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WHERE DO WE FIND HOPE?

Because we are living in testing and challenging times the question of where we find hope reaches into the depths of our being. To what extent do we look to the future through rose-tinted glasses? What seems realistic and possible? Much around us seems chaotic, disoriented, divided, and confused. The noise of criticism and complaint can feed cynicism and overwhelm our sense of what is right and good.

It is precisely because of this that we need to seek out the seeds of hope planted deep within our being. Only as we attend to them can we touch a vibration of hope that is real; and only then can that vibration sound through our thoughts and interactions. Through this silent inner work, our meditations can radiate the essential energies of hope in our Triangles and throughout the living Triangles network, revitalizing hope and faith in the future for the entire field of human consciousness.

Triangles works with causes rather than effects, and the network distributes uplifting energies through light and goodwill. Hope, like faith in the future, and the vision of future possibilities, comes from the soul, that essential, lighted part of our being, often referred to as the Buddha nature, or as 'Christ in you, the hope of glory'. In this sense, hope is evidence of things not seen. Regardless of the path we tread in our spiritual journey, the Triangles meditation calls us to stand face to face with the deepest area of the psyche where the sacred light of all spiritual traditions connects to the incarnated personal self with all its mental, emotional and will aspects.

Hope springs eternal from that lighted centre. It flows from the perceived reality of the human as both soul and personality because the soul is always present. The redeeming potency of the inner Christ consciousness is a part of human nature, just as it is a part of the world of human affairs and relationships.

The narrative of these challenging times can be thought of as preparation for humanity's next step in its spiritual evolution, a collective initiation at some level or other. The testing is for each one of us to find our inner mettle, the inherent strength to engage with the integration of soul and personality, consciously orienting mind and heart to the soul's ability to heal, redeem and transform. These vibrations characterize the service that Triangles of light and goodwill distribute for the greater good of all Earth's kingdoms.

Triangles Webinar: Broadcast every Monday www.lucistrust.org/triangles/webinar

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Triangles workers focus and direct the energy of the soul to bring light, love, and power to all life forms upon the face of our planet. The daily practice of Triangles—the mental linking with one's partners, the visualization of the network, and the sounding of the Great Invocation—are the means whereby this group energy is focused and sustained.

Each worker stands as a point of light within the network, bridging between the soul and the world of human thought and living. Each Triangle worker is a point of distribution—the directing agent through which light streams forth into human minds and thereby into all kingdoms in nature. Through these points, the energy of the network is directed in service.

Times of very rapid inner and outer changes, such as humanity is facing today, quickly reveal the areas of human living which remain unenlightened by the soul. Yet, the revelation of darkness always precedes the light. This presents an opportunity for the Triangles network to "direct a beam of focused light...revealing a greater light ahead and illumining the way to the centre of the light." Light reveals that which is not yet known, and as "light descends on earth" the lighted area of being within all things is unveiled. This light is the light of the soul, and it resides within the centre of every form. Through its light, the point of light within the Mind of God reaches the Earth. The task of Triangles workers is to direct this light so that it is revealed within a multitude of different forms spanning the full range of human thought and enterprise.

Today a veil of glamour and illusion hangs like a fog around humanity and obscures this light. To dispel these fogs of glamour and illusion, we are challenged to work with the highest and purest form of love we can. This love must be directed by the mind and with wisdom or Pure Reason. The highest forms of love become possible when one enters into a state of perfect harmlessness, when the voice has lost the power to wound and the mind thinks only truth and goodness. This love is directed by the soul and from the plane of mind, for the soul—the observer—sees all things in right proportion. The attitude of the observer is cultivated through exercising the faculties of detachment and discrimination. This leads in time to Right Poise, a true divine indifference, whereby the soul can then tame the many forces which constitute the lower nature of the personality. This brings the negation of all glamour and illusion—a pure channel through which the light of the network can stream forth.

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The Spiritual Perspectives Blog [https://spiritualperspectives.online] features reflections on human and world affairs. It is a resource for an unfolding, holistic worldview. New blog posts on human affairs are added monthly, and many ideas are drawn from the Alice A. Bailey teachings, from visionary thinkers, and from the sacred scriptures of the East and West.

Triangles Service in Vietnam: Triangles materials and Alice Bailey's books were introduced into Vietnam before 1975 via a student of esoteric philosophy. Due to social events however, they almost fell into oblivion until the 1980s, when Mr. Phan Ngoc-Trai, the current organiser of the group, found them by chance.

In the first reading of Triangles papers, especially the Triangles folder, he found something that could be used as a mode of simple service. Thus, its translation was made, and it was circulated among his friends, and later the English versions were used by other students.

As a result, several Triangles units were formed and worked in eagerness. However, after a time, some stopped working due to the death of some members or for other reasons. Only a few of these original Triangles have continued up to the present but some members had formed Triangles with foreign and domestic co-workers. At the same time, certain Alice Bailey books were translated into Vietnamese; and one by one, these translations were later sub-published in Vietnam under contracts signed with Lucis Trust Geneva and permits issued by local authorities.

Thanks to the circulation of the Vietnamese versions, the number of readers gradually increased. And during recent years, the Triangles service has received a new impetus: this and other spiritual services were presented to many youths. These services included meditations at the full moon and new moon, the Sunday meditation on money, the Thursday meditations on preparation for the reappearance of The Christ, and the five o'clock linking. Since then, several units of service have been formed and worked regularly in a free and spontaneous manner. At the same time, the use of The Great Invocation as an act of world service, its Reader's Digest 1991 reprint, and introduction to the above translations, were included in a small bilingual book for the public, *Secret of Living Happily Right Now and Forever*. Tran Chau. 2010. Now, there is a circle of youthful people interested and regularly taking part in the above-mentioned services and the study of spiritual teachings, a stable and growing development.

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

We invite you to share your insights on Triangles by post, email or online at triangles.org

The triangle, as a geometric form, is the spiritually empowering factor which underlies the universe. So, when first encountered, Triangles seems to provide a clear and simple service. But its apparent simplicity hides its underlying power. In the beginning, one can feel rather small – isolated and daunted by it all, but this is where Triangles enables an individual to accomplish so much more than

imagined. Triangles is not only the power but the driving force that opens the way of service and of synthesis for the individual. Through the small steps of keeping on, Triangles supplies the impetus to persevere until more service opportunities arise. Then it provides the strength and power to take up more daunting challenges.

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A Triangle is a vortex of energy and when performed well, it is a moment of absolute intensity in which the server's grasp of the intuition is complete. The art of Triangles is to frame subjective reality in a single instant that will blend and fuse the image of Light, Love and Power into one dynamic projection. It is an instant that transcends time as we know it, hence the alchemy of the sacred work, which like the breath, brings divine life and purpose into universal existence.

We are a triangle of three hearts beating in the service of light.

We are three vertices that throb love and they share it with the hearts of men.

We are goodwill and sacrifice and we are filled with the purpose of the teachers (Masters) to humbly sow God's plan on earth.

Spain

The spiritual high point of the year begins in Aries. It brings a fresh influx of divine energies to inspire the next stages in the evolutionary work of the New Group of World Servers. The spiritual servers at the heart of this group work receive these energies and clothe them in a mental form more readily accessible for wider distribution – a unique opportunity for group service. During this time, the full moons that occur are the Festivals of Aries (Easter), Taurus (Wesak) and Gemini (The Festival of Goodwill and World Invocation Day). Each one focuses a different aspect of these new energies – in Aries, divine love, followed by divine wisdom in Taurus and then in Gemini, the expression of spiritual unity – the divinity within humanity. These festivals focus on the divine vibration received which holds the seeds of evolution. Through our group efforts, their energetic seeds will be radiated far and wide to be shared the world over.

Please check locally for the actual days of the Festival Meetings
www.lucistrust.org/3sf/how can we help www.lucistrust.org/3sf www.lucistrust.org/3sf/resources

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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