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TILL THE SILENCE TURNS GOLDEN

We are living in extraordinary times. Ill-will and suffering, short-termism and selfish motives, falsehood and cruelty are evident everywhere. Yet if we open our eyes properly, we can see that this is being more than balanced by the presence of an increasing and dynamic goodwill. This goodwill passionately advocates and embodies the long view and the absolute necessity for an enlightened selflessness that works out in an energetic creativity. There are magical demonstrations of this in every field of human interest and endeavour. It is the best evidence that the heart of humanity is not only sound, but alive and active, rhythmically infusing human consciousness with the higher energies of love, understanding and compassionate goodwill. When these are accompanied with an unshakeable hope and altruism, then we see practical visionaries at work and loving service at its best. We also glimpse the Christ consciousness developing within humanity.

One of the ways in which this new consciousness is manifesting in the world today is in humanity's recognition of the interdependence of all life on earth. This vital connection is not confined to spiritual experience; it is also central to most mundane interests and activities too. The arts, for example, embody diverse cultural qualities and perceptions in wonderful creations using words, music, the visual arts, dance, architecture, not to mention the new and imaginative uses of digital technology. Friendly competition draws out the best in the participating athletes all around the world. Scientists demonstrate a world-wide collaborative effort to understand life from the smallest subatomic particle to the mind-boggling immensity of the entire Cosmos. Even international trade and finance operate on the basis that all human lives are inextricably linked into a system of mutual dependence. And religions, which used to have such a divisive and destructive effect, are now developing genuine mutual respect and together are sounding the note of humanity's conscience.

Outworn ideologies and selfish nationalism are still too readily seen in politics. The results of this are only too clear for us all to see as conflict and war blights the lives of so many. These wars, conflicts, suspicions and mistrusts bring inconceivable pain and trauma – a sort of global “self-harming”. The remedy must surely be to evoke the Christ principle in us all, for this is the releasing energy that will bring about the “healing of the nations”. In the words of the poet, R S Thomas*:

Let us stand, then, in the interval
of our wounding, till the silence
turns golden and love is
a moment eternally overflowing

This is why in our daily triangles work, we affirm with confidence: “May Christ return to Earth!

*R S Thomas: *No Truce With the Furies* (1995)

ONE FLAME WITH MANY SPARKS

The spiritual aspirant follows a path into the light and with this comes a deeper realisation of the abundance of Life. In contacting the light within oneself, there comes an awareness of the connected nature of light and its universality. This energy of the universe flows through all forms – there is but “One Flame with many sparks of differing brightness within that Flame.”¹ The light is one, and the energy is one – such is the glory of the great eternal Light..

Through daily spiritual practice, we become gradually accustomed to this abundant energy which pours into the waiting and receptive mind. We begin to recognise that this energy works through us, that it radiates out into the world through our minds and hearts. It is not a light we acquire for ourselves: it is light that we tune into in order to share with others. And as it illumines our minds, we begin to see that within which stands as a barrier to the light, our imperfections that distort and diminish the radiatory power that inspires us to walk this purificatory path. The light, therefore, has redemptive power that brings transformation, greater understanding and a more inclusive vision. Gratitude, generosity of spirit and a desire to share light, love and understanding come to those who touch the light. Its abundance is recognised, for light is seen emanating through individuals and groups everywhere. Thus, the divine Plan is more deeply sensed and a desire to serve that Plan is evoked.

Triangles is a wonderfully effective way to serve the Plan and share the abundant energy contacted through spiritual practice. Each Triangle fits within the great network of light and goodwill and has a powerful effect on the network because each Triangles member, as he or she links with the two other points of light, is in contact with the One abundant light. That abundance floods the network of light and goodwill through the intention, attention and expectation of all its members and conveys that light and goodwill to the hearts and minds of people everywhere so that they have an increased ability to anchor the Plan on earth.

When the increasing numbers of those who work with light on behalf of humanity become sufficiently united, their radiation will surely be felt in all the kingdoms of nature. This is the "life more abundant" of which the Christ speaks² and humanity's goal to transmit this spiritual energy to the lower kingdoms will eventually see its triumph and bring light, love and Life to all the Earth.

1. *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p. 626
2. *A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 91

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WITH INCOMPARABLE GRACE

In esotericism, where much that is pursued is invisible, a certain realm of being holds us steady as we move through meditations, study, and the conversations about the building of a better world. That plane is surely mental and beautifully powerful, capable of redesigning the shape of the future. But that mental imaging needs to merge with something a little softer, a little more accessible to those of us who seek to lift the trajectory of human activity and thinking. This other something that is merging with the plane of the mind is the realm of the heart, and in their coming together, these two form an inner relation that is synthetic. These two worlds weave magically into and around each other like the roots of trees, unseen yet creating manifest life anew in an intriguing process that can be called grace.

An attempt to define grace, however, is like trying to bottle the sun. It might be something that, in essence, is a shimmering connection between head and heart, an intuitive resonance at the center of one's being, and perhaps more akin to intuition than knowledge. It doesn't seem to be something that can be commanded, but instead it seems to be a state that is bestowed spontaneously – through the rough and tumble incongruity of life, arriving unexpectedly in a split second of silence.

The Triangles network seems to be informed by this kind of alchemy. The merging of mind and heart in the shape of a simple triangle but perceived as a symbol of transformation. And in Triangles service that transformation is the etheric life-web of the world, as indicated by the esoteric blue-print of the earth. The weaving threads of lighted intentions carry the goodwill from countless Triangles like the roots of millions of trees intertwining to create countless points of grace. This grace rightly becomes a synthesis that is stronger and greater than the combined strength of the individual points, and its potency arises from the lighted goodwill of hearts and minds focused together on an enlightened remaking of the world.

All humanity shares the capacity for this thing called grace – a jewel to take to heart. The spectrum includes those who are not like us at all. This grace is a potential that embraces the highest and the most humble, sages and novices, the enlightened and the non-believers, the homeless, the broken and lost. In the end, we are all strangers in good company with this one elegant thing in common. Like the sun escaping from that bottle, grace can blossom in a word, a gaze, or a gesture and leave one stunned by an experience that will live with us for the rest of our lives.

SHARING GROUP THOUGHT

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

Living a life in service is a clear and definitive way of how we visibly choose to do good and contribute to humanity and society in a manner that is upbuilding. Although this choice brings with it responsibility, it also brings with it the support of numerous unseen forces, a flow of energy that works with and through us as human beings. It is our willingness to be a vessel that attracts a flow of power in a unified approach to make a positive difference. It is this collective and unified consciousness that is the center of us all and part of our true nature, a place where there is no separation between us, where we all have access to limitless potential in line with a greater and more universal plan. Each of us brings our part and plays our role. This is what attracts me to the idea of forming a triangle - 'where two or more gather in His name, He is there'. USA

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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