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THE PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY

There is no greater evidence of the evolution of consciousness within the human race than an increasing awareness of responsibility. Today there are growing numbers within humanity who recognise that the decisions they make on a daily basis have consequences and they are seeking to make responsible choices. There is increasing concern with how products are made, the effect that their production and use has on the environment, and whether those involved in making the products are fairly treated, adequately recompensed, in safe working environments. Greater interest is being shown in the protection of environments, there is awareness of the habitats that are being destroyed in order to meet the world's never ending demands and a desire to change this. Greater interest in sustainability, renewability, fair trade and recycling are all indications that there is a shifting of emphasis from short-term gain to an awareness of the longer term, recognising that the choices made today affect the environment both physically and societally that will have an impact on generations to come.

Recognition of responsibility is the underlying impetus to greater cooperation between nations as they seek to negotiate and compromise rather than face the devastating physical, emotional and mental consequences of war. Increasing awareness of the inequalities of wealth across the world and the suffering of the poor, together with recognition of the flaws in the free-market system with its emphasis on profit maximisation, is leading to new thinking on how resources are allocated.

The sense of responsibility is said to be "the first and the outstanding characteristic of the soul". And, clearly the soul is emerging within humanity, for the sense of responsibility is shining forth in flickering flames. It is through the Triangles work that those flames can be stimulated into a blazing fire. Triangles of light and goodwill work with the reservoir of energy upon the inner and etheric side of life. It is through this etheric network that every human being is related to every other expression of the divine Life. Triangles work automatically and with full circulatory effect bringing all in relation to each other, stimulating that sense of responsibility that is necessary to enable the exoteric work of the men and women of goodwill to make progress.

The work of Triangles, motivated by the desire to serve in the world of thought, uses the power of the mind to transform human consciousness. The daily direction of the energies of light and love to all people everywhere, taps spiritual energies and brings them into activity in the material world. It is work along the line of soul contact which leads to a releasing of soul energy and activity into the world. It is related entirely to the furthering of the unfolding Plan of God.

It is recognition of spiritual responsibility that attracts people to the work of Triangles. Amongst all our diverse responsibilities, spiritual responsibility is usually the last to be recognised, but it is by far the most important, for spiritual influence carries with it the releasing power of love.

REFLECTIONS ON RESPONSIBILITY

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

Abraham Lincoln

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The message to be taught prior to any future peace consists of the following three clear and practical truths:

- 1. That the errors and mistakes of past centuries, culminating in the world war, are the joint errors and mistakes of humanity as a whole. This recognition will lead to the establishing of the principle of sharing, so needed in the world today.
- 2. That there are no problems and conditions which cannot be solved by the will-to-good. 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.
- 3. That there is a blood relationship between people which, when recognised, dissolves all barriers and ends the spirit of separativeness and hate. The peace and happiness of each is the concern, therefore, of all. This develops the principle of responsibility and lays the foundation of right corporate action.

These are the basic beliefs of the men and women of goodwill and provide the incentive to all service and action. These three practical and scientific truths embody the three basic facts and the initial acceptance of all world servers. They are contrary to no world position, subversive of no government or religious attitude and are innate in the consciousness of all people, evoking

immediate response. Their acceptance will "heal" international sores.

I call on all the men and women of goodwill in the world to study the principles of the new world order. I call upon them, as they fight for justice and the rights of the little nations and the future of the children of all nations, to begin to educate those whom they can reach, in right attitudes and in that foresighted vision which will make the mistakes of the past impossible in the future.

Alice Bailey (adapted)

The price of greatness is responsibility.

Winston Churchill

In times like the present, men should utter nothing for which they would not willingly be responsible through time and eternity.

Abraham Lincoln

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

George Bernard Shaw

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.

Alice Bailey

Where globalization means, as it so often does, that the rich and powerful now have new means to further enrich and empower themselves at the cost of the poorer and weaker, we have a responsibility to protest in the name of universal freedom

Nelson Mandela

The salvation of this human world lies nowhere else than in the human heart, in the human power to reflect, in human meekness and human responsibility.

Vaclav Havel

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.

Femmes Internationales Murs Brisés

(International Women Broken Walls)

Femmes Internationales Murs Brisés (FIMB) is a world wide solidarity network with a presence in eighty countries. The network exchanges information, services, know-how, equipment, and shares key skills.

The focus of the group is education, humanitarian missions and the environment.

FIMB has partnerships with many other international movements, such as *Code Pink* in the USA, *Gulabi Gang* in India, the *Tibetan Women's Association*, and *Gandhi International* in France. The group explains: "We are all united and independent partners. We are genuine links of a solidarity chain working in accordance with all components of a pluralistic world."

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UCLG

The Global Network of Cities, Local and Regional Governments

Based in Barcelona, Spain and founded in 2004, the purpose of United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) is to represent and defend the interests of local governments on the world stage. UCLG aims to be "the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives and interests, through

cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international community."

UCLG also supports international cooperation between cities and their associations, and facilitates programmes, networks and partnerships to build the capacities of local governments. UCLG promotes the role of women in local decisionmaking.

"The network of members of United Cities and Local Government represents 5 billion people across the world, 70% of the world's total population. The network extends to every corner of the globe and covers over 240.000 towns, cities, regions and metropolises and over 175 associations of local and regional governments in 140 countries."

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International Institute for Spiritual Leadership (IISL)

The Institute's vision is "co-creating a conscious sustainable world that works for everyone." It draws on a worldwide network of scholars and practitioners to further the theory, research and practice of personal and organisational spiritual leadership. Amongst its goals are:

- to facilitate and support employee development of mindfulness through an inner life practice
- to foster spiritual well-being
- to create hope/faith in a vision of serving key stakeholders through a culture based on the values of altruistic love

http://iispiritualleadership.com/

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

Every year we are pleased to feature in the Bulletin a selection of thoughts on Triangles that we receive from co-workers around the world. We hope, too, that you will be encouraged to share your insights with the worldwide group. You can send your papers by post or email to headquarters or submit online at:

www.lucistrust.org/triangles/triangles sharing group thought

We, as individual units, exist in a great chain of humankind and we bring into living light the manifesting furtherance of the One Plan through our unique generational influences, collective insights, and intuitional promptings from wiser voices.

USA

My triangle started recently and I am beginning to enjoy the service. I feel each morning the joy that comes with serving humanity and the Plan of God

Nigeria

When using the Great Invocation I visualise the world as being surrounded by triangles of light. Above the earth is the Hierarchy, above that is Shamballa and above that is the Father.

As the Light, Love and Power are received the Triangles increase in light and number. The Love received from the Christ enters through the five entry points and the increased love increases the light, and draws the earth and Christ nearer to each other.

UK

It has not been easy to get like-minded people to join the Triangle group.... Despite challenges and distractions here and there, I am not disturbed. I have resolved to participate in the daily Triangles group work. This daily spiritual exercise is giving me strength to live and work to meet the needs of humanity.

Nigeria

In this little country are many people of goodwill who support the great Triangle of Light, Love and Power. My personal experience with the Triangle Network gives me the strength of belief and an inner understanding.

The Netherlands

One evening as I performed my triangle meditation, a flash of inspiration rushed into my mind: "In the middle of every established triangle is an opening and a definite opportunity to release the Christ energy. It is a gateway."

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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