

The Invocative Group

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The whole process of evolution, of moving forward from darkness into light, is governed and made possible through a vast network of relationships which span from the most basic form of elemental life right up to and beyond the One in Whose body all lives on our planet find their place. This network of graded lives can be organized as a great chain of vertical relationship. The lesser lives call, they reach upwards towards greater light. And in time, when the call is sufficiently focused, the greater life responds.

This archetypal process of call and response is called in the esoteric science, invocation and evocation. It characterizes all forward movement upon the path of evolution and is foundational to the whole principle of relationship which exists within and all around us. At the heart of every unit of consciousness, no matter how small, exists a center of transcendent life, the hidden Christ or Soul which knows itself to be part and one with the Soul of all.

The process of awakening this central life, and of reaching upwards towards divinity, has always been preeminently a group endeavor. In the past, invocation has been carried forward unconsciously by humanity and this has led to certain mass movements in consciousness propelling the race forward upon the path of return. Here and there, only rare and exceptional individuals were able to consciously evoke higher spiritual potencies through lives of exceptional mental discipline, aspiration, and compassion.

The age into which we are now entering is preeminently one of group endeavor. The ability of groups to affect fundamental changes in human consciousness will far outweigh that which can be achieved by one or a few individuals.

Groups exist in many forms. Even each triangle formed within the network is, in one sense, a group. There are also Ashramic groups, formed to carry out the work of Hierarchy. There are groups coordinated on the physical plane who work, for good or ill, within the world of human living. And there are groups that work more subjectively, such as the Triangles network. There is of course also the larger group, Humanity. The Triangles network is one part of the invocative appeal of Humanity which is today being made by countless other groups throughout the world.

The power of a group is far more than simply the sum of its parts. Esoterically, a group is a unit of life kept into coherence by the group will, and by the purpose which that group seeks to work out. While there are certain groups that work out their purpose entirely within the world of form (and many do great and important work), other groups seek to mediate divine energies into expression so must become invocative.

We might ask, how does a group become invocative?

The group life must be aligned and coordinated in all three levels of the phenomenal world. Group relations among the individuals must be characterized by noncriticism and by a willingness to allow each member to serve in the way he or she finds appropriate.

Its members must be united in their commitment to service on the physical plane and in the daily life. The emotional body must be controlled by the mind so that it can embody the quality of love. The

mind must be awake and active, consciously aware of the purpose for which the group exists and the means whereby that work is carried out.

Once coordinated, the group must then learn to work at a point of tension whereby the forces of aspiration, spiritual desire, and the nascent will-to-good become focused, intensified, and magnetic.

The group must also learn to work with vision, employing the imagination to see clearly the work that must be carried out. Both its process and end result must be seen with clarity. The complete fulfillment of the group's highest purpose—its highest ideal—must be visioned and known.

Most importantly, the group must learn to consciously utilize the will and thus work with power. And this is perhaps the most difficult step of all. This will is not the will of any one individual or even the will of the group. To truly work with the will aspect requires contact with the Will of that greater life whose purpose the group seeks to bring one small step closer to consummation. This is achieved through a true understanding of sacrifice and the ability to establish a higher alignment through meditation.