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Member Contributions

Chen Su Su is a Taiwanese vegetable seller who works approximately 18 hours per day according to a BBC article. No matter how much she makes, she spends a few dollars for herself and the rest is given away. In the last two decades, she has given away \$350,000 to build a school library, help for a hospital, Buddhist organizations and orphanages. She has given away royalties from books which were written about her and money inherited from her father. Chen Su Su spent most of her youth in poverty, which is apparently her source of motivation. She is seen as a surprise philanthropist due to a common idea that people need to be wealthy to give away. She is a wonderful example of kindness, a living proof that with a humble lifestyle much can be done to be of service to others.



For years, Musarat Misbah, the proprietor of a beauty salon in Lahore (Pakistan), has been serving women who have been victims of acid attacks. It started over a decade ago, when a victim came to Musarat for help. Once the veil was lifted, Musarat said she saw a woman with no face: her eyes were gone as was the nose and the face and neck were stuck together. Musarat called the doctors (and paid them) to help the woman. Then her charity began. With donations and with some of her own income, she helps victims of acid attacks paying for medical treatment and helps to train the women for the workplace. Some of these women work in her salon. In a country with many social, religious and political problems, women's rights issues usually come at the bottom of the list, says Musarat.



World Assembly of Youth is an organization that works for the welfare of youth through campaigns on world issues such as peace and charity and, at the same time, holds different activities for youth self-development such as leadership training, job training, etc. The organization holds the keynote of service to youth and to the world, fostering world unity and service.



South Scottsdale Community Garden has given land over to the development of local neighbors in order to empower people to grow their own food. This is a great example of urban gardening, people being encouraged to provide for themselves and to get back to where their food comes from and putting in the work to sustain themselves.

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NGWS Around the World

OpenSciences.org is a portal that encourages scientific investigations free from rigid scientific dogmas. The site includes research and materials on consciousness studies, alternative energy sources, integrative medicine and healing, post-materialist approaches to science and new aspects of cosmology, physics, chemistry and biology. Some of the aims of the portal include: "To promote open scientific enquiry; to encourage the funding of innovative research that goes beyond the materialist paradigm; to promote local Open Science groups; to encourage open science projects in schools; and to introduce an Open Science dimension in science fairs."



UN World Day of Social Justice

“When goodwill is expressed and organized, recognized and used, world problems, no matter what they may be, will in due time reach solution; when goodwill is a true and active factor in human affairs, we shall then pass on to a fuller and richer understanding of the nature of love and to an expression of some still higher aspect of that divine love; when goodwill is widespread among people, we shall see the establishing of right human relations and a new spirit of confidence, trust and understanding will be found in mankind.”
Problems of Humanity, 121-122

United Nation’s World Day of Social Justice is celebrated February 20. This is a day to focus our minds on the affirmation of goodwill across the globe, supporting initiatives that work towards a more peaceful and productive coexistence within and among nations. Social justice initiatives promote interfaith synergy, the promotion of gender equality, respect for cultural and individual diversity, the rights of workers, indigenous peoples and migrants, and any other project that affirms the existence and workings of Goodwill. Learn more about the United Nation’s World Day of Social Justice [here](#).

Together with objective involvement in these initiatives, we can support the NGWS goodwill work subjectively using the **Affirmation of Goodwill** every Wednesday.

[Download the Affirmation of Goodwill here](#)



Did you know?

That the School for Esoteric Studies’ arc of training has been developed and tested over the last 60 years thanks to the volunteer work of School students and friends? Research into advanced curriculum components continues today and is indeed central to the School’s group work approach. [Read this page](#) to know more.

That service is identification with the One Life, evidenced upon the physical plane through self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech? Learn more about the nature of service [here](#).

That we welcome volunteers fluent in French, German, or Portuguese that would like to help translate the School’s website and materials? Please [email us](#) if you are interested.

That the School welcomes dialogue with other spiritual groups around the world in order create new formal collaborations? See our [Intergroup Collaboration within the NGWS](#).

Quote of the Season

Our own life has to be our message.

Thích Nhất Hạnh



Affirmation of Goodwill



In the center of all love I stand.

From that center I, the Soul, will outward move.

From that center I, the one who serves, will work.

May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad – in my heart, through my group,
and throughout the world.

I am one with my group companions.

Together we seek to serve the divine Will.

May the love of the divine Self be shed abroad – in my heart, through my group,
and throughout the world.

From the School Archives

True vision is always a vision of the whole, seeing the part in relation to that whole. Many people have ideas about where they want to go or where they want their own personal and partial interests to go. However, in the long run such ideas can only work out if they are inclusive of the good of others, of the larger whole. Otherwise they will be a mere continuation of the chain of action and reaction. What is needed is the vision of the Soul. It is the new group of world servers who represent the Soul of humanity and who can see that inclusive vision and bring that message to ever clearer expression...Vision is a main characteristic of this new group. That is why it is said that they can "salvage humanity" under the guidance of the Hierarchy. They are builders because of their vision. Why are they also a bridging group? How do they bridge? Because they link two worlds, the inner and the outer. They keep the inner channel open, not losing themselves in mere outer activity alone. Thus they preserve the vision intact. This is their subjective work. But also, more objectively, they fulfill their bridging function by presenting the vision to the world around as clearly as possible. They seek to convey the wider pattern, the more inclusive view. Thus, intelligent men and women of goodwill can recognize it and respond, and thus work out better solutions. All of us who are associated with the NGWS take part in this bridging function and will be mindful of its dual aspect – subjective orientation and objective expression.

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Events & Community

[International Congress on Science and/or Religion: a 21st Century Debate.](#)

August 27, 2015, Vienna, Austria.

[Seven Rays Institute Conference 2015.](#)

April 14-26, 2015, Mesa, Arizona.

[Toward A Science of Consciousness Conference.](#)

June 9-13, 2015, Helsinki, Finland.

Books, Media & Sites

[Consciousness: Cultural and Therapeutic Perspectives.](#) Dagmar Eigner (Editor).

[Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Near-Death Experience and Journey into the Afterlife.](#) by Eben Alexander.

[Comipaz.](#) An interfaith commission in Argentina that has launched a series of videos to teach large audiences how to cultivate spiritual values in everyday life.

School Initiatives

- A group comprised by students and friends of the School are working on a project to promote Group Triangles. This initiative is based on the Tibetan's teachings on the science of triangles, applied to group life. The School participates as part of our [intergroup collaborative initiative](#). In support of this project, the group has been producing literature and of a weekly radio show that airs through the internet every Monday.
- The School delivers bookmarks with The Great Invocation globally, free of charge. Bookmarks are available in English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Request your bookmarks [here](#). Donations in support of this service are welcome and greatly appreciated.
- We are glad to announce that our School website is now easily accessible on iPads and handhelds. Try it!