SCIENCE OF THE SOUL

It is said a growing scientific approach to all aspects of life will govern during the coming Aquarian age. Humanity is emerging from a long mystical dispensation and entering into a decidedly mental and occult approach to the spiritual Path. Through a scientific application and understanding of the science of the soul, humanity in increasing numbers will bring about those inner transformations that will change the ordinary individual into a spiritual being as the solar lotuses begin to flower.

Whereas the mystic revels in the formless and often astral realms that so easily distort the essential reality, the occultist builds in the clear-cold light of intuitive perception those forms that can let in the light. Science is governed by rules, procedures, the need for accuracy in detail and the long process wherein results are verified or discarded through a process of trial and error. Such rules and procedures can equally be applied to the subjective life, the realm of causes, the realm of the soul from which lasting change becomes possible.

Through the union with one's true self the seeker on the way becomes the means whereby energy is released, and the fogs and mists of glamour begin to dissipate, first within the radius of the individual life, but later within the group and eventually within humanity as a whole. In this way the spiritual workers serve humanity by helping people to see more clearly and better distinguish truth from falsity. The challenge and opportunity of the scientific light workers is together to "reach into the light and bring it down to meet the need." The mobilization of this band of workers, across all cultures and walks of life, will strike a collective blow to world glamour. Groups of individuals such as those who work with Triangles can have a key role to play in this dissipating and clarifying work. It is said that we must seek to meet all planetary changes with corresponding changes in our own lives. So, today, as the information technology revolution is spreading information at lightning speed, Triangles members can creatively find ways to use the same medium to spread light and goodwill. As we do so, we are contributing to the construction and enlivening of the planetary antahkarana, that bridge in consciousness through which the energy of the Spiritual Hierarchy can flow through humanity and precipitate into all kingdoms in nature. Together we are fusing "the many radiant strands which will produce those connecting cables... along which can pass the fiery will and the predetermined purpose of Deity can flow." (Alice Bailey, adapted) This is happening now and in it we can all play our part.

REFLECTIONS ON THE SOUL

The effect of all that is now transpiring upon earth is to bring to the surface that which is hidden within the human heart, and to unveil to our eyes the new vision. Then we can pass through the gateway of the New Age into a world which will be characterised by newer awareness, a deeper understanding of the vital realities, and a truer and higher standard of values.

Alice Bailey

Whatever satisfies the soul is truth.

Walt Whitman

Music is an outburst of the soul.

Frederick Delius

Just as in the body, eye and ear develop as organs of perception, as senses for bodily processes, so does a man develop in himself soul and spiritual organs of perception through which the soul and spiritual worlds are opened to him. For those who do not have such higher senses, these worlds are dark and silent, just as the bodily world is dark and silent for a being without eyes and ears.

Rudolf Steiner

Before the soul can see, the harmony within must be attained, and fleshly eyes be rendered blind to all illusion.

Before the soul can hear, the image (Man) has to become as deaf to roarings as to whispers, to cries of bellowing elephants as to the silvery buzzing of the golden fire-fly.

Before the soul can comprehend and may remember, she must unto the silent speaker be united, just as the form to which the clay is modelled is first united with the potter's mind.

For then the soul will hear, and will remember.

And then to the inner ear will speak the voice of the silence.

H. P. Blavatsky

Though inland far we be,
Our souls have sight of that immortal sea
Which brought us hither.

William Wordsworth

To get at the core of God at his greatest, one must first get into the core of himself at the least, for no one can know God who has not first known himself. Go to the depths of the soul, the secret place of the Most High, to the roots, to the heights; for all that God can do is focused there.

Meister Eckhart

Every man's soul has by the law of his birth been a spectator of eternal truth, or it would never have passed into this our mortal frame.

Plato

The soul may be trusted to the end. That which is so beautiful and attractive must be succeeded and supplanted only by what is more beautiful and so on forever.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The foundations of the ocean, the vast realms of water which girdle the earth, are as tranquil and as silent in the storm as in a calm. So it is with the souls of holy men. They have a well of peace springing up within them unfathomable; and though the accidents of the hour may make them seem agitated, yet in their hearts they are not so.

John Cardinal Newman

Those are the enlightened great souls of this world who happen to be firmly fixed in eternal unborn Calmness. The world can not even dream of it.

The Upanishads

Follow you the star that lights a desert
highway, yours and mine,
Forward, till you learn the highest
Human Nature is divine.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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.

Preamble (to the Earth Charter)

We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

Earth Charter International

The 'Earth Charter Initiative' is a collective name for the global and diverse network of organisations, people and institutions that promote and implement the values and principles of the 'Earth Charter'.

The 'Earth Charter' is described as "an ethical framework for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century. It seeks to inspire in all people a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the whole human family, the greater community of life, and future generations. It is a vision of hope and a call to action". The Charter began life as a United Nations project, but it was carried forward and completed by a global civil society initiative.

Earth Charter International (ECI) aims to actively participate in the transition to sustainable ways of living on the planet, founded on a "shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, economic justice, democracy, and a culture of peace".

ECI achieves these aims through:

- raising awareness worldwide of the Earth Charter and promoting understanding of its inclusive ethical vision.
- seeking recognition and endorsement of the Earth Charter by individuals, organizations, and the United Nations.
- promoting the use of the Earth Charter as an ethical guide and the implementation of its principles by civil society, business, and government.
- encouraging and supporting the educational use of the Earth Charter in schools, universities, religious communities, local communities, and many other settings.
- promoting recognition and use of the Earth Charter as a soft law document.

In 2012 the 'Spiritual Dimensions of Sustainable Development Project' was launched. Its purpose is to "bring together a global alliance of religious, spiritual, and ethical organizations to deepen the understanding, public awareness, and practical application of the ethical and spiritual foundations of sustainable development".

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SPIRITUAL VALUES

At the heart of all psychological and spiritual growth is an evolution into right relations characterized by higher spiritual values; right relationships by definition are governed by a blueprint of spiritual values. Everyone recognizes higher values. Even though there is currently little to no widespread or formal training about values in education, most adults are able to easily identify them. One might hypothesize this is so because the great spiritual teachers—Christ, Buddha, Lao Tzu, etc. demonstrated those values with their lives and left deep imprints on the human psyche. That is true. It also may be true that these values are embedded at the heart of the human soul and that spiritual Teachers are simply able to express fully what is already innately present. Spiritual values are often recognized as aspirational goals. Right relationship between individuals, nations, and kingdoms of life on the planet are only possible through a lived expression of spiritual values. This should tell us something significant—spiritual values are innate living energies which when fully embodied and expressed create right relationship.

All evidence points to humanity evolving towards a fuller alive expression of spiritual values. Gandhi pointed the way to achieve this evolutionary transformation: “be the change you want to see”, he stated. Paradoxically, it is the striving of each individual to live from those spiritual values that results in humanity as a group moving towards a culture that is a more accurate reflection of spiritual

values. It is the soul in each of us that demands relief from the friction, chaos, and conflict engendered by lower regressive values—selfishness, separatism, greed, and the like. The soul aspires simply to be what it already is—love, wisdom, light, selfless service and goodwill in action, unity, harmony, and sacrifice—and to be liberated from all that obstructs and hinders its fullness of being. Suffering, in this context, is merely the intuition of wrong relations based on wrong values.

Triangles are a specific configuration or pattern recognized by both the fields of mathematics and architecture as being a more stable structure and by psychology as being a potentially difficult entrenched pattern. Psychology recognizes the potential destructive power of triangulation when there is a lack of transparency and equality (wrong relations) within the triangle such as occurs when the alignment between two points exclude the third. Triangles, therefore, can help to bring power, stability and right relations when used through higher values. When triangles are created with the higher aspirational goals and spiritual values that are embodied in the Great Invocation, a model for right relationship based on selfless love and the united aspiration of the soul is created. The use of Triangles is, therefore, a way to “be the change you want to see” and help create right relations through embodying spiritual values on earth.

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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