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GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS

Over millennia countless individuals have emerged to express spiritual truth to their communities and some, like Lao Tzu, Confucius, Plato, and Spinoza have founded schools of philosophical thought. Here and there, too, great spiritual luminaries have acted as emissaries of the divine impulse emanating from the Heart of our planet, the spiritual Hierarchy. Their expressed truth has withstood the test of time, their influence has spanned aeons, their noble message has reached countless millions, and in some cases their radiation is as potent today as when they first appeared on Earth. During their period of work, and in their own way, these servers have helped to anchor spiritual principles, to raise the level of human thinking and to transmute desire into spiritual aspiration.

Up till the last century or so, enlightened individuals with a few followers, have carried the mantle and borne the responsibility of serving the common good. As we transit into the Aquarian Age, new rhythms, impulses, energies and qualities are coming to the fore requiring the human family to adapt to the higher energy patterns precipitating from above. One of the most striking and fundamental changes lies in the evolving focus on group consciousness and work. All around us we see people coming together in groups to ‘serve’ a common cause – such as a noble ideal, a scientific thesis, a philosophical theme, a political model or a business project. All these factors have an underlying rationale – people are learning to work together in group formation in which team work is seen as a necessary and highly valued virtue.

On a higher turn of the spiral, group spiritual work and the development of group consciousness are finding resonance in a small but growing number of service groups. One of the smallest units of group spiritual work is the triangle. Three like-minded people of goodwill come together in lighted consciousness each day to serve humanity. In this consecrated period of work we become attuned to the spiritual note of those in our triangles and in the worldwide Triangles group. In that sacred space we weave in the light building the “new heavens and the new earth”.

Group consciousness, today, is more than just a vision. It is demonstrated in the lives of thinking people of goodwill who come together in some collaborative project for the welfare of others, whose primary motivation is service, whose love of their fellow human beings is abiding and who respond to the Call of Hierarchy. Not many years ago, a profound Eastern teacher, commented: “The glory of the slowly emerging self-consciousness must be lost to sight in the wonder of the group consciousness of the race, and this the foremost thinkers and workers today most ardently desire”.

REFLECTIONS ON GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS

Think outwardly towards each other in love. Just simply that, ... simply and humbly that and no more than that at present.

Alice Bailey

The eternal spiritual principle, in which is the root of all being, is conscious of itself in our consciousness. Everything comes from God, everything leads to God, everything culminates in God.

Nicholas N. Strakhov

We have to recognise once more that the individual exists not in himself alone but in the collectivity and that individual perfection and liberation are not the whole sense of God's intention in the world. The free use of our liberty includes also the liberation of others and of mankind; the perfect utility of our perfection is, having realised in ourselves the divine symbol, to reproduce, multiply and ultimately universalise it in others.

Sri Aurobindo

Unselfish people are not rare. Unselfish groups are very rare. Pure detached devotion in a human being is not rare but to find it in a group is rare indeed. The submergence of personal interests in the good of the family or in that of another person is often to be found, for the beauty of the human heart has manifested itself down the ages. To find such an attitude in a group of people and to see such a point of view maintained with an unbroken rhythm and demonstrating spontaneously and naturally—this will be the glory of the New Age.

Alice Bailey

Can man ever acquire, in place of the personal and solitary consciousness which he now finds in himself, a general consciousness, which would make him constantly aware that he was a portion of a great spiritual whole.

Peter Yakovlevich Chaadayev

It is group work which we desire and not the domination of a person in a group or the control of two or three people. This means slower work but a more widespread influence. It is safer and more fruitful in the long run. The group work entails many things and many developments within the group consciousness. One of these is the finding of the level of service, so that what is done is a group effort. It will then prove successful, for it will be based on group conviction and on group understanding.

Alice Bailey

Understanding ecological interdependence means understanding relationships. It requires the shifts of perception that are characteristic of systems thinking – from the parts to the whole, from objects to relationships, from contents to patterns. A sustainable human community is aware of the multiple relationships among its members. Nourishing the community means nourishing those relationships.

Fritjof Capra

It is indeed and in truth from glory to glory that we go. The past glory of individualisation must fade away in that of initiation. The glory of the slowly emerging self-consciousness must be lost to sight in the wonder of the group consciousness of the race, and this the foremost thinkers and workers today most ardently desire. The glory that can be seen faintly shining in humanity, and the dim light which flickers within the human form, must give place to the radiance which is the glory of the developed son of God. Only a little effort is needed, and the demonstration of a steady staying power, to enable those who are now on the physical plane of experience to evidence the radiant light, and to establish upon the earth a great station of light which will illumine the whole of human thought.

Alice Bailey

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.

Human Values Foundation

The Human Values Foundation was formed in 1995 to “encourage, promote and develop human values among young people through its educational programmes, publications, exhibitions, conferences and staff exploration sessions”. It is a non-denominational and independent registered charity, and has close links with national educational bodies in the UK.

Its vision is to enable young people in all sections of the community, in the UK and abroad, to practise human values in order to become “responsible, happy, fulfilled members of society and aspire to human excellence”.

The five core values that the Foundation promotes are: Truth, Love, Peace, Right Conduct and Non-violence. The Foundation reports that more than 1000 schools in the UK have found this researched and clear approach on ‘Education in Human Values’ lesson plans to be “a long-sought after answer to apparently insoluble problems facing our society”. A sample lesson plan in PDF format is available for download from their website. News of the Foundation’s work in other countries is also reported on its website.

The Foundation defines its mission as “to develop, promote and encourage an uplifting education process, especially among young people, teachers and those who look after

children. We provide universal resources that foster lasting, life enriching values, which contribute to an integrated, ethical, moral, emotional, social and spiritual education.”

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The Maimonides Foundation

The Maimonides Foundation is an interfaith charity. Since 1995 it has worked to foster peace and dialogue amongst the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths through a series of cultural, academic, sporting, and educational programmes.

Moses Maimonides (1135-1204) was a Jewish philosopher, theologian, and leader of the Jewish community in 12th Century Cordoba, Spain at the time of the ‘Golden Age’ of Jewish and Muslim cultures. He was also versed in Arabic and Islamic philosophy. It is said that Maimonides life was “a symbol of the best of our common past and of humankind's ability to transcend and overcome intolerance, hatred, bigotry, and ignorance.”

The Foundation reports that it is “committed to creating opportunities where the three communities can meet and share their commonalities and discuss their differences dialogue is the only positive means of living in harmony in a multi-religious and multi-cultural society”.

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THREE SPIRITUAL FESTIVALS

There are three major spiritual Festivals which form the high point in the annual cycle – **the Festival of Easter, the Festival of Wesak, and the Festival of Goodwill**. Through the steady, persistent meditation work of many individuals and groups in all parts of the world, these Festivals are now achieving a subjective anchorage in the consciousness of the human family.

In the future all people of spiritual inclination will keep the same holy days. This will bring about a pooling of spiritual resources and a united spiritual effort, plus a simultaneous invocation. The potency of this will be apparent. The three major Festivals each year are concentrated in three consecutive months and lead to a prolonged annual spiritual effort which affects the remainder of the year. These are:

The Festival of Easter: This is the Festival of the risen living Christ, the teacher of humanity and the head of the spiritual Hierarchy. He is the expression of the love of God. On this day the spiritual Hierarchy, which he guides and directs, is recognised and the nature of God's love is emphasised.

The Festival of Wesak: This is the Festival of the Buddha, the spiritual intermediary between the highest spiritual centre, Shamballa, and the Hierarchy. The Buddha is the expression of the wisdom of God, the embodiment of light and the indicator of divine purpose.

The Festival of Goodwill: This is the Festival of

the spirit of humanity aspiring towards God, seeking conformity with the will of God and dedicated to the expression of right human relations. On this Festival for two thousand years the Christ has represented humanity and has stood before the Hierarchy and in the sight of Shamballa as the God-man, the leader of his people and "the eldest in a great family of brothers" (Romans VIII: 29). Each year at this time he has preached the last sermon of the Buddha before the assembled Hierarchy. This is, therefore, a Festival of deep invocation and appeal, of a basic aspiration towards fellowship, of human and spiritual unity; it represents the effect in human consciousness of the work of the Buddha and of the Christ. This Festival is also observed as **World Invocation Day**.

Although they are not yet sufficiently related to each other, these three Festivals are a part of the unified spiritual approach of humanity. The time is coming when all three Festivals will be kept throughout the world and by their means a great spiritual unity will be achieved and the effects of the Great Approach, so close to us at this time, will be stabilised by the united invocation of humanity throughout the planet.

(Adapted from the **Three Spiritual Festivals** pamphlet)

2013:

Easter Festival: 26 March

Wesak Festival: 25 April

Christ's Festival/World Invocation Day: 24 May

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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