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Simplicity

Perhaps more than any other feature, increasingly rapid change characterises modern life. Burgeoning technology exaggerates the perceptions of advancing frontiers and the accelerating flight of time, while contributing to a level of complexity previously unknown. Against this backdrop, the slower pace and apparent simplicity of former times may seem an attractive contrast.

Upon closer examination though, it is clear that many of the old ways are now not only impossible but would also mean turning away from many worthwhile achievements. Such advancements and indeed all this tangible newness can be seen as a partial reflection of the Christ's message to all of humanity: "Behold, I make all things new." Looking more closely, we may glimpse in these words reference to a newness of attitude rather than form – a new way of viewing this cycle of intensified changes, not so much a way of looking at it, but rather a way of seeing through it. This search for deeper meaning and significance ultimately leads to a radically changed perspective – an inner simplicity that transcends all the convolutions and complications around us.

Perhaps the key to this simplicity begins with the sensing of the *oneness* of life. It is the underlying truth of this perception that is today increasingly borne out by science. As all around us we witness the undeniable interdependencies of our shrinking world, so there comes a dawning realisation of an unchanging and indivisible unity, and a common purpose that has made from many diverse individuals, one group. The group of world servers "makes all things new" for it is empowered by the energy of love. In the presence of this 'universal solvent' comes the melting of barriers so that where once there were many isolated parts, there is now forming a coherent, extensive and unified field of consciousness. This is the alchemy that reveals simplicity within apparent complexity.

The cumulative effect of this is the dissolution and re-invention of pathways of communication. There is no insecurity in this constant flux, for true security is found in the higher principles of love and morality. These remain constants in a world destined to continually change. With this realisation, diversity is not diminished, and yet our differences are no longer enough to divide us, nor are they a barrier to unfolding divine expression. We discover connections and meanings in the sequence of the energies that play upon us. In an apparently meaningless cacophony, we may perceive the symphony which is struggling to emerge. We can begin to dimly sense the divine order, the Plan unfolding, and to seize the opportunities we are offered to assist in its emergence into fuller light and greater simplicity of expression.

Global Vision

“The objective of the strictly human evolution in this planetary cycle is sight, culminating in that spiritual perception which is the major gift of the soul to the personality when contact is made....” Alice Bailey

One of the greatest potential characteristics of modern humanity is an awareness of the intricate interrelationship of the entire planetary whole. Perhaps one may consider this as purely the result of the growing luminosity and pliability of the human mind as it gradually allows the soul to evoke clear response. Humanity's present difficulties, all of which are expressions of separateness, will begin to reach solution through an understanding of the diversity, yet subtle unity of all life. This perception is essentially an outgrowth of that quality of consciousness we call love, and by its very nature overcomes and transcends all separateness. Global vision is not only a cherished ideal of universally expressed goodwill awaiting precipitation, but it is also a capacity by which the illumined mind may look out into the three worlds seeing all things as evolving manifestations of the divine Nature.

As a result of the endeavours of science almost every individual is now in touch with, and within the range of vision of, every other. Through satellite imaging, world-wide television, telephony, the radio and the internet, humanity is gaining a global vision upon the physical plane. This development reflects the spiritual sight of the pioneers of the human race. For spiritual sight is built on a steadily expanding inclusiveness of

consciousness. It brings an inner capacity to perceive the underlying universal interrelatedness between every unit of life which lives and moves and has its being within the planetary sphere. This emerging vision, or idea, appears to thinking humanity as an impelling ideal, but it remains as yet predominantly in the realm of thought and desire. And one of the primary objectives of the Triangles work is to precipitate light into the minds of *all* humanity, so that the inner vision is seen; and to precipitate love into the hearts of all humanity, so that this visioned spiritual idea can work out as right human relations.

One of the major obstacles today to the realisation of this vision of oneness is surely the purely profane attitude towards money. There is perhaps no other tangible a medium than money, which reveals so dramatically either selfish or altruistic expression. The issue of money is of great importance for it is a central potency in almost all spheres of human activity. Here lies the opportunity for humanity to demonstrate intelligent activity motivated by goodwill and by a global vision, which sees universal need and spiritual potential. We are told that for the spiritual Hierarchy, the problem “... is to liberate the good, free the beautiful, release the true and ‘immure in prison under seal’ that which is not good, that which breeds ugliness and hate, and that which distorts the truth....” And we can be assured that there *is* that in humanity which can respond and so redeem the undesirable.

Global vision arises because “love reveals”. And to the degree that humanity is victorious in its struggle to express love in terms of a broad inclusiveness, so is the Christ principle, the seed of spiritual love and of omnipresence, enabled to reveal the oneness of life on earth.

Notes on the Network

Every two years we feature on this page a selection of some of the groups around the world who focus upon expanding the Triangles network in their communities. Although techniques in their outer work may differ, they share a common inner spiritual unity. And all of these groups or units of service work to vitalise the network with the abundant spiritual energies of light and goodwill.

Units of service are groups of men and women of goodwill who are motivated by a love of humanity and are guided by the principle of service. Their focus is to foster right human relations through the work of Triangles and World Goodwill. They have been described as the forerunners of the new age. As pioneers, their work involves communicating and anchoring visionary, spiritual ideas in their communities around the globe.

Many of the groups distribute Triangles literature, either through mailing individuals or organisations whose focus is upon such themes as healing and meditation; or by displaying literature at spiritual conferences, seminars, workshops and holistic events; or by leaving literature at libraries and health food shops. Each year thousands of items of literature are distributed throughout the world. For example, a group in Caracas, Venezuela distributed eight hundred pamphlets in 1997. Another group in Alberta, Canada has a poster encouraging people to form their own triangles. Some groups also hold public talks on Triangles at suitable venues where the literature is displayed and distributed.

With the advent of the 'information superhighway' – the internet – groups are increasingly using this medium of communication to promote Triangles through their websites. Groups in Australia, Denmark, Russia, the UK and the USA either plan to or already have a web presence to publicise the work. In 1997 the Lucis Trust established its own website, details of all the Trust's activities including Triangles can be found at www.triangles.org.

A small but growing number of groups publish their own magazines, focusing on spiritual themes

drawn from the Alice Bailey books, such as Triangles and World Goodwill. In Venezuela, a monthly publication *Nuevos Horizontes* featured the work of Triangles. In Florida, USA a group publishes a quarterly magazine, which has a distribution of over six thousand and often features articles and advertisements on Triangles and the Great Invocation. Another group in Santander, Spain features Triangles in its magazine *Evolucion*.

This year more than ten thousand Triangles inserts will be included in two healing related magazines in the UK, an initiative which will be co-ordinated from headquarters. Two years ago a similar project was run with an encouraging response.

Through the selfless work of the international team of translators, the quarterly Triangles Bulletin and the introductory Triangles literature are now published in eleven language editions. Triangles literature is now becoming available in the Swedish and Russian languages. And plans are underway to publicise the Triangles work in Russia.

In Africa, there are a number of groups, especially in Nigeria, that focus the work with enthusiasm. Literature is distributed at meditation meetings and esoteric libraries.

These are just a small selection of some of the many initiatives of individuals and of groups in the world that work to sound the note of Triangles in their areas. Each new triangle formed increases the radiance and the magnetism of the network to inspire human thinking with the ennobling idea of right human relations. Due to space we have only been able to include details of a small number of groups, but we warmly appreciate the dedicated support of all those who serve to further the work.

More information on the activities of units of service throughout the world who focus Triangles and World Goodwill can be found in the latest edition (No. 12) of the 'Units of Service Forum'. Copies can be obtained from Triangles headquarters.

Synthesis

The themes of *simplicity* and *global vision* under consideration in this bulletin are intimately related to *synthesis* – a tendency which permeates the entire structure of the universe. As the urge to synthesis gains in power, the complexities and blinkered vision of the separative mind are transcended – the view at the surface giving way to the vision from within. Then, from the centre of the sphere of consciousness, the observer realises the simple truth of *the whole*, and outer diversity is seen as but the play of refracted colours from an inner divine light.

Synthetic motion relates that which is outer to that which is inner – a drawing power that raises consciousness into truth, beauty and goodness, and then expresses these qualities in the world of form. It is both an agent of release and an agent of fusion, uniting life systems large and small into one majestic expression of universal order. From the miniature lives vibrating in the atomic world to the star systems turning overhead – all is evolving steadily towards a “synthesis of the initial thought” of God culminating in a final blaze of glory.

The notion of a blaze hints that synthesis works through the agency of fire – the flame within forging its carriage for a sacred purpose – a purpose which the human mind has strived for aeons to comprehend. This flame of evolution progressively releases life from the grip of matter, passing it through a series of ever finer forms. Onwards and upwards this proceeds until the form is a mere

transparency through which the divine can be seen. The glint of fire within all forms reveals itself to the eye of ‘the knower’, who sees the breath of God fanning the spark into a flame and thrilling it with life.

As an agent of release from complexity, synthesis has yet to demonstrate fully, but it is rising into ascendancy. It is true that impediments to synthetic expression largely occupy the headlines of our newspapers, but when divine powers enter the world their opposite characteristics are also stimulated to action. If handled wisely, the creative tension between these opposites can serve as a benign braking power, promoting harmonious and structured growth instead of destruction. Conservative and radical forces are then drawn to a central, common ground where the middle path emerges and movement forward is possible.

This is the spiritual journey that humanity is embarking upon – a journey through which, for the first time, we will truly come *alive*; where the joy of creative tension will be known and each step forward will be a lighted one in service to the planetary life. The whole of creation is a slow fire, and as individualised sparks of life, we are passing through it towards our source, our inner nature quickening with each step taken. Through worlds within worlds we travel, each one a burning ground into the next, as slowly we are *liberated through sacrifice, detached through love, and united through fiery synthesis*.

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. The Triangles

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