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Culture is esoterically related to those within any era of civilisation who specifically, precisely and in full waking consciousness, through self-initiated effort, penetrate into those inner realms of thought activity which we call the creative world. These are the realms which are responsible for the outer civilisation.

Alice A. Bailey

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

(French-English)

Dear friends,

Welcome to this World Goodwill 2022 Seminar on “In Search of a New Culture: Perspectives on Human Flourishing” in Geneva. If you live in Europe, you can attend the London session this afternoon, and the New York session this evening. Before I begin the webinar itself, let me make a few technical remarks.

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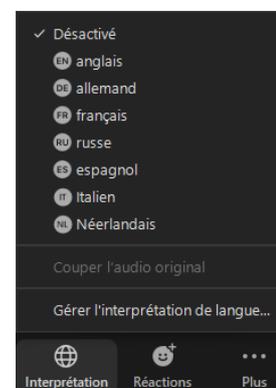
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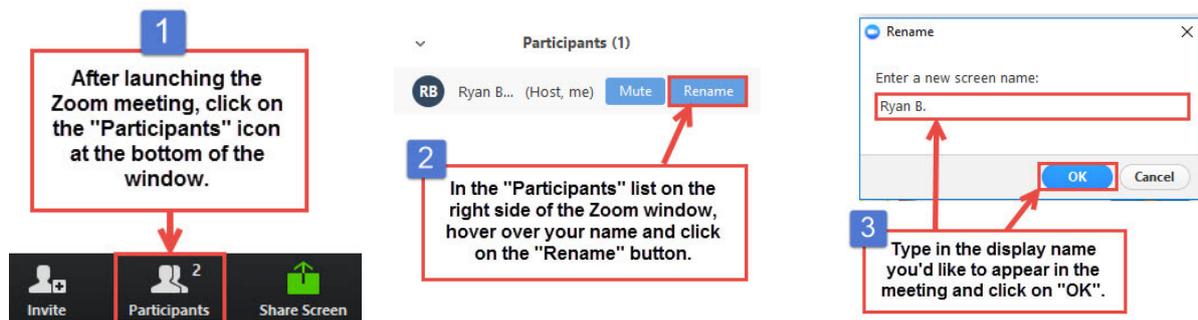
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(French)

It is a great pleasure to open this first session of the World Goodwill Seminar, which will be followed by sessions in London and New York on the same theme: In Search of a New Culture: Perspectives on Human Flourishing.

We are particularly happy to have two inspiring speakers, Franco Anesi from Italy and prof. Abdoullah Cissé from Senegal. I will only introduce them very briefly.

Franco Anesi, a professional architect, is president of the Italian Cultural Association of Triangles and World Goodwill in Italy, overseeing the monthly publication of the “Good News Agency”, and he is also an active and senior member of the Community of Living Ethics in Città della Pieve, Italy.

As you may know the Lucis Trust has for decades had links to the African continent: London for the English speaking countries, and Geneva for the French speaking countries. Thus, it is a tremendous pleasure to give this morning the floor to a speaker from the African continent, prof. Abdoullah Cissé, who is a law professor, lawyer and professional coach initiated to the enneagram and systemic analysis, two tools that enlighten his view on universal phenomena. Prof. Abdoullah Cissé is interested in Life as an Experience of Being in Existence from an African and Sufi perspective.

Before we start with our talks, I would like to make us come all together by sounding the Mantram of the New Group of World Servers.

MANTRAM OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

(French)

**May the Power of the one Life
pour through the group of all true servers.**

**May the Love of the one Soul
characterise the lives of all who seek to aid the Great Ones.**

**May I fulfil my part in the one Work through
self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech.**

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GOODWILL, THE ESSENCE OF HUMAN FLOURISHING

(French)

Vincent Claessens – World Goodwill Geneva

Our era is marked by numerous cleavages of all kinds. Not a single field of human activity is excluded from this current trend where opposites sometimes seem irreconcilable. From this point of view, the media convey a rather bleak picture of the world, characterised by conflict, violence, war, crime, etc. This picture should be put into perspective, since statistics show that in reality human relations are actually much better than before: for example, the number of war victims has been falling steadily for 40 years in a row.

Rather than broadcasting a newspaper full of bad news, it would be fair to share the good news on the 8pm-news as well. Especially since repeated exposure to images of dramatic events and scenes of violence is an obstacle to human flourishing. Psychiatrist Roberto Assagioli warns of the consequences for mental health: “All this emphasis can only serve to intensify aggression through the agency of what has been called the *‘feeding power of attention.’* It would thus be a measure of elementary psychological hygiene, of protection of our mental health, to avoid or at least greatly limit exposure to sensational accounts and illustrations of this kind. This does not mean closing our eyes to aggression and violence or ignoring their existence. It is one thing to deal with objective information about such conditions for a useful purpose, and quite another to submit ourselves, needlessly and indiscriminately, to a flood of sensational descriptions and pictures.”¹ In the age of social networks and television channels broadcasting information continuously, this advice remains all the more important to apply today.

There is a force that is never mentioned in the media, a force capable of changing the world and solving all our current crises; this force is Goodwill. It is on this force that we propose to focus our attention, and to see in what way it is an important vector of our development.

The term ‘flourishing’ was the theme of the Arcane School letter (of July 2022). It was seen that flourishing is related to the vegetable kingdom. It is said, for example, that *a flower ‘flourishes’ in sunlight.* The human being is sometimes compared metaphorically to a tree, with the spine being the trunk, the legs being the roots and the brain being the foliage. Let us add to our description that the fruits of the tree could symbolise our thoughts and the actions that follow from them. Thus, for good fruit to flourish, it is necessary *to cultivate our garden.* Let us see how...

Within the energetic anatomy of the human being, there are nerve plexuses. These are the energy centres that animate and condition the human psyche. In the Orient these are called chakras, which they symbolise in the form of lotus flowers (another reference to the plant kingdom).

Let us stop for a moment to consider the heart, which can be symbolised by a lotus with twelve petals. The heart is generally seen as the transmitter of spiritual love. For most people, love is expressed as an emotional attachment or warm feeling towards their loved ones and the higher quality of spiritual love seems too far removed from their daily lives.

1 Roberto Assagioli, *The Act of the Will*, p.69

And yet, most human beings are capable of goodwill, which is nothing other than *love in action*.² Every day, thousands of human beings, in a surge of goodwill, humbly act in silence to help their fellow human beings in one way or another.

To better understand how goodwill works, let us focus on altruism for a moment. Daniel Batson, an expert in social psychology, has studied empathy and altruism at length, and he states: “feeling empathy for someone in need creates a motivation to help that person, with self-benefits not being the ultimate goal of helping, but unintended consequences”.³ This theory, originally proposed to explain the relationship of helping, implies that pure altruism is possible and that psychological selfishness is a mistake. We understand it all the better if our logical reasoning focuses on the interdependence which is the foundation of all relationships.

This awareness of interdependence is the common factor in all traditional societies. The harsh living conditions faced by these thousand-year-old societies implied, as a matter of course, an implicit solidarity between each member of the community. It was a matter of survival.

Today, individualism strongly permeates Western civilisation. This is not only due to our capitalist ideology. Indeed, we notice that in any society that reaches a certain degree of material ease and comfort, the social link tends to weaken. No longer needing others to ensure survival, solidarity declines and 'every man for himself' becomes the rule. But this narrow vision is now showing its limits. In the face of climate disasters that follow one another at an exponential rate, we are once again becoming aware of the fragility of life and are beginning to understand that a new solidarity is necessary for our survival.

The global challenges are such that it is crucial that a new culture emerges; a culture based on brotherhood and solidarity. It is the role of the media to make us see what is happening on the five continents so that everyone realises the links of interdependence. With this inclusive consciousness, we will all be led to achieve planetary solidarity.

It is somewhat apparent during major humanitarian disasters where help from all over the world comes spontaneously. Think, for example, of the Tsunami that swept through several Asian countries in 2004. The collective reaction turned out to be the largest mobilisation of mutual aid of all time. In extreme situations, human beings are capable of goodwill. A genuine desire to help leads them to reach out to others in need. But as soon as normal life resumes, the old individualistic habits reappear.

It is therefore necessary to see what are the obstacles to goodwill, altruism and fulfillment, since all this is linked:

In the first place, there is fear in all its forms: anxiety about the future, apprehension about economic crises, fear of foreigners, terror about crime... Faced with this psychic poison, the first thing to do, Assagioli tells us, “...the first and pressing thing to do is to avoid exacerbating and feeding these fears with unfounded prophecies of catastrophe and to turn our attention purposefully and firmly to areas that are positive and constructive. It

² A well-known expression from the teachings of Alice Bailey

³ Batson & Shaw 1991, p. 114

is only as we free ourselves from the overwhelming sweep of collective panic about all of this vital issue that we are truly able to do something about them.”⁴

Then comes a second poison: depression and discouragement. These are major obstacles to fulfilment, but also to the expression of goodwill, because they nourish a pessimistic vision of life, and a despair in the face of the future which undermines any momentum of goodwill. The individual then withdraws into himself, creating a sense of worthlessness and frustration which in turn feeds depression. As the Yogas Sutras suggest regarding the obstacles to union, and thus to fulfilment, “... they can be overcome by an opposing mental attitude.” (Sutra 10, II) We must therefore cultivate a positive attitude towards ourselves, towards the future, and towards life.

Another widespread psychological poison is greed, the expression of selfish desire. For the Buddha, this is the source of all suffering. This desire is expressed in our consumer habits where one object replaces another, without ever bringing us real satisfaction. Our behaviour in our leisure time also shows that we seek one experience of pleasure, then move on to another even more sensational one, all in a mad rush where the novelty quickly chases away the present experience in order to arouse desire again. This vicious circle has serious consequences for our environment. Our planet is saturated with these regular consumer objects, a consequence of this frenzy.

It is not a question of repressing all our desires, but of skilfully regulating their manifestations. So let us ask ourselves the question: What is more important, satisfying a thousand desires or mastering just one?

The philosopher Epictetus gives us an uncompromising answer, saying: “Happiness does not consist in acquiring and enjoying, but in desiring nothing, for it consists in being free.” Here we should make a clear distinction between love and desire. Desire leads to attachment and enslaves us, whereas love sets us free. *Love is the light of freedom for all forms of life.*

Let us return to goodwill to make another important distinction. Roberto Assagioli, in his profound study of the will and its manifestations, has discerned the strong will, the skilful will and the good will. He adds: “Even when the will is endowed with both strength and skill, it is not always satisfactory. In fact, it may even be a very harmful weapon, for if such a will is directed toward evil ends, it becomes a serious danger to society. ...

There are two great laws which operate in the physical and in the psychological worlds: the Law of action and reaction, and the Law of rhythm and equilibrium. Through their operation, those who cause harm attract harm upon themselves... . Because of the working of these laws, the will, to be fulfilling, must be good. Thus, good will is both desirable and ultimately inevitable. It may therefore be stated that learning to choose right goals is an essential aspect of training of the will. It is necessary, both for the general welfare and for our own, that our will be good as well as strong and skilful.”⁵

A final obstacle to the expression of goodwill in the world is the lack of understanding of others. It is linked to the self-centredness of individuals, groups and many nations. To remedy this, we need a minimum of will to understand. For this, we need knowledge of the various psychological types, but above all we need empathy. This is a prerequisite for

4 Roberto Assagioli, *La volonté libératrice*, p.69

5 Roberto Assagioli, *The Act of Will*, p.22

genuine understanding of others. The tendency to judge or criticise disappears thanks to the deeper understanding generated by empathy, the feeling of communion and brotherhood. From then on we become truly active in our lives in a positive sense, because goodwill is “a will that chooses and wants the good.”⁶

If I have voluntarily brought together the terms *altruism* and *goodwill*, it is because they are inseparable and even quite similar in their definition; altruism being “the disinterested concern for the good of others.”⁷

The Buddhist monk Matthieu Ricard has written a well-documented book, *A Plea for Altruism (psychology of kindness)*, in which he answers the question: “To be happy, is it better to take care of others or to think exclusively of oneself? Research in social psychology has clearly shown that the satisfaction generated by egocentric activities is less than that derived from altruistic activities.” (p.342) In other words, altruism is one of the main sources of happiness and fulfilment in human beings.

Goodwill is a willingness to act for the good. It is an active force whose action is constructive, capable of bringing about a new world. This implies the development of a new culture; a culture that replaces competition with collaboration, indifference with empathy, selfish individualism with altruism and brotherhood. This new culture will emphasise goodwill, and knowing that goodwill is contagious, examples of right human relations will flourish in the media landscape. This is the wish that we can make if we choose now to cultivate a positive and constructive vision for the future.

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6 Roberto Assagioli, *The Act of Will*, p.85

7 Larousse, Dictionary

[Intro in English] **Franco Anesi** serves (Città della Pieve, Italy) a freelance architect, has been working for more than 20 years in the Living Ethics Community Association (CLE) of Città della Pieve, Italy, founded in 1981 on Roberto Assagioli's Teaching of Psychosynthesis and Creative Meditation. He graduated in Architecture from the University of Florence in 1982 and has been practicing architecture since 1983. He is involved in the educational activities of the CLE as a teacher in the School of Creative Meditation and the Academy of Psychoenergetics. He has been engaged as designer and construction manager of the construction of the Community's various activity centers. Since 2017, he has been president of the Italian Cultural Association of Triangles and World Goodwill overseeing the monthly publication of "Good News Agency," an online bulletin for the spreading of good news and a culture of peace through Goodwill in action.

A NEW CULTURE, A NEW CIVILISATION: BUILDING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE EVOLUTIONARY PLAN AND THE HUMAN RESPONSE

(Italian)

Franco Anesi - Città della Pieve, Italy

Approaching **the theme of a New Culture**, capable of generating a new human civilisation, has become decisive today in order to mark a turning point in the course of human affairs and the life of the Planet, which, we may recall, is the Great Being in which we live, move and have our being. We are talking about a New Culture, which is indeed new compared to an era that from the point of view of consciousness we can define as almost decadent, in spite of an existence apparently marked by progress and development, for that matter linked to the material conditions of existence, and with strong inequalities in the possibility of enjoying the benefits that come with it. This New Culture, if we try to refer it to something deeper and more substantial, is actually the restoration of an ancient Culture, coming from the Ancient Wisdom from which Humanity has progressively moved away in these modern times. This new, and at the same time eternal Culture, is the sum total of the best thoughts, the best feelings, the best actions that over the centuries men have been able to express in the service of the improvement and progress of human and planetary life, when inspired by the indications of life coming from the Wisdom Teachings. This is how Nicholas Roerich conceived it, who not surprisingly linked Culture in an inseparable pair with peace: "Where there is Culture there is Peace, where there is Peace there is Culture." In Roerich's conception, civilisations are the fruit, the formal expression of higher and elevated states of consciousness understood as Culture: Culture "smells of eternity," civilisations succeed each other, are born, develop, reach their climax and then decay according to the cycles of manifestation and according to their own connection to the deep magnet of Culture, which is nothing but the secret yet powerful contact between the Source of inspiration, the spiritual Hierarchy, and the part of Humanity capable of grasping its influence and direction.

This Culture, thus understood, is not the result of chance, but can be conceived as a design, a project, an inner intent that demands and imposes an outer manifestation: in other words, Culture is an expression of a Plan, and with this hypothesis I want to deal in this talk.

The assumption from which we can start is the existence of this Plan, and of its necessity for understanding, acceptance and manifestation, as described by Master D.K. in His Teaching: in some of the most significant passages of His dispensations, there is explicit

mention of the urgency for Humanity to adhere to this Plan, to make it its own, to recognise it as the very means of its own possible evolution. The Plan is not a set of rules and precepts, but a living mental substance of a higher quality, made available to human minds/consciousness willing to be permeated by it and to transform their lives according to the “will of this higher energy.”

A direct testimony to this need and pressure came to us a few days ago from the determination that 150 states, on the margins of an international conference convened by UNESCO at the end of September, to define Culture as “a global public good,” with the demand that Culture may become in the new cycle an additional and specific sustainable development goal of the Agenda that will complement and replace the 2030 Agenda, defining the theme of cultural rights, social and economic rights of artists, freedom, the protection rights of indigenous communities and more. Behind what is being affirmed in form, the higher and unifying will is pressing that the New Culture become the most powerful expression of the divine evolutionary Plan for Humanity.

The issues I would then like to address in this talk are:

1. The existence of the evolutionary Plan.
2. How to convey it.
3. What values and what steps to take.

1) How can we understand the Plan, which is living substance made available by the spiritual Hierarchy for men and women of good will? We know from the Teaching of Master D.K. that every living reality is an expression of a combination of the seven energies, or Rays, in which the One Life manifests itself in form. Therefore, the Plan too, as a conscious contribution to this reality will be divided into seven parts, in seven aspects, or seven goals, summarised and synthesised in a single main goal, the Return of Christ, a crucial part of the project of exteriorisation of the Hierarchy and the central event for the new world and the realisation of the Kingdom of God on Earth, or Kingdom of Souls, or New Jerusalem.

What are the seven goals?

According to Enzo Savoini, a great Italian disciple and thinker who lived in the last century, they can be thus expressed and defined as “Far-off goals,” meaning that they will come to fruition in a long process :

Restoration of the Mysteries
The Return of the Christ (New Kingdom of Souls)
Group Initiation
Imitation of the Hierarchy
New Culture New Civilisation
New World Religion
Order Restoration of the Plan (New World Order)

2) As can be seen, the goals of the Plan thus presented have an esoteric matrix and definition, at least the first four, useful in the space of consciousness that we can define as the New Group of World Servers. But how can it be possible to transmit

them, to make them understood and accepted outside esoteric groups and to make them become cultural heritage as widespread as possible?

How can human consciousnesses be led to participate in this Plan, to serve these goals in daily life, with increasing awareness even in the absence of esoteric knowledge and participation in oriented, structured and dedicated groups?

A possible “translation” work is envisaged, fostering harmonious transmission between the greater and the lesser through a central point where it is possible to meet. Goals can be “translated” and rendered into accessible language: evolutionary possibilities can be grasped, here and now, wherever we are in our living reality, in the work of daily life, in the system of all personal, social, national, relationships, etc..

How could we describe these seven goals and make them “desirable,” as cornerstones of a new unifying culture? Let us try to present them as possibilities, as keys to open a door to a new dimension of planetary life, based on the qualities expressed by seven great energies:

will, love, light, harmony, knowledge, idealism, order.

It is therefore intended to present the hypothesis that the expression of these seven great energies can form an evolutionary plan, as a spiritual “road map” for human consciousness and for a new culture.

This presentation is intended to offer a simple key to enter the energy field of each Goal. This key will allow us to open a door in our consciousness, and then walk step by step to the awareness of the higher level: thus, the Goal is the cause, the key is the effect that opens the door to a new culture.

First key: the sense of the sacred. It is possible to begin to recognise the meaning of life as a sacred thing. This renewed sense of the sacred, which does not refer to a particular religious vision, can mark thoughts, words and behaviours. Everyone is free to commit to putting the sacredness of life, and even its very mystery, at the centre of his or her thoughts, feelings and actions. We can pay attention to the value of the sacred, whenever, wherever and for everything: when we start building a simple house or cathedral, when we eat, when we meet someone. Each day can be experienced as the experience of building a temple. By following the sense of the sacred, we can step by step feel the attraction of the great magnets represented by the Mysteries. Thus, for example, the Mystery of the Two Origins will guide us toward a sacred perception of the relationship between man and woman. The Mystery of the Power of the Heart of the Sun will guide us into the sacred perception of the value of the centre and the value of the heart. The Mystery of the Law of Rebirth will guide us in the search for the continuity of consciousness. At the end of this process, we will recognise and “desire” the living presence of a general higher power.

Goal One:	Restoration of the mysteries
Key:	Sense of the sacred
Doorway:	Finding our way back to the sacred mystery of all life.

Second key - Guiding principle. Each of us can develop the perception that we are guided, that we have within us, at the highest point of recognition, a common purpose, a

guiding principle, as if it were a stable light on our path, a real sun, capable of nourishing, warming and illuminating. To this guiding principle we first give the name Inner Master, the Centre of our Consciousness, the Presence, the Soul. By following the magnetic power of the guiding principle we discover step by step the magnetic power of a Spiritual Chain, which is able to connect every centre. By accepting the inner power of the guiding principle within us, we will be able to accept, obey and follow the higher loving power of the possible Guides reappearing for humanity. By recognising and connecting love to the centre of every human heart, we begin to create a new life field, which is the bridge of consciousness between two levels of human life: the fourth and fifth realms. The fifth kingdom is also called the kingdom of souls: this realm is not a fantasy, it is the field of a renewed life of human beings capable of living and behaving according to the qualities and values of that level of consciousness we will call soul. We are preparing this field capable of receiving and welcoming the reappearance of the Christ consciousness as the higher guiding principle of a humanity “guided from within.” Thus we can be in touch with and enter the love field of the Christ consciousness.

Goal Two: Return of the Christ - Kingdom of Souls.
 Key: Guiding principle
 Doorway: Recognising and connecting love at the centre of all human hearts.

Third key - Common good and cooperation. This key concerns what the teaching of Agni Yoga describes as the “transformation from the I to the us.” This process can first begin and establish itself within the newly awakened human group. The group tends to recognise itself definitively as such and begins to perceive the existence of group life as that of a living entity beginning its own development and growth. A new way of thinking and feeling begins to manifest itself that directs the process toward the affirmation of a common good capable of containing the individual good: the individual good is no longer the main goal, but a part of the goal of the common good. The group perceives the existence of a vital and creative centre that cares for the growth of the whole and develops a sense of certain affinity among its participants. Cooperation begins to replace competition, combined with better understanding and wider sharing. Cooperation will be the resulting response to this developing energy.

Goal Three: Group Progress (Group Initiation)
 Key: Common good and cooperation
 Doorway: Building the network of human cooperation through group activity.

Fourth key - New Art of Living. One can begin to experience a new Art of Living, whose energetic centre is the very evolution of consciousness, of awareness. One is guided by the imitation of higher, certainly broader and more inclusive patterns of Life, where every relationship between the various parts is marked by the search for harmony and right proportions, where large and small cooperate, recognise and help each other. The new Art of Living is the progressive art of recognising and then overcoming dualities and conflicts; it is the art that enables us to build bridges within every situation and relationship. The new Art of Living is the art of raising one's eyes to the sky, to the solar system itself, to the wonderful dance of the universe, and finding there the instructions for human development; and meanwhile taking care of the other realms, so that

Humanity can be the intermediate evolutionary point between earth and sky. Thus, step by step, influenced by the inner power of the first three main goals, we enter into the living experience of the fourth goal: the imitation of the higher patterns of life, remembering the actual, very simple and direct meaning of the chain of consciousnesses that spiritual teachings call "Hierarchy:" coordinated cooperation for the purpose.

Goal Four: Imitation of the Hierarchy
Key: New art of living
Doorway: Living life on Earth through balanced and harmonious relationships.

Fifth key: unity in diversity. We set out to understand how a new human civilisation cannot ignore a new vision of culture. A culture capable of instilling the values of unity in diversity, freedom, cooperation and beauty as cornerstones in the process of regeneration of the world. This new culture will be the origin of a new civilisation. One begins to understand the value of one's own work, sees oneself as part of a greater work, and perceives the existence of a network of other groups at work, in the various fields of human activity, united by a common commitment to the birth of this renewed human civilisation. Consciousness begins to perceive the essential unity that holds all the infinite forms of Life together, and this awareness of the essential unity of Life will be the main pillar of a renewed Human Culture. Respect for and appreciation of every human expression, in every field of activity, will form the basis of a new awareness. This awareness, combined with the ability to work in this direction, will usher in the establishment of a new Human Culture.

Goal Five: New Culture, New Civilisation.
Key: Unity in diversity
Doorway : Building the bridges between different/unique expressions and the essential unity underlying all life.

Sixth key - Inner essence and divinity. We can learn and experience a new level of communication within ourselves and within the life and relationships of the human group. We learn to communicate with our inner essence, with the core of power, love and intelligence inherent in every living creature. Especially within a group process we can increasingly feel a sense of deep unity and a sense of new humanity that will help us recognise and honour the same sense of unity in other groups, with whom we will learn to communicate on the level of essence and not form. By recognising and honouring the "God in me," each individual becomes capable of recognising and honouring the "God in you," and we can experience the living presence of an energy that we can call, according to the Agni Yoga definition, the canon "For your God". The living exchange of this energy will create the foundation of the Sixth Goal: New World Religion, based on the living guidance of Heaven and the vibrant response of every human heart capable of recognising and resonating to the principle of Essential Divinity.

Goal Six: New World Religion
Key: Inner essence and divinity
Doorway: Building the new religion based on essential and universal divinity.

Seventh Key: Return to Nature. One begins to experience the special energy of synthesis, the force, still so new, that characterises our time. Synthesis of ideas, words, feelings and actions. Synthesis between one's aspiration to be useful to human progress and the ability to transfer it into daily, stable and rhythmic action within a group. As individuals and as a human group, we will rediscover the law of balance and the natural order of life and gain full awareness of being part of planetary life, to serve to the best of our ability. Every effort must be made in our consciousness to re-connect Heaven and Earth, Father and Mother, Spirit and Matter, according to the great Law, "As in Heaven, so on Earth." It is a time of re-union; what is within us must be connected and expressed through external life choices. Consistency will be one of the main values of this time of change. Respect, living attention to Nature, to the Universal Laws of Balance, a return to a life based on the natural rhythm, only these can save humanity. The vibration of this particular energy will enable us to achieve the search and desire for the new order, which is also the restoration of an order from which we have drifted as human beings. We must reconnect to the true evolutionary direction, guided by synthesis, balance, harmonious and sustainable development.

Seventh Goal: Restoration of the Plan (New World Order)

Key: Return to nature

Doorway: Re-connecting with the rhythm and nature of the Planet, the Universe and the Plan.

This then is a possible sequence, possible in fact and not only in intent, possible through the formation of small or large models to make it attractive and magnetic:
Sense of the sacred, guiding principle, common good and cooperation, art of living, unity in diversity, sense of inner divinity, natural life, rhythm and sense of cycles.

This is what the Plan envisions in simple and direct words that can become concrete practices and expressions, examples, accessible efforts for everyone in their own living reality. Such an understanding of the Plan can create a bridge, a synthesis, a communication between three groups of human beings, defined by Master D.K. as follows:

- those not yet awakened to ego consciousness: the "darkened sparks"
- the awakened individualities: the "feeble lights"
- the awakened to soul knowledge: the "radiant children of Light."

Here then are seven concrete goals for the affirmation of a unifying Culture in respect and appreciation of all diversity.

3) Once these seven possible objectives have been broadly communicated, some corresponding guiding values can be declined for each one, capable in turn of guiding seven main fields of human activity from within.

These values also become "cultural," in the sense that they are proposed as universally recognisable and shareable. Here, too, a sequence of values can be hypothesised, referring to the sequence of the seven goals of the Plan and the seven vital energies contained in

them: will, love, light-intelligence, harmony, knowledge, idealism and order:
Here is the sequence:

freedom, openness of heart, equality and fair distribution, beauty, creative thinking, truth and synthesis.

These values in turn will be able to characterise and guide from within seven main fields of human activity, namely:

politics, education, economics, art, science-work, communication and organisation.

The values, understood as cultural according to the present reasoning, are likewise the qualities to be embodied and not merely declared, and may constitute the human response to the deep stresses of the Evolutionary Plan. Let us always remember how the reconstruction of the World, called for in the Agni Yoga texts, is in fact the reconstruction of the values of Culture, contained in the great symbol of the Banner of Peace. The values must be easy to understand, not questionable on the level of form, and above all unifying.

Having built this ideal bridge between seven goals of the Plan, seven expressions of them in language aimed at the many who can understand it, seven guiding values and seven fields of activity also intended as fields of service, there remain some steps to be taken in conscience, individually and collectively:

The first basic step concerns commitment. What can human beings commit to do for the betterment of life? Humanity has fought for, and won, the affirmation of human rights. Why not imagine now that the next step in this great achievement cannot be a shared Charter of Duties and Commitments, seen as an evolution of the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals itself. A great contribution can be given by the groups of World Servers to individuals, groups, and world organisations for the shared declination of a new sense of duty, freely chosen and accepted, and not imposed, as one of the key points of the future.

A second step in terms of consciousness will be the opening to Heaven and Infinity, to Space, not so much in terms of just the conquests of new knowledge and possibilities of material exploration, but as the ability to put the universal laws of balance, harmony and higher psycho-geometry to guide human laws and behaviour. Of course, a planetary consciousness must first be developed, but planetary consciousness is the child of consciousness that opens itself to infinite beauty, sacred geometry, and to the higher order of the Cosmos.

An essential third step will be a sense of continuity and of the future. Man and women will have to learn to cooperate with the evolutionary plan, even before knowing it fully, and learn to instruct future generations, entrusting them with the task of continuing the works of planetary life-improvement that have already begun. Life manifests itself in continuity even though it is constantly changing, and the transition in consciousness to continuity, to a work that can unfold over the centuries, as was the case with the construction of the great Gothic cathedrals in Europe, will be able to ensure the very success of the Plan.

Other “inner facts” of New Culture will follow, as already indicated by the Teachings:
- **the acceptance and proof of the existence of the soul,** which alone will lead to a

radical revision of perspectives and choices in such fields as education and schooling, healing, the relationship with illness and suffering, and more.

- **the understanding and acceptance of the law of cause and effect**, which will trigger and consolidate over time a need for direct assumption of responsibility, individually and collectively.

- **the progressive and conscious experimentation with the law “energy follows thought,”** with the taking of responsibility for the activity of thought, connected with the development of creative imagination, meditation and creative thinking, to the work on forms guided by the awareness of the energies contained in them.

- **the understanding of space as a living entity**, and not as an empty container. A new science of space (psycho-geometry) will be born that will regard it as the universal container of life and the seven energies with their infinite combinations. The subtle quality of space, created by our thoughts, our emotions and feelings, and our consequent actions, will become preeminent and prioritised.

- finally, **the art of focusing will be developed, understood as the ability to guide group, family, social, national, international evolutionary processes.** A new form of leadership, no longer based on power and governance as we have understood them so far, but on the harmonious and shared development of each person's talents.

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The Light of Love

(French)

Abdoullah Cisse (Dakar, Senegal)

“You can only see well with your heart.
What is essential is invisible to the eyes”
A. Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*

Dear Participants

Dear sisters and brothers of the human family,

I am both delighted and honoured to take part in this edition of the Goodwill Forum to make the breath of a small wind heard from Africa. I thank my brother and friend Vincent Claessens for having associated me with your sharing, whom I knew through his magnificent book entitled “The Mosaic of Being”.

Like you, ladies and gentlemen, I dream of living in a world where “each human being will have the possibility of blossoming or flourishing in the Light Supreme” (cf. Arcane School). It is this Supreme Light, which is also the Light of Love, that is the primary source of fulfilment.

The part of me that is a teacher and trainer is very sensitive to the forward-looking vision that works towards “flourishing as the main goal of education” (see the research project associated with the UNESCO Future of Education initiative).

In Sufi spiritual practice, meditation rituals are consecrated to the invocation of the “Beautiful Divine Names”. Among these names, which constitute a homogeneous set of 99 Names, two have always fascinated me: Light (An-Nour) and Love (Al-Wadoud). With time and experience, I understood that the Love of Light allow us to see, with the eye of the heart, the Light of Love.

Verse 35 of Sura 24 An-Nur of the Qur'an states: “Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. His light is like a niche with a lamp in it. The lamp is in a crystal vessel, and the crystal vessel is like a star of great brilliance; its fuel comes from a blessed tree: an olive tree, neither eastern nor western, whose oil seems to give light without the fire even touching it. Light upon light. Allah guides to His light whom He wills. Allah offers men parables and Allah is Omniscient” (Translation M. Hamidullah).

In Surah 85 Al-Buruj, The Constellations, verse 14, it says: “And it is He (...) Al-Wadoud, The All- Affectionate (He loves much)”.

The Light of Love is a true mystery, of which only certain aspects are revealed by those who have experienced fulfilment throughout the evolution of humanity.

There are three dimensions that can be used to illustrate the mystery of the Light of Love:

1) **Quantum** - The Light of Love is a quantum, subtle, mysterious light (Dictionary *The Robert*: “that by which things are illuminated”). It is not a light that one perceives with the normal eye; it can only be apprehended by an open heart, illuminated by this same light of love. It is indeed the Light of Love that can be seen in consciousness because it is pure consciousness. This is why the use of parables is almost unavoidable, as the Koran does in the verse of the Light. All the traditions and civilisations of the world have each been inspired with a recipe for connecting to this Light of Love and receiving the gift of fulfilment in the form of unconditional love, intense joy and lasting peace. Their diverse contributions to the common heritage of humanity are like facets of a crystal whose beauty lies in the coherent unity of its different components. When the spirit of competition or exclusivity overtakes the custodians, a thick fog covers the crystal and keeps humans and the earth from flourishing. The Light of Love is the natural state of beings, for they are all born of it. When the need for love and light is positively satisfied in human individuals and communities, fulfilment is within their reach. When the need for love and light is positively fulfilled in individuals and communities, fulfilment is within reach, but when it is negatively fulfilled, fulfilment moves away and humanity enters a vicious cycle of wars, exploitation, aggression, hatred and intolerance. It is important to remember that unconditional love is the key to satisfying the need for love and light, which leads to fulfilment. Conditional love, which is antithetical to the very notion of love, is the gateway to cycles of non-fulfilment, in this case failure and despair.

2) **Divine matrix** - The Light of Love can be seen as:

- “Dark matter” which allows the creation of life from what is called nothingness for lack of a better term, but which refers to this emptiness full of all possibilities;
- “black light” which illuminates the invisible and the possible without which the very notion of life cannot be apprehended;
- a “black hole” that sucks in what exists and constantly renews it in a mysterious alchemy that lies beyond the mind and our primary senses.

It is omnipresent in the Divine Matrix as a substrate and constitutes both the source and the binder of all possibilities in existence. To achieve fulfilment is to be connected to the Divine Matrix, to the Supreme Light, to the Light of Love.

3) **Pure Consciousness** - The Light of Love is the light of Consciousness that allows the Being to Experience himself in Existence to access fulfilment. In this, it is three-dimensional and is embodied through the law of the three forces of the universe. Its apprehension is complex because it has three autonomous but interdependent dimensions which are respectively the Spirit, the Soul and the Body. In other words, the Light of Love illuminates and gives life to our thoughts, emotions and behaviour. The index of computation or consciousness is fed by the energy of the Light of Love. It is this light that underlies the autonomous brain and all the automatisms that we call unconscious and which in reality express the posture of servitude and subordination that binds us to the Source, to the Creator of All That Is, He who created from His Light, the Light of Love. Under this paradigm, fulfilment refers to an alignment of body, soul and spirit with the frequency of the Light of Love. It is then the work of self-awareness that is essential to the experience of fulfilment, yet it still seeks its rightful place in the lives of individuals and nations. Did Hawkins not say that in order to evolve the collective

consciousness, it is only necessary to have 2% of conscious people to trigger a change. 2% of conscious humanity can serve as a locomotive to pull the rest of their fellow human beings along the path to fulfilment.

By placing ourselves in the position of observer-witness and under the prism of the law of the three forces, the Light of Love appears to us under three complementary and enlightening realities: form, norm and dogma. Knowledge of these three dimensions facilitates awareness of the Light of Love and brings us closer to the path of fulfilment.

I- Form: The universe is the manifested consciousness of the Light of Love

The Light of Love is the source of infinite consciousness even though we see only a reflection of it. Existence is a pale reflection of Being. We are in contact with manifested consciousness.

When we come into contact with the source of consciousness, we are dissolved, annihilated and resurrected as a being of light like the drop of water returning to the ocean.

This is the meaning of the process of personal transformation or disidentification from existence that allows reconnection to Being, to the Light of Love in its pure state.

However, more and more people are afraid to face the work of transformation that makes them fit to embrace the Light of Love. They are content to live as caterpillars who are afraid of becoming a chrysalis when their vocation is to be butterflies. The mystic Rumi encourages us in these words:

“Enter the lion's jungle!
Don't think about injuries!
Fearful thoughts are
The ghosts of the mind!
No one is hurt in this jungle.
All is love and compassion.
It is fear that holds you back,
Like a bar on the door.”

Fulfilment is the culmination of the process of transformation of the body (caterpillar), through the soul (chrysalis) to the spirit (butterfly) knowing that the three dimensions together form one and the same reality.

Selfish individualism, the excesses of the consumer society, the spirit of competition, conditional love, intolerance, aggression and violence in all their forms are the obstacles that block the doors of fulfilment and human evolution.

II- Norm: The Light of Love is the Law of Existence

The cosmic order of the universe, in all that is visible and invisible, past and future, above and below, shadow and light, in all that is the “I”, the “Self” and the “King”, in all that is expressed in the eternity of the present moment, this cosmic order is the law of the Light of Love.

The universal Spirit, the Soul of the world, the condensed energy that appears to us as matter obeys the law of the Light of Love.

This macrocosm is found as a fractal in each microcosm according to mysterious dosages and original variants, in the form of spirit, soul and/or body in the mineral, vegetable, animal, human and spiritual worlds.

All existence, all the universe, in short, all creation obeys the Force of the Law of Love, three laws (force, law, love) which draw from the source of the Light of Love and maintain the mysterious perfection of Existence.

Respecting the laws of nature is also a requirement for anyone who wants to achieve fulfilment. We are part of a whole and fulfilment can only be conceived in a totalising, unitary perspective. No one can be fulfilled if the others are not. Hence the importance of World Goodwill Forums to raise the consciousness of the 2% of humanity in the hope of creating a global movement, whose level of consciousness is sufficiently powerful to connect to the Light of Love.

III- Dogma: Existence is an experience of the Light of Love

It is this experience that we call Life or the Living. We find it difficult to apprehend it because we are a component of it and at the same time we constitute a prototype microcosm which has all the qualities of the macrocosm. Only, the human person without consciousness, does not have the access codes to the constituents of his body compiled in a sacred book, the DNA, whose lines are spread out in each human being (1.9m of DNA x 75 billion cells = 142.5 billion m of DNA, i.e. 142.5 million km) and whose length is about 375 times the distance between the earth and the moon (380,000 km) according to mathematicians.

To realise oneself is to become sovereign over this body-universe which symbolises the whole of Existence.

Our personality serves as an anchor for our consciousness. Its path allows one to emerge from the darkness to the Light of Love from which it springs, from duality to unity, from the darkness of carelessness to unitary cosmic consciousness.

Through the work of consciousness, through the different paths that the Light of Love has authorised on the planet, all legitimate without discrimination, the person returns to the source, the Light of Love. The human person is really only the Light of Love experiencing existence. His bridging personality simultaneously shields him and maintains the illusion of duality within him. By succeeding in changing the centre of gravity and paradigm, through his/her heart and body, his/her soul and mind, (s)he discovers the unitary consciousness. It is this very consciousness that reveals to him/her that the Universe is perfection, freedom and originality, that it is non-duality and non-separation and that it follows a plan, that of the Light of Love which travels from the state of being of unmanifested light to manifested existence through the experience of Love becoming lived reality.

As we see, the origin, the terminus and the journey are all One, the Light of Love being only the hidden face of the ONE and the flourishing its visible face. When the Light of Love meets the Light reflected by the eyes of Man, then flourishing (fulfilment) is accomplished. This is the meaning of flourishing understood as meaning, as direction and as a feeling of fullness, inseparable from the experience of the Light of Love of which it is the ultimate outcome.

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PLENARY DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKERS

(English – with interpretation into French, Spanish, Russian)

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VISUALISATION
HUMAN FLOURISHING
(Dutch)

This year we use a visualisation which is an adaptation from a text from the book *Glamour – A World Problem* (p150-51).

Seek a comfortable position, breathing regularly and calmly.

“We come and stand. Within the midst of whirling forms—some of beauty rare and some of horror and despair—we stand.

We look not here or there but, with our faces turned towards the light, we stand.

Thus through our minds the pure light streams to dissipate the fogs.

We come and rest. We cease our outer labours, pausing to do a different work. Within our hearts is rest.

We run not here and there, but constitute a point of peace and rest.

That which upon the surface veils and hides the real begins to disappear and from the heart at rest a beam of dissipating force projects, blends with the shining light and then the mists of man's creation disappear.

We come and we observe.

We own the eye of vision; likewise we own the right direction of the needed force.

We see the glamour of the world, and seeing, we note behind it all the true, the beautiful, the real.

Thus through the eye of Buddhi comes the power to drive away the veiling, swirling glammers of that glamorous world.

We stand, we rest, and we observe.

Such are our lives and such the service that we render to the souls of men”.

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DISCUSSION LANGUAGE GROUPS

(French)

We are now going to have group discussions in what are called “breakout rooms”. Here you will be with a group of people whose language you share (English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch or Russian).

You will be assigned to a room of your language based on your name, which you have changed beforehand. If you have not yet changed your name to indicate your language preference (as indicated on page 4), please do so now.

During the discussion, we suggest that you:

- Activate your camera (unless you prefer not to).
- Turn on your microphone.

Please designate one person - preferably speaking English in addition to the main language of the group - as a rapporteur. There will be no plenary sharing, but we invite you – if you wish, of course – to share the conclusions of your discussions by sending a short summary (preferably in English, but if not in your own language) to: geneva@lucistrust.org. We will share a compilation of all the summaries by e-mail to the participants of this World Goodwill Seminar.

We will have about an hour of group discussion, after which we will all return to the main meeting.

To enter a breakout room, you will see a pop-up window with the following question:

“You have been assigned to room:
Room Name”

followed by a button “Join Breakout Room”

To join, please click on this button.

To leave a breakout room:

1. Click Exit Breakout Room.



2. You can leave the breakout room and return to the main meeting session at any time.

When the moderator ends these breakout sessions, you will be notified and given the option of returning to the main room immediately or allowing 60 seconds to elapse.

We invite you to choose one (or maximum two) discussion topics from the following list of themes – of course you may also discuss the main theme of this World Goodwill Seminar

“In Search of a New Culture: Perspectives on Human Flourishing”:

1. **How can we use the imagination to help creating a new world, a new culture?**
2. **Love is an often used word. What is necessary, to be able to use love as the energy to create the one world, to create right relationships between all people and nations?**
3. **What kind of culture promotes human flourishing?**

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GROUP MEDITATION: WORLD GOODWILL

(Spanish)

STRENGTHENING THE HANDS OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

I. GROUP FUSION

We recognise our place, as a group, within the heart centre of the group of world servers:

I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs.

May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them.

May the strength which is in me lift and aid them.

May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.

II. ALIGNMENT

Mentally extend a line of lighted energy towards the planetary heart centre – the spiritual Hierarchy; to the Christ, the “heart of love” within the spiritual Hierarchy; and towards the planetary head centre – the centre where the will of God is known.

III. HIGHER INTERLUDE

Hold the mind focused for a few moments on the planetary role of the group of world servers mediating between the spiritual Hierarchy and humanity, responding to spiritual impression and meditating the Plan of Light and Love into existence.

IV. MEDITATION Meditate on the seed thought:

Through the impression and expression of certain great ideas,

***humanity must be brought to the understanding of the
fundamental ideals which will govern the new age.***

This is the major task of the new group of world servers.

V. PRECIPITATION

Visualise the precipitation of the will-to-good, essential love, from the centre where the will of God is known, through the spiritual Hierarchy and the Christ, the group of world servers, all people of goodwill everywhere in the world, and finally through the hearts and minds of the whole human family.

VI. LOWER INTERLUDE

**May the Power of the one Life pour through the group of all true servers.
May the Love of the one Soul characterise the lives
of all who seek to aid the Great Ones.
May I fulfil my part in the one Work through
self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech.**

Consider the many ways in which the “Power of the one Life” and the “Love of the one Soul” are working out in the world through members of the new group of world servers, so building the “thought form of solution” to world problems.

VII. DISTRIBUTION

As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the irradiation of human consciousness with light and love and power:

**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

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*We heartfully thank our translators without whom
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