



Triangles

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THE SCIENCE OF COMMUNICATION

Our present age is, above all, an age of communication and the realisation of the unity of all life. It may be true that in the past the sense of separateness – sometimes indeed of isolation – has governed the waking consciousness of much of humanity. Certainly the great Teachers that have emerged to shine their light into the darkness of human affairs have tried to offset this condition. They have emphasised that at a very deep level our neighbours are ourselves, and have encouraged us to lead lives that will be a blessing to all living beings around us.

Wonderfully now, in the thoughts and actions of the present avant-garde of the human race, we see countless examples of people all over the world who are living out these truths in ways that inspire us all with their acute recognitions of the oneness of all life, and that foster in us a growing demonstration of spiritual realisation and practical responsibility. They are crafting new and compassionate living patterns as a matrix in which humanity can more easily develop and grow into its true role of creative planetary server.

Crucial to developing this new matrix is the consciously used science of communication. Perhaps our first thoughts should focus on the interior realms. Through our daily Triangles work we become aware how this service is built on the unity of all souls. It also creates a communications network that links soul, mind and brain into a living symbol of spirit so that the outer triangle of human beings manifests the inner reality of the spiritual Triad – pure loving will, in touch with the Plan and committed to service as a way of life.

Our Triangles initiative necessarily bestows many insights. Perhaps one of the important ones concerns the spectacular growth of modern digital technology whose light-bearing fibre optic cables already link most people all over the world. What a beautiful symbol this is of the inner connectedness of humanity beginning to manifest on the outer plane. And what a wonderful service opportunity for spiritually-minded people to use this new communications technology with skill, intelligence and persistence in order to reinforce the growing sense of unity and responsibility within the human family.

Thus our consciously applied use of sacred geometry is inevitably helping to transform the old conflict-based energy structures. And so in our present time we have the privilege of magnetising the inner and outer sciences of communication and of witnessing how this is helping to fuse us into an experience not just of human unity but of the unity of all life. Our age of communication is transforming humanity by turning spiritual theory into realised truth.

REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNICATION

Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

The science of communication started through the sense of touch and developed through sound, symbols, words and sentences, languages, writing, art, and on again to the stage of higher symbols, vibratory contact, telepathy, inspiration and illumination. I have in the above dealt with the general outline

Alice Bailey (adapted)

First learn the meaning of what you say, and then speak.

Epictetus

Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart.

William Wordsworth

I feel that the great challenge of our time is the communication of ideas.

Alain de Botton

It is fundamentally necessary that the new groups which are inaugurating the new discipleship should eventually establish a telepathic rapport with each other. Later, when there is a closer individual inter-relation, it will be possible to give definite teaching which will make this increasingly possible, but in the meantime a hint will have to suffice. It is foundational in nature and will have to be accepted and somewhat understood prior to successful work in all these pioneering groups. Think outwardly towards each other in love. Just simply that, my brothers—simply and humbly that and no more than that at present. Can you accept such a simple rule—apparently simple? In this way the etheric body of this group of disciples will be animated by the golden energy and the light of love and thus a network of light will be established which will

form a focal point of energy in the etheric body of humanity itself and eventually in the planetary etheric body also.

Alice Bailey

Words are but the signs of ideas.

Samuel Johnson

Sound or speech and the use of words have been regarded by the ancient philosophers (and are increasingly so regarded by modern thinkers) as the highest agent used by man in moulding himself and his surroundings. Thought, speech and the resultant activity on the physical plane complete the triplicity which make a man what he is, and place him where he is.

Is it not essential, therefore, that before we speak we should think, thus remembering the injunction, "You must attain to knowledge, ere you can attain to speech"? Having thought, let us then choose the right words to express the right thought, attempting to give correct pronunciation, proper values, and true tonal quality to every word we utter.

As evolution proceeds, and the human family rises into its true position in the great plan of the universe, right and correct speech will be increasingly cultivated, because we shall think more before we utter words, or, as a great teacher has said, "through meditation we shall rectify the mistakes of wrong speech;" and the significance of word forms, true and correct sounds, and vocal quality will become ever more apparent.

Alice Bailey (adapted)

During the past few decades, modern technology, with radio, TV, air travel, and satellites, has woven a network of communication which puts each part of the world in to almost instant contact with all the other parts.

David Bohm

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.

From time to time we receive news from co-workers around the world about their service work in their local communities. We recently received a communication from a co-worker in South Africa, which we would like to share with you:

African Goodwill Network

Many changes are taking place in the world and Africa is not excluded. Our service activities since the last communication, have continued to feature the Great Invocation in African languages on our web page, African Goodwill Network, as well as a feature on *Relationships*, with articles ranging from 'Relationships with our families' to 'Relationships – Dedicated to the memory of Nelson Mandela'. Members of the network participate in a full moon Skype Group each month. Although the connectivity is problematic at times, we are determined to try and solve that. This initiative was taken by the Nigerian Goodwill Group, and it is a means by which we are "strengthening the hands" of our fellow servers. People of African origin living outside Africa are being attracted to this group.

The Full Moon Meditation groups of Pietermaritzburg and Lions River continue but most members are elderly and with the escalating costs of transport the numbers are reduced. We have therefore started a "virtual" group. Each of us linking up with the other meditators, and doing the full moon meditation at a time on the day "as if" we are all present. We get in touch with each other afterwards by sms or email. This is working very well.

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PhotoVoice

PhotoVoice trains people from disadvantaged and marginalised communities to use photography and storytelling as advocacy tools and to achieve positive social change. The group started in 1998 on a voluntary basis through the partnership of two Edinburgh University students. It became a UK registered charity in 2003. Its vision is working towards a world in which "no one is denied the opportunity to speak out and be heard",

"Photography is a highly flexible tool that crosses cultural and linguistic barriers and can be adapted to all abilities. Its power lies in its dual role as an art form and a means to record facts. It provides an accessible way to define realities, communicate perspectives and raise awareness of important social and global issues."

Its ethos is based upon a set of core values, especially sharing learning and working to improve methods, building awareness of responsible practice and ethical working, and maximising impact in the field of participatory photography.

PhotoVoice has conducted more than 50 projects in 23 countries. It also provides consultancy services to NGOs and Local Authorities which are looking "to develop, design and implement their own participatory photography projects".

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PRINCIPLES ARE ETERNAL, PERSONALITIES TEMPORAL

As we move through this world of maya, glamour and illusion, it is easy to lose perspective, engrossed as we are in the forefront of our lives with its stresses and strains. Through recollection, through the ability to step back and move into our inner centre, our perspective gradually changes and we find ourselves holding to a surer footing.

Abraham Lincoln, an astute observer and experiencer of the human condition, quoted a famous parable in one of his speeches: “It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence, to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him with the words: “And this, too, shall pass away.” How much it expresses! How chastening in the hour of pride! How consoling in the depths of affliction!”

It’s said Lincoln was so fond of the aphorism that he went about repeating it to his friends and co-workers – “And this, too, shall pass away.” The words obviously served as a type of mantram in his daily life, providing solace and a refocusing amidst the outer fragmentation and challenges facing him on all sides.

We, too, can find aid in the use of mantrams in our efforts to live more principled and spiritually-centred lives. One such mantram, the Mantram of the Holy Ones, speaks of a type of peace that qualifies Those who have learned to “dwell in the eternal.” This phrase serves to expand the contours of our minds. The mantram goes on to command that peace to “brood over us.” Although we cannot hope to embody the eternal principles that govern the Hierarchy, we can attempt to draw near to that planetary heart centre and become sensitive to its impressions for guidance in our lives.

There is a sequence that we can attempt to implement in our service work to keep our principles and our priorities straight. That sequence is: first and foremost to the Plan – to that subjective synthesis and telepathic unity that unites all life at the fundamental level of spirit; then, to those whom the Plan serves – to humanity and the lower kingdoms; and, only finally, to Those Who serve the Plan, which includes those who work on the periphery of Hierarchy. By pondering on this sequence we gradually shift our attitudes from those that governed humanity during the long cycle of the Piscean age, towards a higher type of allegiance – to principles, not personalities.

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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