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UNIVERSAL VALUES

The fate of all peoples and nations is determined by the values which govern their decisions.

All who closely study human nature will recognise an expansion of human consciousness taking place in the world today. A narrow and insular state of mind is opening into a more inclusive and tolerant awareness. This unfolding thought pattern is revealing new and constructive ways in which we interact with and relate to life: spiritual, human and phenomenal. The higher values of the soul, universal in appeal and application, are beginning to forge a progressive world order, which transcends religious, political and racial divides. Around the world men and women of goodwill demonstrate these values in their inclusiveness of spirit and their concern for the well-being of all life upon the planet. Their goodwill in action, in the crucible of daily life, is sounding an increasingly spiritual note and is beginning to determine the future course of world events.

Barriers that have in the past separated are being removed to reveal the one humanity, as the facilities for travel and communications technology open doors through which humanity can converse with itself as never before. 'The agony and the ecstasy' of human unfoldment is a shared experience, as events in the world are relayed through the ethers by way of the intercommunications networks. Out of these collective experiences is emerging a higher ethos of spiritual values releasing humanity into a period of constructive engagement with the higher and the lower kingdoms.

In the long course of evolution, the quality of values has become ever more refined, more adequately reflecting the divine. What were acceptable standards, codes of conduct and attitudes of heart-mind in the past are not 'mainstream' thinking today. The world, spearheaded by all people of goodwill, cries out for values that embrace the idea of a great community of nations united in aspiration for the common good. It is this developing sense of unity within the human family that will be the outstanding characteristic of the incoming Aquarian dispensation, a cycle of 2500 years. As yet, this quality is but a seed idea, steadily growing in the minds of spiritual thinkers, and expressed as right relationships by people of goodwill everywhere. But, probably, in a shorter period of time than we realise, the universal values of the soul will play an increasingly important role in shaping public opinion.

The spiritual radiance of the Triangles network is helping to reveal and anchor a culture of the soul, right values to live by in civil society. Acting as an interface between the subliminal, archetypal levels and the denser outer world, the network is uniquely placed to impress human minds with the higher realities, so that ultimately the destiny of all peoples and nations will be determined by the values that govern their decisions.

A WORLD TEACHER

Behind the outer chaos and confusion in the world, a definitive turning point in human consciousness is taking place. Outworn, separative thinking is starting to give way to a spirit of inclusiveness, tolerance and understanding. Yet, notwithstanding all the outstanding constructive work in the world, there is a growing awareness by spiritual thinkers that only the appearance of a world Teacher can truly reveal to humanity a spiritual direction and sound a new note of such purity and potency that the human family will recognise the practical simplicity, yet profound wisdom and beauty of the expressed truths. Those familiar with the Alice Bailey teachings are conversant with the idea of the Christ, as a world Teacher. Those from other spiritual traditions and faiths use other names, such as the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi, or the Messiah to depict this same great divine Identity, who sees no distinction between colour, race or religion, and who views the human race as one family — a vibrant creative centre of energy in the life of the “One in Whom we live and move and have our being”.

Throughout the long course of evolution, spiritual representatives of God have emanated from realms beyond our awareness to guide humanity into a greater measure of light and to maintain the continuity of spiritual revelation that has ever emerged from the “secret Place of the Most High” at crucial periods of planetary and human development. Great luminaries such as Hermes, the Buddha, the Christ, Moses, Mohammed and other great servers have lighted the way of countless millions down the ages. In one respect, humanity, today, is no different to our forebears in needing spiritual direction and sustenance. As a race, we have accumulated great knowledge and technical skills, but has this pace in intellectual development matched our capacity for loving, wise skill in action? Has our mastery of the outer world matched our inner spiritual development? Sadly not, and left to our own devices, it is probably true to say that this imbalance of human nature would continue.

To a number of spiritual thinkers, only the spiritual stature of a world Teacher, acting as a divine intermediary, between God and humanity, has the capacity to understand the needs of the human family and to guide it into a new phase of spiritual livingness, the Aquarian dispensation.

No doubt one of the first indications of the approach of the Christ to humanity will be a sustained and potent release of goodwill. All those who are spiritually responsive to his advancing note will recognise the moral imperative to foster right relations in all human affairs. Also, the visionary thinkers and the spiritual workers throughout the world will be greatly stimulated, strengthened and inspired by the all-enfolding radiance of the Christ. It is not too far-fetched to speculate that these processes are already underway. In the last two decades or so, the proliferation of individuals and groups dedicated to serving world need is a real indication that a spirit of goodwill is permeating human consciousness.

At the dawn of a golden age, now, as never before, new constructive thinking on the idea of the emergence of a world Teacher on the global stage is needed. It is a message that evokes response from the Christ within each of us, the soul, for the Christ is a *Person*, a *Presence* and a *Principle*; the divine intermediary between God and humanity, and the mediating spiritual principle within us, linking spirit and matter.

As a global spiritual meditating group, we are in a unique position to prepare the consciousness of humanity for the appearance of a world Teacher. Every day, when we sound the Great Invocation, we invoke the return of the Christ, the Coming One, constructing a path of light between the Christ and humanity. “The fiat of the Lord has gone forth; Christ stands attentive to the demand of humanity. That demand is rising and mounting every day and ‘in such an hour as you think not, He will come.’”

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

Center for Global Ethics

The Center for Global Ethics is an initiative to coordinate the work of thinkers and activists around the world to “define, implement and promote policies of responsible global citizenship.” The Center adds, “as profoundly interconnected members of a global community, we recognize the need to develop and advance the acceptance of a viable and sustainable Global Ethic.”

The Center focuses on three issues:

1. A Universal Declaration of a Global Ethic:

Such a Declaration would focus “on the basic ethical principles that can be declared common to all major religious and ethical traditions.” The Center aims to improve and work with two ‘draft’ Declarations. Professor Hans Kung drew up one of the Declarations and it was endorsed in 1993 by the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Chicago, USA. The other Declaration was the work of Professor Leonard Swidler, who is Professor of Catholic Thought and Interreligious Dialogue at Temple University.

The Center remarks: “additional versions of ‘A Universal Declaration of a Global Ethic’ from across the globe, as well as diverse religious and ethical traditions are also being encouraged. Once they have been coordinated they will yield a broad Consensus Declaration.”

2. Ethics Statements of Human Activities and Professions:

This phase of work focuses on ethical standards in such areas as business, labor and law.

3. **Ecological Ethics**, especially, though not exclusively, expressed in the emerging Earth Charter.

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Global Ethic Foundation

The Foundation emerged out of the generosity of Count K.K. von der Groeben, who was so impressed by Professor Hans Kung’s book ‘Global Responsibility’ that he helped to found and fund the Foundation’s work.

The aims of the Foundation are:

1. To carry out and encourage inter-cultural and inter-religious research through:

“theological and other research into the foundations of the religions, especially through the production and promotion of academic publications (books and articles) in the interest of inter-cultural, inter-religious and inter-denominational understanding.”

2. To stimulate and implement inter-cultural and inter-religious education through:

- *teaching and lecturing* to disseminate the results of the research sponsored by the Foundation, especially the ideas relating to a fundamental ethic common to all men and women, a global ethic;

- *further education* of those interested, through conferences, lectures, seminars or workshops aimed at deepening the themes of a global ethic;

- *publicity to promote* a global ethic through the media.

3. To enable and support such inter-cultural and inter-religious encounter necessary for research and education through:

- *the stimulation and encouragement* of initiatives in society, politics and culture in the interest of understanding between peoples;

- *promotion of encounters between people* of different cultures and religion;

- *access to key documents and literature* with the help of modern communication technologies.

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BEAUTY: SENSING THE SACRED

Beauty awakens the soul to act – Dante

A change of emphasis seems to be taking place in our understanding of beauty at the moment. No longer is it only ascribed to great works of art, literature and garden landscapes – the objective creations of talented individuals. The concept is widening to include a growing appreciation of what these things prepare us for – beauty as a sense of the sacred, both in the mundane and the transcendent alike. This sense of the sacred is the growing ability to see through the changing nature of all things to the soul within, the eternal point of peace at the heart of all forms. Here, the archetype for beauty rests in the body of light, “not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”.

As beauty rests in light, its passage into the world requires forms that are free from impediment and aligned with their spiritual archetype. The association of the diamond with beauty lies in its perfect symmetry that allows light to flow through it unimpeded and to be refracted into pure scintillating colour. And this symbolises the future perfection of all things; for through the evolutionary process, the etheric body, the energy structure upon which the physical form is built, tends steadily towards a geometrical pattern – a symmetry

that releases the soul’s radiation. With gaining intensity, the pure light of the universal soul is raying forth into the world steadily manifesting the “new heavens and the new earth”.

Those who can penetrate beyond physical appearances into the realm of energies can sense beauty in a state of latency and emergence. It is as if they see the blueprint, the divine Plan to which the kingdoms of nature are in process of conforming. To understand this spiritual evolution of the world, to see beauty emerging from the struggle and conflict of the life within each form, is to sense the sacred, and, as Dante says, this awakens the soul to act – to participate in the steady consecration of the whole.

Could this be the inspiration behind our Triangles service? Each day we aspire to connect ourselves to the fountainhead of beauty and bring it into the world as a flow of light. In this way humanity is helped into alignment with the symmetry of the divine Plan and towards a unification with the source of all things. Thereby the great promise that lies behind the Plan of evolution is fulfilled; the entering into a state of beautification as each of us are ‘made whole’ or holy – the true meaning of the term ‘to make sacred’.

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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