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THE CELEBRATION THAT EMPOWERS

The energies of Light, Love and Goodwill evoked through our Triangles work strengthen soul contact, allowing us to appreciate the sacrifice and sacred work of our group and global companions in service. This shared activity sustains a “spiritual vault” from which soul energies and benedictions flow to all humanity, and it frequently enables Triangles workers to experience the waves of compassion and appreciation circulating through the Triangles network.

It is said that an ancient brotherhood seeking to help human evolution had as its motto: “Let us search the depths of every being for that which is the most beautiful there.” If we relate this to the truism that “energy follows thought”, we can see in action the creative power projected by the light of each Soul. It is a light that, through our ability to appreciate, nurtures and vivifies all manifestations of beauty, truth and goodness. This capacity to appreciate and to breathe life into all that surrounds us may be compared to watering a garden on an afternoon following a drought and witnessing how the plants cherish every drop of water received and little by little lift their leaves, renewed in celebration.

Appreciation is a divine quality that empowers us to see life and service for what they are: True gifts! And when, in our daily Triangles service, the gift of life is celebrated intelligently and in full conscious appreciation, a wealth of virtues, such as solidarity, co-operation and the Will to Good, take hold within us.

To be able to appreciate what we experience, we need to have an open heart and the will to develop an ever growing capacity to discriminate and comprehend the value of life, of other beings and of constructive actions. The current existential void experienced by millions is clearly reflected in their incapacity to cultivate and express appreciation and gratitude. Do we live a life of gratitude for all that our brothers share with us and for what the members of other kingdoms provide for us? Are we conscious of the divine opportunity, daily conferred on us, to strengthen the Triangles network using the sacred mantra of the Great Invocation?

To fully appreciate these opportunities, it is necessary to cultivate a poised life-rhythm that allows us to contemplate the interplay of energies and forces presented to us. We need to exchange the mechanical life of least resistance for one filled with purpose and sharing the expansion of consciousness, in freedom, for the common good. This is something that we know well, but is also worth remembering to celebrate today: the intensification of the capacity to live and serve as Souls is the means par excellence to enhance and further appreciation and gratitude.

THE GREAT SERVICE

Triangles workers have been called to create a web of light and love that spans the planet – ‘Triangles in Consciousness’ that act as a channel for soul energies to enter into human hearts and minds stimulating goodwill between all people. It seems so simple, a small commitment in time and energy. But, oh, how the personality can protest at such a task! There are so many other important responsibilities that seem so essential, that pull at heart and mind, forming potent diversions from our daily service. And just when we achieve a rhythm in meditation, yet more obstacles arise, time and time again, to disturb and distract.

Recognising that the personality often rises up against increasing soul influence, can provide a key to understanding this problem. It is a pattern well known to those who meditate, and which is confronted by all who seek to walk in the Light. Did not Arjuna initially recoil from the battle he faced? But there was a clear command from Krishna, the soul, “Having regard to thy duty, deign not to shrink back. For nothing is better for a warrior than a righteous battle.”¹

By following Krishna’s guidance Arjuna triumphed over the obstacles he faced; and we too can succeed. It is through understanding the personality that we can better prepare ourselves for this battle. That which is seemingly necessary to the wellbeing of personality, but is truly inessential, can masquerade as something vital to the greater good. Knowing that the intensity of personal experience distorts perspective can help to dispel any deceptive clouds of apparent great importance. Through this armour of clear-sighted, unflinching discrimination and detachment the truth is eventually won.

It is each small victory over such distortions that leads us ever closer to the Light. Perceiving each obstacle as an opportunity to fully engage in this battle for truth, it is possible to persist no matter how challenging the labour, despite any discouragement, however long it may take. It is in this way that we prepare ourselves for greater service. It is this that creates the true server and, through our persistence, the Triangles web of light and love is strengthened daily, aiding the divine Plan. This vital work is providing a channel for divine energies that are essential for creating the New Age. And, as we are told, ‘Naught can deter the Hand of the Creator of the New World’. *Leaves of Morya’s Garden I*, S. 127

I told you of beauty, I told you of love, I told you of action.
I told you of devotion, I told you of readiness and compassion.
I have opened the window for you, and shown you the battle.
I explained the meaning of courage,
And finally I summoned you to the Great Service.

Leaves of Morya’s Garden I, S. 357

¹ *Bhagavad Gita II*, 31. Cited in *The Light of the Soul* p.424

GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

Cooperation is a rather unexciting sounding concept. It ‘just’ means people working together, doesn’t it? And yet, when we think about why people might do so, we can begin to sense the underlying importance, even magnificence, of the idea.

Why cooperate? Because we recognise that things could be and, indeed, should be better; because no one person, group, region or nation has all the answers. To dig deeper, it is because each thinking being can envision only one small portion of the blueprint of the divine Plan, and it is only by combining them in the right order, at the right time, that the Plan can manifest. So we could say that the path of true service is the path of finding our right position within the universal field of cooperation.

Thus the rise of cooperative action, which is emerging through the work of so many groups and movements, is a sign that the soul is beginning to manifest in humanity at large and at an increasing rate. The soul is naturally group conscious, and the Aquarian age is destined to be one in which group work and group cooperation become the natural mode of human functioning.

It’s true that humanity’s efforts at global cooperation are currently far from perfect. But we are only at the beginning of Aquarian influences, and we know that the Avatar of Synthesis is already overshadowing the work of the UN General Assembly, perhaps the most important collective body humanity has so far created. The General Assembly is not yet the significant influence on world events that it, or a successor body, must become. But the tremendous potency of directed purpose which will be released by the Avatar, in cooperation with the Christ, through the General Assembly, must be released with great care. All of the major international bodies are as yet in embryo, representing bold gestures towards a future where national barriers in consciousness will have dissolved, and nationality will signify a particular energy signature in consciousness that can be effectively integrated into the evolving cooperative whole.

To return to the individual’s role in this, Triangles is perhaps the purest, least glamorous form of global spiritual cooperation imaginable. By using a supremely powerful spiritual instrument, the Great Invocation, three thinking beings engage in a daily subjective ritual of empowering the planetary etheric vehicle, without any thought of benefit to the little self, the personality. They may never have met their triangle partners; but they know they are united in their purpose. The labour is as unacknowledged, as anonymous, as that of the stone carvers who raised the great cathedrals; yet it is cooperation with divine purpose in making objective the subjective status of the Earth as a sacred planet. It weaves the Earth into the wider cosmic pavement of glory. Such is the magnificence of cooperation.

It must never be forgotten that this fourth ray of conflict is the ray whose energies, rightly applied and understood, bring about harmony and at-one-ment. The result of this harmonising activity is beauty, but it is a beauty that is achieved through struggle. This produces a livingness through death, a harmony through strife, a Union through diversity and adversity.

Alice Bailey

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

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

I would like to share an insight into Triangles. It seems that Triangles is creating the energy environment which is favourable for the evolution of humanity. Humanity will be helped gradually to cease being so grounded in the consciousness of the Square, and will instead stand upon the point within the Triangle.

Connecting daily with each member of my Triangle and sounding the Great Invocation with them is a profound part of my spiritual practice and I have no intention of stopping. Some of these people I communicate with regularly, others not so much, but the daily link and

practice is a ritual reality. In so doing one has a complete in-the-moment experience of how we together are lighting the etheric web.

Our world and all of us in it are in a great crisis and opportunity that must be seized. With this active aid and service that we do, along with all the others, we make a difference. Our wills count effectively and we are heard and our work is seen by those who have eyes to see it. It is such an experience of empowerment, that we are doers who have just gotten started. Together with our prayers and visualizations, we are making the most of our group situation. I know that with the force of love and our collective will we can earn the right to a better world.

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for a bird to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

C.S. Lewis

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

There is within each one of us a potential for goodness beyond our imagining; for giving which seeks no reward; for listening without judgment; for loving unconditionally.

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

I cannot believe that the inscrutable universe turns on an axis of suffering; surely the strange beauty of the world must somewhere rest on pure joy!

Louise Bogan

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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