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MORE LIGHT

“Light, more light” – these are said to be Goethe’s last words on his deathbed. Was this because of something mundane like him wanting the curtains drawn back? Or was it more likely because he was responding to the now well-known and well-studied phenomenon of the near death experience when a dying person travels through a tunnel towards a being of the purest light? Whichever it was, it shows the central importance and hold that light has to us.

Our human life is characterised by an overpowering desire for light and simultaneously a gradual growth of the quality and intensity of the light that animates our being. In the dense physical world, we can see this instinctual reaching for the light beautifully symbolised in the plant kingdom. Seeds in the pure darkness of the earth germinate, react to the force of gravity, and send roots down into the soil; simultaneously they force their young shoots upwards through the resisting soil out into the open air where the sun’s light bestows the essential energy for the plant’s growth. The simile comes to mind of gravity representing a taut bow string releasing the upward arrow of the plant towards its source.

In the world of emotion, we can see the light of this realm dulled with the dark colours of base desire and selfishness. But as our desires are redeemed, so the light of this dimension becomes pure and radiant, reflecting evermore the splendour of the lighted buddhic nature of love-wisdom. In the world of the intellect, light is intimately connected with knowledge. When we grasp a new concept or begin to understand something, we say, ‘Oh I see!’ This is not just a commonplace figure of speech; it is a statement of a factual experience, and a signpost to the truth that all is light.

The world of the Soul is one in which light rules supreme. In the Bhagavad Gita, when Arjuna asks Krishna, the embodiment of the Soul, to reveal himself as he really is, the revelation that comes evokes these wondrous words: “Ah, Brighter than a Thousand Suns!” The same reaction came from Oppenheimer at the sight of the first atomic explosion in 1945, when the released Soul of the atom momentarily eclipsed all other light and gave humanity the power of death or redemption over the physical world. It is hardly necessary to observe that this is a crisis that humanity has not yet resolved finally and irrevocably on the side of the Hierarchy of Light, whose work is so focussed on the will-to-good. Its physical plane expression, a dynamic and practical goodwill, will one day care equally for all people everywhere in the world.

In our daily triangles work, we visualise the world-wide network becoming increasingly alive with the light of the Soul, underlying and supporting all the outer service work of humanity as it struggles against enormous odds to take those firm and sure steps into a future of lighted and right human relationships.

LETTING IN THE LIGHT

Many decades ago, in the difficulties of the World War years, an eminent spiritual teacher urged all those who love humanity to act with *steadfastness*, *service* and *sacrifice*. And, although the world is not at war today, at least not physically in the same way, these words seem equally appropriate in our tumultuous times. Most would agree that it requires sacrifice to stand steady in a spirit of love and not become indifferent to the injustices and deepening crises in the world. In response to the pressing needs and challenges confronting humanity, many thinking people of goodwill are learning to serve rhythmically with the ebb and flow of spiritual energy.

Many Triangles members will be familiar with the pattern of the yearly spiritual cycle. Each month, at the full moon, divine energies are available for planetary and human transformation. During these periods, there is an unimpeded alignment between the sun and our planet. And, in particular, at the time of the full moons at the Festival of Easter (*Aries*), the Festival of Wesak (*Taurus*) and the Festival of Goodwill (*Gemini*), there exists a special opportunity to co-operate. Collectively, these three spiritual Festivals constitute a “unified spiritual approach of humanity” to work at a deeper level so that the light can *shine in a dark place*.

The inflow of light into the human kingdom is not only revealing the good, the beautiful and the true, but also exposing the inadequacies in human society. It seems that all the conventional pillars of the world order are in a perilous state, whether it is in religion, economics and finance, law and order, science, or governance. The old structures have become inadequate to reflect the higher vision, and the new incoming energies require new forms through which they can work to create a better world for all people and the earth itself. There is no doubt that visionary and intuitive minds need to clearly formulate and hold before the gaze of humanity the archetypal pattern through which the new world order can emerge. And the time for this is now.

In the face of unprecedented global challenges, one of the needed services we can offer is to stand with steadfastness in the radiance of the group work and so allow the clear light of the Triangles Network to irradiate spiritual values and human choices. The Network, created and vitalised by selfless human thought over many decades, acts as a planetary interface. And it is through this portal of enlightened goodwill that the higher impressions embodying spiritual ideas can inspire the thinking needed to rebuild the shrine of human living. The brilliance of this piercing light is disturbing age-old traditions, and nothing ultimately can arrest this progress.

“Long patience will be needed. Mistakes will be made. There will be periods of indecision, of ineffective action and of negative yet deep discouragement. Workers will be prone to attitudes of despair, and at times the task will appear to them to demand too much, to be too difficult and the forces opposing what they seek to do too strong. But behind all the reconstruction with which humanity is faced is the potency of inevitable resurrection, the constant flow of enlightened thinking into and directing the mass consciousness, plus a growing realisation that humanity is not alone, that the spiritual values are the only real values, and that the Hierarchy stands, immovable in its spiritual strength, steadily oriented towards world salvation, and acting ever under the direction of that great divine yet human Leader, the Christ.”

The Externalisation of the Hierarchy, p. 487, A. A. Bailey

THE WORLD OF MEANING

The search for meaning is a defining characteristic of the human experience and key to our social, psychological, and spiritual development. But rather than an idealized quest for the ‘Holy Grail’, this search today is undertaken right where we are, mined from the quarry of the daily life. This hidden glory, once discovered, uplifts, redeems, and makes all things new.

Meaning can be examined from a variety of angles. Its common definition—as the something which a word or phrase is intended to communicate—affirms its role as the subjective or inner counterpart to the objective word-form. It is the metaphysical *substance* of every object or form. The ability to express this substance through the medium of words or speech (i.e. form), creates a veritable bridge between inner perception and outer expression.

Esoterically one could say that meaning is the noumenon (inner thought) made fully tangible through the medium of speech. As such, it fulfills the same role as the Soul in man, for the Soul or spiritual self likewise is noumenon—a product of Divine Thought—made flesh through cyclic incarnation. In a broader sense, the world of Soul is one and the same with the world of meaning; whereas the Soul is a linking agency, meaning is the substance within which the divine agent lives and moves and works.

The search for the world of meaning (which is the world of Soul) is a search for the hidden knowledge which relates to the essence of things, the key to which (occultism teaches) lies in knowledge of self. But to attain to Atma Vidya or true *Self-Knowledge*, one must go beyond individuality altogether, identifying with the great principle of Soul which resides innate in all things, which is one also with the Universal Mind. The Soul therefore relates macrocosm to microcosm, individual to group, and group to the whole. The world of meaning thus reveals the multifaceted nature of an interrelated whole.

Today, the world of meaning is emerging so rapidly that it is producing a deep and profound dissonance within the collective psyche. Without the consciousness of Soul as a mediating factor, the fire which fuels the light of meaning meets the waters of appearance and a mist or fog is produced creating distortion and moral confusion. Triangle workers play a significant role in dispelling this fog by clarifying the mental atmosphere through which we all think and see the world. The ability of Triangle members to stand daily in the light of the Soul supports an alignment within the collective human psyche. Rightly aligned, the fire and light of the higher world finds fit receptacle, and rather than distortion and delusion, the precipitation of meaning produces clarity, moral alignment, and spiritual contentment. On the plains of Earth, Heaven emerges from within the struggle and conflict.

Even on our conflicted planet, evidence abounds of this world of meaning emerging in very concrete ways: in science, religion, literature, art, music, even politics, business, and industry. Yet, its most striking emergence is perhaps in the very ordinary world of the everyday. This includes family and communal relationships, but it also involves the ideas with which the now educated and mature peoples of every country interact on a daily basis. Today, many are discovering the perennial truth: “*That which is to be revealed exists all around us, and within us.*”¹—a spiritual firmament within the world, not apart from it.

¹*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. II, p. 246, A. A. Bailey*

Triangles Webinar: Broadcast on the second Monday of every month

www.lucistrust.org/triangles/webinar

THREE SPIRITUAL FESTIVALS

The sun's symbolic passage through the zodiac brings into focus the subtle energies it represents and marks the year's spiritual progress. The higher interlude of this annual cycle begins in Aries with the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere and continues through Taurus and up to the solstice at the close of Gemini. The three festivals of Easter, Wesak and Goodwill celebrate the fresh divine energies that set the tone for the service initiatives to come.

The Easter Festival brings the restoration of life force from the mind of God, stimulating creative mental activity; the Wesak Festival follows with enlightenment emanating from the heart of God related to divine understanding and love-wisdom; and, from the will of God, the Festival of Goodwill vitalises constructive forces, synthesising energies, that help transform theoretical unity into a practical, spiritual unity – the divinity within humanity. These festivals focus on the divine vibration received and offer the opportunity to consciously engage with the renewed spiritual influences, facilitating their fuller expression in personal and group life.

Further information about the Three Spiritual Festivals, their meaning and influences is available via the links below. For information in printed form, please use the contact details at the bottom of this page.

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Festival of Easter (Aries) 12 April 2025

Festival of Wesak (Taurus) 12 May 2025

The Festival of Goodwill,
Christ's Festival and World Invocation Day (Gemini) 11 June 2025

See <https://www.lucistrust.org/events> for the actual days of the Festival Meetings held by Geneva, London & New York headquarters

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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