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FESTIVAL WEEK OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

Once every seven years a special focus is placed on the planetary network known as the new group of world servers, in the form of a Festival Week held from 21 to 28 December. This year is another such observance.

The commencement of this Festival Week on 21 December is noteworthy for that is the winter solstice, the moment when the sun begins its northern journey. That this marks a special point in the annual solar cycle is verified by the place it holds in the many religious traditions which mark it with festivals that are joyous, light filled, and deeply sacred all at once.

So will be the observance of this year's Festival Week of the new group of world servers. This will be an occasion for celebrating the worldwide network of servers dedicated to the upliftment of humanity and, because of humanity's role as planetary mediator in the great Chain of Being, all the lower kingdoms in humanity's care: animal, vegetable and mineral. Thus the planet itself is held within the radiant distribution of energy that marks the Festival Week every seven years.

In addition to the service of the lower kingdoms, another great spiritual objective lies before humanity at this time: the manifestation of a still higher kingdom, the kingdom of souls. This kingdom is already in process of appearing in the world, as seen in the intelligent, selfless, courageous dedication of countless men and women working in all fields of human endeavour, from politics and government to religion, education, culture and the arts, science, psychology, and economics and finance.

Within this vast diversity, the new group of world servers can be recognised by the quality of their lives, for they represent, essentially, *an attitude of mind*: responsive to the great spiritual Law we call synthesis, manifesting in right human relations and dedicated to world unity. Because of their responsiveness to synthesis, this group is able to serve as an intermediary, a bridge, between the inner spiritual Hierarchy and the intelligent men and women of goodwill.

The network of Triangles exemplifies this mediating role in its subtle, persistent radiation of spiritual energies into human consciousness. Through the constant radiation of light and goodwill, human minds and hearts are being transformed, liberated from age-old thoughtforms of separateness, hatred, fear and selfishness. The new age demands this transformation of human consciousness, for it will be an age based on right human relations, goodwill and sharing. What we see in the world today, in this transitional era between two ages, is the clearing away of the debris of the old age: hatred, separateness, violence and materialism. As the Festival Week nears, let all Triangles workers strive to clarify their understanding of the pervasiveness of the planetary network which binds all souls as one.

NOTES ON THE NETWORK

Another year has nearly come and gone. It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing the last 'Notes on the Network' page. For many of us, especially living or working in cities, or perhaps both, the pace of life seems to accelerate each year. It is not always easy to maintain a poised state of mind amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life. Yet, as spiritual servers that is what we strive towards, if we are to maintain a balanced perspective attuned to the voice of the soul, to the Triangles work and to the note of Hierarchy.

This year saw an increasing number of triangles formed and registered by co-workers from over 30 countries around the world. Also, it was heartening to see a number of new triangles formed at the Arcane School conferences this year. Each triangle acts as a relaying point of energy distribution for the release of light and love throughout the network and into human consciousness. The energy of light awakens our thinking to the universal principles that underpin human development. The world disciple, humanity, has set its face towards the light and as a consequence is creatively working with the energy of goodwill to integrate the outer world of daily living with the inner realms of spiritual reality. From these elevated levels emanate the progressive ideas that aid the human family to inaugurate a world more at ease with itself, more inclusive in its thinking, and more attuned to the noble truths that verge on the periphery of human consciousness. Light and love are an indispensable part of our work and we use them daily in order to breathe spiritual life into the very fabric of human living.

It is always a joy to bring news of initiatives from around the world and this year is no exception. Early in the year a co-worker in Australia informed us that she gave a presentation on Triangles to a small group. The focaliser of the meeting explained that "The purpose was not to recruit but to raise awareness and distribute literature". Further details can be found on our website under 'Service Activities' – 'Worldwide Network'. Also, we were fortunate to have three spiritual publications kindly offer to publish articles from recent Triangles Bulletins. A Hindu centred publication in South Africa, *Transcendence*

Magazine accepted 12 articles on various spiritual themes. Two UK magazines, In-Communique Newsletter of the Sundial House Group and the Radionic Journal, the official journal of the Radionic Association, also published articles. So far this year, Triangles advertisements have been placed in three 'spiritual' magazines. We hope that in some small way these articles and advertisements help to sound the note of Triangles in the world.

To add to our range of introductory Triangles literature available in different languages, the Czech and Polish languages have now been included on the 'Promoting Triangles in Other Languages' web page. And, as probably many of you know, the Bulletin is now available in 15 language editions. We are sincerely grateful for the selfless work of the international group of translators.

'Notes on the Network' would not be the same without a mention of the 'Form a Triangle Online' web page. This year has seen the largest number of co-workers emailing us to use this facility. So, if you are thinking of forming your first triangle or another one, and cannot think of anyone to form a triangle with, then please do consider using 'Form a Triangle Online': www.triangles.org/questionnaire.

Most of you will receive the December Bulletin in the run up to the Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers which is celebrated septennially between 21-28 December. This Festival Week is especially significant as the exact time of the Capricorn full moon occurs on December 28 (during the Festival period). It has been said that in the work of the new group of world servers lies the 'hope of the world'. The Lucis Trust and other groups plan to celebrate the Festival. Further details of events can be found at: www.festivalweek.org .

Thank you for your dedicated work this year. Triangles is, quite simply, transforming the ocean of energies that constitute the vistas of the etheric plane. Light and goodwill, or lighted goodwill, are the primary energies that are intended to colour these levels and so bring about the "new heavens and the new earth" to which the sacred teachings bear eloquent testimony. We look forward to our work together next year in the service of humanity.

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.

Triangles in Education

The Triangles in Education network was launched in 1994 after several years of experimental work in several countries. The network is an educational project which grew out of the work of Triangles. It has been described as "an organically evolving network of people linked in groups of three and working – through invocative thought and action – to conduct the energies of the Soul into the field of education."

One of its primary aims is "to serve as a conscious focussing instrument for the lighted energies of the Soul, transmitting those energies into the field of educational activity..... facilitating the emergence of a more enlightened civilisation and culture".

Since the Wesak Festival of 2000, the Triangles in Education network has moved from a system of building on its base of links between individuals towards a system in which the linked individuals represent the work of their respective organisations or groups. In this way, each group is therefore "an independent, dynamic centre of educational Light which contributes powerfully to the quality of the energetic expression of service focussed through Triangles in Education". Also, since 2000, the network has implemented a 25-year project involving group research in "the use of Soul energy to empower and facilitate the emergence of a spiritually enlightened, solar humanity."

Between 2000-2005, Triangles in Education was instrumental in organising several international conferences and symposia on soul

education in Findhorn (Scotland), Hungary, South Africa, Hawaii (USA), Colorado (USA) and Australia. Related symposia and conferences were also held in the UK, the Netherlands, Italy, Canada and Mexico. Amongst other things, out of these focused global meetings emerged 'The Wheels of Soul in Education', a book which is "the work of many people around the world who have organised conferences and symposia dedicated to discussing the place of soul in education". Some of the themes discussed in the book include: 'Timeless Learning'; 'The Work of the New Group of Soul Educators'; 'Ethics as the Language of the Soul'; 'Creativity as Soul Work'; and 'Communicating Soul to Soul with Others'.

In her introduction to the book, Isabella Colalillo Kates writes: "The wheels of soul in education turn and spiral with every educator, who, working from the inner dimension of self contributes new insights and practices to the field. In these turbulent but deeply challenging times, there is a great need to nurture the soul alongside the intellect of the young. The soul is the wellspring of wellness, wholeness and the quality of compassion needed in this era of re-alignment and possibility."

The focaliser of this initiative, Clarence Harvey, is now working as Acting Principal at The Steiner Academy Hereford which is the first publicly funded school in England to offer Steiner education. In a recent communication, Clarence commented: "Most of this work is subjective and out of the public eye – it is no less effective because of this, as a means of creating the bridge between the realm of soul living and the everyday realm of human educational practice. It is my hope that the period 2012-2013 will see an intensification of conscious work on subjective levels to bridge these realms....".

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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 online at: www.triangles.org.

Our triangle work is sustained and maintained. Despite the health and financial challenges which I and the other partner are facing we do not allow these to disturb our daily meditation work. We enjoy the work. Our only prayer is to ask all the forces of Light to strengthen us to continue our work.

Nigeria

It only takes one additional light to form a new triangle, a new link in the web, a new channel for Divine energy. I've been pondering on this.

Canada

How does science work into all of this? When the "New Age" groups emerged in the Californian, USA region in the 1970's and 80's there was so much idealism and mystical vision which never really fully materialized. There are scientists around the planet who are trying to rediscover, through scientific method, the inner realms. How do we as servers see such science vs. mystical ideal vision? Let's face it, science is the current ruler on our manifested world.

USA

I have discovered that instead of trying to check in with my three triangles at specific times of day, I can simply carry the image of the three triangles with me wherever I go. This way, through this 24-hour general awareness, I am able to check in at any time to make sure any one of the triangles isn't neglected anywhere. I find this brings me a far greater awareness of the light produced by the triangles, and a sense of the 'aliveness' of not only mine, but of all the other triangles that are going on.

USA

My sense is that the many triangles created by the people participating here form a sacred shawl that is cast across the skies to protect the soul of our earth and those of its inhabitants. This magical cloth of light, sheer as tissue and as translucent as light itself, floats above us and our world as a gentle veil, anchored by its many tiny beacons as stars, which represent each participant here. I am so grateful for the opportunity to participate in this fine work.

We need more people working for the Light.

UK

Through the years I've been in this service, I realised the great opportunity of working for the global good. Even if now my comprehension doesn't reach completely the greatness of this simultaneous act, I know we are all united, in our heart, towards the purpose of the reappearance of the Christ.

Mexico

I say I have a cosmic religion. When I was 25 years old, I had a revelation so I changed my mind from being an atheist to a believer. I saw in dreams the creation of the Universe. I began to study all religions. I read about Triangles and formed a triangle.

Cuba

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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