



THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS FESTIVAL 2019 HOLDING A POINT OF SPIRITUAL TENSION

All groups seeking to serve humanity, whether they are aware of it or not, respond to cyclic rhythms in the unfolding evolutionary story. This is reflected in the most obvious rhythms of nature: full moon and new moon for example, or solstices and equinoxes. These outer cycles reflect inner events and, from an esoteric perspective, mark the rise and fall of crisis points of service opportunity.

The ageless wisdom teachings refer to one important rhythm in the life of the New Group of World Servers, that group who love humanity and whose focused thought and purposeful activity drives human evolution. Every seven years enhanced Capricornian energies pour into humanity and this is celebrated as the New Group of World Servers Festival (21-28 December). This week occurs again this year, giving additional energy to the spiritual work of Triangles. It provides less of an emphasis on outer activities, than a time for greater meditative focus, paying close attention to the energetic environment and intuitively imagining the world service group taking a collective step into its destined role as Group Hero.

The network of inter-linked triangles serves the development of human consciousness by radiation. Triangles workers develop skills in meditation and prayer through their individual spiritual practices. They then apply these skills in a spiritually inclusive, globally coordinated group service, using the energy formula of the Great Invocation. As each nodal point in the network follows the well-established rules and guidelines of their own chosen path, their spiritual life deepens, and in a practical sense, their ability to invoke higher energies and radiate light and goodwill deepens.

Just as the spiritual livingness of each individual point matures through time, so does the whole network. Moving forward through the decades, we can imaginatively see the Triangles network maturing in its ability to function as a vibrating, pulsing field within the nucleus of energies at the heart of the New Group of World Servers. The Festival Week brings a "crisis point of superlative tension" to this work.

The New Group of World Servers includes all who hold a vision of a future world of oneness and interdependence before the eyes of their fellow human beings, and who are actively bringing that vision into expression through new patterns of relationship in every area of life: economics, politics, religion, education, psychology, the arts and so on. In December this group will be suffused with higher energies.

As we energise our triangles during the Christmas Week, let us imagine the network holding a point of quiet, focused spiritual tension: invoking the incoming Capricorn gifts and evoking response from the world's group of servers.

MEDIATION – THE HEART OF SERVICE

Imagine a battlefield. Between two foes, temporarily withdrawn, stands a torn and wasted landscape. Right in the middle, a lone figure appears – a mediator. The mediator's goal – to build a true and lasting peace. How does this happen?

Consider first where the mediator stands – at the midway point. Then, reflect on how, if the mediator is raised above this point, he or she can see revealed not just the opposing forces, but also the landscape surrounding them. Extending this image a little further, we might say that it's important the mediator is not raised too far above the opponents, as then their points of view might become lost in the wider context. The symbol of the equilateral triangle seems the best compromise.

While there are indeed people of tremendous goodwill who dedicate their lives to the work of mediation in physical conflict situations, mediation actually describes a much broader spiritual dynamic. For in the mental world, the conflict between opposing forces is continuously in motion. The extreme tension between nationalism and internationalism is just one example currently stirring both peoples and their leaders. And so it is that the deeper work of those called the New Group of World Servers becomes evident. For it is this group who, by standing in consciousness just a little above the strife, illuminated by a higher, more complete vision, can discern ways to reconcile the warring currents of thought.

Thus, the New Group can be seen to mediate in two different ways – 'vertically', between the potent spiritual energies of the kingdom of souls and struggling humanity; and 'horizontally', in helping to unite conflicting forces into coherent patterns of beauty within human societies. They do this by two powerful spiritual processes: the radiant power with which they impress others with the Ideas of the Plan; and the dynamic expression of these Ideas in their own initiatives and projects.

There is also a third sense in which the New Group mediates: between the symbols and practices of the past, and their replacements in the emerging future. Thus the New Group, standing firm at the midway point, must be masters of the art of spiritual compromise. This art is referred to as follows: "There is an 'art of spiritual compromise' which must be learnt and which it is difficult to master, because it negates fanaticism, requires a trained and intelligent understanding of applied measures and truth, and also negates evasion of responsibility; it involves also a comprehension of the time equation, of differing points in evolution, plus experience in the process of discarding the outgrown and unnecessary—no matter how good it may appear to be." *

In one sense, the work of Triangles forms an integral and specialised part of the role of the New Group. The mediating work of all Triangles members connects the etheric body of the planet with the higher planetary ethers, with the ultimate goal of fusing inner and outer realities. This redemptive task of charging the planet with light and love is both simple and deeply profound. It requires patient conviction and steadfast striving. It is completely unglamorous deep background work, which nevertheless forms the rock-solid foundation upon which all service work can safely build. With its persistent positive energising of the whole climate of thought, it reinforces every act of service, and gives servers everywhere increased strength to stand in the many difficult midway points that exist today in all societies. Thus Triangles stabilises all mediators, and lies at the heart of service.

^{*} Discipleship in the New Age Vol.II, p. 278

THE OPPORTUNITY OF CAPRICORN

The great swing in Capricorn is epitomised by the keywords. Upon the ordinary wheel these are, "And the word said: let ambition rule and let the door stand wide." This is the key to the evolutionary urge and the secret of rebirth. When a true sense of reality supersedes both earthly and spiritual ambition the man can say with truth, "lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back." So goes the world disciple, initiate in Capricorn, on his way to serve humanity in Aquarius. In that sign he cleans the Augean stables (of the karma of all past ignorance and error, the Dweller on the Threshold) and so becomes in Pisces a world saviour.

Alice Bailey, Labours of Hercules, p. 178

From one perspective, the energies of Capricorn make it a sign of extremes. On the one hand it can lead people to a life of the intensest materialism. This is symbolised for us with exactitude by the Christmas excesses of 'conspicuous consumption' that tends to completely obscure the spiritual message of the time. On the other hand it is also the sign that gives the opportunity for great spiritual events to take place. Traditionally it is the sign in which the world saviour is born, and which is reflected in the various myths and legends of the world religions. It is also the sign in which the vision of the mountain top is seen. All earthly and even spiritual ambition is renounced and the disciple – or now discipleship group – climbs to the mountain top and becomes initiate, committed to the Plan of light and love, and dedicated from henceforth to a life of group service.

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

I began participating in the work of the Triangles Organisation several years ago now. My experience of the work will probably be unique to me, but others may resonate to it.

For the first few years, I knew it was work I should continue with, but always felt that I wasn't really being that useful and might be letting my fellow workers down. However, I believed that my usefulness would intensify if I persisted and I now know that is what has happened. Visualisation, which I struggle with, has improved and with repetition, becomes easier. I also know that it is an ongoing process which will continue improving.

What strikes me most strongly is the function of triangles in divine circulatory flow and the on-going development and work of the New Group in distributing the energies generated, offsetting the influences of the astral plane and providing the means of salvation.

The New Group and the Triangles work introduce soul energy into the field of human daily reality - that of the soul. And as more, higher vibrational energies arrive, light brings new energy into the darkest of places. Divine circulatory flow ensures a constant renewal and replenishment of higher vibrations.

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- that right relationship between peoples and nations and between humanity and the earth is the key to world peace and progress
- that practical goodwill is the key to right relationships
- that the energy of goodwill is the active principle of peace, justice and progress for all humanity.

affirm their intention

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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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