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Member Contributions

Spread the Word to End the Word was established in 2009 during the Special Olympics Global Youth Activation Summit. It has been a successful campaign for years and now the focus of Special Olympics has expanded to “The Revolution is Inclusion. Through the power of our athletes and our sports, Special Olympics is ushering in a new world of unity, tolerance, and respect.” Special Olympics has worked hard to promote inclusion and participation through unified sports and health initiatives throughout the world. This is their 50th anniversary.

Challenge Day is designed to combat the growing isolation, bullying and suicide among youth. “By participating in Challenge Day, youth learn to accept themselves completely for who they are just the way they are, look through the eyes of acceptance, love, and respect, and live their life in service. This is the work of Challenge Day!” This is evidence of the path toward engendering right human relations among youth, which is inclusive of the greater work for the NGWS. Further, I was struck by the statement, “If we settle for tolerance, we have failed. Our goal is love.” I have never been comfortable with the work of tolerance offered by religions, among others. I understand it as a necessary step, but I always believed we were capable of more. I appreciate the intentionality of this challenge to our accepted idea that tolerance is enough to cultivate peace, and to move us one step closer to love!

Recently I read that Sikkim, a state in northeastern India, received the United Nations’ Future Policy Award for being the first organic state. Their initiative to turn industrial agriculture into sustainable agricultural practices began in 2003 when chemical fertilizers and pesticides were banned. Since then training programs in agroecology have benefitted 66,000 farming families. This effort is related to the New Group of World Servers as the initiative is a shift toward caring for the health of the planet; it shows the responsibility of the state administrators, the willingness of the farmers to get involved and the application of new models of learning and expansion in practice.

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Image: Pamela Di Meglio

NGWS Around the World

“[One Humanity Institute](#), to be located in Auschwitz-Oswiecim encompasses the vision of building a ‘City of Hope,’ a destination where long- or short-term visitors can experience the stark realities of the past alongside opportunities and models of transformation for a culture of sustainable peace and the uniting of humanity. The One Humanity Institute is a great reminder of the promise ‘Never Again,’ so fully experienced at the Auschwitz Museum, to seeing ourselves as part of the solutions needed for fostering a better world for all.” The Institute “will be a place for peace education in an environment where the more than 2 million visitors each year will have the potential access to come to imagine a new future together, where one could leave empowered to be the change we want to see in the world and to spread the message of HOPE.”

Text drawn or/and adapted from the organizations’ websites



Harmlessness

Harmlessness is not intending harm to anyone. It is also part of goodwill, cooperation, and many actions that reduce fear, a major cause of antagonism and violence. Harmless people have a non-threatening demeanor; there is nothing to fear from harmless people, but they need not be incapable of defense when necessary. Reducing harm to others is the responsibility of those that believe in and participate in harmlessness. There is a great deal of discretion needed in applying force. There is a span of choices from immediate response to sacrifice. Introducing fear to contain threatening people by creating laws and enforcement is not harmlessness. Should we do as Christ spoke and turn our cheek, take the slap or even the punch? Not many can physically and psychologically manage this. All people practicing harmlessness need to firm up on occasion so as not to give the impression of weakness. Being harmless is not ignoring harm, letting it happen, or interfering with the personal growth of others, a subtle form of harm. Remaining calm and showing no signs of fear might be enough to stop intimidators, but not always. Any force used to stop harm must be applied with discrimination from the heart, at the core of the harmless persona. If harmless people can act in unison, it is a stronger deterrent to violence.

The development of harmlessness in the human community will happen when each person deals with their own harmful characteristics using the cleansing action of redemption. If an individual interacting with others thinks in terms of what is best for the others, then harmlessness becomes a natural consequence. A stable peaceful society is built by harmless people drawn together by the magnetism of love, which is released within harmlessness. The heart and mind should be motivated to secure the whole of the community from harm; if possible, harmfulness should be transmuted by surrounding it with goodness. This can happen when the influence of goodness is stronger than evil. In the struggle of harmlessness against overpowering evil, this effort might require sacrifice. Great humans have made this sacrifice, setting an example of harmlessness at the cost of their lives. To be a warrior of goodness and remain harmless in action, speech and thought takes serious training; it is the highest martial skill. Harmlessness is not difficult in friendly situations but very difficult to maintain when accosted by violence on all sides. Reducing violence is the higher goal of martial as well as esoteric training ... Detachment and fearlessness also helps in this quest against violence. Using harmlessness to eliminate contentiousness, competition and mistrust will reduce the need for all controlling structures and enforcement professions. With no conflicting energies, the efficiencies of all human endeavors will dramatically increase. If harmlessness is a core personality trait, all personal thoughts, feeling and actions will result in the least harm. We present a demeanor of fearless friendly confidence, the look of someone that can be approached, trusted, and will help. A society that has established harmlessness is welcoming, cooperative, and sharing.

Contributed by Albert Christensen

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?

“While we want to see the world become a better place, the problems of armed conflict, corporate greed, hatred and discrimination often seem overwhelming. Is there anything we can do that makes a difference? Yes, the way we think about it! Though that may not seem valiant enough to tackle such huge problems, it really is! Those problems came into being because of wrong thoughts. I propose that we watch how we think so that we don't spread despair and hatred, that we think in creative ways, using our minds to enlighten both others and ourselves.... Using your abilities to choose creatively and to forgive unconditionally can align you with the beneficent Powers-that-Be in the realms beyond us.... What really counts is to be sure you want – in mind, heart and deed – to help improve human relations and then to follow this intention with the kind of thinking that underscores your actions. Besides seeing the awfulness in this world, notice the increase in kindness in action, consideration for others, and widespread action to promote beneficence. Be alert to such examples and let your mind dwell on them.”

Excerpt from [It Matters to Our World How You Think](#) by Katharine Riddle.

AAB Talks

[January 18, 1946](#) The subject of this Talk is the Science of Impression and how the Masters work to transmit ideas to their students. Alice Bailey discusses the difficulties involved, and suggests that her group prepare by spending some time after their regular meditation to listen for anything that might come through, the goal being to bring through and anchor “great and new things” for the New Age. Then she shares with the group some unpublished writings that will eventually be published under the title: *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*. The group then discusses the relation of this work to the work of the New Group of World Servers and the Triangles work.

Featured Links

[The Nature of Invocation](#)

[Deeper Meanings of the Great Invocation](#)

[How to use the Great Invocation](#)

[Pearls of Wisdom: The Great Invocation](#)



Quotes of the Season

Individuality is only possible if it unfolds from wholeness.

David Bohm

I stay my heart,
I make delays
For what awaits this eager pace?
I stand amidst the eternal ways
And what is mine will know my face.

Vera Grace Frances

From the School Archives

As you will recall ... the year into which we entered last Wesak is the third in the current three-year cycle governing the work of the New Group of World Servers. The keynote of this third year – “making a definite impact on the public consciousness by the sounding and the emphasizing of some one clear note,” is, of course, not just a “task” given to the New Group of World Servers (and to ourselves as we take our place within the group); it is, above all, the presentation of an opportunity ... It is the opportunity for us “to let the livingness and the work of the indwelling life emerge for all to see.” ... Therefore, could we imagine a ‘year of emergence’ in which the vital spirit of right relations is brought to greater expression and recognition? After (and because of) our period of pondering and meditation, may the rest of the year be one of a dynamic and living application of the ideal.

[From the July-August 1983 SES Group Letter].



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Events & Community

- [International Day of Peace](#). 21 September, 2019.
- [Humanity and the Cosmos. International Agni Yoga Conference](#). 21-24 May, 2020.
- The Summer 2019 issue of [The Esoteric Quarterly](#) is online.

Book Review

Book review: *The Religion of Physics*, by Philip C. Groce, MD. Self-published by amazon.com. Paperback, 399 pages. \$16.95.

Those who are scientifically minded might enjoy the fresh take on the Ageless Wisdom presented in *The Religion of Physics*. In his newly released book, long-time esoteric student Philip Groce explores the tenets of the Ageless Wisdom from a “space-age perspective ... that brings religion and science together.” The book discusses life, being, non-being, consciousness, time dimensions, healing, and the Eternal Now as it impacts intuition and moments of personal change. Using simple physics, geometry, and 65 diagrams, Dr. Groce explores the ways in which energy expresses itself in daily life and how the science of energy might serve as a substitute religion for those not comfortable with the framework of traditional religious views. The book examines Einstein’s $E=Mc^2$ and has an interesting take on what this equation has to do with conflict resolution. Groce defines Spirit as “that realm within the speed of light squared.” Says Groce, “The entire book shows how a belief in the simple statement, God is Energy, plays out in daily life and how it can be deconstructed into its components and astonishingly reconstructed into something well within established and accepted ethical norms.”

School Initiatives

- Registration for the Workshop: *Nurturing Harmlessness Through Inclusive Social Action – A Spiritual Perspective* has been extended a few days but it will close soon. If you would like to attend this workshop, we invite you to register soon. The workshop will take place in Florence (Italy) on October 9th 2019. **Join us for some dynamic conversations exploring the spiritual meaning and the opportunity we have to advance inclusive social action in our environments.** Our Chairperson, Dr. Dorothy I. Riddle, will be focusing on the following topics:
 - Understanding harmlessness;
 - Ensuring goodness;
 - Examining inclusive social action;
 - Next steps in implementing inclusive social action.

To register for the workshop, please send us an [e-mail](#). In response we will send you an application form with more detailed information.

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