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CREATING THE SACRED

In the midst of all the turmoil in today's world, where essential spiritual teachings seem so blatantly ignored or violated, is there anything we can or should hold sacred? Where dogma, ritual and sacred religious spaces no longer function adequately and conventional religions seem to stimulate conflict rather than peace and brotherhood, does the concept 'sacred' still have meaning?

The turmoil we experience arises in the world of thought and ethics, from which physical conflicts stem following the principle that energy follows thought. It is a confusing time in which the old clashes fiercely with the new wherein we need to reconsider our purposes and values. However, particularly in science and art, we are finding many exciting developments, such as insights into the laws of nature, which challenge conventional cosmology and reveal new possibilities regarding energy and the oneness of life. This rethinking ultimately redefines our understanding of humanity's place within the whole. Another aspect of this is that we can understand life as active and conscious participants, not as observers with no connection to what we perceive. Ultra detached perception has characterised rational and materialistic science for a long time and has brought us much good. The old sciences held the principle of truth sacred, but we are now increasingly finding that, like everything else, the principle of truth is evolving, not static. Established concepts of truth and values are shifting as we find new ones that harmonize with the essence of the divine, the eternal flow of becoming, or expressly, with the evolution of consciousness. And, since the essence of human consciousness is experience, we find truth in the direct experience of our intuition. Now we can understand our universe as being holographic and humanity as active participants within it, co-determinators of its direction. This expanded group consciousness is the empowered and responsible freewill that characterizes the coming era and we can joyfully expect new and great things to happen.

That humans must strive to become gods was declared by Nietzsche, and the spiritual evolution of becoming co-creators with divinity is part of humanity's sacred goal. This sacredness does not overcome us, nor is it given by the Divine grace of God in the passive sense. Instead, we strive to create it from the spark of divine fire within us. Humanity is becoming more actively group conscious through meditation, contemplation, abstract thinking and service – sacred mental tools. Triangles service is a part of the sacred concept of the Trinity, its geometry expresses the sanctity of life – 'being' and 'non-being' linked by the Triangle's baseline and 'becoming' represented by its uppermost point, thus expressing the essence of the divine. It is a symbol of human oneness and divine communication embodied through love, intelligent understanding and will. The grace of God becomes a realisation of creative involvement, of enlightened intelligence, love and power, in other words, the will to service becomes sacred.

ENLIVENING RESPONSIVENESS

One of the rewards of treading the spiritual path is the growth of what we call sensitive responsiveness. This encompasses a sensitivity to both the inner environment of the soul and the spiritual will as well as the landscape of events, people and life in our external environment. For most of us these days, this means the world as a whole. As we develop this sensitive responsiveness our previously thick skins become exquisitely attuned to the energies and forms around us.

We once lumbered through life, generating many unintended consequences, a few surprisingly good, but most, in hindsight, deeply regrettable, causing much suffering to others as well as to ourselves. Thankfully our old and unthinking habits in the veils of illusion are increasingly being relegated to the past. But we must be grateful that they developed in us a capacity to be wise after the event, for this is actually helping us to develop a real and practical wisdom with regard to life now. We are becoming proactive, not simply reactive. We are learning to anticipate the possible outcomes of various courses of action. We are developing a capacity to respond to life as it is – warts and all, as Cromwell insisted. In humanity, both the good and the bad, as well as the huge grey area of mess and mixed motives in between are becoming transparently obvious.

Thus we are cultivating a real spiritual motivation that will govern not just our actions, but more importantly the thoughts, feelings and desires that we have – after all these are what lie behind all outer activity and appearances. Our response is becoming one of non-judgemental love. We see the chain of cause and effect that has produced life as it is now, and we also see and urgently know that by living a spiritual life – which means above all a life of selfless service – we can help bring to bear a superior cause – the “love that underlies the happenings of the time”. This is best thought of as a redemptive Will expressed through an illumined mind and a loving heart. This triangle of energies takes things and people where they are and as they are and infuses them with a vision of the divine plan – of how things can be, and eventually will be. In doing so it is bringing to the surface everything in humanity that needs facing up to and resolving – lovingly, skilfully and effectively.

The wonder of our time is that so many individuals and groups know this and are doing what they can to act on it. They are fostering a deep desire for the necessary radical changes – particularly in the social, economic and political field. This is a desire motivated by a love of the whole and powered by a will-to-succeed which can shatter the obstacles on the path for us all as we strive for a changed and redeemed world.

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ABSTRUSE AND ENIGMATIC PROGRESS

When observing our spiritual development there is a natural tendency to feel driven by the need to be constantly moving forward. The same can be said about our observation of the world's transition towards a new civilization. 'Progress' from this perspective becomes a matter of urgency, and its apparent absence is seen as 'failure' or inadequacy.

Yet true progress cannot be measured only by that which is in the foreground of experiences and events. Transition and transformation take time. Evolution works in cycles and seasons. It is not a linear process and cannot be forced. When we are immersed in the process of development, we often don't see the bigger picture as the soul sees it. Again, this is as true of our own individual development as it is of nations and the world of nations. Qualities do not appear overnight – in ourselves or in the world. They need to be 'tried on', imagined, valued, investigated, cultivated and supported if they are to take root. The qualities that exist in the soul need to be called forth into the worlds of matter. Time produces the challenges and tests needed before qualities can grow into mature stable parts of one's being, reaching right into the substance of our lives. And the same is true of the qualities conditioning relationships in a group, a culture or a nation.

This is why patience is such an essential quality of any deeper approach to progress, development or change. Although we don't often see it, patience is really a quality of the will. It depends on an understanding that a higher purpose is working out and the important thing that we need to 'do' is to persist and hold steady in the face of challenges and opposing forces, trusting in the deeper processes unfolding in and through the self and the world.

Action that is patient does not expect immediate results. It persists in practices that anchor higher qualities into mind and heart, relationship and society. The ability and willingness to wait are more measured, designed to support the working out of what may be temporarily beyond our reach. It may be the long-term vision held by the soul or the Plan held in the Mind of God – each well-worth awaiting as part of the preparation for appropriate and dynamic activity when the time is right.

These refined qualities of patience and persistence are not only important when forming and sustaining an individual Triangle, but also in stabilizing and strengthening the entire network. With each Triangle radiating enlightened goodwill, this network is an electric field of relationships, the full expression of which is the distribution of healing energies for all of humanity and a world in transition.

So many aspirants lack a sense of humor, and take themselves far too seriously. They seem to leave behind them their good sense, when they enter a new field of phenomena. It is useful to record what is seen and heard and then to forget about it until such time as we have begun to function in the kingdom of the soul; then we will be no longer interested in its recollection. We must also avoid personalities and pride, for they have no place in the life of the soul, which is governed by principles and love to all beings. If these things are developed, there is no danger of any student of meditation being side-tracked, or delayed; he will inevitably enter some day into that world of which it is said 'eye hath not seen or ear heard, the things which God hath revealed to them that love him', the time being dependent upon his persistence and patience.

From Intellect to Intuition, Alice A. Bailey, pp. 253-4

THE GREAT INVOCATION

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.

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.

* Many religions believe in a World Teacher, a “Coming One”, knowing him under such names as the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi, the Kalki Avatar and the Bodhisattva. These terms are sometimes used in versions of the Great Invocation for people of specific faiths.

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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