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THE SCIENCE OF SERVICE

As the sun transits into a new constellation it moves as well into a new "mansion" or field of expression. The Aquarian mansion is known as that of "the Serving Man", highlighting the field of service itself. We can see, therefore, the potential of the coming cycle and what it holds out to us in terms of opportunities for soul expansion.

All moves are opportunities for a fresh start, a time to leave behind the old and dusty remnants of the past. Therefore, under the impress of these inpouring energies, new forms of service will evolve that will be more fluid and transparent expressions for the soul's use. But, Aquarius will also be a more scientific age, and therefore we will learn to serve with greater precision, exactitude, and rhythm — controlling and directing energies rather than being controlled by them. The Triangles network fits right into both these emerging ways of service for it is at once fluid and creative but also an activity that calls for precision and the focused ability to work daily to use thought, in ways that are life sustaining and of benefit to the whole.

We know that service is as breathing to the soul; without the opportunity to serve, the soul cannot function on the three lower planes. So, as the soul is given greater scope to breathe in our world, there will be new life all around and the structures of the present paradigm will fall away, for they will not serve the purposes of the soul culture. Moving into Aquarius we can expect an increasingly concerted, scientific application to service, bringing humanity closer to its destiny of becoming an instrument for the soul's use. Instead of the present fleeting connection with the higher self that occurs during meditation or under the pressure of some work to be done or emergency to be met, service will then become the way of life itself. The methods and techniques for inducing this scientific service are not mysteries. They have been with us for thousands of years, embodied in the teachings and techniques of such classics as *Patanjali's yoga sutras*, the *Bhagavad Gita* and *The New Testament*. These teachings give the sign posts for inducing soul control, and this practice can be expected to become one of the preeminent sciences of the coming age.

We are moving into a cycle wherein the many threads of creative activity, which characterize the workers and their diverse approaches to the one Reality, will begin to weave and blend together in mutual support and a strengthening of each other's hands. This weaving will create such a resilient fabric that humanity will take a major step forward in its ability to aid the forces of planetary evolution. And in this work of creating a resilient fabric, Triangles partners can have a key role to play.

REFLECTIONS ON SERVICE

You will all awaken some day to the realisation that the Science of Service is of greater importance than the Science of Meditation, because it is the effort and the strenuous activity of the serving disciple which evokes the soul powers, makes meditation an essential requirement, and is the mode—ahead of all others—which invokes the Spiritual Triad, brings about the intensification of the spiritual life, forces the building of the antahkarana, and leads in a graded series of renunciations to the Great Renunciation, which sets the disciple free for all eternity.

Alice Bailey

The high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than to rule....

Albert Einstein

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.

Woodrow T. Wilson

Service is usually interpreted as exceedingly desirable and it is seldom realised how very difficult service essentially is. It involves so much sacrifice of time and of interest and of one's own ideas, it requires exceedingly hard work, because it necessitates deliberate effort, conscious wisdom, and the ability to work without attachment. These qualities are not easy of attainment by the average aspirant, and yet today the tendency to serve is an attitude which is true of a vast majority of the people in the world. Such has been the success of the evolutionary process.

Alice Bailey

Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living.

Albert Einstein

The Law of Service is the expression of the energy of a great Life, who, in cooperation with Him "in Whom we live and move and have our being", is subjecting the human family to certain influences and streams of energy....

Alice Bailey

Joy can be real only if people look on their life as a service, and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness.

Leo Tolstoy

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Mahatma Gandhi

Service is, par excellence, the technique of correct group relations, whether it be the right guidance of an anti-social child in a family, the wise assimilation of a trouble-maker in a group, the handling of anti-social groups in our big cities, the correct technique to be employed in child guidance in our educational centres or the relation between the religious and political parties, or between nation and nation. All of this is part of the new and growing Science of Service.

Alice Bailey

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Rabindranath Tagore

Let every dawn of the morning be to you as the beginning of life. And let every setting of the sun be to you as its close. Then let everyone of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others; some good strength of knowledge gained for yourself.

John Ruskin

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The planetary network of light, love and service is transforming the mental climate of the planet, reorientating humanity to spiritual attitudes and values. The groups and activities reported in the Bulletin reflect different aspects of the network.

The Goodwill Exchange

The Goodwill Exchange was started by the 'True and Fair Foundation' in 2012. Its purpose is to enable people to apply their skills, knowledge and expertise to help address social issues. It offers volunteers the opportunity to see their careers in a different light by efficiently and effectively matching their skills to those working to heal society's ills.

The Exchange provides smaller, grassroots charities access to an expert directory and wealth of professional, experienced individuals from all walks of life and businesses. The Exchange comments: "it is amazing how big a difference a concentrated, focused few hours or days can help transform a project or seemingly daunting problem." It goes on to say "volunteering in this way creates a balance as the energy and sense of fulfilment fosters new perspectives. For many of our volunteers, the Goodwill Exchange has given them a new energy in their lives, with more to talk about with friends, colleagues and family."

The Goodwill Exchange, and its founder organisation, the 'True and Fair Foundation', believe in active citizenship that conveys to the world a belief in being a good human being and that "reflects and resonates commitment, empathy and heart."

www.goodwillexchange.co.uk

Science to Sage

Founded in 2009, 'Science to Sage' is an online magazine and platform for progressive thinkers in science, philosophy and art.

Science to Sage is where science brings art and soul to advance progressive ideas in the disciplines of science, spirituality, philosophy, art and ancient wisdom. It features visionary scientists, independent researchers, innovative thinkers, philosophers, and artists who have a more holistic perspective.

Science to Sage aims to bridge science, the ancient wisdom, and world philosophies combined with related inspired art and photography.

www.sciencetosage.com

Academy of Sacred Geometry

The Academy provides online courses on sacred geometry and related themes, such as fractal patterns, harmonic ratios, and sacred cycles. From time to time, seminars are also held around the world. Recent topics have included: Sacred Geometry and Tao and Feng Shui, Leonardo's Mind: The Geometry of the Renaissance, What is Bio-Architecture, The Shape of the Universe, and Understand the Golden Mean Ratio.

The Academy believes that becoming familiar with "the myriad ways this language of geometry is revealed.... allows one to experience a profound sense of interconnection from the subatomic to the galactic level and to design and align our living spaces and workplaces in accordance with this elemental flow."

www.academysacredgeometry.com

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

Every year we are pleased to feature in the Bulletin a selection of thoughts on Triangles that we receive from co-workers around the world. We hope, too, that you will be encouraged to share your insights with the worldwide group. You can send your papers by post or email to headquarters or submit online at:

www.lucistrust.org/triangles/triangles sharing group thought

The subject of Triangles might be split into an examination of its esoteric spiritual aspects and its exoteric practical application. The objective of this is not to create division or fragmentation as such, rather it is a bringing together of their mutual influences into one complementary and integrated force. The force of Triangles which is the combined forces of light and goodwill can then be used to help steer humanity through the turbulent stage of transition it is currently facing. This might be seen as the driving force of the exoteric practical application of Triangles, whereas the more esoteric or spiritual motivation of Triangles may be perceived as "establishing the 'Pathway of Light' for the coming World Teacher, the Christ."

UK

It (Triangles) is my anchor every morning during my meditation practice. It restores my hope and trust in humanity. I feel privileged and honoured to be able to work with others in this way to make a difference.

UK

Triangle work is perhaps my most important calling in this lifetime. I am totally committed to participating as a conduit of spiritual direction that is building a more just, unified and peaceful world. Triangles exponentially increase the work of strengthening and supporting the people of goodwill on our planet.

Humanity itself is a necessary link for the divine Plan to be manifest. For me, connecting with others in Triangles creates a network through which light and love can transform the attitudes of men and women towards a future of better understanding.

USA

We are the leaders of a re-born earthly tomorrow – through service, example, and compassion – We lovingly and unitedly WILL goodwill into Global Being-ness. And the Triangles Network strengthens its role as a living blanket of Divine Healing encircling and enlightening all evolving planetary life.

USA

Triangles is a world service activity in which people link in thought in groups of three to create a planetary network of Triangles of light and goodwill. Using a world prayer, the Great Invocation, they invoke light and love as a service to humanity. Further information is available on request from Triangles.

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