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THE FLOWER OF LOVE

Flowers have long been associated with love. We are instinctively drawn to them and use them as a symbol of our love, our affection, our sympathy. They help to draw us together in loving relationship. They lift us up. Flowers are like Nature's heart centre. Flowers spring up from individual seeds; their blossoms producing a vast array of colours. The multiplicity of colours in the plant kingdom blend and fuse in perfect harmony. There is no discordant colour to mar the relationship; they serve where they grow. In that unbroken relationship, flowers are the way the plant kingdom displays love in the world.

Likewise, in the unfolding petals of the human heart centre, we also find the flower of love. Of all the major centres in the etheric body, the heart centre is by far the most important today. The uplifting, magnetic power of its energies is what is needed to offset the strong emotional, personal tendencies of the solar plexus. The solar plexus has its necessary function as a synthesising clearing house for all the energies and forces of the lower centres, but because of its tendency to express selfishness and separateness it cannot produce the universal quality of love so needed today. Only the heart centre is capable of meeting this need. As the heart centre unfolds through the impulse of service, its magnetic, attractive power increases in strength, drawing upward and qualifying all self-centred tendencies; its power of love absorbs selfishness, producing a self that thinks and serves only in group and universal terms.

The love that radiates from the awakened heart is no longer the affectionate love of the individual self—that is still present but has dropped to a secondary position. The more dominant quality that is now expressed is universal in its outlook; it is sensitive to, and feels the needs of, the world as a whole. This is the purifying love of the one Soul. As with flowers, service is the soul's motivation and reason for being.

The universal love of the heart centre serves to relate not only horizontally in the outer world, but also vertically and inwardly with the higher mind and the intuition. The universal love of the heart aligns with, and vibrates in harmony with, the refined energies of the intuition, thus establishing a relationship with the Mind of God. It is said, "in the heart of every person lies hid the flower of the intuition."¹ The pathway to the intuition lies through the love of the heart and reveals the underlying motive of creation.

That motive is revealed in the flower of love—whether human or plant. In the etheric array of blossoming heart centers we produce patterns of colours around the world. The activity of Triangles organises this array in a balanced relationship. Where love can flow unimpeded, the world is drawn together. We too serve where we grow.

¹ The Rays and the Initiations, p.11 (adapted)

MUSINGS ON LOVE

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.

Adapted Great Invocation, 2nd stanza

In youth I looked to these very skies,
And probing their immensities,
I found God there, his visible power;

Yet felt in my heart, amid all its sense
Of the power, an equal evidence
That his love, there too, was the nobler dower.

Robert Browning

Where there is love there is life.

Mohandas K Gandhi

Life is the flower for which love is the honey.

Victor Hugo

What Joy in rosy waves outpoured,
Flows from the heart of Love, the Lord.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We love God with his own love; awareness of it
deifies us.

Eckhart

Love is the wielding of the force which guides the
worlds and which leads to the integration, unity and
inclusiveness which impels Deity itself to action.

Alice Bailey

In the Beginning arose Love.

Rig Veda

Love is indestructible,
Its holy flame for ever burneth,
From Heaven it came,
To Heaven returneth.

Robert Southey

Give me a pure heart — that I may see Thee,
A humble heart — that I may hear Thee,
A heart of love — that I may serve Thee,
A heart of faith — that I may abide in Thee.

Dag Hammarskjöld

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,
but have not love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all
mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and
if I deliver up my body to be burned,
but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with
the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends.

As for prophecies, they will pass away;
as for tongues, they will cease;
as for knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass
away.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child,
I thought like a child,
I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to
face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I have been fully known.
So now faith, hope, and love abide,
these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The Institute for Research On Unlimited Love

The Institute was founded in 2001 with a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. Its objective is to provide a focus on selfless love from a scientific and philosophical perspective, encouraged by the great moral and spiritual traditions.

With support from the Templeton Foundation, the Institute is involved in nearly 50 research projects at universities including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Princeton, and Case Western Reserve University. The research aims to address themes such as: "How can we raise children who shape their lives around unselfish love and the service of humanity? How can we develop cultural and educational environments that foster such behavior? Is it true that kind and benevolent people generally experience higher levels of well-being, happiness, and health? How can love be made more lasting in marriage and family life? Where does spirituality come into the practice of love and justice? Is unselfish love – understood evolutionarily, developmentally, and spiritually – the deeper and most fulfilling ground of human nature? How do catastrophes like 9/11 or the tsunami wave elicit such compassionate responses? Can we better understand rescuers who put their lives on the line for perfect strangers? Is love the 'Ground of Being' that philosophers and mystics speak of perennially?"

The Institute sends out a monthly electronic newsletter called *Works of Love* focusing on such themes as altruism, altruistic love, kindness, compassion and 'unlimited' love. Also, books have been written on the following themes: *Research on Altruism and Love*, *Unlimited Love*, *The Ways and Power of Love*, *Science of Love* and *Love That Works*. Further details can be found at: www.unlimitedloveinstitute.org.

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The Love Foundation

Founded in 2000, the purpose of The Love Foundation is "to assist people by building a practical foundation and understanding of love within individuals and society as a whole."

The Foundation aims to effect its vision through:

Education: present public service announcements, seminars, workshops, meditations and presentations to groups.

Charity: provide financial support for community programs that foster peace, love, and self-awareness; provide support for children's programs that enhance self-esteem and confidence; provide resources to groups and individuals that promote human development and personal and planetary growth.

Research: support new inventions and projects that benefit humanity and the earth; develop a database and library of information and reference materials available to all.

Global Love Day was launched at the end of 2003 for the first celebration on May 1, 2004. Since then, this event is celebrated every year on May 1, and this year is no exception. The purpose of this day is to raise human awareness of the love that is ever present, and that heals and transforms everything it contacts. People in over 93 countries are connected with this event. And a flyer is now available in 20 languages. In conjunction with this Day, the Foundation has also launched an **Art, Essay and Poetry** program encouraging young people "to participate by sharing their perspective of global love in a creative fashion".

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THE GREAT APPROACH

At the time of the June Full Moon each year, the love of God, the spiritual essence of solar fire reaches its highest point of expression. Through the head of the spiritual Hierarchy – the Christ, who is “One of the great Sons of God” – the heart of love within the Hierarchy seeks to call forth a response from all who are receptive.

The success of the approach of the Hierarchy to humanity depends upon “the intensity of the desire found in the world aspirants and among those who have established a ‘way of approach’ through meditation and service”¹. This effort is reinforced through the meditation of advanced thinkers – whether religious, scientific, philosophical, educational, political or those in the business world; in fact, all who are able to open the mind towards a higher state of consciousness.

High-minded thinking, augmented by an intense desire for human betterment, stimulates human consciousness and helps to create a bridge of light between the world of spiritual being and the world of human endeavour. The New Group of World Servers – that bridging group who occupy a midway position between humanity and the spiritual kingdom, play a key role in preparing the way for the approach of Hierarchy. The workers on the inner side, and the disciples who are responsible for working out the Plan,

stimulate the hearts and minds of the New Group even though there may be no conscious recognition of the source of inspiration. Ideas exist as currents of energy upon the mental plane and can be contacted and directed into manifestation by those who have trained and receptive minds.

Today, there are signs that significant changes in thinking are taking place which are giving rise to what might be described as a distinctive culture of responsibility. This new way of thinking, which recognises that everything is interrelated, is challenging separatism and the culture of materialism.

When there are a sufficient number of people who are in conscious touch with their souls, then changes of far reaching importance can be instigated in communities and nations. Those who are sensitive to soul impression, including Triangles workers, can create – through the power of thought – a channel of communication between the spiritual and human kingdoms. The Triangles work provides a channel for constructive thought – a means for transforming the spiritual climate of the planet which, in turn, creates a pathway for the approach of the Hierarchy towards humanity.

1. Esoteric Psychology, Vol 2, p.702 (adapted)

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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