

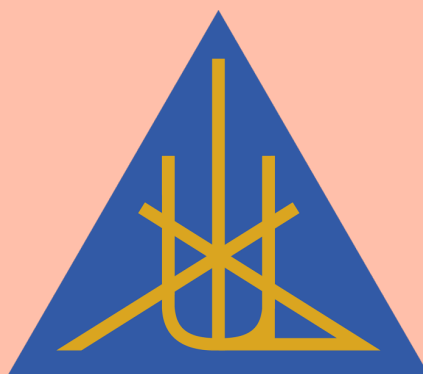
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PROGRAMME

Saturday 28 September 2019

MORNING SESSION: EVERYONE WELCOME

10h00 Welcome
Affirmation of the Disciple

10h15 *Keynote talk: Esoteric Service – Challenging Times in the Transition into Aquarius –
Christine Morgan in English*

Meditation as a Creative Service to Humanity – Sergei Arutiunov

11h10 Discussion
Meditation – Letting in the Light – *in English & Russian*

12h00 Close

AFTERNOON SESSION: EVERYONE WELCOME

14h00 *What are Right human Relations from a Soul Perspective? – Mintze van der Velde in English*
Meditation – Group Radiation of Energy – *in English & Russian*

One Soul, One Humanity – Evgueny Pikalov

Discussion

15h30 Break

Mantram – Affirmation of Love

Selflessness, Harmlessness and Right Speech - The Challenge of the Disciple – Tatiana Petrishevskaya

Mantram – New Group of World Servers

A Call to mobilise the Will-to-Good and express goodwill – Evgeny Zaydel

16h35 New Moon meditation: Strengthening the Hands of the New Group of World Servers – *in English & Russian*

17h30 Close

Good morning friends. It's so inspiring to be here and to meet with students, co-workers and people of goodwill on this, the Lucis Trust/Arcane School's first visit to Russia. We also extend a warm welcome to those who are joining us in Moscow via the webinar link today. I bring the greetings of staff at headquarters in all three centres as well as the support of students who know of this event and are supporting it subjectively. Russia of course is the spiritual home of Mme Blavatsky, founder of the Theosophical Society and of the Roerichs of the Agni Yoga teachings too so the "soil" is well prepared.

To say a few words to students in the Arcane School in this time of transition, much of our training involves a work of quiet discipline, of learning the strength to draw upon our own inner resources, in order to increasingly sense the subjective group and move forward within its magnetic and radiating presence. This falling back upon the soul was one of Alice Bailey's aims for the school and one reason why she didn't want a physical school of classes. Nevertheless it is also true that today, with the advent of social media, the internet and the explosion of meditation and service groups, there is much to distract one providing the added challenge for students to engage with the real depth and experimental nature of the ground breaking work in consciousness before us.

The many groups, including those inspired by the Bailey and other esoteric teachings, each have their part to play in this rich tapestry of service. The Arcane school is pitched at a particular point along the group antahkarana. So dynamic and far reaching are the changes being experienced by humanity and therefore especially by the disciple, that those who strive to realise the injunction to live creatively "in the world but not of it" are especially needed – both as a stabilising factor but also to prepare the way for the new schools of initiation when the time is right. For students new to the work, today's world represents a collage of distractions, spiritual glammers and claim making abound. So fascinating are the new ideas in every field, that it's easy to be diverted from the group goal. It is easy to become mentally and spiritually acquisitive for the "new", that it is possible to busy ourselves in all sorts of activity, skimming along the surface of the wave without the effort, the creative struggle, which accompanies the true path of discipleship.

I came across these wise words of the Tibetan:

"To you, who live and work in this interim period and in this cycle of transition, with all its resultant outer chaos and upheaval, is given the task of expressing *steadfastness, service and sacrifice*... You need to absorb and to act upon the information you already have, before there is evoked from you that basic demand for further light which necessitates response from those of us who work within the limits of the Hierarchy. For that demand, we patiently wait."¹

It is not insignificant that these three rather somber qualities are all expressions of Shamballa – the will aspect whose quality governs the first quarter of every century; the will to persevere and be steadfast; the great Law of Service which grows out of a life of meditation and creative bridging to higher realms, and sacrifice, a word that depicts to many a painful and conflicted journey to sacred wholeness, and yet to the true disciple, sacrifice is a joyful process of both giving and relinquishing in its quest for synthesis. Practiced together these three are simple, powerful attributes but I'm sure you will agree that they represent a significant challenge to the disciple and discipleship groups in this time of turbulence, glamour and distraction.

¹ Alice A. Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations*, p.146.

Nevertheless these expressions are ones of dynamic fire. At a certain point that inner fire needs to be mobilised so as to drive us forward away from outer tensions to inner intensity. The path of occult meditation is both a pledge to the soul and hierarchy, and a life commitment willingly and joyfully entered into. There's freedom of course to read and associate widely and with wise discrimination the many paths of truth, but the esoteric practice itself is a concentrated and consecrated field of fiery energy which takes us on a particular path of creative construction.

Today we have a wonderful program of meditation, talks and discussion addressing the important theme of "Esoteric Service – Challenging Times in the transition into the Aquarian Age" from various perspectives – and it is an opportunity for the Russian school to add its own rich note and colour to the theme.

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THE AFFIRMATION OF THE DISCIPLE

I am a point of light within a greater Light.
I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of Love divine.
I am a point of sacrificial Fire, focused within the fiery Will of God.
And thus I stand.

I am a way by which men may achieve.
I am a source of strength, enabling them to stand.
I am a beam of light, shining upon their way.
And thus I stand.

And standing thus, revolve
And tread this way the ways of men,
And know the ways of God.
And thus I stand.

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As students of the ageless wisdom, servers of humanity and people of goodwill, this is surely our time of opportunity as the year 2025 approaches – 2025 we are told is the year that the Hierarchical Assembly convenes and will probably set a date for the first stage of the externalisation of the Hierarchy. The period leading up to 2025, known as “The Stage of the Forerunner”, is therefore one of great activity and change in preparation for the beginning of the externalisation process.

The new group of world servers is of vital importance in this time of preparation. This group name is given to all who resonate together as one subjective group in consciousness, irrespective of vocation, nationality or religion. All those who form part of this group are asked to sensitise their consciousness to that which is ready to precipitate from “the raincloud of knowable things” – the new ideas and principles which will guide humanity forward into a new age. Of course, this doesn’t mean that the group’s important work will end in 2025, but these preceding years are especially important in preparing for the stupendous events to come.

A tremendous amount of energy is currently impacting upon the planet as part of the preparations for the New era ahead, and this can be judged, ironically, by the attendant chaos and confusion and the amount of wrong doing that is currently being exposed. Because there are so many influences and energy shifts occurring at this time, it’s very important to keep in mind that energy is impersonal and initially, it can have a negative impact on some types of human consciousness while at the same time having a positive impact on others who are in a more resonant state.

A great awakening is occurring on the planet and humanity is bringing to the surface all that stands in the way of the light. In “Talks to Disciples” (*Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol. II) the Tibetan asks disciples to reflect on the idea that we are entering into a new age wherein “all things will become new”. This new society will be distinguished by brotherhood, compassion, and goodwill towards all planetary life forms. It will be created by the thinkers and idealists of the race whose vision will “change the consciousness of humanity as a whole and raise it” to new levels of cooperation and synthesis. It is the new group of world servers who must envision the new culture and materialize those thoughts in forms that will manifest the incoming energies of light, love and power.

It’s certainly true that much darkness is currently being exposed – there has been a shift towards greater national selfishness – a “me first” attitude – a will to self-power and a withdrawing of some precious freedoms so hard won in the past, particularly in democratic countries. But at the same time, there is a growing demand for these freedoms elsewhere in the world. Polarity and Populism are strengthening while international co-operation, so essential to resolve planetary crises, appears to be experiencing a setback. Even so, we witness the remarkable UN Sustainable Development Goals and co-operation over climate change which represent a major test of human planning for the well-being of the earth and humanity as a whole.

We are therefore witnessing both positive and negative effects at the moment, but to place a focus on that which is good, there is an increasingly large number of people awakening to spiritual service, to a compassionate concern about the planet and the welfare of other kingdoms. There is an empathy for the plight of others around the world seeing all as belonging to one human race with no distinctions made according to race, culture and national borders. In a real sense, a large section of humanity is on the march towards a higher, more inclusive state of consciousness, affirming the statement by the Tibetan that humanity is collectively on the path of discipleship.

The Bridge to Truth

So, to phrase the title of this talk as a question: What is the esoteric service we have to offer in these challenging times of transition into the Aquarian Age? What is the role of esotericists at this time? Surely it is to act as a bridge of truth between Humanity and the planetary centre of Love, the Spiritual Hierarchy. This is vital because today there is an attack on truth such that traditional sources of knowledge are no longer trusted. This era has seen so much misuse of media in circulating untruths that it has come to be described as a “Post Fact” or “Post Truth” age. What does this mean with respect to the magical work of the soul which is based on truth and right relationships, and which is founded on a trained mind, detached and free of dogma and emotional impulse?

More than ever, those who meditate are needed to hold an inner alignment with the centre of truth, the soul. Alice Bailey equated truth with discipleship; each truth revealed leads to another and more expansive understanding of reality. She commented that the disciple “has to face truth at all times – truth about himself, truth about other people, truth about the processes of nature, and truth about the work of the Hierarchy”. This issue about truth and falsity is the issue of our times and if left unchallenged will perpetuate and deepen the sea of deception, where truth becomes distorted and seen as through an impenetrable fog. Disciples today must strive to become centres of truth; they must interpret life anew and allow an inner, living truth to radiate out of themselves spontaneously. All servers of the race are needed to step up to the call of the soul; forming a bridge in consciousness for the Hierarchy to direct its energies into uplifting human consciousness.

Several years ago, the Arcane School explored the idea of ‘the living truth’ in relation to the Shamballa force and its expression through new and potent livingness. We asked the question: “If evolution is an eternal, universal principle, can there be any such thing as ultimate, absolute truth?” If so, would it not be static and therefore lifeless? Or is it more the case that truth is relative to the context in which it is set? If so, as any unit of life expands its consciousness, so will its living truth grow exponentially, guiding it ever onwards. In this sense, truth is a measure of the life that is expressing itself through an organism of any kind at any given time. As far as human evolution is concerned though, our highest words and deeds may be expressions of what we conceive to be our living truth, the future will make of them corpses. As the body periodically crystallizes and dies to permit the indwelling life to rehouse itself more adequately, so does the living truth keep striding forwards with one foot in the present and one foot in the future.

There is an ancient writing/symbol that reveals this process in relation to the purpose of the human kingdom, regarding the entire kingdom as an integrated unit of organized life on the physical plane. The writing depicts four angelic beings at the four corners of a square: “Four words they utter forth...potent occult forces, dynamic in their incentive and creative in their result.” They are living truths which summarize the “nature and destiny of man” and the closest we can come to understanding them lie in the thoughts of “purity, dedication, love and service.” These words peal out and swing around the square, and it is written that “each day of man the words take form and different seem.” The choral sound is constantly changing in accordance with the measure of truth that humanity is expressing in relation to its unfolding purpose.²

The energies of purity, dedication, love and service depicted in this beautiful symbol are assuredly informing the work of esoteric groups and it is good to periodically reflect on this symbol to boost the influx of truth and beauty into the group life. We can increasingly help these occult forces to peal out

² Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p.547

and swing round the city that stands foursquare – the city of humanity.

Another way of examining the nature of truth is from the angle of *the concentration of power*. This process lies behind the search for truth in all its aspects. Even the learning of mundane truths – of factual knowledge as taught by the great education systems of the world – involves this ability to concentrate power.

While ‘concentration’ is generally defined as the “focusing of attention”, it also means the “action of bringing to a centre” and “a mass so collected.” This raises the question as to whether something substantial is undergoing transformation in the process? And the answer is yes. The substance of the mind – the chitta – is being concentrated and gaining in power – just as the sun’s rays grow in power when they are concentrated onto a piece of paper by a magnifying glass.

Focusing the mind on any truth – be it objective or subjective – establishes a beam of shining mind-stuff between the perceiver and the perceived. According to the intensity of the concentration, so the stability of this ‘mind bridge’ and the ability of the “I” consciousness to project across it to some degree and merge with the subject of attention. To the extent that this is achieved, the perceiver then becomes a living expression of the truth contacted.

On the path of discipleship training, the focus of attention changes from the truths of the mundane worlds to the truths of the spiritual worlds – the substance of which is far more powerfully charged. According to the intensity of sustained concentration on a spiritual truth, so is the measure of power that passes from it across the ‘mind bridge’ to be expressed in the lower worlds. The culmination of the process is the white magician with the ability to concentrate the power of truth to such a degree that thoughtforms can be instantly externalised on the physical plane.

Reflection on the above may help us to appreciate why the word ‘Power’ is substituted for ‘Will’ in the last stanza of the Great Invocation. The spiritual demand to “Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on earth” is the most potent of incantations when uttered by the concentrated disciple. As to what the Plan is in terms of truth and power – ultimately, it is for each of us to become a concentration of our Divine identity on the physical plane – the Monad – the One – incarnated on earth. It is through such a concentration of power on the densest of the planes of manifestation that the tiny lives that make up the substance of all its forms can be fully released and “matter raised up into heaven.” Although this spiritual goal lies in the far distant future, as the educational systems of the world place more emphasis on the learning of values, social responsibility and service, as indeed some are doing, the living truth will be expressed ever more powerfully on earth and the Plan of Love and Light restored anew.

In *Agni Yoga*³ we read that “truth is a rhythm.” And in the life of the disciple, it is the rhythm of the soul. All energies move in rhythms akin to their natures, and it would seem right that the energy of truth would be a rhythm of harmony. As the soul becomes more firmly established in the life of humanity a steadier and more mentally attuned rhythm will replace the inconsistent and sometimes erratic tempo that now defines it. The soul’s rhythm will begin to manifest as a steady flow of goodwill and a fixed focus towards others. It will gradually replace those rhythms emitted by energies that no longer serve the planetary vision.

³ *Agni Yoga*, p. 156.

Nevertheless, for new students coming into the energy field of the Arcane School or of an esoteric group, the immediate impact of the soul causes duality. Often the shock is upsetting to personality rhythms and life as the Light of the Soul reveals the hindrances and imperfections to be eradicated. The foundations of traditional knowledge and truth are shaken out of them and they really have to start thinking for themselves, drawing upon the inner resources of the soul in their search for truth. The wise words by William Cowper quoted in the Secret Doctrine come to mind here: "Knowledge dwells in heads replete with thoughts of other men, wisdom in minds attentive to their own."⁴

The living truth is presently imbued with the incoming energy of the Aquarian Age, Whose rulers are Jupiter and Uranus which can supply the energy to transform the way we use information and communications technology. Jupiter bestows a sense of upliftment and expansiveness, filling the heart with joy and elevating the mind towards new horizons. Uranus supplies great power and the energy of organisation to infuse these qualities into the etheric structure of the planet. Together, they hold out the promise of beneficent organisation on the physical plane. Russia has Aquarius as its sign, an airy pervasive energy which can and will in time form a bridge to other countries influenced by that sign. We are also reminded that Russia's motto is: "I Link Two Ways" hinting at a profound bridge which can not only accelerate the drive towards Right Human relationships between East and West in times to come, but also points to Right Relations between the inner and outer worlds.

The 7th ray planet Uranus often demonstrates unexpected and transforming powers. It has been described as a planet that pierces through every wall and defense; the inertia, comfort, rigidity etc. of every manifested thing. As it moves through every veil it brings the light of the higher realm to reveal the next truth. Perhaps we are discovering that there is nothing but an ever-fluid, ever-creative renewed Life? This is challenging to our attachment to the forms of the planet and the familiarity of life. The order and rhythmic patterns of life concern instead the cadence of the spiritual consciousness which is alive to steady evolutionary progress. It is not static, nor is it a part of the material order of things that belong to a mechanical universe. Its innate spontaneity is "the urge to better conditions" for all, taking us beyond the walls of traditional thinking.

We are experiencing Uranus's sharp and explosive action today as new lines of thought and ways of working come into play, and it is easy to see why this planet is sometimes described as pitiless to those who cannot let go of the outworn. In Aquarius however, as mentioned, Uranus is combined with the beneficent Jupiter and this bringer of joy is ever a sign of the soul's presence. There is so much of beauty and meaning awaiting discovery. And in order to make the discovery, we have to build a bridge on the mental plane from the lower mind to the higher abstract mind. Pioneering this adventure into subjective worlds are the esoteric groups.

Aquarius brings "group interplay, group idealism and group consciousness," the Tibetan tells us writing in Alice Bailey's books, just "as the Piscean Age has been one of personality unfoldment and emphasis, personality focus and personality consciousness"⁵. The Tibetan predicted decades ago that if we don't work towards these higher qualities we "shall have the gradual consolidation of the forces of evil or materialism on Earth" due to the more potent focus and results of a group. These words of warning stir us from inertia and illustrate the necessity for the steadfast consecration of the spiritually minded to the task of invoking the will-to-good on Earth and the absolute importance of fostering goodwill among people. He warned that if, after the World War, this is not done, we may find ourselves in a worse state, for group selfishness will be far more potent in focus and in its results.

⁴ H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*

⁵ Alice A. Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p.109

Group meditation is esoteric service and creates that bridge in consciousness between the inner and outer worlds, the soul and personality, the Hierarchy and Humanity. The question can be asked of ourselves whether we love Humanity or care enough? Do we invoke spiritual energies and direct them through the five planetary centres to reach all people whose hearts and minds are stirring into life when sounding the mantram, the Great Invocation, for example. This mantram is a Formula for World Peace and the Transmission of Energy which links us to the true Centre of Peace on this planet, Shamballa. And if we work diligently and lovingly with this power, we will surely bring the livingness of truth to bear on human consciousness and help a more orderly transition into the glory of the Aquarian Age.

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MEDITATION AS A CREATIVE SERVICE TO HUMANITY

Arutiunov Sergei

We all know what meditation is, this word is already in wide use, you will hear it even in the media. All esoteric schools - they are countless – have their own meditations, and group meditations are at the heart of the work of our foundation, Lucis Trust. We can mention meditation on Triangles, on goodwill, on the full moon and the new moon, not to mention our degree meditations focusing on seed thoughts that change every month and deepen our daily service. Not to mention the hints and formulas recommended in *Discipleship in the New Age*⁶. Not to mention the specific meditations and visualisations recommended by DK to His disciples in the same book. In short, those who seriously read the books of the Tibetan and try to meditate have every opportunity for spiritual service.

Sure, before you meditate, you need to calm down and concentrate. For me, meditation complies best of all with... digging holes. Firstly, it is a hard work that requires calmness; it is difficult to imagine a person who digs a hole, boiling with anger, or, conversely, bursting with laughter! Secondly, he who starts digging, quickly throwing away what he has started and digging elsewhere may even look a bit stupid. Nevertheless, we do this: our minds are jumping from branch to branch like a squirrel. No, having started digging – dig, and when you're tired, take a break, and continue from where you left off last time.

One more thing, but very important: we must understand that the world, everything that surrounds us, is created by ourselves, by our thoughts and attitudes, so we should not criticise, but treat everything for granted. If you don't like something, think about it, meditate on it, dig to the root - and try to see the environment as you would like it to be. It is the only way to change the world instead of verbal attacks. We have the ideal in our heads instead of the real, hence our suffering. We are blinded by the 'right' ideas and do not see what is happening to us, what is happening here and now. What is happening here and now to me personally? We have to look inwardly and go deep inside ourselves. Such a 'pit' or a staircase - whatever you want to call it - could lead, and would lead... to Sirius, if we but had tenacity! Subba Row in a set of his articles "Esoteric-Writings" has said: "By digging into himself a man can find the centre of the Universe." This was known from time immemorial: let's remember at least Kozma Prutkov's aphorism: dig deeper!

It is we who create our own world – either for suffering or for joy. That is the iron law.

The mind is jumping like a squirrel. This is the main obstacle in our meditation. The only way I know how to stop it is to learn to concentrate, persistently returning the mind to the seed-thought. It can take many years, but it is worth it. The longer the concentration, the more stable the mind is and the more effective our thought forms are. If the intensity of a neophyte's meditation can be likened to the light of a flashlight, then that of an accepted disciple is comparable to the light of a searchlight.

⁶ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol I & II.

Humanity is the middle kingdom between the Hierarchy and the animal kingdom. Thus, the human nature consists of two parts: divine and animal. The dying Age of Pisces crystallises all and everything to the limit, showing resistance to everything new and progressive. Very few dare to challenge the surrounding conditions and, sacrificing themselves, take the path of greatest resistance, overcoming the stagnation in themselves, then in the life of the country and the world as a whole. These vehicles of goodwill and right human relations, the forerunners of the New Age, who not only hear the quiet voice of the soul, but have also moved away from their 'perch' and follow it, are truly world saviours. They are members of the new group of world servers, lights and light-bearers. There are more and more of them, they are present in all spheres of human activity, including financial activity, and they are now the hope of humanity. We can and should join their ranks.

Those who have been digging know that in the depth the ground is thickening and harder to dig. According to the law, as above, so below; the deeper you dig, the higher you rise. But, unlike the physical pit, the space you 'dig' also grows in perimeter and quality, including new areas of awareness. Our seed thought, or goal, brings new impressions that have yet to be translated into knowledge. By digging we transform ourselves, because not only the mind, but also the throat and heart centres, and lower – all start 'digging'! New kingdoms open with their inhabitants. One can say that we really find ourselves in the field of wonders! This stage of digging may be called the stage of 'penetration'⁷. Any of our meditations is another thread between us and the Hierarchy. Over time, it turns into a string, then into a ship rope, and finally ... it becomes unnecessary, as we have already entered the Ashram. We have already become reliable transmitters of Its energy into the world around. We are already carrying out spiritual, subjective service, as the disciple's service should be. DK perfectly described the visualisation of this process: we go up to the Sun, and then return to the everyday world, carrying solar energies to people⁸.

What is the connection between meditation and service? First, we have to dig deeper. To work on ourselves, to make the first steps on the Path. To catch something other than our usual calculating mind. To be interested in it, to master it and make it a part of ourselves. It is a long process, but the road is made by walking! Knowing that the mind and brain don't keep up with the soul, we just persevere without waiting for results, and finally, the long-awaited is done. I am convinced that light, a wonder, comes when you least expect it. "The wind bloweth where it listeth"⁹. There is an old Russian word 'vosparenie' (soaring) - this is what I mean! This light literally muzzles us, and we shut up, afraid of spilling one drop of it. And the true meditation begins. Figuratively speaking, this meditation is about as far from the one we started with as the smell of soup is from the soup itself, as the ringing of gold coins is from the gold coins themselves! Gold coins dug out in the field of wonders. In fact, all fairy tales and myths are statements of spiritual truths and advices for meditators, if only we used them!

Perseverance and meditation are inseparable from each other. A slow turtle will reach its destination faster than a swarming hare. Then, yes, it is possible to share our experience, but our words will go out from the fullness of the heart and only to the one who is worthy.

Bringing a person to the field of wonders is what the service of a disciple is.

It is time to listen to the little voice of your soul, stop ignoring it. Sooner or later, our inner dissatisfaction makes us go away from our usual way of thinking and serving, and a long search for our true place in service begins.. Our head is clearing – "unto the perfect day"¹⁰. According to the Ageless Wisdom, we return to ourselves. The Ageless Wisdom is ageless because it is always with us. Unfortunately, we are not always with her.

According to the law, every higher kingdom of nature feeds on the lower kingdom - feeds on it and thus serves it. This is the paradox! No one 'develops' anyone. On the whole, we do not consciously 'develop' the animal kingdom; on the contrary, we use it for our needs: it feeds us, dresses us, etc. Through pets, the animal kingdom becomes closer to humanity. Dogs, cats perceive every thought of their master, but if he starts to consciously 'teach' them, for example, to train, they may not like it.

⁷ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol II, p 260.

⁸ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol II, p 654.

⁹ The Bible, John 3:8.

¹⁰ The Bible, Proverbs 4:18.

Masters do not lecture as books contain everything; their disciples are taught through symbols, dreams, impressions. Solving these can take a lot of time, sometimes it is necessary to meditate deeply, and since the disciples live in the world that world perceives their intense vibrations - this is the real service! Do you feel the closeness of these words: meditation - service, service - meditation; this is the same thing! You hold on to the Master with your right hand and raise those around with your left hand. How about trying to teach your mentees silently - through symbols, dreams, impressions? Probably, you will have to become a disciple first? That's what it is!

Seraphim Sarovsky's family were merchants and he worked in the shop as a child. He has told: in spirituality, as in commercial matters, we should look for a profit! That is, for an ecstasy, a delight, an inspiration. However, if our service is in the background and casual, if it is exhausting and devastating, it is an illusion of service, a self-deception and a self-complacency.

By the way, esoterically, money and energy are the same thing. Money is physical energy, and energy is etheric money. At the Arcane School, meditation on attracting money for hierarchical purposes takes a huge place, playing a dual role. The purpose of this meditation, no less than that, is to take the money out of the control of the Forces of Materialism and bring it under the control of the Forces of Light. We can allocate a part of our 'blood' money which is always not enough, only for that in what we very much believe. Let us remember the poor widow from the Gospel. We show our participation not with words, but with a visual deed, i.e. we activate and lighten up our lower centres. Secondly, the multitude of small sums makes the one that can already be used for any practical service in implementing the Hierarchical Plan. By the way, it is thanks to small donations from all over the world that we do exist since 1925. What kind of service would we like to use our money for? To print and distribute the Great Invocation and other materials? For the reappearance of the Christ? What will it be like, or is it already taking place? At the same time, we can meditate on what the Hierarchical Plan is, on its immediate implementation, on its possible expansion. Why do the Masters need people to gather money, couldn't They finance everything They need to do, - it is their own Plan, after all? In this context, we might reflect on the role of the New Group of World Servers, on the New Age, and finally, on the global synthesis. It is a broad meditation channel where energies from all over the world are constantly flowing. Doing it, will we not understand and be sure that this is our human responsibility to attract money and everything else for the work of the Hierarchy? Thus we will show that we are 'ripe' for conscious cooperation.

Meditating, we become receivers and transmitters of light, of subtle impressions, a kind of 'modems' to connect the higher worlds and our environment. "No one liveth unto himself"¹¹; we, humanity, are the whole; we share all our bodies, except the physical, so literally all the vibrations, which are higher than the physical, circulate between all people. This is an automatic process. The modern world is full mainly with fear, anger, suffering, i.e. with dirty and negative emotions, and any transmitter of light, joy and positive emotions cleans the environment. There was a theory of gravitation - I don't know if it is relevant now - according to which the space bends under a heavy ball, and all the light balls in the neighbourhood, willingly or not, roll down to it. In this way, they tried to explain the rotation of the planets of our system around the Sun; in this way, it is possible to explain gravitation of people to a vehicle of higher vibrations. The latter does not seek to 'serve', he is engaged in his work, but in fact, he is engaged in an everyday automatic, involuntary, silent service, as should be the service of the disciple. Such disciples do exist, they live among us, nobody knows about them, except their Masters, but they are those who make preparations for the reappearance of the Christ. Isn't it time for us to join them? How about serving silently? By letting go of our mentors and drawing attention not to neophytes, but to the Hierarchy? By getting out of the way of the least resistance and holding on the mental tension? The journey of thousand miles begins with the first step, and the beginnings are always hard! Where do we want to be known and recognised as their neighbours - on the field of wonders or here?

Cleaning the noo-, psycho- and other spheres is what a disciple's service is.

¹¹ The Bible, Rom. 14.7.

There is a funny medieval engraving: a monk has reached the edge of the earth and contemplates the black abyss full of stars. In fact, there is nothing funny about it: it is a state that awaits each of us.

Finally, a short quote from Djwhal Khul: "I have spoken to you with directness, my brother... I am exceedingly anxious also to see you expressing in fuller measure all that you are, and thus end this time of "flighty service"... and enter into that full demonstration of the will-to-good which brings always joy and effectiveness... you must now come forth into steadfast ordered work, shouldering responsibility and "growing up" spiritually. The time of spiritual adolescence is past for you. Will you realise that and now *work*?"¹²

¹² Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol II, p 745.

LETTING IN THE LIGHT

I GROUP FUSION

We affirm the fact of group fusion and integration within the heart centre of the new group of world servers, mediating between Hierarchy and humanity:

I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs.

May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them.

May the strength which is in me lift and aid them.

May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.

II ALIGNMENT

We project a line of lighted energy towards the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, the planetary heart, the great Ashram of Sanat Kumara; and towards the Christ at the heart of Hierarchy.

Extend the line of light towards Shamballa, the centre where the Will of God is known.

III HIGHER INTERLUDE

Hold the contemplative mind open to the extra-planetary energies streaming into Shamballa and radiated through Hierarchy. Using the creative imagination, endeavour to see the three planetary centres – Shamballa, Hierarchy, and Humanity – gradually coming into alignment and interplay.

IV MEDITATION

Reflect on the seed thought using the keynote for the conference:

***The great need of today is the loving intention
to fire the entire world with the "spirit of relationship".***

V PRECIPITATION

Using the creative imagination, visualise the energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good pouring throughout the planet and becoming anchored on Earth in prepared physical plane centres through which the Plan can manifest. (Use the six-fold progression of divine Love as the sequence of energy precipitation: Shamballa/Hierarchy/the Christ/the new group of world servers/men and women of goodwill everywhere in the world/physical centres of distribution.)

VI LOWER INTERLUDE

Refocus the consciousness, as a group, within the periphery of the great Ashram. Together sound the affirmation:

**In the centre of all Love I stand.
From that centre I, the soul, will outward move.
From that centre I, the one who serves, will work.
May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad,
in my heart, through my group, and throughout the world.**

Visualise the down pouring spiritual inflow released from Shamballa through the Hierarchy and streaming into humanity through the prepared channel. Consider how these in pouring energies are establishing the "Pathway of Light" for the coming World Teacher, the Christ.

VII DISTRIBUTION

As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the outpouring of Light and Love and Power from the spiritual Hierarchy through the five planetary inlets (London/Darjeeling/New York/Geneva/Tokyo) irradiating the consciousness of the whole human race:

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let Light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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First of all I want to express my thanks to the Russian desk of the Arcane School for making this event possible. It is a great privilege and a great pleasure to share some thoughts and to meditate together with the group of Russian speaking students, in a country which according to the Tibetan plays an important role in the forging of the right conditions for the emerging of the Aquarian Age. When I speak of “Russian speaking” students that includes not only Russia, but of course also all states surrounding Russia as well as Russian speaking students from all over the world – we do have Russian students in for example Germany, Hungary and Canada, some of whom are present at this conference too!

When talking about right human relations, obviously the New Group of World Servers comes to mind as this group is intimately related to the fostering of right human relations. In this talk we will focus on the relation of group meditation to the work of the New Group of World Servers, and the necessity of establishing a united world group, given to *unanimous* and *simultaneous* meditation upon the work of preparing the world for the new order and for the jurisdiction of the Christ. For those of you who are not too familiar with the Alice Bailey teachings, when we speak of the reappearance of the Christ, that should be seen in a very wide context: All major religions of the world are looking forward to the reappearance of a World Teacher, called respectively Maitreya, Bodhisattva, Messiah, Imam Madhi, etc.

It may seem a contradiction to talk about meditation and the jurisdiction of the Christ – but in fact, it is no contradiction at all. The main task of the New Group of World Servers is, through meditation, to establish the knowledge of those laws and principles which will control the new civilisation and the future world culture. Despite the optimism and claims of some groups that the Coming One, or the World Teacher, has already reappeared, the Tibetan is quite clear: “Until the foundation for the coming ‘jurisdiction’ is at least laid, the Christ cannot reappear. If He came without this due preparation, much time, effort and spiritual energy would be lost.”¹³

There are some basic laws upon which the rule of Christ will be founded. We can call these the laws of the fifth kingdom or Kingdom of God. As so often in human history, much has been discussed in relation to these laws from the mystical and strictly Christian point of view. There has been endless talk about Brotherhood and the establishing of the principle that we are all the children of God, yet this has done little to change men's approach to each other and to the shared human problems. It suffices to look at the state of the world of today: not only is climate change a global threat also the unlimited depletion of the resources of planet Earth is definitely unsustainable. And the rise of nationalism and populism is not contributing much to that Brotherhood either.

Humanity of today is becoming more and more mental and scientifically oriented. The Tibetan tells us that a new terminology will emerge with the emphasis upon:

1. The Law of Right Human Relations.
2. The Principle of Goodwill.
3. The Law of Group Endeavour.
4. The Principle of Unanimity.
5. The Law of Spiritual Approach.
6. The Principle of Essential Divinity.

It is far beyond the scope of this talk to develop all these six points, but it is interesting to note that we here have *three laws* and *three principles*. The first law, i.e. the Law of Right Human Relations, is probably the most accessible to mankind of today.

¹³ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol. II, p236.

The word 'law', as usually understood, conveys the idea of subjection to an activity which is recognised as inexorable and undeviating, but which is not understood by the one who is subjected to it. It inevitably brings about in the consciousness of the man who is considering these laws, a feeling of being a victim. An example of this occurred when I visited a three day conference on the Electric Universe in Bath, UK, a few months ago. By the way, the Lucis Trust website has an Electric Bridge section which you may like to refer to which is a bridge between esoteric and exoteric science.¹⁴ At that conference breakfast was included and each participant received a green ticket for that. The ticket was never asked for and breakfast was fine. On the last evening of the conference the organisers asked us to return the conference entry badges, so they could be re-used next year. Of course I did, but forgot that in that badge I had put my green breakfast ticket too. The last morning a young bloke at the breakfast outlet asked me: "Sir, do you have your green breakfast ticket?" I said no and explained why. "Sir, the rules are that you do need a green breakfast ticket." So I asked for his manager and explained the situation to him. The same reaction: "Sir, the rules are that you do need a green breakfast ticket." To make a long story short: I paid again for my breakfast, but was left with the impression of talking to robots rather than human beings!

The meaning of the word *Law* in the above enumeration is of a totally different nature. The Tibetan tells us: "A law presupposes a superior being who, gifted with purpose, and aided by intelligence, is so coordinating his forces that a plan is being sequentially and steadily matured. Through a clear knowledge of the goal, that entity sets in activity those steps and stages which when carried forward in order will bring the plan to perfection." And further he continues: "When, through contact with his own higher self, he participates in the knowledge of the objective, and when through climbing the mountain of vision his perspective changes and his horizon enlarges, he comes to the realisation that a law is but the spiritual impulse, incentive and life manifestation of that Being in which he lives and moves. He learns that that impulse demonstrates an intelligent purpose, wisely directed, and based on love. He then himself begins to wield the law or to pass wisely, lovingly and intelligently through himself as much of that spiritual life impulse which his particular organism can respond to, transmit and utilise. He ceases to obstruct and begins to transfer. He brings to an end the cycle of the closed self-centred life, and opens the doors wide to spiritual energy. In so doing he finds that the law which he has hated and mistrusted is the vitalising, purifying agency which is sweeping him and all God's creatures on to a glorious consummation."¹⁵ So the clue is here: "through contact with his own higher self..." The higher self is of course to be understood as the Soul.

As for the word 'principle' that word is also used with a deeper meaning than usual: "A principle is that which ensouls a statement dealing with the highest good of the greatest number." An example: a man should love his wife is a statement of a principle governing the personality but it must later be transmuted into the greater principle that a man must love his fellow men, where we are again on the Soul level – we know that the Soul is automatically group conscious. When a principle is really fundamental, it appeals at once to the intuition and calls out an immediate re-action of assent from man's higher Self and as such it makes little or no appeal to the personality. We are told that principles such as humanity is learning now have to do with *groups*. Hence the question is not—"What will be best for a man?" but "What will be best for the many?" This leads of course to the corollary that only those who can think with vision of the many as one, can assert these principles satisfactorily. Thus if we want to study the above 6 points we need to remember that the higher principles deal with the good of the group and the lower with the good of the individual.

At the start of my talk I spoke of *unanimous* and *simultaneous* meditation. From the spiritual angle, a situation which is unanimous is not one which is imposed. It is in the nature of a spontaneous mutual reaction. Such a reaction is evoked by the immediate response of a soul – again the soul – in touch with its personality, to a spiritual truth or intuition. From this there is no escape for the lower mind. True unanimity is free decision in response to a presentation of truth which is as near the achieved reality as possible. Perhaps it was for this reason that H.P. Blavatsky stated that "there is no religion

¹⁴ https://www.lucistrust.org/the_electric_bridge

¹⁵ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, page 10-12.

higher than Truth". Thus, it is in the enunciation of truth that security for all men lies. This necessarily involves a deeply spiritual presentation of essential facts. Allied to this is the principle of simultaneity, for a mutual recognition of an identical approach to truth renders inevitably activity in unison.

Behind the Law of Right Human Relations pulsates a continuous Life Force, impelling consciousness to constructive, right relationships. The keynote of the present phase of the Ageless Wisdom, we are told, is right human relations. It is said that an "initiate relationship" already exists between the three Centres of Humanity (Creative Intelligence), Hierarchy (Creative Love), and Shamballa (Creative Will and Purpose). It is this "spiritual and spiritually sensed relationship" which is at present finding objective expression in the worldwide effort to establish right relationship in all dimensions and in all directions.

The word 'spiritual' refers neither to religious matters (so-called) nor to the Path of Discipleship or the Path of the major or higher initiations, but to the relationships on every level of the cosmic physical plane, to every level from the lowest to the highest. We should realise that all activity which drives the human being forward towards some form of development (physical, emotional, intuitional, and so forth) is essentially *spiritual* in nature and is indicative of the livingness of the inner divine entity.

We find members of the New Group of World Servers in every nation and expressing many lines of thought and points of view. Yet, we should remember always that in doctrine and dogma, and in techniques and methods, they may *differ widely from each other*. But in love of their fellowmen, *in practical goodwill and in devotion to the establishing of right human relations they stand together*.

It will be through the steady, consistent and organized work of the men of goodwill throughout the world that world unity will be brought about. At present, such men and women are only in process of organizing. They are apt to feel that the work to be done is so stupendous and the forces arrayed against them are so great that their isolated efforts are useless to break down the barriers of greed and hate with which they are confronted. As yet no systemised spread of the principle of goodwill exists, which holds the solution to the world problem. We may ask ourselves: How can order be restored? How can there be fair distribution of the world's resources? How can the Four Freedoms become factual and not just beautiful dreams? How can true religion be resurrected and the ways of true spiritual living govern the hearts of men? How can a true prosperity be established which will be the result of unity, peace and plenty?

There is only one true way and there are indications that it is a way towards which many millions of people are turning. Unity and right human relations—individual, communal, national and international—can be brought about by the united action of the men and women of goodwill in every country.

In two planetary centres, New York and Geneva, the Lucis Trust has offices close to the United Nations offices. Here I would take the opportunity to clear up a conspiracy which appears on the internet where it is claimed that the Lucis Trust created the United Nations. This is untrue although it would be a compliment to have inaugurated such an essential world body. We are a relatively small Non-Governmental Organisation in that big machinery of the UN. Many people will say: "the UN is corrupt, so I don't want to have anything to do with it". The UN is not a world government. It is a meeting place, where governments can meet and discuss – instead of going to war on the physical plane. In each government there will be corrupt people, so why should the UN be an exception? But does that make the UN in itself bad? And: do we have something better? To both questions the answer is clearly: no. Referring back to the definition of the word 'spiritual', the UN is more spiritual than it may appear to many as it strives through its many programs to address major human challenges which affect us all.

From his writings and his work it seems that that great disciple Dag Hammarskjöld, the second UN Secretary-General, understood very well that, from an esoteric perspective, fostering right human relations involves both lines of the cross: the vertical link to the higher inner realms, and the horizontal expressing that link through practical service in the three worlds. He famously said: "*The UN was not*

created to take mankind to heaven, but to save humanity from hell". Today it needs our subjective support.

Thank you for your attention.

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GROUP RADIATION OF ENERGY

I Sound the objective together:

**We know, O Lord of Life and Love, about the need;
Touch our hearts anew with love
That we too may love and give.**

II Realise that we are an energy centre, a centre of light, linked with all points and centres of light within humanity.

Mentally extend a path of lighted energy towards the Spiritual Hierarchy, the planetary heart centre; to the Christ at its heart, and towards Shamballa where the Will of God is known.

Hold the mind focused for a few moments on the nature of our planetary Life, Love.

III Meditate on the seed thought:

**The great need of today is the loving intention
to fire the entire world with the "spirit of relationship"**

IV Using the creative imagination, visualise the tide of Love pouring into the world from the Heart of God and, through the great Chain of Being, reaching men and women of goodwill everywhere. See the radiation of love creating lines of lighted relationship between peoples and nations.

Then reflect upon goodwill as the basis for right human relationships.

V As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the irradiation of human consciousness with light and love and power:

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let Light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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Dear friends!

The time has come when the vibrational impacts of Lucis Trust, working through the triangle of London - New York - Geneva, have been transformed into a physical event in Russia. Soon it will be 100 years since the Arcane School, founded by A.A. Bailey, began to embody the Teachings of a well-known Oriental Master in practical service to humanity, carrying the baton of light, lit by H.P. Blavatsky. The brilliant intellectual work of love, embodied in books translated into Russian at the turn of the century, gradually ignited the fire in our hearts. At the beginning of the 2000s, this fire has already acquired the shape of a group character in the formation of the Russian-language desk, which tries to recognize itself as a part of the larger Whole.

Since the focus of all our group work is the Arcane School, reflection on unity is always at the centre of its attention. In particular, the May-June letter referred to two phrases: "*Foci of Significance*" and "*Occult Location*".¹⁶ In our case, these formulations help us to relate our reflection to the long-term goal of humankind, including Russia, since this meeting is dedicated to it. And since the experiment in Russia is the manifestation of one of the three main divine aspects - *Intelligence through right use of the mind*¹⁷, it seemed appropriate to me to connect it with the theme of unity.

Why is it so difficult to build unity on the mental plane, where the instinct of isolation often rules, and the separating reactions of many individuals shout at all corners of their exclusivity? Strange as it may seem, this may be the result of the fact that the attraction of matter begins to weaken, so many human souls learn to be detached from its grip. It can be said that most of us are in the process of experimental proof of our "*Focus of Significance*" and "*Occult Location*" within the NGWS, which: "[NGWS]... offer a practical expression of an existent unity, based upon oneness of motive, of recognition, of orientation (towards the spiritual world and towards the service of humanity), of methods and of ideas; and all this in spite of the fact that the physical plane relationship is usually non-existent and outer organisation and recognition lack. The unity is subjective, and for that reason is impervious to every taint of separateness."¹⁸

In this way, the above statement of the Tibetan about the NGWS shows us a clear point of reference or pattern by which groups or individuals can be guided in their unity as their own equipment and dharma allows. This is exactly the point at which the group achieves practical unity, which it demonstrates by reaching out to those who approach it through their own response to its vibrations. We have so much talk about unity, but in our actions we always return to the "same hole", that is, to the lack of response due to lack of effort. Although, if we do make an effort on the plane of mind towards unity, the apparent lack of response is also a result. Such efforts do exist, although tiny, but in sum, they are significant, and this is what benefits each of us at whatever stage of development we are. Sooner or later, those who persist in such a work will be illuminated by the vision of forces and energies moving in their own etheric space. I am absolutely convinced that the development of telepathic receptivity has a huge advantage over verbal forms of expression, as this method of total attention brings our consciousness into the sphere of ideas. Those who work consciously with the technique of dying before going to bed, with the so-called conscious entry into a dream, are well aware of what I am talking about. For we still have to understand and assimilate the etheric nature of electricity.

Many of us already have some experience of working in external groups that are unable to achieve proper mutual understanding on the physical plane. Very often, it seems that each group is trying to become the focus of attention for all other groups. And when such a group encounters the same position of self-centeredness, we see the same old problem, now in the relations between groups. Accord-

¹⁶ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol II, p 9-10.

¹⁷ Alice A. Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p 632.

¹⁸ Alice A. Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p 299.

ing to the same scenario, nations and states behave unconsciously and sometimes consciously. Nevertheless, the integration processes of humankind continue. And I do not see any tragedy in such a clarification of relations, because in the transition period humanity represents different types of response of people who reconstruct their methods of learning. This helps many people to learn to distinguish between personal principles and spiritual principles from their own experience. If the goal of conscious subjective unity is firmly held in our group mind, its deposition will be wisely controlled by the soul. There is no doubt here, because the recognition of subjective unity leads to the correct manifestation of work in external groups. And in this context, it will be right to focus our group mind on broad generalizations. And since we know that in the sphere of thinking there are differences between black and white magic, we - as seekers working with consciousness - will have to learn to distinguish the impulses which control the connection of energy with substance due to group activity.

In today's world, we can see the growing desire of many leaders to take advantage of the power of thinking for their own purposes, subjugating those who are still learning to think. One can often hear that we are not engaged in politics. Nevertheless, esotericism, like politics, is governed by the first Ray. And maybe it is right for some whose loving nature has not become the guide of their will yet, because if they don't handle this kind of energy well, it will pose a serious problem for those through whom it passes. But if we regard ourselves as aspirants and disciples, then politics has long been knocking on our doors, demanding to leave a comfortable warmth and light of our individual satisfaction. Nevertheless, we still behave like modern politicians. Aren't we such for ourselves, managing our equipment and building our destiny? Sometimes there appears a sad thought - if that is the case, then everything we think about in our hearts seems to be reflected in the modern politics of society. Are politicians in society so strong that our projection of unity is not able to unite them? In any case, the real situation is such. An example of this is when we unwittingly extrapolate our emanations of thought to modern politicians and often see a mirror reflection of ourselves that we do not like. It seems that politics all over the world depends on the way of life in your own heart.

About nations. Our group mind seems to be surrounded by clouds of illusory thought-forms, formed by aspirants and disciples under strong national influences. On the one hand, as part of society, we cannot reproach the masses of people for their national selfishness, which is an evolutionary condition. After all, any nation is a group of people influencing each other and "simultaneously interacting with each other's lives"¹⁹ which predetermines the future direction. It is clear that extensive national flows of consciousness play a useful role in the consolidation of the masses in the direction of general integration through the study of the reasons laid down in the past. But on the other hand, the same national flows lead to the isolation of many aspirants, already experienced enough in their aspirations, which should be no longer guided by them. Instead of using the right mind and revealing the origins of racial or national karma, one can see that some aspirants find it difficult to detach themselves from national influence in any way. This dependence may still be forgivable for intellectuals working directly with the masses, but for esoteric groups or individuals, it is already a matter of recognition that tilts the scales of the energetic influence mentally within the nation - towards unity or isolation.

Of course, it is important to strive to think clearly and to think in the terms of the one soul, the one humanity. It is surprising that a simple and clear idea that the incarnate soul can enter and choose a different national body, for some reason does not appear in the minds of aspirants when they suddenly receive a wave of critical attitude towards other nations. It turns out that it is at such moments of critical attitude that aspirants seek to create their own obstacles, which then have to be destroyed. You will agree that it is much easier to theorize in your thinking than to change our consciousness and manifest subjective unity in practice here, on the physical plane. Isn't the world of meaning and external forms in general an expression of the world of causes?

Frankly speaking, it is difficult to assess the degree of the existing unity of humanity as a whole, because for this purpose it is necessary to have the practical wisdom of the Masters of the Hierarchy. What we are dealing with so far are just fragments of the created unity, where all external forms are

¹⁹ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p 464.

reflections of their subjective meaning. Humanity is not yet united and is still highly fragmented. But unity does exist and it is also our task to help reveal it in the consciousness of humankind. The success of this work depends on our experience in the field of esoteric research, to which we feel the urge. But the main watershed is between the well-known discrimination and recognition.

What is this about? Since the power of human thought is determined today by the masses, the general transition to mental polarization, as a result of extensive educational activity around the world, very quickly focuses the consciousness of people on the 4th sub-plane of the mental plane. And this sub-plane refers to the form-forming ability of the mind, which is called 'discrimination'. 'Recognition' is a formless ability of that part of the mind which is already controlled by the soul on the 3rd sub-plane of the mental plane.

Thus, people who discover the prospects of using the mind should immediately have a vision of the next step, which is shown by the example of the NGWS, how to use the mind correctly. To do this, each of us must have our own experience in recognition because we play the role of a kind of stalkers who have already been 'there'. The meaning of our work is not to take everyone there, but to make the whole of humanity such a stalker that it would be able to work in the future with subhuman kingdoms.

Also, if we talk about the practical expression of "foci of significance" as the world practice of building unity in the light of the soul, I can confidently say that the Arcane School is just the right place for those who are outgrowing their limited national consciousness. Learning in it is a very good opportunity to learn the principles, when all together at the studentship level learn that "souls of people are one", due to their electrical magnetism. Being the 'midpoint' in the esoteric field of many researchers, the AS seems to be the connecting fabric of the world's learning unity that creates direct connections in its service to humanity, wherever they are.

Although many applicants for occult knowledge have high self-esteem, their "occult location" allows them to be oriented towards the spiritual world. All we can do so far is learn to work mentally, sharpening our minds occultly, and continue to move in the direction where the loving nature of the soul pushes us. Even though knowledge of the phenomena does not lead us to our goal, the very research of the aligning connections with those around us gives us the opportunity to learn to serve each other and give away what we have. I know that many of us find it very difficult to withstand critical comments from anyone that often seem unfair, but this is the fire of friction that makes us to learn to demonstrate love not in words but in deeds. Constructive criticism is a lever to influence the mental and astral substance. We will have to learn to stand in the fire of criticism, because the whole of humanity becomes such a fire very quickly.

If we count ourselves among the ranks of servers at least by the feeling of conscious subjective unity, as mentioned above, then we have only one hope - the intuitive insight, which allows us to practically work in the ether both with substance and matter. Taking into account that the resulting service in the Age of Aquarius is the result of successful meditation, which eventually turns into a substantive bridge of light, we can be sure that the correct use of the mind will allow Humanity to use all the resources of the Universal Mind of God. Therefore, the roots of our unity are in the group meditations that bring all of us together in the centre of the Hierarchy.

Thank you for your attention.

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AFFIRMATION OF LOVE

**In the centre of all Love I stand.
From that centre, I the Soul, will outward move.
From that centre, I the one who serves, will work.
May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad,
In my heart, through my group and throughout the world.**

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A definition of Harmlessness is given in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali (Yama and Niyama - internal and external behavioural rules), which are essentially similar to the 10 commandments of Christianity. In my opinion, how I live, what I do, how I think and what I say, everything in this life should obey this rule. Harmlessness is the Raja Yoga's commandment of "do no harm", which is the sum of several rules, such as "truthfulness towards all beings; abstaining from theft, retaliation, or greed".

It influences personality formation. Mandatory compliance with the rules is required on the Path of Probation, without which it is impossible to improve the character and purity of the vehicles of personality expression.

From the point of view of the Soul, these personal achievements are the basis for further spiritual growth on the Path of Discipleship. Harmlessness, selflessness and abstention from greed, along with other qualities of the soul, are gradually becoming daily habits that I use in my daily life. These good habits no longer require me to pay attention or switch consciousness. They work automatically. They become the basis of the inner spiritual self.

There is an opportunity on the Path of Discipleship to show all the best character traits acquired earlier (including in past incarnations), such as sacrifice, compassion, love and the will to good, as well as to demonstrate selfless service and motive.

I think that the application of theoretical knowledge in practice occurs through the processes of awareness and identification with the soul. While studying, I myself become a part of the path of esoteric discipleship and the path of service, thus expresses the work of the Soul. I study, accept and understand in my mind that this knowledge is dictated by the Soul, and I actively experience it in my life. This will not happen unless the purified vehicles were prepared to perceive the spiritual energies and manifestations of divine qualities. Of course, most of us have not been ideal in the past, but at any time we can consciously start from scratch, taking the position: "Leaving the things of the past behind, I'm striving towards my higher spiritual possibilities". This is an opportunity to improve my spiritual development, so that at the call of the heart, without hesitation it would be possible to take on a higher and harder job, in accordance with my perception of the Plan. Practical efforts to be in unity with the world around us, with all beings, are a manifestation of universal love, the cultivation of which leads to the exclusion of harm from one's very nature. Through the feeling of Oneness and Love, any reason that could cause rejection or enmity towards other people and living beings is excluded. It is possible to achieve results through work only.

Discipleship is selfless service, intellectual development, correct divine orientation and spiritual aspiration. Synthesis of these qualities, together with harmlessness, dispassion, absolute fearlessness, readiness for experimentation and purity of motive, are all possible on the Path of Discipleship. Discipleship is the Path of selflessness and sacrifice; students are under the influence by the Law of Service and the Law of Sacrifice, which are laid down in the matrix of our solar system. The process of esoteric education itself, in my opinion, is a selfless service to humanity and the Plan. Discipline, responsibility and commitment to learning and service is a sacrificial act of the individual who has agreed to self-organisation, regularity and rhythm, which enhances and increases the influence of the disciple on his or her environment. A voluntary and conscious sacrifice to spiritual development is made of all the achievements of the individual on the outside world, not to ignore them, but to reorient them from the personal good for the benefit of all.

World religions teach unselfish thoughts and deeds. Christ called for the cultivation of sacrifice and selflessness, showing these qualities by example. Selflessness is a lack of interest and desire to possess, lack of greed for the acquisition of any values, or power. If the motive of the disciple is unselfish, he does a good deed without being noticed, not for the sake of recognition or rewards.

'Harmlessness' teaches you to be cautious, rational and concise. One controls oneself from impulsive statements and actions, does not allow oneself to criticise and express personal reactions, and does not allow irritability and rejection. This reaction promotes the spread of the energies of Love and leads to the correct understanding and interaction. It requires a discrimination of the mind, the accuracy of self-esteem and sincerity with oneself. One has to think about the pure and correct motivation and what emotional reaction will follow. It is very difficult to calculate the possible emotional response of the person you are talking to, even if your thoughts and words were constructive and positive.

Sometimes misdirected spiritual aspiration and enthusiasm can easily hurt a brother, I understand that. It is a very fine line, it is the art of listening and understanding, rather intuitive perception of the interlocutor, understanding his or her soul, which makes you watch not only for the absence of one's wrong trends, but also for the manifestation of one's virtues. Sometimes words can cause misunderstanding and envy, provoking aggressive behaviour, which happens to the astrally polarised interlocutor. Very often, a mental message, which sounds with reasonable persuasion and is confirmed by concrete facts, is perceived as forcibly implanted. And only a repeated explanation, the emphasis on words about the purity of motivation and lack of self interest, relieves the tension that has arisen. I have had to deal with this and then I have to come back to the discussion of the problem many times in order to explain my sincere intentions and unwillingness to offend and harm anyone as easily and clearly as possible. Thus, the practice of harmlessness should be practiced with understanding, consciousness and diligence, and then it becomes the breaker of all obstacles and limitations between the speakers. Dispassion, calmness and serenity in any situation, the result of self-control and a balanced state of enlightened mind, which do not allow for astral irritability, are necessary.

Irritation is called Imperil in Agni Yoga. Even a slight irritability can do great harm, because it is a personal reaction.

It should be remembered that nothing can happen to a disciple if the motive and aspiration of the heart are focused on fulfilling the Master's will. Sometimes a student can state his fear and confusion, but by clenching his sword of Excalibur, the sword of discrimination, in his hand, he is ready to fight his Dweller on the Threshold. Teachers tell us that only by resisting evil can he work off karma. The only way recommended by the Hierarchy is to work from 'above'. To promote spiritual values: right human relations, good will, to share good and compassion, on the basis of moral attitudes.

Along with harmlessness and a habit of always being truthful, we must develop our spiritual courage. Sometimes we have to stand up against public opinion, against our brothers who have their own point of view corresponding to their level of consciousness.

Trying not to hurt, but understanding and showing that the supreme principle wins out of two. "All that tends to synthesis and divine expression in collections of units is ... approximating the higher principles."²⁰ Their understanding requires intuition.

"He has to learn to do the right thing as he sees and knows it, irrespective of the opinion of earth's greatest and most quoted. He must depend upon himself and upon the conclusions he himself has come to in his moments of spiritual communion and illumination."²¹

We are taught to remain silent when we see the suffering of the world so as not to waste time on useless mourning and grief. But at the same time, I have no right to remain silent when it is necessary to express my support in word and deed, where necessary, while expressing loving cooperation and unity in aspiration. Moreover, if the problem to be addressed is a matter of principle, I am required to show the right perseverance, to give in small but be firm and consistent with the Highest Principles.

²⁰ Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on White Magic, p.118.

²¹ Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on White Magic, p.586.

The Age of Aquarius is a time of group progress, group initiation, and group service. So we must learn to move forward with the group, building a group Antahkarana.

Harmlessness is particularly important to me as a student who is aware of his or her responsibility to other students, to contribute to the plan of evolution that exists for them, to expand their consciousness, and to explain to them the difference between the real and the unreal, between life and form.

These students are on the Path of Aspiration and are members of the Theosophical Society, followers of the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky and H. I. Roerich, those who establish contact with the soul, according to the energies of Aquarius. Working together with them is my sphere of service. Moscow theosophists have dedicated many years of work to promoting the idea of identity, not hostility towards each other, esoteric teachings of three great women - H. P. Blavatsky, H. I. Roerich and Alice A. Bailey. The formation of the national Theosophical Society is underway in Russia now. I see the spiritual potential of the Theosophical Movement, which can unite many people of good will, as unrealised. And the teaching of the Tibetan should be widely spread and find a way to the scientists, to the educated spiritual people who do not deny spirituality, but do not want to deal with the church. In my opinion, esoteric philosophers and occultists can bring a lot of benefit here.

The life-giving spring from which the occult and esoteric teachings flow is the Ageless Wisdom. We see **moral requirements** to which the students studying occultism should correspond in the basis of all esoteric schools (ancient and modern), the religious and occult doctrines leading to divinity.

Morality is the inner spiritual qualities that guide the student, and everything in his life is determined by these qualities - his ethical norms (ethics), his rules of conduct and deeds (morality). This is the spiritual luggage that has become available to the Soul through its many previous incarnations.

Moral qualities are: lack of selfishness, Love for man and mankind, selflessness, altruism, sacrifice, justice, compassion, mercy for the weak, the Will to Good, truthfulness, honesty, devotion to the group and to the chosen spiritual Path.

The Ageless Wisdom speaks of a single moral basis of Eastern and Western esoteric knowledge. It is possible that the understanding of 'morality' is identical to the understanding of 'harmlessness'. They both lead to spiritual achievement. These terms symbolise the two Paths - Mystical and Occult. The problem of today is their synthesis.

Both the mystical and occult paths are idealistic. On the Path of Discipleship, the truth is revealed to those who seek it, bringing with it the sacrificial fire of love, devotion and selfless desire to know in order to serve the world.

"That idealism and the sensing of the plan for humanity have a close relationship. Idealism is analogous to the thought that precedes creation. The capacity for abstract thought and for concentration on the ideal is only now in process of development, for this capacity involves the utilization of certain atoms, the employment of matter of the higher sub-planes and the ability to synchronize one's vibrations with the Great Ones"²².

The best expression of the Ageless Wisdom demonstrates a disciple who follows the occult knowledge in his daily affairs. There are no trifles in the life of a disciple, and an unspoken word or unfulfilled action may be the reason why he will be limited on the Path. If a disciple does not say a word that can hurt, cause harm or wound, he has learned the meaning of speech in his daily life.

The purpose of words and speech is to communicate your thoughts to others so that they are understood. Thoughts take on a complete form and a new, often more beautiful sound in the process of communication. We encourage thought, express it, and express our inner world in sounds and words. Correct speech creates an acceptable form for the realisation of good actions, it causes good. We know

²² Alice A. Bailey, A Treatise on White Magic, p.130.

that any conference, meeting, consultation and discussion, meeting on the Internet that strives to bring an idea into the realm of social necessity is of occult importance. The participant of the conference speaks the words that allow his or her thought form to do its job, carrying out the mission for which it was designed. The occult significance of conferences is so great.

Wrong speech can destroy something beautiful and create a form for the realisation of evil intent. Therefore, as students, we must control the words used in order to express the correct idea, striving to pronounce each word accurately, to give it the proper meaning and correct intonation. Not only the word, but sometimes silence has an occult meaning.

A word is a symbol of Oneness, it is divine. Correct speech unifies, wrong speech serves as a division. Speech as a tool is used for the intellectual development of all people.

Poetic speech, like lofty prayer, can work wonders by affecting emotions. A hard, harsh word can hurt a person and even kill them. The correct pronunciation of speech was taught as an oratorical art in ancient times, understanding the power of the word. Probably, in the process of human evolution, the precise, correct speech with the tracing of verbal forms, with the true correct sounds and quality of a voice will be required from a person. A thought form created by the Sound is intended to bear revelation, to carry the Light to those who need it, those who walk in darkness.

For this purpose it is necessary to work occultly, consciously, to be calm, dispassionate, to develop restraint of speech and balance which comes from selfless motivation and pure and selfless life. Such a life is an example for others. I am learning this, maybe with limited success. Occult awareness leads me to cautiousness, balance and a careful attitude to the people around me.

“A disciple realises the life or force side of nature, and to him the form makes no appeal. He works with force and through forces; he recognises himself as a force centre within a greater force centre, and his is the responsibility of directing the energy which may pour through him into channels through which the group can be benefited.”²³

I do magical work as I understand it at the moment as far as I feel ready to serve in the group. I understand that the individual qualities of the disciple are part of the group expression.

Working together carries a group responsibility and does not cancel individual responsibility to myself and to the group. It is precisely because every disciple's thought, word and deed has an impact on his or her group that the type of harmless is necessary that grows out of the true understanding and control of the individual by the soul and inevitably leads to a spiritual manifestation in daily life.

It must be said that most people use wrong speech in their lives:

1. Idle words are empty words, gossip and empty conversations that only lead to an effect.
2. Selfish words can build a dividing wall. It is necessary to watch the motive. The words of the disciple should be consistent with the design of the Will of God.
3. Hate speech, harsh words for those who react to it, poisonous gossip - such words extinguish the impulse of the soul and bring death. So the disciple should be as gentle, kind and mild as possible. The wisest advice is to remain silent and be happy to know that the Law works.

Correct speech does not contain wrong words: idle, selfish, destructive, or cruel. Correct speech has divine motivation and is a consequence of good thinking.

Correct speech does not cause harm. “Wise and loving comment, and a determination to see all in the light of eternity and not of time, coupled with a constant endeavour to follow the law of love and see only the divine in your brothers, even if on an opposing side.”²⁴

²³ Alice A. Bailey, *Initiation – Human and Solar*, p.72.

²⁴ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p.115.

Thank you for your attention.

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MANTRAM OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

May the Power of the one Life pour through
the group of all true servers

May the Love of the one Soul characterise the lives
of all who seek to aid the Great Ones

May we fulfill our part in the one Work through
self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech.

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Brothers!

The splintering of the world, the horrifying separation of human beings from each other, the seeming Godlessness of mankind, of which the Black Lodge is guilty with the tragic connivance of the people themselves, may and have to come to an end! For the first time at such a level of consciousness, which includes elements of awareness of the Spiritual Hierarchy, we enter the Age of Aquarius, the Age of Group Service. For the first time, and no further than in 2025, the Hierarchy itself will discuss the specific terms and parameters of its Return, or Externalisation, to the sphere of activity of the human planetary centre at its centennial Conclave.

Such is the Will of God, His Infinite Will to Good. But for the execution of this Will the Goodwill of Mankind is necessary, as it was necessary for the victory in the last Great War, because the benefit of even the Divine Will never comes by force.

That is why our readiness is so important. And that is why it is such an important factor, which will be discussed by the Great Ones so soon even in human understanding.

The Tibetan said that "The will-to-good is the Father aspect, whilst goodwill is the Mother aspect, and from the relation of these two the new civilisation, based on sound spiritual (but utterly different) lines, can be founded"²⁵..." Let people strive for the marriage in all three worlds of human manifestation, providing a favourable opportunity for the incarnation of Souls and the realisation of their goals and objectives on Earth. Let this type of interaction be extended in a reasonable implementation to any relations up to the international and universal ones.

Let the Will to Good become, first of all, the effective factor destroying the divides between the Soul and the Personality, the Hierarchy and Humanity, and thus the Group and Individual forces. May this help to align our solar system with Sirius, who works with his "younger brother" through the constellation of Gemini.

Then the new world will be born from the Higher Ether (higher spiritual levels, or planes) and through this process the etheric components of all planes will come to life. Let us consider the Will to Good as a Loving expression of the Will and the Goodwill as a Wilful manifestation of Love.

We meditatively perceive the Will to Good as the breath of the Life of God Himself (just as His Consciousness is Love). The Will to Good is what fulfils the Purpose of the One, in Whom we all are. As an Absolute Principle, the One cannot but be in His absolute Completeness, and therefore cannot contain anything that is even slightly hostile to the Whole or any imaginary 'part' of it. This is by definition impossible.

The purpose of the One is absolutely incomprehensible for any final mind or consciousness, which is not identical in the entirety to the Consciousness of the One. Nevertheless, we have the right to call this Purpose not just non-negligible, but also "good and kind", for this Purpose would not be the Purpose if it were only for the sake of Self Identity and Inviolability of the One. The latter would only imply the Absolute Harmlessness, with which all true yoga or unity should begin in its small reflection. The Purpose, however, is what awakens the Dynamic Aspect of Genesis, which implies in any dual knowledge the Depth, Expansion and Exaltation of this very Being.

The Purpose is the Good and Goodness, the future Dynamic Synthesis of the Whole and everything that the Whole includes and without which it cannot be the Whole. It is no coincidence that we call it virtue not to maintain the usual rhythm and status quo, which we interpret as a vice, indulgence to the inferior. The virtue for us is the creation of something fundamentally new, or 'keyneotypic', according

²⁵ Alice A. Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 110.

to what we call the Will of the Soul, the Will of the Highest Self, the Will of God, bringing self-awareness, group awareness and the awareness of God.

The Mystery of Goodwill is the creation of 'NON-DIFFERENT' (if we use the term of the great philosopher of the Renaissance Nicholas Kuzansky) Quasi-Different, whom the One in the process of involution and evolution endows with all the fullness of his wealth, allowing Himself through it to "lock up" and become "truly One". The Will to Good is thus linked to the transcendental aspect of the One, while the Goodwill expresses His Method of Execution, or the Immanent Aspect of the Deity in His Creation, in the Other. This 'Other' is deeply and essentially identical to the transcendent, but needs the evolutionary Path as the realisation of the Dynamic Aspect, or the Will of Transcendent, the Will leading to the Purpose or the Good.

Thus, the Will to Good is correlated with the Father, the Spirit, with Monad, with the Seven Cosmic Paths of Higher Evolution leading to Cosmic Service. Goodwill works through the group aspect of the Soul, Consciousness, Son, through the spiritual and evolutionary process, realized through form, to reflect the measure of the identity of Father and the Son in an aspect that is usually called 'Maternal'.

Through the Will to Good, the Divine Will of Being is expressed, allowing Those who have known Life and achieved identification with their Monad or the Father in Heaven, to say not just "I and the Father are one", but "I am That I am". This is the mystery of the true omnipotence to which all adepts aspire. This is what replaces the achievement of personal consciousness, expressed in the words "I am", and the group consciousness of the Soul, the unity with which is marked by the formula "I am That" of the Upanishads and Sri Shankaracharya. Thus, the Will of Being is endowed with the Will to Good and is manifested in connection with consciousness through the Will of Knowing. Truth cannot be separated from the Good. Every real statement of the Fact is the realisation of the Divine Will, which cannot be known until you begin to deny yourself on a personal level and show the Will to fulfil the Divine Plan at least a little.

The Hierarchy incorporates the Will to Good into The Plan. This Plan must be known through love and goodwill, trial and error, great research, acceptance, confirmation or rejection of hypotheses, payment of karmic debts for mistakes, purification and correction, finding your true self and the group of which you are a part on the inner planes, identification with all humanity and its problems, and passing through countless crises.

The result, the reward will be what must be according to the Divine Plan. As a result, the Divine Will is perceived as Freedom and Good, not as an unrelenting and incomprehensible power and authority to which man must submit because of his weakness. This Will flies over the world on the wings of love and creates a Universe in which man is the cornerstone, for everything in this world either has been human or is human in the most unexpected cosmic forms, or must pass through this stage of realisation of Divinity on the endless path to the Universal Synthesis, the Divine Purpose.

The reservoir of energy of the Purpose on our planet is Shambala, the Center, where the Will of God is known, the dwelling place of the Lord of Peace, Sanat Kumara. Subordination to the Will-to-Good will help to avoid not only the abyss of individual selfishness, but also the nightmare of group selfishness, united and consolidated, distorting the Divine Will (and only groups can safely respond to the Will!).

A distorted response to the Will was presented by the group that unleashed the so-called Second World War. That war could have disastrous consequences not only for the people of the entire globe, but also for the One who is our Planetary Logos, going now through the dramatic Initiation Process on His level. Only the Will to Good of the disciples and thinkers of the world is the guarantee of the execution of the Plan and the seed of the real future. Will to Good comes after the battle, after the completion of the work of the destructive aspect of the Divine Will, which removes all obstacles to the achievement of the Divine Purpose, destroying the unreal, so that the Real can triumph and show the

world its infinitely Good. And the practical key to this good is the Goodwill that flourishes in mankind and heals its wounds.

The Will to Good blossoms in the world's servants and initiates when they use the abstract mind to convey the ideas of the Pure Mind, or Intuition, for the benefit of mankind, and then engage the Spiritual Will and begin to conduct the Will to Good in the way that is fixed by the Hierarchy. The latter is vaguely reflected in the sense of universality and the need for good for all and everyone awakening in the world of regular people. The perception of the Plan, the participation in the Purpose and the prevention of evil, which the Master is engaged in, must be supplemented by the Goodwill of human beings, who are preparing to become stewards of all three subhuman kingdoms - mineral, vegetable and animal - through its manifestation and development. Even though we are told that even teachers cannot see the Plan in its entirety, its meaning for humanity can be formulated as Goodwill for all, and also through each and every one of us.

One day, we (in the representation of the most advanced groups) will not only understand theoretically, but also in a very real and practical way that "God is All", which will lead to a planetary transformation. The Will to Good generated in Shambala is Essential Love, which is a synthetic quality of our Solar Logos. Goodwill is Love in Action, manifested up to the lowest aspect of the manifestation of Divine origin. "God is Love, and He is also Will to Good".

Disclosure of this fact is a part of the Purpose (in general, completely incomprehensible to us) of our Planetary Lord and defines His role in the distant future, into which we can enter with Him - the One in Whom we live and move, and have our being.

What can we do practically to make the majestic theories a practical way of life (the original meaning of the Sanskrit word 'ashram')? First of all - to love! "Love more", "love until the day Be with Us" is the commandment of Christ and all His Masters, His Disciples.

To love, however is not to use and satisfy a false selfish need. We 'love' flowers and pick them up... while killing them. We also 'love' fish and meat. We even 'love' our loved ones and our children, sometimes preventing them from achieving their specific goals and trying to impose on them a destiny that is not intended for them by the intent of the soul. The connection between love and death is not random. The Biblical "love is as strong as death" has the opposite meaning. True Love really kills, but it kills not others, but our selfishness, our heresy of separation, establishing the laws of the Soul, the laws of true group good and unselfish, spontaneous service as an implementation of the true environment of the world of Souls, the Hierarchical world. We "give away our souls for our friends" and for the so-called 'enemies', remembering that they are all in fact our teachers and mirrors of our inner state. This way, we resist the temptation to criticise and accuse others, we refuse to "demand service" and correct others, and we refuse to impose our own way of thinking and understanding of the good on others. We simply seek ways to improve ourselves so that we can bring peace and good to others, not destruction, suffering, and death.

The growth of energy in those who study the ageless wisdom (and even more so in the development of aspirants and aspiring disciples) is fraught with increasing dangers and opportunities to do harm instead of good.

In tracking the reactions of our surroundings, we spontaneously refuse to respond to them in the 'common' way known as revenge (often camouflaged by the expression "an acute sense of justice", although it is often pride or even pure aggression, seeking only excuses and justifications for their release).

We learn to open and control our vices, turning them into something of what they are the distorted reflections. These are nothing else but our real virtues, which allow us to become valuable in future groups of service, goodwill groups. We preach love as a personal example, which is far from being the

last form of true service (as Christ expressed Himself!), spreading the energy of goodwill in such a way that its consequences can be seen, though not to demonstrate its action to others or to oneself.

Numerologically, 2025 will be the year of the great Specific Knowledge of the perceived Divinity, the 7th (2+5) completion of the preparatory stage and the total 9th refusal of the previous life according to the Mayan laws and the suffering that becomes unnecessary, which will correspond in its scale to the 9th Initiation of Renunciation, and also will become the precursor of the coming triumph of mankind as the 9th Creative Hierarchy and the sign of the Initiation. Hence the constellations as manifestations of Cosmic Logos in the bosom of the galactic whole (with the central "black hole") become images of groups in the spiritual and wilful vortex of the Atom of the highest order.

Nowadays, numerous groups of Goodwill all over the world can meditate on the truths of the books of the Tibetan (and other spiritual teachings), creating correct thought forms. Groups can meditate on the Goodwill and the dispersal of the world's glamour of war, or fill it with pink light (this practice is described by the Tibetan to one of his disciples) and connect not only close people but all continents to the soul.

Groups can technically build a group and the planetary Antahkarana, the "rainbow bridge" between the Reality of the Spiritual Triad, where the Masters live and move, and the world of human endeavour. Groups can do very much...

So let us prepare ourselves - immanently and practically, without fail, uniting with all mankind, without recognising any barriers and divisions, in the light and joyful sacrifice of anticipation - for the Great Events, which are already on our doorstep.

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Those of us who follow the Tibetan's teachings on the New World Religion know of the importance of the full moon work in laying the foundations for this universal approach to Reality, based on the science of Invocation and Evocation. Students and Goodwill groups around the world engage in the monthly meditation service meetings but not as many participate in the new moon meetings. It is important however to the rhythm of the monthly cycle of group service - two interludes between the breathing in and breathing out of energy. During this lower interlude at the time of the new moon, there is an opportunity to ground the energies received from soul to mind to brain, impressing us with the recognitions needed to support the work of the New Group of World Servers.

These two opportunities are described as "crisis points at times of superlative tension in the meditative work of all hierarchical Ashrams." At the times of the new moon and of the full moon, all members of all the Ashrams meditate deeply in an invocative and evocative manner; their meditation both evokes inspiration from the Divine contemplatives with Whom they deliberately get in touch; and simultaneously invokes the New Group of World Servers, enabling them to respond to hierarchical impression. As this inner Plan is sensed, we can begin to realise, in some faint measure, the archetype on which the Masters are endeavouring to fashion the human race. Alice Bailey once noted "our task is to crystallise the immaterial" on behalf of humanity. The Plan does not just happen, it needs our co-operation.

As we go into meditation for the new Moon in Libra, a sign of balance and of law, we can recall the necessity, not only for purity of motive when meditating, but also the essential ability "to enter the silence of the high places". The stilling of the mind depends upon the law of rhythm, for balance and poise must be restored before equilibrium is achieved.

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GROUP MEDITATION: STRENGTHENING THE HANDS OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

I. GROUP FUSION:

**I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs.
May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them.
May the strength which is in me lift and aid them.
May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.**

II. ALIGNMENT

We recognise our place, as a group, within the heart centre of the new group of world servers. Mentally extend a line of lighted energy towards the spiritual Hierarchy, the planetary heart centre; to the Christ, the "heart of love" within the Hierarchy; towards Shamballa, "where the Will of God is known".

III. HIGHER INTERLUDE

Hold the mind focussed for a few moments on the planetary role of the new group of world servers mediating between Hierarchy and humanity, responding to hierarchical impression and meditating the Plan into existence.

IV. MEDITATION

Reflect on the seed thought:

**Through the impression and expression of certain great ideas,
humanity must be brought to the understanding of the fundamental
ideals which will govern the new age.**

This is the major task of the new group of world servers.

V. PRECIPITATION

Visualise the precipitation of the will-to-good, essential love, throughout the planet, from Shamballa, through the planetary heart, the Hierarchy, through the Christ, the new group of world servers, through all men and women of goodwill everywhere in the world, and finally through the hearts and minds of the whole human family.

VI. LOWER INTERLUDE

Consider the many ways in which the “Power of the one Life” and the “Love of the one Soul” are working out in the world through members of the new group of world servers, so building the “thoughtform of solution” to world problems.

VII. DISTRIBUTION

As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the irradiation of human consciousness with light and love and power:

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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Thank you everyone for your lighted contribution today. Please join us again, if you can, in St. Petersburg at 2pm on Tuesday 1 October when the “gathering of minds and hearts” continues.

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