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THE SHORELESS SEA OF THE INDIVISIBLE ALL

*“Life is drawn from below, and from above the source renews itself, the sea is always full and spreads its waters everywhere.” Thus the deity is compared to a shoreless sea, to water which is “the fountain of life”.**

In the most mundane sense, we refer to space as the empty container of physical relationship. Yet, it is neither empty nor solely physical; it is a shoreless sea encompassing every plane and including the life and lives which dwell thereon. Space is therefore an entity, the Life which pours through the diversity of creation. Despite this diversity, it remains one and indivisible – a paradox to the purely concrete mind. This Life is independent of its creation yet the means whereby it is sustained – immanent in all forms yet transcendent in nature. Space thus is First or Causeless Cause, that which gives rise to spirit and the whole world of manifestation. It is a great symbol of absolute reality. It is also the absolute container of all that is whether manifested or unmanifested. In the purely abstract sense, it is the Great Breath, the perpetual and ceaseless motion of the universe, eternity itself – formless, immutable, eternal, the one invisible and unknowable deity.

These primordial waters of space, the Great Deep, are the archetypal Mother – water being a common symbol of nourishment and the source of life. These waters of abstract space in the highest sense are referred to as Akâsa, a primordial substance also called the Celestial Virgin-Mother of the visible universe. It is the diversification of this matter which produces every dimension on every plane.

In manifestation, this becomes the etheric web thrilling throughout every minute atom of the “shoreless sea” of space, connecting every manifested form with every other. The ether is a manifested web of life, and it affirms the fact of the one Life expressed in inconceivable diversity. This web permeates and connects every plane and therefore is key to the unimpeded relationship and wisdom which the Plan seeks to manifest. The Triangles network works within the great fabric of this web of life spanning the material, the psychological, and the spiritual. To truly work within the fabric of space, Triangles workers take their stand within this shoreless sea extending their consciousness in every direction: above, below, within, and without. But it is the group nature of the effort which truly produces that “movement upon the face of the waters” whereby Heaven manifests on Earth and Earth is raised up into Heaven.

Space, as a great symbol and ever-present fact, is our best means of comprehending the One Life, its origin, purpose, and more importantly how we, as Triangles workers, can cooperate with it.

* Zohar iii., 290 as quoted in *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. I, 356

FROM THE UNREAL TO THE REAL

It seems that humanity has reached a maximum point of identification with its vehicles of expression and many lives are focused on the things that surround them. For a great many, reality is what is perceived through the senses, that which can be seen, measured and touched. In this state of consciousness, we first notice and then react to these experiences that give us pleasure or displeasure. These, in their turn, generate forms of attachment through their attraction or repulsion; the Buddha taught that both these cravings and aversions are obstacles to achieving freedom from suffering. Due to such insatiable pursuits of individualistic pleasure and the forgetfulness of the common good, lives based on material satisfactions have led to the acute crises experienced today.

In this materialistic civilization, many are driven by a deep emptiness and feel that life is meaninglessness. There is immense suffering in this vacuum-like state, but in contrast to this negativity, a very positive change may arise. For it is here that the soul can make itself felt and thus begins a path of reflection which intensifies the search for the world of meaning. As a result, external events are no longer an exclusive focus of consciousness and that which lies behind these sensory experiences is deliberately sought. This leads us to find a greater depth and spiritual value in experiences, to gain greater knowledge and to achieve a greater focus in the world of meaning. It also allows entrance to the soul's love-wisdom, linking the material and the spiritual realms. This powerfully relates the individual to increasingly elevated aspects of spiritual life. Perhaps it is for this reason we have been told that meaning is the "antechamber of liberation" – by its discovery, we recognize the unity of life and realise that the path we now travel leads us from the individual to the universal.

One of the stated goals of spiritual teachings is “to make the world of phenomena recede into the background of consciousness whilst the world of meaning becomes more vital and real.”¹ This search impels us to question ourselves about the purpose of all our experiences and to query the meaning behind the events surrounding us. This practice leads to the recognition of the significant influences that condition our environment and to the perception of them, not as facts and circumstances, but as the manifestations of subtle energies.

Learning to penetrate external events to discover their meanings sheds light on a hidden world in order to assist in the redemptive process. The physical world is a symbol of what happens in the internal worlds, which we must observe as precisely as possible. Studying the world of meaning eventually opens the portal that leads to Life as energy itself. The group service of Triangles contributes to the redemptive process with the Light and Goodwill that it evokes and assists those who seek the world of meaning and work within it.

¹*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II, p. 141*

EXPANDING THE CIRCLE OF LOVE

A clear perception of identity is vital for groups and nations as well as for individuals, and although it is most often considered in terms of self-actualisation or self-development, the phrase 'ever-deepening identity'¹ more acutely indicates its spiritual dimension. One asks the eternal question of 'Who am I?' and the initial response may seem to be no more than a pin point of light but as our understanding deepens, so too does our ability to relate to other individuals and groups. In contrast to this, however, identities of a tribal nature between nations or between those of a different ethnicity, faith or ideology seem to be on the ascendant. The sense of belonging that is part of this group awareness operates as waves of thought, desire and emotions that have the effect of dividing and separating 'our' group from all 'other' groups.

Yet, as with everything in life, there is also another higher aspect of group awareness that is abundantly present in today's world. This is marked by a sense of identity and belonging with all who recognize and are touched by the Oneness of Life in all its rich diversity. Triangles work grows out of this sense of group awareness, identity and belonging. It affirms that at a time when forces of separation are playing a powerful role in human affairs, transforming, redeeming and uplifting forces need to be developed and employed with skill and potency. Participants come together around their shared love for the whole of planetary Life with all its subtle and un-subtle dimensions and the wish to serve and be useful to that Life.

In this way Triangles exemplifies the higher sense of group awareness characterized by the words of the Christ recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, that *where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.*² It is this universal spirit that stands at the centre of a heightened group awareness – not only greater than the sum of the parts but creating a bridge into the transcendent and the sacred spiritual dimensions. Group awareness then becomes group radiation, and when this occurs groups are able to serve as carriers of Light and Love emanating from those realms where the Ancestors, Masters and Rishis are to be found.

This group awareness holds within itself an essentially selfless quality: it retains its identity as one group with shared aims and characteristics but has a greater, overall identity with the regenerative qualities of life, and it includes all who share in the subjective service to humanity and its destined journey towards increasingly right and good relations. This is an ever-deepening identity – the more the group consciously grows into this identity, and the more those in the group attend to this growth, the greater is the expansion of group identity.

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<https://innerself.com/personal/happiness-and-self-help/life-changes/4890-no-one-is-an-island.html>

²The Bible, Matthew XVIII.20.

An Affirmation of Love

In the centre of all Love I stand.
From that centre I, the soul, will outward move.
From that centre I, the one who serves will work.
May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad
In my heart, through my group, and throughout the world.

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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