

# School for Esoteric Studies

## **eNews**

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#### **Member Contributions**

All life is connected and all come to express, experience and become aware of our essential nature, which is to allow Soul love to flow through our being. Compassion implies being able to recognize suffering in others and knowing that behind that suffering there is a Soul working to use it as a tool to awaken. We can develop the ability to keep focused on being a light in a dark situation and experience the calmness of knowing that everything that happens is for a higher good. Through the practice of meditation I was able to stay centered with a calm fixed mind and allowed the wisdom to come through. Then, the Soul reached a difficult family situation with healing and forgiveness.

It was interesting to observe the international reaction to the tragedies of thousands of African people fleeing across the Mediterranean to Italy, seeking shelter and risking their lives. Many thousands die each year. Italy asked for help. Fifty years ago, not many nations would have given the tribulations of African nationals much thought. Now, thinking is different. Countries realize they *should* help and be concerned. Years ago, the collective unconscious was not so evolved. Nations would have thought, "Well, that isn't *our* problem, is it?" Now they realize it is. Humanity is growing up.

I looked at the reaction of the world to the earthquake in Nepal, and I realized how strong the brotherhood of nations has become. When a disaster happens in a particular country, we all feel it as if it were in our home town. We mourn for their losses, we send thought forms of love and sympathy, and we help on a physical level with aid, donations and any other assistance we can offer. Thus the amount of aid that is supplied is multiplied by many times over than it would be in the past when help offered was on a much smaller scale.

I noticed the many efforts to champion the work of the NGWS; many media organizations seem to include a daily mention of the NGWS activities in their broadcasts. Even though 1% of the world's population controls half of the world's wealth, at least there is growing recognition of this, and there is a calling for group effort of the world's nations and forces of good to work together, indicating increasing trends towards global cooperation and synthesis of the one humanity.

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#### **NGWS Around the World**

Children of Earth. Dedicated to the building of a better future, COE delivers programs that provide young people with the empowerment and leadership skills necessary to advance peace in the world today and in the future. COE fosters international networks of cooperation, multicultural understanding, spiritual values, and ethical living skills.

WildAid's mission is to end the illegal wildlife trade. They work to create a world where people no longer buy wildlife products such as shark fin, elephant ivory and rhino horn. WildAid works to reduce global consumption of wildlife products by persuading consumers and strengthening enforcement.



#### **UN Decade of Sustainable Energy**



"Today, the fact that energy is the basic substance in the universe, that all forms of life are energy forms,

living within greater energy forms, and that all such forms – great or small – use energy and act as distributors of energy is a well-known fact ... Governments, churches, organisations and groups are all energy distributors, and also storehouses of energy. Humanity itself is a great centre of energy, affecting all the subhuman kingdoms, and forming likewise within itself a great system of inter-related energies ... As evolution proceeds, and individual men and women achieve power and expression ... they become dynamic centres of energy distribution and their words (spoken or written), plus their activities, produce wide effects and momentous results." (RC:89)

2014-2024 is UN's *Decade of Sustainable Energy for All*. "Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, increased social equity, and an environment that allows the world to thrive. At a time when 1.2 billion people worldwide lack access to electricity, when 2.8 billion people do not have clean and safe cooking facilities, and when a shift to sustainable energy use is imperative to protect the Earth's climate, no less than a worldwide effort is required to achieve sustainable energy for all" (UN site). Learn about the Decade of Sustainable Energy <a href="here">here</a> and watch a video <a href="here">here</a>.

Together with our objective involvement in the *Decade of Sustainable Energy for All*, we can subjectively support the work of all members of the NGWS working in their fields to make energy a planetary sustainable resource. To this end, the Mantra of the NWGS is used every day at 5:00pm. **Download the Mantra of the NGWS here**.

#### **Intergroup Collaboration**



Under the influence of the incoming Seventh Ray we have the potential to focus increasingly on intergroup collaboration based on goodwill. The principle of synthesis carries us from group to group in ever wider circles to humanity as an integral whole, and as part of the One Life. The School for Esoteric Studies wishes to engage with other esoteric groups to precipitate the energies available from the Spiritual Hierarchy on the

mental plane into tangible joint activities that express goodwill on Earth. By collaborating with other esoteric groups, we can jointly activate an additional outflow of spiritual energy that can enhance our ability to implement the Plan. Learn more about the School's Intergroup Collaboration Initiative <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Did You know?

That the process of detachment and Soul identification oftentimes brings with it a shift in our social interactions? Learn more about the illusion of loneliness here.

That our own spiritual, mental and emotional energetic fields affect the effectiveness of the group as a whole? Read this page to learn more about our group work.

That the School updates the section with *Alice*A. Bailey Talks periodically? To read the latest talk published, visit this section in our website.

That you can engage with the School's mission by distributing inspirational cards and School materials in your community? Contact us to know how.

That the School has a library service for members of the School for Esoteric Studies? Learn how it works <u>here</u>.

## **Quote of the Season**

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Rabindranath Tagore

**Request an Entrance Questionnaire to the School** on our <u>website</u> or by phone. Once we review the extent and type of study, meditation, and service you have done thus far, we can determine where to place you in the School's program sequence. Students who have done advanced studies in the Ageless Wisdom are welcome to apply for our higher level coursework.



The golden rays that issue from the heart of the sun pour forth and bathe my Soul and the Soul of all created forms. Within those forms, the divine Life awakens, and the divine power streams forth as Will, as dedication to the Plan, as strength to

work and give.

**DINA1:462** 

#### From the School Archives

While many of the founding School members - on the staff, as commentators or students - have passed out of incarnation, a surprisingly number are still actively serving in the School, and our gratitude and joy in their companionship and steadfast service and support are indeed deep and heartfelt. Can we say that they provide a leaven of experience and wisdom in the group life, held at the disposal of the younger and newer members who more recently joined the School but who will in the future carry the work forward? In between, of course, are the bulk of members at one stage or another of the School's arc of training – a fascinating spectrum of young, middle aged and old members drawn from all walks of life and each steadfastly moving from aspiranthood to discipleship. In this paragraph we have spoken of physical ages, but, of course, that has little to do with "spiritual age" or "old souls and young souls." It is the livingness, the consciousness of and dedication to the service of the Plan that is the real esoteric measuring rod.

Let us also never forget our function as a group – together with other groups and analogous schools who work under the same spiritual impulses - to be a spiritual leaven in the present world. Our training toward effective discipleship (within the New Group pf World Servers) should make it possible for the Hierarchy "to find those who could safely carry spiritual power and be channels of love and understanding to the world." Our wish for the present and the future is that each and all of us find joy and deep fulfilment in this endeavor - carried forward in group formation. [From the June 1981 SES Group Letter]



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## **Events & Community**

5<sup>th</sup> International Meeting at Casa Assagioli September 17-20, Florence, Italy

1st International Renewable Energy Congress September 23-25, Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico

International Conference on Inclusive Leadership 2015

November 17-19, Selangor, Malaysia.

Toward A Science of Consciousness Conference

April 25-30, 2016, Tucson, Arizona, USA.

### **Books, Media & Sites**

Your Inner Will: Finding Personal Strength in Critical Times. Piero Ferrucci.

Soul Infusions: Weaving Our Soul's Light Into The Fabric Of Every Day. Joy Drake.

Global Ecovillage Network. Aid to the expanding network of groups dedicated to developing and demonstrating sustainability principles around the world.

#### **School Initiatives**

- As part of our intergroup initiatives a group of School members and friends have created the School's Italian library with +200 volumes on the Ageless Wisdom, Psychosynthesis and resources for our Italian students.
- The School produced a new video on the Three Linked Festivals in occasion of our 2015 Subjective Group Conference. Watch this and all our videos in our Youtube page. Access the Festival Talks in our website or in the summer issue of Esoteric Quarterly.
- A number of School members participated in a number of important international events: the 2015 Seven Rays Institute Conference, held in Mesa, Arizona (US), the 6th Lines of Hierarchical Action Meeting, Uruapán (Mexico) and the Spirituality in Daily Life Conference, held in Florence (Italy).

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