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PROGRAMME

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AFTERNOON SESSION: EVERYONE WELCOME

14h00 *The Opportunity of Spiritual Crisis* – Christine Morgan in English

Meditation – Letting in the Light – *in English & Russian*

***Aquarius – A Time for Group Consciousness and Service* – Svetlana Orlova**

Discussion

15h55 Break

Mantram – The Gayatri

***The Disciple as an Agent of Change* – Roman Shchepalov**

Fanfare – Jaz Coleman – Magna Invocatio

***Goodwill – The Transformative Power at the Heart of Right Human Relations* – Oksana Mulyk**

17h05 Visualisation – on Triangles – *in English & Russian*

Conclusion – *Christine Morgan in English*

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THE OPPORTUNITY OF SPIRITUAL CRISIS BEFORE THE GATE OF GOD

Christine Morgan

Good afternoon – we are so pleased to have this opportunity to visit Russia and to meet up with fellow students and co-workers in this beautiful city of St. Petersburg. We welcome too all joining us online, which includes students in other parts of the world lending their subjective support and fellowship. Today we'll be reflecting on crisis, a subject familiar to us all. People, nations, kingdoms of nature – all seem to be embroiled in crisis to a greater or lesser degree. Our focus here however, is not really on the details of any of these crises specifically but rather on the nature of crisis itself and the spiritual opportunities that it brings.

The word 'crisis' signifies a turning point, a decisive moment of opportunity. Like a grain of sand in an oyster which, in time, becomes a beautiful pearl, the presence of crisis can cause irritation and discomfort but if the opportunity it brings is recognised, it leads to an expanded consciousness that is both powerful and life-changing. Spiritual crises are presented by the soul to the personality to test perseverance, courage and the ability to work in psychological darkness without reward. They test our attitudes as the author Dostoyevsky understood, writing "The darker the night, the brighter the stars. The deeper the grief, the closer is God". These are the qualities that are needed to make a disciple – one who can be relied upon to serve the divine Plan to the utmost. Crises on the spiritual path change the disciple's way of thinking and subject him to new values and laws; they constitute a major reorientation towards Reality. Unlike a situation of decline and disintegration, crisis is a "presented moment" – a shock which enables new forces to flow in. The series of crises endured may be a long term process but they are positive in effect and always life changing.

These life changing series of events in the disciple's life are to be welcomed therefore and mark a turning point that may be compared to the chrysalis in which the caterpillar's body dissolves into a formless soup, only to miraculously emerge, through the fires of transmutation, as a magnificent butterfly. So if you feel as though life has become like a formless soup, there's light at the end of the tunnel! A process of dissolution is all part of this metamorphosis. Having built up a mountain of karma through wrong thought and action, the turning point wherein the spiritual path is set foot upon, is characterised by drastic transition as psychological structures are dissolved and reformed. And indeed, we see this process occurring on a world wide scale at the moment as humanity as a whole starts to turn towards the light.

The Tibetan, writing in the Alice Bailey books, noted that "*The whole world problem has reached a crisis today and its clarification will be the outstanding theme of all progress—educational, religious and economic—until 2025 A.D.*"¹ Humanity has experienced crises throughout its history and the principle of conflict has had a positive role to play in its evolution. However, what makes this particular time of crisis so significant is that the Spiritual Hierarchy, the kingdom of souls, is also going through a point of crisis at the same time – and this marks a rare and powerful combination of evolutionary circumstances. The entire personnel of the Hierarchy are awaiting humanity's responsiveness to the new ideas seeking expression before they themselves can move forward. And in preparation for this, we are told that great changes have been made to the structures and relationships of this spiritual kingdom of nature in readiness for an increasing inflow of disciples who are capable of ashramic work. Individual training for initiation has now been replaced by group training and initiation. The ashrams themselves are preparing for a great push both inwards to Shamballa, the highest planetary centre, while simultaneously reaching outwards to humanity. Under spiritual law, this higher kingdom of planetary love cannot move on without humanity's corresponding progress, so a lot depends on the decisions that humanity collectively makes at this point in world history.

At this time of tremendous planetary crisis, the focused attention of the Hierarchy is stirring humanity

¹ Alice A. Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p363.

into activity. And while the Hierarchical gaze is stimulating the good it is also aggravating that which is not in harmony with its vibration – the negative traits in consciousness. This is all part of the process for the darkness in human consciousness has to be brought to the surface in order to be dispelled by the light. With this in mind we can gain a better understanding of causes lying behind the accelerated pace of human living – the hyper-activity that characterises so much of humanity, and the proliferation of crises that we are now experiencing as a species. The extent and depth of these crises can only be met by cooperating with a higher power – in the case of the individual with the soul, and in the case of the human kingdom it is with the kingdom of souls. In both cases, it is the love and the wisdom of these higher forces that are so desperately needed.

In this sense perhaps the world situation is best described as *a crisis of love*, for this is the quality that humanity needs more than anything else in order to defeat its lower passions. Love-wisdom is the outstanding quality of the soul on its own plane as well as of the Spiritual Hierarchy and the goal of the solar system itself. In order for this energy of love-wisdom to be transmitted by the Hierarchy to Humanity, the mediating group – the new group of world servers – are to be seen working in all departments of human expression to bring this energy into manifestation and restore the Divine Plan on earth. The group provides the training ground for hierarchical service by those who are in touch with the vision of the Plan and whose hearts are alive with love for humanity. This co-operation is a part of the wider process of combining and coordinating the efforts of humanity, hierarchy and Shamballa, the three major planetary centres on earth to meet the challenges of this time.

Another underlying cause of crisis lies in the fact that our Planetary Logos is midway through *His career upon the cosmic Path of Initiation, and consequently is to take the fourth Initiation in this chain*. This is the reason why our planet is referred to as *a globe of sorrow and of pain, for through it our planetary Logos is undergoing... "the Crucifixion... The cells in His body—those cells through which He feels, and senses, and experiences—are, in this world period, rent by pain and suffering, for His is the consciousness at the centre of the Body, and theirs is the capacity to suffer, so that by means of them He may learn the meaning of systemic dispassion, be dissociated from all forms and material substance, and upon the cross of matter eventually find liberation and the freedom of the Spirit... From this larger perspective, this pain is reflected in the events of the world."*² Hidden in these words is a heartening revelation which affects us all as cells in the body of the Planetary Logos, namely that His initiation will ultimately release humanity into greater harmony and intuitive living once we cooperate and engage in the redemption of matter. The whole process means that the Earth will eventually become a sacred planet. It's clear therefore that our attachment to outworn forms underlies and continues to fuel the pain of the current events.

Through this collective experience, humanity is currently learning and the reference to systemic dispassion is interesting as “emotional detachment” or dispassion is something that is particularly needed today. The magnitude of change, natural disasters and displacement of peoples, can serve in the long run to bring us all together. We don't know the real purpose of the Logos but one of the means to realizing it is through Pain; and the Tibetan offers us the following beautiful thoughts. Pain is “that upward struggle through matter which lands a man at the Feet of the Logos; ... the following of the line of the greatest resistance and thereby reaching the summit of the mountain; .. the smashing of the form and the reaching of the inner fire; pain is the cold of isolation which leads to the warmth of the central Sun; the burning in the furnace in order finally to know the coolness of the water of life...pain is the whip that drives the struggling builder to carry to utter perfection the building of the Temple”³.

As the Planetary Logos moves towards initiation, His Will nature is naturally intensifying and moving out from His head centre, Shamballa. This Will energy has a destructive effect on all that obstructs its path and humanity is only now becoming capable of withstanding it and using it constructively. Each release to hasten evolution has resulted in less destructiveness and greater synthesis. Nevertheless,

² Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p384.

³ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age I*, p 677.

as this energy is impersonal and magnifies all the tendencies that are inherent in that which it touches, where selfishness, ambition and greed exist, they will increase in power too. This was the risk taken by the great Lives in Shamballa in executing this decision, but they had faith in humanity's ability to respond positively as the heart of humanity is sound.

The impact of the Shamballa force has indeed stimulated the will-to-good enough for the new group of world servers to steadily implement the divine plan. It has also made possible the presentation of a less materialistic and more spiritual vision of humanity's future unity in consciousness. To those who have responded, this has presented the stupendous opportunity of soul or group consciousness. The Will-to-good is too powerful an energy to be wielded correctly by any one individual, but in group formation it is safe and effective. When the Shamballa force of Will is selfishly appropriated by an individual or group of individuals, we see the rise of demagogues and autocrats which seems to be happening again at this time. This energy is also stimulating the authoritarian and dogmatic tendencies of the 6th ray which is associated with the close of the Piscean age, as well as the lower tendencies of the incoming 7th ray of ceremony and order that is associated with the new Aquarian Age. The lower aspects of this 7th ray demonstrate as regimentation and over regulation, but its higher aspects can also be seen the world in organisational activities designed to share information and resources and serving to build the One humanity.

The fact that the higher and lower aspects of all these forces are demonstrating simultaneously means that the decisions which we make during this vital transition period will set us on a definite trajectory towards glory or tragedy – will the forces of inclusivity and love that we associate with the soul win the day, or will it be the forces of separateness and selfish materialism? These two rays condition Russia with its 6th ray personality and 7th ray soul, and so there is inevitable crisis here. The Tibetan said of Russia that *“a spiritual conflict is proceeding and the rare mystical spirit and the truly religious orientation of the people is the eternal guarantee that a true and living religion and culture will finally emerge. Out of Russia—a symbol of the world Arjuna in a very special sense—will emerge that new and magical religion about which I have so often told you. It will be the product of the great and imminent Approach which will take place between humanity and the Hierarchy.”* He went on to describe “the appearance of a great and spiritual religion which will justify the crucifixion of a great nation and which will demonstrate itself and be focussed in a great and spiritual Light which will be held aloft by a vital Russian exponent of true religion.”⁴ A beautiful gift to give to the world.

These trials and crises take their own time to work through, of course, and our crises are indeed now global, and we must meet them together. We have the gift of freewill to further the divine Plan or thwart it. In this time of uncertainty, a real push is required by all people of goodwill to tip the scales in favour of the forces of light and love. It is difficult because, both individually and collectively, those who are becoming responsive to the light and love of their soul also experience fluidity and duality. For the personality or nation whose identity and prominence is simultaneously being challenged, such uncertainty is difficult to endure.

The challenge of co-ordinating and bridging these differing states of consciousness is highlighted in the work of the United Nations, whose Sustainable Development Goals (or SDGs) and Climate Accords are humanity's practical and well-intentioned response to the variety of crises and challenges facing it. The effort to clean up the planet, purify the air and to focus the collective will on climate change, is deeply meaningful. Although the Ageless Wisdom predict many environmental changes in the planet in this period, it is no excuse for inaction. Responsible action is demanded of humanity. It reminds us that it is effort, not results, that the Hierarchy looks for.

The choices and values before humanity are becoming ever clearer; the need for wise cooperation and right sharing amongst the peoples of the world is immediate. When more and more people start living soul-infused lives and take part in the great planetary meditation which is ongoing, the course of life on Earth will change. It is for this reason that the Lucis Trust and Arcane School practice group medi-

⁴ Alice A. Bailey, *Destiny of the Nations*, p 61.

tations as a service to humanity and invite all interested members of the public to join in. The themes of these meditations include, Preparation for the Reappearance of the Christ, World Goodwill and Triangles, and new and full moon meditations – the full moon meditation helping to seed the coming world religion. Through all these meditations, spiritual energies can be safely and effectively invoked and distributed into hearts and minds and an era of right human relationships established. Ultimately, life is about the science of relationships, a science which fundamentally drives all evolutionary progress and will ensure, eventually, international unity within a diverse, multi-cultural world.

Despite the turmoil and unrest, if the lessons behind the world crises are recognised and the opportunity is consciously taken, humanity can make rapid progress towards unity. But it is possible to undergo crisis and not recognise its lesson. This is certainly so at the individual level too. Spiritual crises tend to throw us back upon ourselves, temporarily highlighting all that is negative and unredeemed. Such crises tend to be slow and deep, with undercurrents that can't be seen from the surface but which are cutting new furrows and redirecting the flow of energies. It is a process wherein a joyful spirit must be cultivated for energy follows thought and by thinking in loving, joyful ways, the mind maps out a new direction towards the fountainhead of love and joy – the soul. When the whisper of the soul has been heard, it plants a seed of perfection in the heart and mind, the voice of conscience. And it is this voice of conscience – this whisper of the soul that starts to draw all that hinders its perfected nature to the surface to be dealt with.

The Bhagavad Gita reminds us 'there is a war that opens the gates of heaven' (Ch.2 v.32). It is this war that is currently taking place as good works to drive evil from the form of humanity. Clearly we see this battle going on all around us and within ourselves. Everywhere there is an obvious need to harmonise the higher and lower counterparts of our nature, and this is taking place through struggle and strife. This principle of conflict, or warring forces, has brought us to the present point and speeds up the spiritual process, lifting us out of comfort and inertia. Esoterically, that which disrupts our personality life is an opportunity, for these set rhythms must change. Disciples are called upon to intensify their inner life, to live simultaneously as efficient human beings and as living, loving souls for that which "rends is frequently an agent of release."

Now is the time of opportunity and decision – to support those movements and groups which are tackling all that is impeding human progress or obscuring the vision of world goodwill. The Aquarian Age before us is above all one which will release the universal, living waters of Life which are capable of permeating every mind and heart if we will take up the just battle between the lower and higher self, between selfish politics and economics, and support the one humanity. It won't be easy but we can change the world. Finally let's see the positive, the hidden vision in ourselves and events, recalling the Tibetan's words about the Dweller (the sum total of our glammers and illusions, of our unredeemed lower self) who is regarded "as a disaster, as a horror to be avoided, and as a final and culminating evil. I would remind you," he said, "that the Dweller is the 'one who stands before the Gate of God,' who dwells in the shadow of the portal of initiation, and who faces the Angel of the Presence open-eyed."⁵

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⁵ Alice A. Bailey, *Glamour, A World Problem*. A.A. Bailey p 90.

GROUP MEDITATION - 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:

***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 inpouring 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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AQUARIUS – A TIME FOR GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS AND SERVICE

Svetlana Orlova

The difficulty of our time has to do with the transition from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius. It is, essentially, the difficulty of the transition between the various types of consciousness that are present at the same time and are interconnected in a complex, yet still undefined relationship.

Vast masses of people are now influenced by the two poles of the Fixed Cross - Leo and Aquarius. Before that time their development was mainly influenced by Leo - the desire for personality coordination, the birth of individual self-consciousness and the separation of oneself from the environment. While now, with the growing influence of Aquarius and the Seventh Ray, the opposite tendency is also intensifying - towards integration, creation of large communities, of creative groups, towards the search for the opportunities to become part of the group.

This state of affairs creates enormous difficulties, as it leads to a clash between the powerful personalities - individual and group, corporate and national. They fight for the spheres of influence, trying to bring under their control large masses of people who are responsive to the process of integration and are striving for cooperation. They also fight for planetary resources of all kinds, and first of all, of course, financial and informational, since it is with their help that mass consciousness is controlled today.

On the other hand, this state of affairs greatly accelerates the evolutionary process, since it is precisely in conditions of large groups united by a common goal or common interests that the environment is created in which people begin to recognise each other's value. From their own experience, they discover the power of a cohesive group that has managed to overcome personal differences and allows each of its members to show their strongest and best sides. Thus, mankind, as a planetary center, is preparing for the adoption of the powerful Aquarian energies that can be safely distributed only through group formation, as the groups do not create barriers within themselves for its free circulation.

Today there are more and more such groups, such units of service. They may differ in their expression and spheres of activity, in the forms chosen for their manifestation, but at the same time all have a single spiritual basis. Today one of the major group tasks is overcoming external contradictions and finding internal harmony, and also subjectively supporting and accepting all the spiritual groups. Every group has its special strengths, special benefits that it can offer for the common good, for strengthening the people working across the different fields of service. The Teachers have always spoken of the One Group with its versatility in action, and I suggest we view each other based on this spiritual, all-inclusive perspective.

I would not complicate my talk with the technical details of the difficulties of group integration, as we are all familiar with them. By participating in a group experiment, we all make a small contribution to the successful group integration. We will dwell today on how the united New Group of World Servers works through the variety of their Ray methods, precipitating the energies that will build a new civilisation more attuned to spiritual realities. The manifestation of the Divine Purpose and the Plan is necessary today more than ever. The group of Thinkers sensitive to the high energies precipitates them for humanity in the form of ideals. Humanity strives to improve its conditions, and for this purpose a clear vision of the needs of the One humanity is required. We need not only the common direction, but also a "road map" based on the ideas of the New Age in order to guide Humanity towards better conditions.

The difficulty lies in the fact that every person already belongs to a group — a family, national, professional, social group, and so on. And each of these groups consists of people of different evolutionary levels, and each of these groups seeks to isolate itself from others to some degree. How do we overcome the barriers that already exist in our consciousness? Aquarius is a sign of group servers, the liberated souls, acting under the inspiration of Love, able to recognise and embrace the entire variety of manifested forms, realizing the movement of One Life manifesting through them. Jupiter, the esoteric ruler of Aquarius, as a conductor of the cosmic Ray of Love-Wisdom, is able to accommodate such diversity, creating points of confluence for a variety of energies. The world does not require uniformity, the dominance of one nation, one religion, one ideology. Instead, the world requires a unity of effort, a unity of a liberating movement, revealing the beauty of the inner life of each particle of a single soul. Then the group consciousness of the soul and the individual consciousness of its particles merge, opening up the possibility for the soul to enter the universal, Divine consciousness, which contains the consciousness of all beings, and all Ray Lives in a single large group. And if we, as a group of embodied souls,

recognise ourselves as a part of this larger group, identify ourselves with its life, purpose, rhythm, responsibility, then we possess group consciousness to some degree.

While before an individual disciple moved to the door of initiation after building a connection with his soul, now a group student is progressing after aligning with its inner egoic group. Yet the process itself remains similar. Both the group and individual aspirants must purify their personality bodies, integrate them into a single whole, then reorient to the soul, build a stable connection with it and achieve a fusion of personal and spiritual energies. For an individual aspirant, it is necessary to live like a soul, think like a soul and act like a soul on the physical plane, under the existing conditions of the old materialistic values. So the group aspirant must do the same, expressing the group goal of the soul and its Ray methods of service. We also have to realise that group personality is comprised not only of the vehicles of those who are in incarnation, but also of those who move between the egoic and physical planes in both directions. This fact will require each disciple in the group to achieve continuity of consciousness.

What is an indication that this is true? Can we say that we are aware of such a connection and that we work as a group nerve ending in manifestation and at the same time a radiating point? Can we say that we are truly an "Aquarian group"? Such a group is not based on authority and is not centered around individual personalities, since it is inspired by a group goal. The Will to Act holds it within the ring pass not of its Ray Life, that strings the souls on its magnetic core, gathering them together at the right time and in the right place, according to the law of group progress and group service. The group intuitively follows the sound, the call of the One Soul, which they recognise within themselves as a call to do the necessary work. When it calls - the time has come!

This group vibrates in a distinct way, it has a special aroma, distinguishable by those who respond to the same note. Its units recognise each other by the inner vibrations radiating through elusive facial features, the voice, the quality of thinking and speech, the way to build relationships and the way of service. And, despite the fact that there are still personal limitations, the Ray conflicts in the lower vehicles, this group vibration levels them, makes them the secondary, temporary points of friction that can cause pain. Yet the pain can be ignored, or better transmuted, if we focus on that what unites. And what does unite? The active service by the group to the One Goal. To serve the Goal each group member contributes the most valuable qualities acquired and preserved in the process of many incarnations. These gifts are the individual Ray qualities, useful skills, money energy, time or something else ... After all, here, in the physical world lived behind the veil of maya, we have to stand up for our commitment to group tasks and ideals. We often live in a vacuum of misunderstanding and have to go against the flow of mass consciousness. We have to rapidly work out our karmic debts, living our lives at such a speed that those among us uninspired by the group goal leave, unable to withstand the stress. But the true disciple is ready for losses, for she is already used to them and has learned not to become attached to the personality. At the same time, the disciple is attached to the group by strong ties of group duty, group love and the pledge to serve under any conditions, in any hardships, no matter the cost. She simply cannot live differently, since nothing else holds her in this world. And everyone in the group shares this approach to life. She can rely on her group friends, and also give a helping hand to them. She knows that even if someone temporarily retires to the periphery of group activity, one remains inside the group aura, fed by the group love. One is never alone and progresses with the group, even if one cannot actively participate in its work at the moment.

In the book "The Rays and Initiations," we are given a sequence of stages of the Hierarchical planning activity for humanity. It highlights the work of the Divine Mind through its creative agents.

- 1- The Stage of the Goal is the registration in Shamballa of the energy containing the Divine Purpose, unchanged for the period of its implementation and stored in its purity.
- 2- The Stage of Hierarchical Planning - it determines what can be undertaken to move towards the Goal, considering the current state, that is, the Plan is formulated.
- 3- The stage of the Program - The plan is detailed and distributed among the Ashrams in accordance with their specialisation. Possible obstacles are eliminated.
- 4- The stage of the Visible Pattern - it is a holistic, synthetic vision of the Plan with all its details unfolding in time. It brings the set of necessary energies, and defines the creative agents involved in its implementation. We can say that the consequence of this stage is the emergence of the first subtle form, the blueprint of the Plan, which manifests itself in the substance of the higher mind on the abstract levels of mental plane.

These four stages are subjective. They prepare the Pattern, which then, at the next, fifth stage of Precipitation, must be impressed in the mass consciousness by those who are sensitive to the energies of ideas that make up this Pattern, and can clothe them in visible ideals. The ideals, in turn, will awaken humanity to a new activity and become the cause of a new civilisation.

The sequence of stages listed above, perhaps in a slightly different wording, is now familiar to almost everyone. Any organisation or project activity has the same structural sequence of the implementation of the creative process. There is a source and custodian of the goal — a leader, an individual, or a group designating the goal and ensuring that everything that is done leads to its achievement. There is top management who is involved in strategic planning. There is a middle management link that details the project (or plan) and works out its units taking into account the specialisation of departments, lays out the stages of its implementation on a timeline and a resource allocation scale. The result is what in modern language is called a business plan or a detailed project plan that harmonises and unites all the departments of the organisation. Everything is very similar.

Humanity has also been adopting a similar approach in what it does. Planning and design now exist at all levels, and thanks to the accumulated experience of project implementation and the development of information technology, planning is turning into a well-coordinated multi-level, multi-faceted streamlined process. Scientifically built communities arise, connected by the common goal and representing a single organism. The similar processes are being implemented in government administration and in international organisations. The United Nations Organisation, of course, is trying to implement goal-setting and strategic planning, as evidenced by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. However, the further implementation of its plans is still stalled. If we look at humanity as a whole, it is still limited by the national and corporate egotism, and an entrenched sense of isolation. The integrated multinational structure of mankind has not yet been built in consciousness and in practice, but the movement in this direction is clearly going on and experiments are being conducted. Nevertheless, there is evidence of the growing group interconnectedness and interdependence of humanity, as well as the desire for an ordered, organised activity, as a result of the work of the Seventh Ray.

But back to Hierarchical Planning ...

The Pattern stage and the Precipitation stage are the main fields of creative activity for the New Group of World Servers, whose workers work at every stage of the chain, in every nation and in every sphere of human activity. And today there are group projects that bring together a huge number of servers from around the world. Light and Love - these are two qualities, two aspects of the Divine Ray of Love-Wisdom that spread across the planet under the inspiration of the Divine Will-to-Good. This service is carried out by a united meditation group focusing its attention on the three main areas of service:

- The first is participation in the planetary alignment with the powerful energies coming from systemic and cosmic Sources, and precipitating them into the world through group meditations on the Full Moon and New Moon. This rhythmic group breathing, the process of invocation and evocation, reception and distribution of energies is the basis of the New World Religion. It also provides meditative support for the working seed groups. Each group responds to a specific type of energy, and if we correlate the movement of the groups with the zodiacal wheel, we will see the entirety of the ongoing group process - from its beginning under the First Ray impulse of the Will in Aries imprinting the Divine Pattern to the energies of the Seventh and Fifth Rays synthesizing the group form in the densest matter of Capricorn according to the precipitated ideas of a new civilisation. Here, the New Group reorients itself towards its higher spiritual source, following the Sun to the North to receive a new creative impulse during the higher interlude of the year - the period of the Three Spiritual Holidays. The Russian group pays special attention to this type of service, bearing in mind that the emergence of the New World Religion is a special contribution and national group responsibility of Russia. Since 2016, through the Russian Foundation of the Goodwill Servers, we have been calling upon all the aspirants and disciples able to withstand this group rhythm and group tension to participate in this planetary service.

- The second direction of our group work is the World Group of the Network of Triangles. Triangle is one of the symbolic names of the soul, combining all the three aspects - Will, Love and Light. All souls are one, and on the abstract levels of the mental plane egoic groups create a united fabric of light, the etheric web, whose geometry symbolises their triple nature. This fabric is a conductor of buddhic energy - the energy of pure mind permeated with Divine Love. And all of those who have built at least some connection with their souls, when forming a triangle through uniting in consciousness, create the conditions through their etheric centers for the planetary etheric body to transform and build up its new fabric of triangular bonds, allowing spiritual energies to circulate more freely. This work is being coordinated today by an international group, and each triangle can synchronise its meditation with a single network of Triangles.

- Intensification of World Goodwill is the third direction of our group work. Goodwill is Love in action. The world is still full of problems, the solution of which requires the awakening of the spirit of understanding and cooperation. Only the combined intention of people of goodwill can pull humanity out of the swamp of mutual distrust and confrontation into which it is plunged. The world aspirants are able to meditate on the international conferences and meetings where the solutions to the existing problems of humanity are being developed. They also carry out group work to dispel the glamours that stand in the way of world unity.

All the three types of work use the Great Invocation in its meditations. The disciples use the Words of Power to unite the three planetary centres into a single channel for the precipitation of the new energies.

The Russian group pays special attention to the study of the problems of humanity, contributing to the work of the world group. We also pay attention to the problems of the correct use of the energy of money, explaining their true purpose and conducting group meditations during our webinars devoted to this topic. We also conduct research and experiments in the field of healing, and study psychosynthesis, focusing on the problems and methods of group integration.

Our group task is to ensure that every aspirant could fully enter the ranks of the New Group of World Servers, as:

“... He will be a true Aquarian with a universal touch, an intense sensitivity, a highly organised mental apparatus, an astral equipment which is primarily responsive to the higher spiritual vibrations, a powerful and controlled energy body, and a sound physical body...”⁶

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⁶ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, page 416.

GAYATRI

(Sanskrit)

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः

ॐ तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं भर्गो देवस्य
धीमहि धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ।

Om bhur bhuvah svaha

Tat savitur varenyam

Bhargo devasyad hymahi

Dhi yo yonah prachodayat

OM

Gayatri (English version):

O Thou Who givest sustenance to the universe,

From Whom all things proceed

To Whom all things return

Unveil the face of the Spiritual Sun

Hidden by a disc of golden Light

That we may know the Truth

And do our whole duty

As we journey to Thy sacred feet.

OM

THE DISCIPLE AS AN AGENT OF CHANGE

Roman Shchepalov

“God breathes and His pulsating life emanates from the divine heart and manifests as the vital energy of all forms. It flows, pulsating in its cycles, throughout all nature. This constitutes the divine inhalation and exhalation. Between this breathing out and the breathing in comes a period of silence and the moment for effective work.”⁷

This quote reveals several deeply occult truths. We could extract a lot of hidden knowledge pondering on it. First of all God is Life. Secondly, that the life of God manifests as pulsating breathing through myriad forms. Thirdly, that life manifests cyclically aligned with God’s breathing. Fourth, these cycles of manifestation consist of three basic phases – inhale, exhale and interlude between. Fifth, the most effective work of creation is undertaken in interludes between inhale and exhale.

According to exoteric science, the biological evolution which is foundation of life diversity and variety on Earth is nothing other than process of constant change and permutation of genes.

According to esoteric science, the evolution of life forms is no more than the result or the reflection of the evolution of consciousness in the subtle world, or of the soul evolution, which in turn is a means of evolutionary expanding of spirit. All these types of evolutions are directed and organised by the higher will of One Life, which manifest itself as trinity of spirit, soul and form. The enlightened people since ancient times have understood this basic law of life.

The Hellenistic philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus has laid the foundation of a dialectic philosophic movement by saying: “The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change.” The famous Athenian philosopher Plato has stated in one of his works: “[Nothing ever is, everything is becoming.](#)” According to an ancient parable, King Solomon had a ring with an inscription: “This Too Shall Pass”. The classical Chinese text Yi-Ching or “Book of change” contains 64 hexagrams expressing one or another life situation in the process of unfoldment and constant changing.

Again and again we recognise the fact that the Law of Change or the Law of Periodicity is the basic law of life, whether we consider the manifestation of the Solar Logos through the Solar System or the manifestation of a human being through its physical form. This Law is in operation in all kingdoms of nature without exception. A thoughtful observer could easily notice that all lives in all kingdoms of nature are subject to constant changes and are characterised by changing each other, by symbolic ebb and flow and by moving from activity to passivity, from growth to decline, from birth to death. This Law governs appearance and disappearance of great and potent energies, coming in manifestation and withdrawing from it, working out the Divine Purpose, but always limited by the quality of forms, through which they are expressing themselves.

We know that there are seven such great primary energies through which the One Life expresses itself. These seven are the Seven Rays, the Seven Great Lives and the Seven Spirits before the Throne. They give life to all forms and stimulate their evolution and development. These Seven Lives, changing each other cyclically, create the manifested world. They work in unity and harmony and in cooperation working out the Divine Plan to fulfilment.

From interaction and cyclic appearance of these great lives all kingdoms of nature are born as well as groups of people, organisations, nations, countries and races. Studying of these seven rays’ energies and their qualities and results of their impact on manifested forms could shed a great light on the panorama of history which is unfolding before the mind of the researcher.

The history as we know it, witnesses tremendous leap in development and progress of the human being from the stage of a cave dweller with almost animal consciousness until now, when the human

⁷ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p 512.

consciousness becomes more and more inclusive and focused in the mental world. Looking forward into the future, we can anticipate the continued growth and progress of the human consciousness to the state of the perfect son of God.

All this dramatic progress is the result of the evolution of the aspect of consciousness or of souls that are attracted to the physical manifestation and carried away by the appearance or disappearance of one or more of the seven rays. The rays are in constant motion and circulation, they dominate at one time and are passive in another, and the quality of civilisation and the types of forms of different kingdoms of nature, as well as the subsequent stage of consciousness of human beings manifested in forms in a particular era, will correspond to a particular ray increasing its influence at a particular time. Considering the effect of the Law of Periodicity in relation to man, we see that it is manifested as the Law of Rebirth or reincarnation. This law is connected to, and conditioned by, the Law of Cause and Effect.

Knowledge and understanding of these two great fundamental laws allows not only to explain all the differences between people and the circumstances in which they live, but also to find a solution to all the problems of humanity and answer many questions asked by the inquisitive human mind for centuries.

One can only imagine how religious, political, economic, cultural and private life of people will change if the Law of Rebirth and the Law of Cause and Effect become universally recognised and proven facts in the consciousness of humanity. No matter how much speculation and idle interest in one's past incarnations is caused by the theme of reincarnation on a personal level, it is necessary to take into account the fact that the process of group reincarnation is taking place whereas individual incarnations are only a side effect of this great enterprise.

Soul groups come into being periodically and together in order to promote the plan and to carry out interaction between the groups of souls. This allows us to stabilise and expand the channel for the manifestation of divine ideas that exist in the mind of God. We can reflect and try to understand what our soul's purpose is before we are incarnated in our personality, by observing and analyzing the relationships in the groups of which we are members, be it family, friendships, work collectives, political parties or esoteric groups of aspirants.

Thus, the main motive for returning into the physical manifestation is not even the need to achieve individual perfection of the instrument of the soul, achieved through experience in form. The main motivating factor is self-sacrifice and service to the smaller lives, the evolution of which depends on the descent of higher spiritual energies.

The history in the future is likely to describe the history of the evolution of God's plans, how they are revealed through the group expression of souls, how they come to the physical manifestation under the influence of a divine quality to promote the development of life through the forms that the divinity uses for its expression.

In this world period, as we know, humanity is going through a change of epochs from the passing age of Pisces to the coming age of Aquarius. The same change of epochs is accompanied by the withdrawal of the sixth Ray of Devotion and Idealism from the active manifestation and the coming of the seventh Ray of Order and Organisation. The Seventh Ray will be the dominant energy for about 2,000 more years.

As humanity becomes more responsive to the energy of order and organisation of the Seventh Ray, the ordered beauty and rhythm will begin to be demonstrated in all aspects of life on the physical plane. The energy of this ray is an expression of will, penetrating into the outer manifestation. It is a will to "ritual synthesis", it is a necessity to show itself in the ordered, rhythmic way, a necessity to

cover and synthesise “what is above and what is below” and by means of this activity to generate beauty, order, perfection, integrity and right mutual relations.

For humanity of our time, the highest expression of the will to express the 7th ray is organisation. Coming of this ray of order and organisation is the reason for the current trend towards dictatorship of governments and strengthening of the power of central government bodies. The combination of the Sun's presence in Aquarius and the rapid coming of the Seventh Ray indicates the uniqueness of the current world period and explains the causes of the world crisis, the manifestations of which we can observe in humanity and in all the kingdoms of nature. This unique combination opens the way for rapid descent of spiritual energies into the three worlds, and especially on the seventh physical plan. The divine goal of this era is the realisation of enlightenment and the establishment of order on Earth. Thus, through the work of the world's disciples a new civilisation and a new world order will be created, as well as a favorable opportunity for all spiritually aspiring people to realise a new approach to the divinity.

What are the requirements for spiritual disciples in this important era of preparation for the transition to a new civilisation in the new century?

"In the coming cycle... the true work will be carried forward... only by those who refuse to be separative and whose words are watched so that no evil is spoken; these are the workers who see the divine in all and refuse to think evil and impute evil; they work with sealed lips; they deal not with their brothers affairs, nor reveal that which concerns them; their lives are coloured by understanding and by love; their minds are characterised by a trained spiritual perception and that spiritual awareness which employs a keen intellect as the corollary of a loving spirit"⁸.

Each of us can try these requirements on himself and compare them with our daily reactions and personal expressions. Each of us can understand how far we are from the designated ideal of being a disciple and a spiritual worker of the New Age. But there is no reason to be discouraged and desperate. It is important to remember that discipleship is primarily a synthesis of hard work, intellectual discovery, and an unwavering desire for spiritual orientation.

Evolution takes a huge amount of time in terms of a short human life and does not tolerate rush. Any changes take place slowly and gradually, especially in the initial stages, but lead to a deep transformation and amazing results where there is perseverance, daily effort and constant work on oneself. To change the world, you need to change yourself. This truth was discovered by the sages of antiquity. Man must know himself, and meditation, service and comprehension of spiritual knowledge are the three agents of self-knowledge and change on the way of becoming an accepted disciple and a useful worker of the Spiritual Hierarchy. Each disciple works in two directions: vertically he is aligned with the world of the soul and horizontally he is an agent of the distribution of energy of the soul and a catalyst for change in the three worlds. He strives to penetrate the world of divine ideas and to be a vehicle for the precipitation of these ideas into the world of thought to consciously influence his surroundings.

People's drive for change is noticeable in all spheres of life in our time. The boom in fitness culture and the promotion of healthy lifestyles and nutrition lead to the purification, strengthening and recovery of the physical body. Various practices of meditation and relaxation, the development of emotional intelligence, and the growing popularity of psychology as a science of helping people in difficult and emotionally complicated life situations lead to stabilisation and increased control over their emotional bodies. The availability of education and the widespread dissemination of information and knowledge, and the advances in science and technology allowing to automate labour and replace people where heavy physical labour was previously required, all pave the way for the development and progress of the human mind.

⁸ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p 631.

When a person reaches the stage of discipleship, he or she opens himself or herself to the light of the soul, becomes responsive to spiritual impressions, and is able to perceive ever-increasing vibrations. This leads to changes in all three lower bodies. In the external life of the disciple, it provokes frequent changes of experience. Often the disciple changes profession, work, residence, strives for new impressions and consciousness. Human evolution accelerates rapidly, and life becomes full of events and experiments on oneself. You can compare the cycles of change in the life of a disciple with the periods of death and rebirth in the life of the soul. We can call it small deaths, when during one life the disciple leaves behind a dozen of his previous personalities and enters a phase of new growth and development. In one life, a disciple can change himself more than others do in a dozen lives.

Interestingly, from an esoteric point of view, death is the desired agent of change, because it frees life from its outdated form and allows the process of evolution to move forward and reach new heights. Death is always the way to a fuller life, a fuller experience, a fuller understanding and breadth. It is the death of the personality so that the soul could prevail over the person and express Life through him or her. In the future, when the existence of an immortal soul is scientifically proven, death will be perceived with joy and with anticipation of new experiences instead of grief, sorrow and fear of inevitable end and non-existence, as is the case in the mass consciousness of humanity today.

It should also be remembered that in the Age of Aquarius, humanity enters into an expansion of consciousness, which opens up group relationships instead of individual and self-cantered personal relationships. The true worker of the Aquarian Era is a server with universal consciousness carrying the water of life to all thirsty people. Looking through the headlines of global news agencies, one can sometimes conclude that the world is plunging into increasing agony, economic crisis and political chaos. Who will save our world and who will guide us into the promised era of brotherhood and unity? All of us, as spiritual seekers, can take on this mission and work subjectively in the world of thought and objectively on the physical plane to express the ideals of the New Age and achieve the vision of a new reality.

The fact that we are not the only ones who are working towards revealing the brotherhood and the realisation of the New Age ideals gives us hope and confidence in our ultimate success. Members of this group can be found in every country in the world. They speak different languages, but have the same ideals, they do not recognise barriers and divisions into races, classes and religions. They work in all fields of human activity - science, politics, religion, education, economy and culture. They are the hope of the world and the true agents of change on Earth.

Each of us can join this group by recognizing the ideals of the New Age - freedom, equality and brotherhood - and by focusing on practical service to humanity where our life has placed us. Each of us can learn to build right human relationships and call for spiritual will that leads to spiritual unfolding and revelation on the way to the full expression of divine purpose.

I would like to conclude by a quote that, in my opinion, most fully shows the path of the disciple as an agent of divine change:

"No glamour, no illusion can long hold the man who has set himself the task of treading the razor-edged Path which leads through the wilderness, through the thick-set forest, through the deep waters of sorrow and distress, through the valley of sacrifice and over the mountains of vision to the gate of Deliverance... he may know what it is to falter on the Path, and to drop under the fatigue of service and of strife; he may be temporarily sidetracked and wander down the by-paths of ambition, of self-interest and of material enchantment, but the lapse will be but brief. Nothing in heaven or hell, on earth or elsewhere can prevent the progress of the man who has awakened to the illusion, who has glimpsed the reality beyond the glamour of the astral plane, and who has heard, even if only once, the clarion call of his own soul"⁹.

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⁹ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 223.

MAGNA INVOCATIO FANFARE BY JAZ COLEMAN

Christine Morgan

We thought we could have a brief musical interlude and play you a short extract of a 97 minute composition called Magna Invocatio which was inspired by the Great invocation. A couple of years ago we received a letter from the Resident Composer of the St. Petersburg Philharmonic orchestra, Jaz Coleman, to let us know of his composition and we invited him to visit the Trust. We found out that he is also the front man for a successful 80's post-punk band, Killing Joke!

Jaz is a charming, unconventional and at times controversial character. Born in the UK, Indian mother and English father, he is constantly moving around the world. He has a deep interest in esoteric teachings generally and a lifelong interest in classical music and he aims with this piece to introduce pop or rock audiences to classical music. He has also expressed interest at this stage of his life in giving back to society, and he has a particular interest in the world service of the UN. He is also very supportive of the work of the Lucis Trust and has since visited all 3 centres.

The opening piece is called "The Descent of Light" presumably inspired by the first stanza of the Great invocation and we'll go into the second track too so you can see how the music changes. As I was writing this short introduction I noticed that our next speaker, Mulyk Oksana, opens with "thus light can indeed "descend on earth". A beautiful synchronicity.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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GOODWILL – THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER AT THE HEART OF RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS

Mulyk Oksana

"...thus light can indeed "descend on earth" and goodwill, which is the love of God and basically, the will-to-good, can also stream forth in fuller livingness into the hearts of men; thus they are transformed in their lives and the era of right human relations cannot be stopped."¹⁰

Goodwill is the energy of the Ray of Will and Power (Will to Good), manifested in the soul through the aspect of Love and Wisdom. The force that carries out the evolutionary transformation of humanity and directs the vector of the advancement of consciousness in the direction from negative to positive, from personality to the higher Self. Good Will is the key force of evolutionary ascent in the human kingdom. Its dominant qualities are Attraction and Identification.

The basis for its manifestation is invariably freedom of choice. It induces the soul consciousness to the group work for the evolutionary advancement of the Plan and is the main directing force in the life of a Soul integrated personality. Yet even for a personality, that is just beginning its path of return, freedom of choice serves as the thread of Ariadne, indicating the direction of the continuous upward movement; the rope by which an aspirant or a disciple climb the steep rocks made of compiled through several lives karmic upheavals over into the Spiritual Kingdom; a synthesising, absorbing ocean of fire, into which representatives of the human race that caught that fire gradually pour.

Goodwill is the energy flow of Love and Wisdom, finding its way to the consciousness of the personality, is refracted by the matter of the atomic and subatomic subplanes of the astral plane (that is, in the matter of the first and second subplanes of the astral body of the personality). It manifests itself initially as a vague and undefined desire for evolutionary development, a desire for one's own transfor-

¹⁰ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, II, p.168

mation, the desire to overcome the barrier of isolation of all interests in the shell of his small 'I', and is subsequently transformed into a fiery aspiration for spiritual transformation and into the perception of the essential unity of all mankind.

The path of return is long and thorny. It originates from the moment when a person who was previously in his comfortable little world in the illusory sense of his own integrity and his own importance, suddenly begins to realise his imperfection. Suddenly, the previously protective veil of the obsession of one's own positivity, if not perfection, falls away and thunder-like burst brings into consciousness a vision of a vicious and imperfect self.

Lo, the path of ascent begins with the recognition of duality, with the identification of a pair of opposites, of which the lower (negative, tamasic) pole has already been fully developed and is at the disposal of the personality. The other, upper, positive, rajasic pole is the ideal that the personality is able to grasp but it does not yet belong to her fully. From this moment on, the personality faces a choice that requires the use of the power of Goodwill working through the Law of Sacrifice. This choice is always associated with the internal struggle, as it requires the personality to overcome the inertia of *tamas* and the victim of its own, habitually vibrating component, which in the recent past has formed a comfort zone. After long efforts and the swing of the "pendulum of priority" between the poles of the studied pair, the consciousness of the personality, guided by the power of Goodwill, makes a final and informed choice. The ideal begins the process of materialisation and, integrating into the vehicles of the personality, becomes its integral part. However the lower that was sacrificed is not destroyed and does not disappear, yet, being fixed in a constant atom in the form of accumulated experience, is transmuted and assimilated by the higher component of this pair of duality. Rajasic vibrational activity of more subtle matter absorbs (subjugates, transforms) the tamasic power of dense and inertly vibrating matter, which in their temporary fusion (until the realisation of a higher pair of opposites) personifies the state of *satva*, or equilibrium.

Therefore, any act of Goodwill is always associated with the process of illumining of matter, as well as with the process of redemption. Nothing in the universe disappears without a trace, nothing is discarded or destroyed, but is transformed, by becoming a part of the larger - more subtle and more illumined. The power of Goodwill, entering the vehicles of personality, manifests itself through the matter of the first and second sub-planes (atomic and subatomic). With a steady focused aspiration of personality consciousness, a change in the composition of the vehicles towards refinement and enlightenment gradually takes place: that which receives constant power nourishment grows; that which does not receive nutrition, since it is deprived of attention, is removed from the composition of the bodies. Refined vehicles increase the ability of a personality to respond to a downward flow of life (the ability to receive and conduct it), and this, in turn, helps to awaken and enhance the activity of energy centres above the diaphragm. The heart centre is activated, and the person acquires the ability to empathy. Everything that used to go beyond awareness and was foreign suddenly becomes close and causes a response. A whole world opens before a surprised personality, in which her small self is no longer at the centre, her problems are not the main ones, but any pain that echoes within her now becomes her pain, any suffering from that moment belongs to her. Gradually, the connection with the soul strengthens, the elements of the intuitive insight into the Plan appear, and the feeling of despair and failure is replaced by confidence regarding the next step, one of Goodwill, which can slightly ease the intensity of someone's suffering and make the world a little brighter. Passing through his difficult and long Path from one 'minor' duality to another, a person gradually faces the 'major' duality, the main of which on the Path of human evolution is the duality "personality - soul". The primary weapon of modern Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, as in previous times, remains the power of Goodwill, transmuting and integrating in its essence.

The vector of Goodwill is always directed from the smallest to the greatest, from the particular to the whole, and each step taken on this Path leads to the expansion of consciousness. Thus, Goodwill is the energy of Will-to-Good that entered into manifestation, refracted through the prism of the soul, identified with the energy of Love and Wisdom, the strength of which, when aware and choosing between pairs of opposites, forms a steady striving for a higher vibrational activity, for a conscious ideal, which

leads to self-transformation: illumination, expansion and integration of personality. The inexhaustible source of Goodwill, is a life-giving elixir for the evolutionary development of humanity, an eternal spring on the plane of the soul and it is actively used by the New Group of World Servers. As you know, the New Group of World Servers performs the function of the Antahkarana between the Fourth and Fifth kingdoms of nature: human and spiritual. Their task is to intuitively recognise the ideals that, at a given point in the evolution of humanity, are most conducive to the implementation of the Plan, and to precipitate them in the mental sphere in the form of viable, stable thought forms that can co-vibrate with the minds of the mentally polarised part of humanity. Therefore they can be realised by them and, as a result, precipitated on the physical plane. That is exactly them, who through the directed power of Good Will create the higher (positive) pole thought forms of those manifested duality, between which humanity moves along an ascending trajectory.

What are the particulars of this work? How to ensure that the precipitated thought forms are accepted so that the response to them is sufficient? Impregnated with the power of Goodwill, saturated with the magnetic vibration of Love, they must possess the force of attraction, causing resonance activity in the vehicles of the thinking part of humanity, awakening and enhancing the potential of high aspirations in them, calling for service. Yet, this same process was the basis of the Way of countless generations of mystics, therefore it was the prerogative of the outgoing era of Pisces. What is the peculiarity of the precipitation of the thought forms of ideals during the Era of Aquarius for the Aryan race? Preserving the magnetic attractiveness, the precipitated thought form is to be as intellectual as possible, that is, it should fully utilise the concrete mind of the personality. The ideal is not to be taken on faith - it should be recognised, understood and realised, since the essential foundation, the basic principle of the construct should be intellectual love. The Word acquires a particular importance in the era of Aquarius, in a period when the deposition of Goodwill energy is facilitated by the correlation of the First and Seventh Rays: The Word, as a sounding matrix of the precipitated ideal. The Word, as a mantric or prayer invocation of humanity. The Word that personifies the right speech and contributes to the development of the right human relationships. Small builders, controlled by sound, respond to the Word of the creator, regardless of the goals of the latter. The surrounding us manifested spheres are polluted by unclean speech and swear words no less than the oceans are polluted with plastic. The astral sphere is cluttered with impurities - monstrous Kamamanasic phantasmagoria, the products of the irresponsibility and ignorance of mankind. These deposits and blockages resonate with certain personalities that deposit all this negativity on the physical plane. The power of the Will to Good, projected by the rays of the minds of the New Group of World Servers focussed on the glamour of the astral world, is able to dissipate those century old piles, and this is another important aspect of serving humanity.

The Goodwill Power, embodied in the word, reaches maximum concentration, maximum power in mantrams, whose invoking sound chord reaches the higher spheres, evoking a constructive and creative energy flow in response. The Great Invocation sounded by people of Goodwill throughout the world for 74 years has been contributing to the precipitation of Light, Love and Power, to the establishing peace on earth and the right human relationship.

What is the right human relationship? These are interpersonal, interethnic, interreligious, international and interracial relations, which are built on the realisation of the fact of the essential unity of mankind. It is the energy of Good Will that is the unifying force, those connecting threads, that fiery synthesizing essence, which fuses the multitude into oneness, which is Unity itself. Group unity is perceived as an indisputable fact only when consciousness becomes active on the plane of the soul. However, the majority of humanity is still on the fifth subrace of the fifth race. Therefore their evolutionary efforts are aimed at developing the fifth principle - the principle of the mind and (transferring the point of consciousness) shifting their polarisation from the astral to the mental plane. Integration with the soul of humanity as a whole remains only a distant prospect. Moreover, one of the qualitative characteristics of a concrete mind, if it is "focussed downwards" being a kamamanasic structure, is separateness, the manifestation of which is so clearly and universally expressed at the present time ambitiousness, egocentrism and criticism. It can be expected that as the mental polarisation of humanity increases, the separating activity of concrete mind will augment. In addition, separation is a natural evolutionary stage for an integrated personality, before the process of reorienting of concrete

mind and integrating with the soul. It is well known to everyone how the quality of separation reveals itself on the world stage through the actions of the integrated personalities - famous politicians, oligarchs and big businessmen, controlling the world politics and economics from the position of maximum individualism and exclusively personal gain. A gluttonous caterpillar collects everything that it can reach in its own stomach. And this is also a natural evolutionary process, because once this caterpillar brakes out from the cocoon of isolation, it will turn into a butterfly - a beautiful Psyche, a symbol of the human soul. What help can the Goodwill provide in speeding up this process, in bringing close the awareness of essential unity? What is the function of the New Group of World Servers in establishing the right human relations in the world community? How to offer self-centred integrated individuals in whose hands are the reins of political and economic life of the world, the ideal of universal brotherhood so that it would be accepted by them and become their ideal? How to make the collective consciousness of humanity follow the power of the Goodwill vector? It is clear that for an integrated personality, ready for reorientation, isolation is brightly manifested, yet the lower pole of duality. That the higher pole is the ideal of unity and equality. But for a concrete mind, the concept of essential unity remains a purely mental construction, since the personality is not equipped with any vehicle for expressing this ideal-quality.

What can be done for them so they could realise the ideal of unity, or the highest pole of duality? Contrary to the age of Pisces, during the age of Aquarius the thought forms of the ideal of unity precipitated by the New group of World Servers, given that they are designed for sufficiently developed concrete minds, should be based on high-quality mental constructs. They will fully satisfy the requirements of modern thinkers, and therefore would be capable of co-vibrating (resonating) with them. We live in a unique time. The basic tenets of quantum physics have practically created the evidence base for many of the laws of Ageless Wisdom, in terms of "everything is energy", "particle-wave transition", "quantum entanglement", "quantum nonlocality", "string theory" and so on. The knowledge already available to modern science allows us to transfer the assertion of essential unity from the category of hypotheses to the category of fact, which can be scientifically proved and which can well be perceived by the concrete mind of the ordinary representative of the human race. And this means that for the first time in the history of humanity, esoteric and exoteric science can and should not conflict, but cooperate fully. Therefore the New Group of World Servers can achieve greater efficiency in its work through the correct use of the theoretical and practical basis of modern scientific thought. In addition to a qualitative mental construct, the thought forms of the ideal of unity must be sufficiently filled with the magnetic power of the Second Ray - they must have magnetic attraction.

In my opinion, another important point is the application of the "art of small steps": any thought-form in order to be perceived by the thinker must contain a sufficient percentage of force-matter already familiar to the thinker. That is force-matter response to whose effect has been already developed previously and that is already constituted equipment of the thinker. Otherwise, the contact point will not be reached. The thought form simply will not be recognised due to the complete absence of synergy, and hence the response. In other words, the thought-form of unity, which is precipitated in the form of an ideal, or the higher pole of duality, should contain a sufficient proportion of already familiar information, on whose foundation a high ideal that needs to be embodied will be built. The problem may seem to be the excessive dispersion of the usual primary response of humanity due to too great a difference in basic equipment, too different levels of mental development of its individual representatives. But taking into account the New Group of World Servers, which is progressively growing in number, the united Thought form of the essential unity of humanity can be internally multi-stage. It can include small thought forms - ideals by which, following from one perceived ideal to another higher ideal, step by step, can rise progressively expanding human consciousness.

A creative thought-forming construction of ideals must necessarily be designed for perception by the children's mind as well. The Age of Aquarius brings into incarnation intuitives with more sensitive vehicles capable of a faster response. But the capacity of the new generation to respond does not only apply to the evocation of the power of Goodwill. They quickly resonate to those forces that are external to them, yet already present in their equipment. Both positive and negative qualities are being reinforced. That is why it is so important to saturate the world with thought-forms of high ideals acces-

sible to children, carried out in parallel with the work of cleaning the astral sphere from deposits of glamour. Relationships based on Goodwill are extremely relevant, not only within the human family, but also with the lower kingdoms of nature, especially at this stage of evolution, when humanity has come closer than ever before to an environmental disaster. A special responsibility lies with the New Group of World Servers, which, given the state of the spiritually underdeveloped humanity as a whole, is alone a conduit and a transformer of spiritual energies and forces into the manifested world. One should not underestimate the fact that a human who by their status stands as a bridge between the lunar and solar heritage, becomes a redeemer not only of his lower nature, but also of the material nature of the three lower kingdoms. The task of establishing the right harmonious relations with these kingdoms lies entirely within the competence of man. Both the animal and (to a lesser extent) vegetable kingdoms are astral in nature, and therefore extremely sensitive to astral magnetic images containing the matter of the second subplane, through which the power of Good Will, the energy of Love and Wisdom is transmitted to the manifested world. The precipitation of thought forms of essential unity, not only by representatives of the human race, yet by every small life in the body of our planet, can save the world from the lion's share of suffering and accelerate the work of preparing for the next wave of individualisation, which, we are told, will take place in the Fifth Circle.

I would like to conclude with two quotes from the second volume of "Discipleship in the New Age": "The goodwill of the masses is based on innate divine tendency; that of the disciple is based on knowledge and receptivity to certain energies from Shamballa. This goodwill—as it is released—produces a normal expression upon the physical plane."¹¹

"The history of humanity has been that of the apprehension and the use of ideas as applied to human living and as expressing forward moving concepts; today the two ideas needed are light upon our way and practical goodwill."¹²

And a few words from myself:

May through the Goodwill Sacrificial Fire
The limitation of the consciousness be burnt!
May the foundation for our growth be Light of Knowledge!
May Love and Wisdom then accompany that Light!
And May our world that's guided by the Goodwill
Redeem itself and after be Transformed
Then Merge in Three, in One become united,
And to its Solar home then will return!

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¹¹ Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, II, p.190.

¹² Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*, II, p.169.

VISUALISATION ON TRIANGLES

Christine Morgan

A vital group service activity of the Lucis Trust is the creation of triangles of light. It takes just a few minutes each day to link up with one's triangle partners, or triangles groups if you have more than one. In these days of such dissent and turmoil, this subjective group service with its infusion of the energies of the Great Invocation by each person making up the triangle, and then linked into the planetary network of which it is a part, is a potent means of infusing human consciousness with Light, love and Power. To find out more please go to the Triangles website www.triangles.org. We'll now do a triangles visualisation together – one that is slightly adapted for this meeting.

TRIANGLES VISUALISATION

Link in thought with all those people throughout the world who are working with Triangles

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**In the centre of the will of God I stand.
Naught shall deflect my will from His.
I implement that will by love.
I turn towards the field of service.
I, the Triangle divine, work out that will
Within the square and serve my fellowmen.**

Visualisation

1. **Using the creative imagination link** with two other points of light to 'create' a triangle of light (this can be either with your own triangle members or if you don't have a triangle, link with two other co-workers you may know)
 2. **Recognise** that a radiant living network of triangles has been built around the planet as a result of the daily work of triangles members. Visualise your triangle as an essential part of the worldwide triangles network.
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3. **Visualise light and goodwill** flowing into each of the three points of your triangle, circulating around the triangles from point to point, and flowing out through the network into the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere.

As light and goodwill are distributed, realise that they increase the brilliance of the whole network. The consequent radiation has an inevitable constructive and healing effect, lifting and transforming human consciousness and establishing right human relationships.

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**Visualise the whole planet alight with triangles.
See new triangles being formed everywhere.**

4. **Sound the Great Invocation**, silently or aloud. Prior to sounding the Invocation pause to consider the work to be done by the words that will be poured out. As you repeat each stanza, visualise the network acting as a link between the world of spiritual realities and humanity, and as a channel through which light and love and divine purpose flow into human consciousness.

The Great Invocation (adapted)

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

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

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

**From the centre which we call the human race
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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CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

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