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Member Contributions

The Paris agreement on climate change has now come into effect. Many consider this to be a historic moment and cause for celebration as nearly two hundred countries have committed to take steps to lower global rises in temperatures and will be meeting to make plans along these lines, including moving global economies away from fossil fuels.

However, national pledges to cut carbon still fall short of the levels needed, and the UN reports that unless the world governments do more than their current pledges to reduce emissions, the world will see a rise in temperatures by the end of this century.

The Paris agreement is significant in that it is the first agreement uniting rich and poor nations in a common endeavor to protect the climate. As the human race evolves, humanity must truly work to solve and address its problems. This heralds a growing recognition of the fact of One humanity.



There are several new scientific investigations. One study is *On Decoherence in Quantum Gravity*, by Dmitriy Podolskiy and Robert Lanza. They extend Einstein's argument that time is relative to the observer and suggest that the observer actually creates time. Time, they state, is related to the observer's ability to preserve information (memory) about experienced events. Does this understanding not inch us closer to collapsing the idea of the past and future into the present? If we create time, what limits the breadth of memories? And, of course, if we accept that memories are not time-limited, we must ask who or what remembers? Does this, then, become a step toward scientifically proving the existence of a Soul whose "memories" extend far beyond one lifetime?



We are continuing to discover an increase in spirituality in the world around us. We are noticing that the world in general is becoming more spiritual and less material. For example, in our business-related research and studies, we are finding that the most profitable pursuits are in the form of digitized products, for example, digital courses. An area which once required significant funding and infrastructure may now be entered with minimal financial resources and technological equipment. In one manner this may be viewed as the increased spiritualization of matter, and in another, an increased energetic flow in terms of the passing on of knowledge and skills from one person to a group of students, but multiplied greatly due to the power of networks realized by the Internet.

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NGWS Around the World

[Child Rights International Network](#) (CRIN) is a global research, policy and advocacy organization whose work is grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The goal of CRIN is to foster a world where children's rights are recognized, respected and enforced, and where every rights violation has a remedy.

The mission of [Green Cross International](#) (GCI) is to respond to the combined challenges of security, poverty and environmental degradation to ensure a sustainable and secure future. GCI seeks solutions through dialogue, mediation and co-operation.

Text drawn and adapted from the organizations' websites



Member Contributions

Near to where I live there is a small community that uses the Bay of Fundy Tides (the longest active tide in the world) to power the majority of their small city. The power is off grid in that they do not need to depend on outside sources. When you go there it is like a step back into the past with local farmers sharing their produce on Saturdays at the market, the houses are all Victorian but colorful and interesting, and the people are friendly.

Members of a Native American community are exercising peaceful resistance to the construction of an oil pipeline in Standing Rock, a sacred territory for them. These communities call themselves Water Protectors, indicating that they are carrying out a peaceful action to protect their waters and lands as well as their ancient wisdom. One of their leaders, Manitonquat, wrote books describing the universal values of peace, respect and interconnection that are essential to their culture. In reading about their determination we can be inspired and motivated to protect the Earth in our communities.

Every year since 1996 the annual international convention *Mother Earth* takes place in the city of Turin (Italy). It's dedicated to research, promotion and educational programs accessible to everyone interested in knowing more about slow food and agricultural practices that respect the dignity of the planet, the farmers, the ethics of business and the health of consumers. The event is organized by the Slow Food Association, a movement that grew out of a small community idea to include now ongoing projects in 150 countries in the world.

Quotes of the Season

"Grace happens when we act with others on behalf of our world."
Joanna Macy

Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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?

- There are a number of mantras and meditations from the Ageless Wisdom teachings that are used in a regular rhythm around the world as part of our service within the NGWS. [This page](#) shows some of the common mantras and meditations in use worldwide, in addition to the Great Invocation.
- The School for Esoteric Studies intends to collaborate with any other esoteric group whose work is grounded in the Ageless Wisdom teachings and whose purpose is to serve as an outpost of the Spiritual Hierarchy in implementing the Plan for Humanity. Our page [Intergroup Collaboration within the NGWS](#) has details about ongoing projects.

Featured Links

[Pearls of Wisdom: Right Speech](#)

[Pearls of Wisdom: Subjective Group Work](#)

Media for the Soul

[Spirit Fire Radio](#) is a collaboration between the School for Esoteric Studies and Spirit Fire. Tune in weekly, Wednesdays at noon Pacific time, to join co-hosts Dorothy Riddle and Steve Kramer in talking about applying spiritual concepts in everyday living. On the fourth Wednesday of each month they will answer questions from our listeners emailed in to spiritfireradio@spiritfire.com. So please participate! Listen live or listen at your leisure to programs in our archives. The program will begin February 1, 2017.

[Radio Mantra](#) carries 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. The program will begin January 2, 2017.

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



From the School Archives

“Before we write off 1966 and drop it into the past, let us look back with gratitude for the experiences it has brought, for its difficulties and trials, the lessons learned and the strength gained in meeting them. We are all surely a little stronger spiritually, and, we hope, wiser and more effective servers than we were a year ago...

Now we have a whole New Year in front of us ... in which to help build a better world. The past should not be our major concern, and whatever we have done or failed to do should be no handicap. All that really matters is the present (the product of all the past), for what we do with it determines the future.

The great beneficent Law of Cause and Effect, or Karma, is the guarantee that no effort, however small, will go unrewarded; and paradoxically, under that Law, inaction also constitutes action in that it, too, affects the future. In this time of tremendous upheaval, change and transition from the old Piscean Age to the new Aquarian era the Law of Cause and Effect is operating with increasing swiftness. This is an inescapable aspect of the speed-up in evolution evident everywhere on a worldwide scale, paralleling the well-known fact in spiritual training that in the life of the disciple, the evolved human being, cause and effect always operate more swiftly than in less evolved human beings...

So in the year ahead let our aspiration burn with new brightness, and the light of our minds illumine the way ahead; the energies of the Soul, of white magic, are ours to tap and use in the service of humanity.”

[From the January 1967 SES Group Letter]

Selecting Methods of Service

In our development as esoteric disciples, we are called to creative meditation, ongoing study, and service as a way of life. Service is how we live out our truth that we are all part of the One Life and that we greet each other with respect and compassion. Service is the method through which we learn to apply esoteric principles in everyday life. As World Servers, we have an opportunity to contribute in service in multiple ways. It is important that we are proactive in our service contributions, selecting multiple methods through which we can make the most effective contribution. [This page](#) discusses how to select methods of service.



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Events & Community

[United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week](#). February 1-7

[19th International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development](#). February 9-10, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

[International Conference on Climate Change 2017](#). February 16-17, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

[International Conference on Spirituality and Psychology 2017](#). March 13-15, Bangkok, Thailand.

[Seven Ray Institute: The Will and the Way](#). May 9-14, Chandler, Arizona, USA.

Books, Media & Sites

[Evolutionary Enlightenment: A New Path to Spiritual Awakening](#). Book by Andrew Cohen.

[Spirit Fire](#). Radio and retreat center.

[Synergy TV](#). Media resources.

School Initiatives

- The [Cleansing Initiative](#) that the School launched during Wesak entails specific esoteric group work to cleanse the astral plane from glamors and eliminate negative thoughtforms from the mental plane. All members of the esoteric community are invited to join this pioneering group work. For those interested in reading more about the initial phase of the Initiative, we have produced a summary report with the findings of the first six months of the Initiative. The report contains some specific future action recommendations and is available upon request via email.
- The School delivers bookmarks with the Great Invocation globally, free of charge. Bookmarks are available in English, Italian and Spanish. We also deliver cards with the Great Invocation in French, German and Greek. Request your bookmarks or cards via email. Donations in support of this service are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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