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It is obvious how seamlessly interrelated the world has become. The problems of one country are now very literally at the doorstep of all countries; the problems of one nation can now be seen as the problems of all nations. We see this not only with the flood of immigrants, but also in situations such as the debt crisis in Greece and the concerns with climate change. There is indeed only one humanity and one shared life; the illusion of yours and mine is rapidly deteriorating. It is becoming increasingly clear that sharing is really in everyone's best interest.



Human trafficking is a huge problem all over the world today. Organizations such as The EDOF & CNN Freedom Project show their concern, support, care and love to those who are in this horrible position. Slavery comes in all kinds and ways at present and there is urgent need to take action and use the power of Love to stop it.



I noticed the emergence of several world groups along the line of the NGWS in the field of religion. Their work emphasizes that all true religious belief systems express the principles of our divinity and our destiny. Through this understanding they make evident the work of loving synthesis and emphasize the unity and the fellowship of the spirit.



As a teacher of different classes, I work with about 100 children who come from families in difficulty and with little or no stability. This gives me many opportunities for service. Every day, when I enter the school, I try to remember that I am not there just to teach the syllabus, but to do much more. This month, we started using an exercise to evoke the quality of Gratitude. Children wrote on the board the things they are thankful for. It is a long-term project that can help them see positive aspects even in small everyday things, and multiply them.



I heard about an Israeli restaurant, the Humus Bar, that offers meals at half price if Jews and Arabs dine at the same table. Their aim is to foster right relations and the peaceful coexistence of different groups in the area of Kfar Vitkin. They encourage dialogue and the exchange of ideas to help people live together better in the village.



I have been reading about Sacred Economy recently. One point thinkers like Charles Eisenstein make is that wealth increases when our focus shifts from personal to general wellbeing. Wealth is not monetary only; above all it is about human exchange, spiritual abundance and attention to the quality of life. In the economy of the New Age awareness of Unity leads to pursuing the good for all and to realizing that sharing resources is the safeguard of collective peace.

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NGWS Around the World

[Charter for Compassion](#). A network connecting organizers and leaders from around the world, providing educational resources, organizing tools, and avenues for communication to create compassionate communities and institutions.

[Declaration for All Life on Earth](#). The Earth is an evolving living entity. Every form of life is an important part of this living being. Human beings must cultivate the awareness that we are all members of a global community of life and that we share a common mission and responsibility for the future of our planet.



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The way we perceive obstacles depends entirely on the perspective from which we consider them. When viewed from ground level, from a personal level, they might seem insurmountable; we might feel that there is no way to overcome them without deviating from our planned route. When we view them from a higher level, they decrease in size and significance, and from above we can see the best way to navigate them. Facing obstacles alone is also a daunting task, but when we are able to face them as a team or group, we are able to help each other to surmount them. Therefore those issues that appear to be obstacles to the lower self can be understood as a possibility for learning, integration and expansion when viewed from the Higher Self. Understanding is also key when tackling obstacles. We can either approach them as potential problems, causing frustration and fear, or we can view them with an understanding of how overcoming them will help us move up a turn in the spiral of life.

Encountering obstacles in life also gives us the opportunity to use our innate creativity to find solutions and to find a point of harmony out of the conflict. An example of this is the current world crisis that might be considered by many to be an obstacle to world peace. However this crisis also provides the possibility for the nations of the world to overcome their religious and national differences and to unite and work in solidarity to eradicate terrorism and separatist ideologies.

There appears to be a movement on a global level regarding the relocation of people and immigration. There are current hotspots such as the exodus from Africa, Syria, and Iraq towards Europe, the question of people trying to flee their home countries bound for Australia and those from Latin America bound for the U.S. Immigration takes many forms in terms of motivation, economic need, flight from conflict, etc. The sheer scale of these masses is forcing governments of economically rich and 'safe' countries to confront this reality. I have an impression that it must have to do with something much deeper bringing the human race (from whatever ethnic background) to a new point of synthesis and integration, to move beyond subjective difference and ignorance. This is becoming such an interconnected world that the integration of peoples and respect for diversities have to be addressed and some level of peace will be reached eventually.

Each change prepares the way "for a greater loveliness and livingness" until we come to the final resurrection that is a point of final attainment. Change means evolution into a greater Whole. Each stage of the learning process implies the integration, testing and application of previous stages. Some tend to associate change with a discharge of all past experience. Instead, the Lotus of the Soul expands by extracting the best of each experience. Thus it becomes more vibrant, radiant and serviceable. Each experience has something to teach us, and each step on the Path is to be treasured.

Did You know?

You can find a list of groups, publications and initiatives related to the Ageless Wisdom on our [Links page](#). We welcome your suggestions to expand this list.

Our desires and thoughts are continually filling the inner world with thoughtforms, or energetic creations of the mind, usually charged with desire. Therefore it is a primary responsibility to learn to control the mind and use it constructively. Learn [here](#) how meditation can help us achieve this.

There are a number of specific mantras and meditations that are used regularly by servers around the world, every day. [On this page](#) are some of the most common ones, used together or in addition to [The Great Invocation](#).

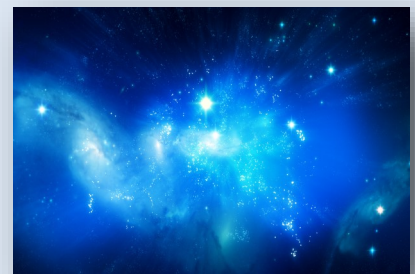


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Quote of the Season

"Each person shines with his or her own light. No two flames are alike. There are big flames and little flames, flames of every color. Some people's flames are so still they don't even flicker in the wind, while others have wild flames that fill the air with sparks. Some foolish flames neither burn nor shed light, but others blaze with life so fiercely that you can't look at them without blinking, and if you approach you shine in the fire."

Eduardo Galeano



From the School Archives

This month of the year is always a timely opportunity to look back at what lies behind us in the past year: individually, as a group, as a nation, and perhaps as humanity. What did we achieve? What wisdom did we gain so as to guide us better in the future? Such a stocktaking provides us with a sound basis from which to prepare for a new start, a new cycle. We suggest therefore that each of us takes some time to review “in the light” our experiences of the past twelve months. We could also do this, of course, with regard to our life as an esoteric group in the world. How far have we been able, for instance, to hold the vision and keep it pure and clear, in the middle of the turmoil and stress of world conditions, conflicts, glamors and possibly, frustrations? How did we fulfill our share in the task of “lifting up to heaven and bringing heaven down to Earth”? In what way did we add to the subjective integration and spiritual potency of the NGWS as a group, and further the expression of goodwill in the world? We would particularly like to share with you the thought that the “five o’clock mantra” for the NGWS may be of increasing significance in the coming years. As many of us have found so true, this daily “link-up” and dedication does “not only aid in the magical work of the forces of light, but also serves to stabilize individuals, to increase their group consciousness, and to teach them the processes of carrying forward interior subjective activities in the face of and in spite of outer exoteric functioning.” (TWM:261) We will not attempt to comment on the national and world situation – though it is in such a state of flux and, paradoxically, of tension, except to remind ourselves of the need at this time to cultivate “restful poise, an understanding heart, an open mind, held in the light.” In this way we can be part of the solution to the problems rather than being part of the problem themselves!

[From the December 1979 and 1980 SES Monthly Group Letters]

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



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Events & Community

[Initiation - Fire from Heaven](#)

April 5-17, Meza, AZ, USA

[Hierarchical Lines](#)

April 21-24, La Paz, Bolivia

[School for Esoteric Studies Subjective Group Conference: Ashramic Work and Right Speech](#)

April through June, worldwide

[Integral Ecology, Earth Spirituality, and Economics](#)

May 27-29, Bodo, Norway

[Psychosynthesis for the Future, Conference](#)

June 2-5, Taormina, Italy

[Religion and Conflict Prevention](#)

August 22-25, Skopje and Tetovo, Macedonia

[International Symposium for Contemplative Studies](#)

November 10-13, San Diego, CA, USA

Books, Media & Sites

[Moving Beyond Duality](#) (Book) by Dorothy I. Riddle

[Embracing Israel/Palestine](#) (Video), by Michael Lerner

[The Conversation Project](#) (Website)

Quick Links

- Joy is the fundamental note of the Soul. [How can we develop spiritual joy in service?](#)
- Esotericism is a practical science, useful in daily life and applied to world affairs. [What are the goals of training in the Ageless Wisdom?](#)
- The School’s arc of training has been tested and developed for over 60 years. [How did the School began?](#)