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The Unfolding Lotus

The universal symbol of a human being's spiritual journey was given to us by the East in the form of the lotus. Called 'the flower that was in the Beginning, the glorious lily of the Great Waters', it is first and foremost said to represent the cosmos rising from the waters of pre-cosmic chaos. A symbol of spirit and matter as fire and water, the source of all existence, it represents cosmic and solar renewal, creation and immortality – the perfection of beauty.

As its petals open and close with the rising and setting sun, the lotus beautifully depicts the spiritual unfoldment of a human being – a flower of light formed by the fire of the sun and the lunar power of the waters. In bud, it is all potentiality, in bloom, expansion and enlightenment of the heart. Our origins, our journey and our essential divinity are all symbolised in the unfolding Lotus. With our roots grounded on the earth, we each grow through the fluidic life of the emotions towards the freedom of the spiritual planes, as the lotus reaches up through the waters to rest in air and sunlight.

The chakras, the energy centres in the human body, are often portrayed as lotuses which, when awakened, unfurl and revolve as radiant vortices of force. These centres in the etheric body open naturally as evolution proceeds, each incarnation stimulating activity, until, on the path of conscious return, they begin to resonate to the spiritual note of the true self within, the Master in the Heart. For humanity, struggling on the path to perfection, each moment lived in harmony and harmlessness, each pure thought and attempt to live according to a higher rhythm, is a creative act that unfolds our true potential petal by petal. And like the lotus, whose seed pods are said to represent creation and which burst forth – carried wherever by the waters – we too carry within us the seeds of power, love and light.

As we unfold the soul's petals of knowledge, love and sacrificial will during the course of evolution, the triangular relationship of all three aspects develops until the freedom of the air, the fiery expansion of buddhic consciousness is attained. And through the lighted network of Triangles, these redemptive energies can be safely transmitted into human consciousness to take root wherever a need is found. As these energies intensify through our daily invocations, the network acts as a safety net securing their wise distribution and radiating their perfume to all. The process of spiritual unfoldment is a long and profound journey of demonstrated service which will one day see the opening of the "thousand-petalled lotus" in the head – the culmination of perfected synthesis.

The Great Invocation

The Great Invocation is a mantram of considerable power. When the words are sounded with the mind held at a point of spiritual tension, they invoke the three basic energies of God: divine Light, Love and the Will-to-Good. Three energies designed to fulfill one purpose – to link the Father, the Christ and the Hierarchy, and humanity in one great spiritual relationship. Three energies linking three Centres: Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity.

It takes the power of this relationship to fulfill the major requirement of the Plan, which is to “seal the door where evil dwells”. This is humanity’s primary responsibility. Humanity has opened the door, allowing free passage for the imprisoning power of materialism. This negative force has, in effect, driven a wedge in the relationship of the three Centres. It has caused a temporary disturbance in the divine circulatory flow of energies. The inflowing Light and Love of God has quite naturally awakened the innate spirituality in many of the human family. But, because of human selfishness, these powerful energies have also stimulated the lower, materialistic tendencies. As a result, instead of a developing interrelationship between the spiritual and human centres, there has been an interruption to the planetary circulation of energies. This imbalance can be redressed when a sufficient number of the human family express the synthesising energy of goodwill.

This should be of special concern for all Triangles workers. The Triangles network is a unique builder of relationships, which is why it is “dear to the heart of Hierarchy”. Not only must the triangle relationship grow and expand horizontally, through the planetary etheric network, but it must also extend vertically to Hierarchy and Shamballa. The vertical dimension is of equal importance. It is the source of power to do the work. And the Great Invocation is the invocative tool given to humanity to help open the vertical channel. It is therefore a highly useful and powerful tool for integration.

The Centres of Shamballa and Hierarchy are of course already integrated; no state of separateness exists within them or between them. This is not the

case, however, with the “centre which we call the race of men”. The human kingdom does not yet see itself as a planetary centre of energy distribution; nor as a place where the Plan of Light and Love must work out; nor has it yet accomplished the task of sealing “the door where evil dwells”. So the Great Invocation, a mantram of power, was given to the human kingdom as a means of unifying and integrating this Centre of Active Intelligence with the Source of all love.

The 113 words of the Great Invocation contain much more power than we realise, as is shown in the numerology of the words. The words, as the Tibetan Master gave them out in the English language, are exact and precise. If other words are substituted, the rhythm and power are diminished. The Invocation was given to humanity at this time in its evolutionary development because it has shown a capacity for intelligent use of mantric sound. This will become a revolutionary new science in the near future. We already have some knowledge of the potency of words, especially at the emotional level. Print and electronic advertising are a testament to this impact. But the power of words can be equally effective when aimed at human hearts and minds. It is a power that just needs to be organised rhythmically and deliberately, with full knowledge of the desired intent. This is actually the unique purpose of the Triangles network.

The spiritual intent of the Great Invocation is to help humanity seal off “the centre which we call the race of men” from the separating, material forces that have thwarted human inner creativity for so long. The liberating power of Light and Love must take its place. By opening up the channel to the Hierarchy and Shamballa with the aid of the Great Invocation, all Triangles workers are helping to reverse the process – to move from imprisonment to liberation. Each time we sound the Great Invocation we help push back the darkness. With persistent effort we will help bring about the day when the integrated Centre Humanity will take its rightful place in the great hierarchy of planet Earth.

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. Please send information on any activities that could be included in a future Bulletin.

The White Eagle Lodge

In 1936 the White Eagle Lodge was founded in London by Grace and Ivan Cooke, under the guidance of the spiritual teacher, White Eagle. The name 'White Eagle' has been described as signifying one with inner vision. The philosophy of the Lodge grew out of the close spiritual relationship between White Eagle and Grace Cooke, which began in the 1920s. The work of the Lodge is one of "spiritual healing, meditation and the quiet radiation of the Christ light".

Today, the Lodge has groups in many parts of the world, including the Americas, Australasia, Europe and Africa. Members of the Lodge are drawn from many backgrounds and beliefs but all share a common vision to express "the Christ within through service".

Contact and absent spiritual healing are a significant focus of the Lodge's work. The White Eagle healing techniques not only work to cure the illness but, more importantly, "to restore harmony in body and soul, the interruption of which is the original cause of illness". The Lodge also sees its healing work as serving "the needs of the planet and its peoples".

During the year spiritual services are held at various locations throughout the world. The global work of the White Eagle Lodge is focussed at two centres in the UK: New Lands, Hampshire and London. Situated in twenty-five acres of garden and agricultural land, New Lands provides a setting for the White Eagle Temple and administrative offices. Accommodation is available for retreats and courses on spiritual themes. The London Lodge also has a full programme of activities. Correspondence courses on astrology and meditation are provided for members.

The Lodge uses prayer and meditation "to help people grow in their awareness of God". And regular meetings, on the theme 'An introduction to the White Eagle way of meditation and healing', are held in London. Acknowledging the importance

of the power of thought as a planetary service the Lodge remarks: "to work for the good of all, can be stimulated by your prayer, in which you are projecting and actually giving form to the light and love of God".

Books on the White Eagle Teachings and other related spiritual themes; literature and a bi-monthly magazine, 'Stella Polaris', are available.

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International Sacred Literature Trust

Established in 1989, the International Sacred Literature Trust aims "to bring humanity's written and oral spiritual heritage together in one unique series". The Trust encourages "open and informed discussion within faiths, between faiths, and across the religious-secular divide so that we may all draw upon the spiritual wisdom of the past in developing wisdom for the future".

Themes in the Trust's series of publications have been drawn from many of the world's spiritual traditions which, are "spiritually progressive, uplifting or challenging". Books published in the Sacred Literature Series range from: "the Dreaming stories of the Australian Aborigines to chanted sermons of the early Christian Church and nineteenth century teachings of Tibetan Buddhism. They are funded by organisations and individuals from relevant faiths and by those who support the interfaith and literary aims of the ISLT". Information on the Sacred Literature Book Series is available. The Trust plans shortly to establish a world wide web site.

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Three Spiritual Festivals

Three is the number of the divine Trinity of Father-Mother-Son or Spirit-Matter-Soul, of two polarities plus the common ground which mediates between them. From ancient times this number has been represented by the drawing of a triangle, a symbol of completion and of spiritual manifestation on the material plane. Behind the familiar expression, “as easy as one, two, three” lies a correspondence, perhaps not so familiar, that the fulfilment of any vision or plan occurs through a threefold approach. First, the light of thought brings clear perception, then comes the desire to see it expressed, and finally, the sustained effort which brings fruition. So it is appropriate that there are three major Festivals especially for building, maintaining and releasing spiritual momentum. These are the Festivals of Easter, of Wesak and of Goodwill, corresponding with the full moon at the time of Aries, Taurus and Gemini, respectively.

This rhythmic cycle begins at Easter with the Forces of Restoration emanating from the Mind of God. Once this impetus has stimulated thinking, planning and mental activity, Wesak sees the releasing of the Forces of Enlightenment from the Heart of God, further developing and illuminating the new ideas through the embodiment of higher values. In this way, the emerging spiritual trends in human thought are able to express love-wisdom, the second principle of divinity, as exemplified by the Buddha and the Christ. And finally, culminating this cycle of three,

are the Forces of Reconstruction active at the Festival of Goodwill (also known as the Festival of the Christ and of Humanity). These constructive forces, embodying as they do the will-to-synthesis, promote world unity and peace – they empower the new and enlightened forms of the preceding two festivals.

Thus each year we have this recurring cycle of the three spiritual Festivals – not a circle, but an ascending spiral; not a repetition but an evolution. For through the steady, persistent meditation of many individuals worldwide, these festivals are creating a subjective anchorage in the consciousness of the human family. They represent a basic divine purpose, which will continue to establish its objectives as the various spiritual and religious disciplines acknowledge and observe, each in its own way, the annual approach of humanity to God and of God to humanity.

We live in dynamic and fast-paced times, surrounded by the need for vast changes and improvements to bridge the gulf which lies between the divine vision and its expression on earth. Increasingly, the recognition is dawning that the solutions will come only through combining our efforts and our different perspectives. For it is in group work that we can maximise the tides of these divine energies by the persistent and rhythmical effort of our meditations. We recognise that from conception to manifestation is more than a single leap: perfection is relative – revealed and achieved in stages.

Easter Festival
Wesak Festival
Christ Festival/World Invocation Day

April 11th
May 10th
June 9th

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 Bulletin is for men and women of goodwill and is published four times a year in Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Triangles is an activity of the Lucis Trust, a non-profit educational charity which exists to promote right human relations.

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