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Member Contributions

The Egyptian inspirational short film "The Other Pair" received an award at the Cairo Film Festival. The film director Sarah Rozik gives us a poetic demonstration of innate human kindness, so evident in children and so often forgotten by adults.

A co-op called Monte Fauno is building an ecovillage in the Marches, Italy, using only environmentally friendly materials. It will house 40 families and will be self-sustaining, energetically and economically. The project aims at promoting social integration and group work based on ethical values.

Since 1992 Pietro Bartolo, MD, together with a group of dedicated specialists, has been taking care of medical assistance given to the immigrants landing on the coasts of Lampedusa. Because of his work in the field of human rights, Bartolo has been recognized internationally with several awards.

In Villa Zabaleta, a precarious neighborhood in Buenos Aires, Argentina, neighbors have organized to help save the lives of indigent people who have no access to medical care. They take shifts to drive an ambulance with two nurses, give first aid, do check-ups and transfer patients to the nearest hospital for people who cannot afford it.

In Finland, the government is to carry out an experiment to grant Universal Basic Income to all citizens; in Spain, the parliament passed a law that bans the interruption of power to indigent families. Both examples illustrate that the economy can serve human needs and help to eradicate poverty.

The film industry is introducing new ideas to the public, like the transition from individual to group consciousness. This is observable in blockbusters such as *The Guardians of the Galaxy* or in documentaries like *Food Revolution*. While the film industry plays an important role in bringing these ideas to a broad audience, documentaries reach a selected audience with these same concepts. Both approaches complement each other and can help expand social consciousness.

In Sweden, there is an increase of healthy food choices and vegetarian alternatives in stores and restaurants. Gandhi once said that "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." The spiritual impulse behind this increase of awareness is the greater realization of our connectedness and our responsibility to take care of other life forms.

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Image: Pamela Di Meglio

NGWS Around the World

"[The Fuji Declaration](#), initiated by Masami Saionji, Dr. Ervin Laszlo and Hiroo Saionji, is an international alliance of individuals and organizations who are united by a shared commitment to advance a more harmonious, compassionate and sustainable era for all humanity."

"The mission of [Earth Charter International](#) is to actively participate, in a systemic and integrated way, in the present transition to sustainable ways of living on the planet, founded on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, social and economic justice, democracy, and a culture of peace."

Text drawn or/and adapted from the organizations' websites



Money and the Spiritual Life

Some spiritually oriented people are reluctant to deal with the issue of money due to the belief that money somehow isn't "spiritual." Yet money can be seen as concretized energy, a resource to be used, for better or worse, depending on how it is directed....In order to gain clarity on our attitudes toward money, we need to consider it from a higher viewpoint. This means bringing *real values* to bear, rather than allowing ourselves to be deceived by traditional opinions, collective influences or personal drives and prejudices. It means seeing the issue in the light of the Soul....

Money is neither good nor bad. Such values can only be imputed to the human beings handling the money.... Money is a conventional means that people have mutually agreed upon to facilitate the exchange of goods and services on a vast scale, necessitated by the complexities and pace of modern life. Thus money is, objectively speaking, simply a neutral instrument, a temporary substitute for material possessions. The material goods that are traded, using money as a medium, are extracted from the three lower realms of nature and used either in their natural state or modified in some way by humans. Therefore, no intrinsic evil can reside in them. From a strictly material standpoint the Earth's natural resources are "things," but from a spiritual point of view they are the divine gifts of a Creator in sacred trust with humanity. Thus their significance for us, their positive or negative effects, depends on our *inner attitude* toward them and on the *enlightened use* or *misuse* that we, through free choice, make of them....

From a spiritual standpoint we are merely custodians, stewards, or administrators of money and material wealth.... The new world order and the fate of humanity will largely be based on the right use and redemption of money and material resources.

We invite you to read the article *Money and the Spiritual Life* in the [Publications](#) section in our website.

The Goodwill Patterns

1. The will towards fairness for all.
2. The will towards inner peace and serenity.
3. The will towards joyful self-correction.
4. The will to honor the good.
5. The will towards active compassion.
6. The will towards clear communication.
7. The will towards seeing the biggest possible picture.

From *The Goodwill Patterns: a booklet on the seven keys to inner peace for individuals and for peace between peoples*. Read the booklet in the [Publications](#) section in our website.

Request an Entrance Questionnaire to the School on our [website](#). 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.

Did You Know?

- The School for Esoteric Studies and its members are part of [the New Group of World Servers](#), which consists of groups and individuals who are subjectively linked in dedicated work for the betterment of humanity.
- Request The Great Invocation cards in English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, and Portuguese. Send us an email with your name, quantity (max. 25 cards), postal address, and email address to: outreach@esotericstudies.net
- **Meditation** is not simply making the mind quiet and then doing nothing more; it is inner action – action in the *inner worlds* – and meditation of a creative kind includes various ways of *using* inner, or subjective, energy.
- If you would like to join the School community in a weekly service meditation sequence in support of global spiritual work, then please visit [our Service Meditation Sequence web](#) page for the schedule we use.
- The School wishes to engage with other groups to precipitate the energies available from the Spiritual Hierarchy on the mental plane into expressions of goodwill on Earth. If your group is interested in collaborating with the School for Esoteric Studies, please read [our dedicated website page](#) and [download](#) our flyer on intergroup collaboration.

Featured Links

[Options for Pledge as a Server](#)

[Pearls of Wisdom: Crises of Decision](#)

[Pearls of Wisdom: Humility](#)

[Pearls of Wisdom: Detachment](#)

[2017 Festival Talks](#)

[Meditation Aids: The Twelve Annual Festivals](#)

[Articles on the Ageless Wisdom](#)



From the School Archives

“The dogmas of the quiet past,” said Abraham Lincoln, “are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so must we think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves,” (Message to Congress, Dec. 1862)

These words have been much in our minds in recent weeks as we have read the newspapers and surveyed the tumultuous world situation.... Many School members are personally and directly active in community problems, but all of us can participate and aid in solving them if we will. May we ask you to hold in mind, or recall at intervals, the idea of goodwill and right human relations, so that the resulting thoughtform may play its part in helping to create a constructive, positive public attitude? Prejudice, whether against nationality, color, or religious and political creeds, is found to some degree in every country and in every person; and the challenge to us as a group is to respond positively to the call made by the Tibetan Teacher: “I ask you to drop your antagonisms and your antipathies, your hatreds and your racial prejudices, and attempt to think in terms of the one family, the one Life, and the one humanity.”

[From the July 1963 SES Group Letter]

Quotes of the Season

“All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.”
Chinese proverb

“There is no gate, no lock, no bolt that you can set upon the freedom of my mind.”
Virginia Woolf



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Events & Community

[The International Symposium on Strengthening Peace Through Education Conference](#)
August 9-11, Nagasaki, Japan.

[Beyond Materialism – Towards Wholeness](#)
September 28 - October 9, Prague, Czech Republic.

[Seventh International Meeting at Casa Assagioli](#)
September 14-17, Florence, Italy.

[Holism; Possibilities and Problems](#)
September 8-10, Essex, UK.

Books, Media & Sites

[Empathy Museum](#), London.

Interconnected: Embracing Life in Our Global Society. Book by Ogyen Trinley Dorje Karmapa.

If Women Rose Rooted: A Journey to Authenticity and Belonging. Book by Sharon Blackie.

[Rotary's virtual reality project on compassion.](#)

[United Religions Initiative.](#)

School Initiatives

- [Spirit Fire Radio](#) is a collaboration between the School for Esoteric Studies and Spirit Fire. Tune in weekly, Wednesdays at noon New York time, to join co-hosts Dorothy Riddle and Steve Kramer in talking about applying spiritual concepts in everyday living. Listen live or listen at your leisure to programs in our archives.
- [Radio Mantra](#) broadcasts a weekly half-hour show with two School for Esoteric Studies members as co-hosts, Miguel Malagrecia and Angela Barrera, in Spanish on Mondays at 12:30 UTC. Listen live or listen at your leisure to programs in our archives.

Learn more about these and other media available through the School on our web page [Media for the Soul](#).