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# THE PRINCIPLE OF COOPERATION

The Spirit of Cooperation is a latent source of energy that can be tapped to create constructive and fertile collaborations. In the process of manifestation, cooperation allows ideas and ideals to find expression in form, uniting the subjective and objective worlds. It is behind the beauty of ripened summer fruits, and the bright ideas that find fruition in life. Nature thrives in cooperation, just as we humans thrive when aligned with our divine source and in relation to each other.

An outstanding example of the Spirit of Cooperation is biodynamic farming. Biodynamic engineers carefully survey the land before they ever break ground, to create fertile gardens in harmony with the natural landscape. This preserves the vital integrity of the underlying structure of the land and all the little lives therein.

A first-time visitor to a biodynamic farm may easily mistake the luscious overgrowth as wild excess. This misperception is conditioned by modern modes of farming, which produce monotonously straight rows of seeds and weedless fields. Biodynamic farms do not match this expectation, but by aligning with a healthy hidden order, they flourish and sustain life.

Likewise, through their creative work, Triangles workers are the biodynamic engineers of the etheric fields, tilling the finest substance of light to bear heavenly fruit. Working in the vineyard of Life, their hands may not be immersed in the soil like traditional farmers, but they are indeed dirtied in the grit of human experience, transmuting it into wisdom through the Spirit of Cooperation.

Tapping into this energy transforms the inner and outer landscape. The Spirit of Cooperation draws inward to intermingle and infiltrate the silent circuitry of Life, just as it flows outward through ideas and actions to restore the world's balance and harmony. When the inner and outer currents unite, and the subjective and objective worlds are in cooperation, the ripened wisdom of the soul pours through the personality to produce fruitful action. By meeting on the inner side of life each day, by aligning in and with the Spirit of Cooperation, triangles flourish in unitive living and prepare the hearts and minds of humanity for all the good to come.

But what of the world's landscape today? Devastation and chaos seem to reign, desecrating innocent victims, splintering countries and isolating others. Exploitation and fear seem to control the masses, and many well-intentioned workers despair. Current events can be heart wrenching, and every person of tender heart and goodwill feels this. But, in this wildness, the creative constructive potential of the Spirit of Cooperation is ever present.

Day by day, we can tap this transformational energy by asking: "Have I preserved the needed spirit of loving cooperation?" Where this spirit is preserved, the gardens of God are sure to bear fruit.

<sup>1</sup>. Discipleship in the New Age, Vol 1, p. 739

# REFLECTIONS ON COOPERATION

Goodwill nourishes the spirit of understanding and fosters the manifestation of *the principle of cooperation*. This cooperative spirit is the secret of all right human relations and the enemy of competition.

Alice Bailey

Sitting at our back doorsteps, all we need to live a good life lies about us. Sun, wind, people, buildings, stones, sea, birds and plants surround us. Cooperation with all these things brings harmony, opposition to them brings disaster and chaos.

Bill Mollison

The Lord of the World, the "Ancient of Days," is releasing new energies into humanity, transmuted in the present furnace of pain and fiery agony. This transmutation will bring about a new power of sacrifice, of inclusive surrender, a clearer vision of the Whole and a cooperative spirit hitherto unknown and which will be the first expression of that *great principle of sharing*, so sorely needed today.

Alice Bailey

Competition has been shown to be useful up to a certain point and no further, but cooperation, which is the thing we must strive for today, begins where competition leaves off.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Right human relations will come by a mutual recognition of mistakes, by sorrow for wrong action in the past, and by restitution, if possible. It will come when nations can be educated to appreciate the good qualities of other nations and to comprehend the part they play in the whole picture. It will be developed when the sense of racial superiority is killed; when racial differences and racial quarrels are relegated to the unholy past and only a future of cooperation and of understanding is actively developed; it will make

its presence felt when the living standards of right relation (sought by the enlightened people of every race) become the habitual attitude of the masses and when it is regarded as contrary to the best interests of any nation to spread those ideas which tend to erect racial or national barriers, arouse hatreds or foster differences and separation. Such a time will surely come. Humanity will master the problem of right human relations and attitudes.

Alice Bailey

In neo-classical economic theory, it is claimed without evidence that people are basically selfseeking, that they want above all the satisfaction of their material desires: what economists call "maximising utility". The ultimate objective of mankind is economic growth, and that is maximized only through raw, and lightly regulated, competition. If the rewards of this system are spread unevenly, that is a necessary price. Others on the planet are to be regarded as either customers, competitors or factors of production. Effects upon the planet itself are mere "externalities" to the model, with no reckoning of the cost - at least for now. Nowhere in this analysis appears factors such as human cooperation, love, trust, compassion or hatred, curiosity or beauty. Nowhere appears the concept of meaning. What cannot be measured is ignored. But the trouble is that once our basic needs for shelter and food have been met, these factors may be the most important of all.

Carne Ross

Nothing truly valuable can be achieved except by the unselfish cooperation of many individuals.

Albert Einstein

Cooperation is the key to expressed goodwill, and in the future period of rehabilitation *cooperation* will be the outstanding need.

Alice Bailey

## 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.

#### **Co-Creators World**

In its own words, *Co-Creators World* is "exploring the art of conscious co-creation and the work of restoring harmony to our planetary life." Its home page poses the incisive question: "Are You a Co-Creator? — Do you accept responsibility for experiencing the life you are creating, care deeply for the life we are living together — one family of 7 billion souls on a blue planet?"

A number of resources are available on its website, such as insights into how group consciousness can assist humanity into creating a new culture and harmony on earth, news of its upcoming and past seminars and webinars, issues on science and health from a spiritual perspective, a 'People's Forum', a 'Community Page' where you can share your thoughts and insights on consciousness and your part in universal creation. Also, it features 'Real News' which is a rolling update of related news stories from around the world.

The group is also providing a focus on the 'New Democratic Movement' to widen its perspective on the potential for world change and transformation.

#### www.cocreatorsworld.com

### The Art of Hosting

The *Art of Hosting* describes its work as a "highly effective way of harnessing the collective wisdom and self-organizing capacity of groups of any size." It is called the *Art of Hosting*, because as the the group explains: "it is an art to become skilfull at helping ourselves and others work well together, especially in these times of increased complexity".

The *Art of Hosting* is a rapidly growing worldwide network, as organizations, communities, and people from all walks of life take part in this new way of working that blends the best of what we all know about the power of conversation. Conversation is, the group writes, "the place where we learn, exchange ideas, offer resources and create innovation".

Groups and organisations using this technique report better decision-making, more efficient and effective capacity building and greater ability to quickly respond to opportunity, challenge and change.

The *Art of Hosting* is being used in Business, NGOs, Communities, Government, local as well as national and regional, in families and in more complex multistakeholder processes.

Its network, the *Art of Hosting* writes: "has no formal, legal structure, no appointed leader and no controlling body. It is based on a practitioner network, with local communities of practice; it is committed to learning and generous with its sharing and support."

The website is available in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese.

www.artofhosting.org

# THE QUIET REVOLUTION

Revolution is defined as "a fundamental change in the way of thinking about or visualizing something: a change of paradigm." This definition encapsulates the technique and intention underlying the work of Triangles. This quiet, behind-the-scenes activity stands outside the bounds of words and outer demonstrations that we normally characterize as revolutionary activity. But nonetheless, as definition affirms, Triangles our revolutionary but it is a silent revolution, carried forward in simplicity, in concert with others who come together to love and serve.

The repatterning needed for the realization of the emerging paradigm must be spearheaded through the demand of the world's disciples in cooperation with men and women of goodwill everywhere. Together we can shatter the old pattern and reconfigure it in alignment with the divine Plan. And while on the level of the inner planes this repatterning is well underway, we all know there remains much work to be done within the three worlds of human activity to realize the potential inherent in this moment. Notwithstanding the present challenges, human ingenuity is such that we can always rise to the occasion and forge creative

solutions to any problem. So let us not be dismayed by events, by change and welcome the opportunity to participate in the most potent revolutionary impulse in planetary history. To be effective in this effort we have been given the hierarchical tool that is Triangles and it is our privilege and our opportunity to wield it.

A Christian prophecy has application here; it states "in that light shall we see Light." The present period is witnessing a tremendous intensification of light, leading towards a rending of the veils that separate the inner world of meaning and the outer world of the three lower worlds of personality expression. This inpouring light is having a powerful effect upon humanity and will lead to the revelation of the human soul. Triangles workers have the opportunity to contribute to this intensification of light-giving it right direction and circulation through the planetary network. It's said that the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet depends upon this light in order to carry forward its work. We must not let the outer simplicity of form and the quiet nature of our work together belie its inner potency; indeed it can reveal it.

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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