

Love in Action

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*The solar system is three in one, or one in three, and the light of the Logos illuminates the whole [including our tiny planet, the Earth]...*ⁱ

The Festival of Goodwill is the last of three Festivals that launch the spiritual year: Easter, Wesak and the Festival of Goodwill. Like the doctrine of the trinity, which underlies esoteric science, and the Science of Triangles, which is the hidden basis of astrology, these three annual celebrations of the spirit are based on the principle of *three* – or, more accurately, *three in one* and *one in three*.

The solar system in which we dwell as citizens of this small planet is controlled through the three aspects of divinity – Will, Love and Intelligence – a threefold Trinity through which a great undifferentiated Presence wields the law of attraction and repulsion to bring spirit into form. Through love the Solar Lord energizes His system and all that dwell therein. Through love He “synthesizes his threefold nature into a coherent unit. He is the three in one and the one in three....”ⁱⁱ

In cooperation with the One Spirit the Guides of the Race work cyclically to carry out the Plan – ever faithful to the central principle of the Trinity.

The reality behind the *principle of three in one* is the interplay between the pairs of opposites (the Law of Love or Attraction), which is crucial to the unfoldment of consciousness in a world of duality. The unfoldment of consciousness is the very purpose of our solar system.

All who participate in the cyclic work of invocation and evocation cooperate with this purpose and wield the Law of Love, consciously or unconsciously.

At the Three Festivals each year aspirants, disciples, initiates and Masters – *in* the body and *out* – attempt to anchor spiritual energy in a material world. Love energizes the entire chain of being from the highest to the lowest. It is love that is the Source and love that is finally anchored on Earth at the Festival of Goodwill each June under the sign of Gemini.

God is love, we are assured, and this statement is both an exoteric and an esoteric truth. This underlying love of Deity reaches our solar system primarily through Gemini, which forms, with the constellation of the Great Bear and the Pleiades, a cosmic triangle.ⁱⁱⁱ

In a very real sense it is the energies from this cosmic Golden Triangle of Light that are the inspiration behind the Great Invocation used at the three Festivals of April, May and June each year. It is love that animates this synthetic word of power, this world prayer, sounded by the Soul of those who gather to celebrate the One Life and invoke the Lord of Love who presides over the ceremonies.

In a magical way the Great Invocation reflects the entire process and encapsulates the love that animates the whole. The words of the Invocation (and its very structure) reflect the triple Spirit of the Logos that seeks expression through those who gather to celebrate. The Great Invocation embodies, if we could but see it, “the Three in One and the One in Three.”^{iv} In fact this triplicity of spirit echoes in the very words that close the Invocation: *Restore – the Plan – on Earth*.

This translation of ancient word forms summarizes the purpose and intent of the three Spiritual Festivals: Easter, Wesak and the Festival of Goodwill. These words represent three distinct thoughts that are closely interrelated and describe a divine sequence of spiritual activity:

Restore alludes to the Forces of Restoration directed by the “Spirit of Resurrection” on Easter, working with the Christ. The resurrecting impulses of the Easter Festival “restore livingness to men’s spiritual aims and *life* to their planning.”^v In the symbolism of the risen Christ they “guide humanity out of the dark cave of death, isolation and selfishness into the light of the new day.”^{vi} These are the foundational energies from which new life can spring.

The Plan is that which is restored through the Forces of Enlightenment under the direction of the Buddha at Wesak. It is not the old order of things that is restored or brought to life, but the new world order, the living expression of the divine Plan itself. “The forces of enlightenment come from the Heart of God and are related to divine understanding....”^{vii} “Understanding [that is] ... intuitive ... spiritually instinctual ... [and] intelligently interpreted....”^{viii} These are the guiding forces that light the Path for those who seek to cooperate with the Plan of Evolution.

On Earth describes the last link in the chain, the grounding point for these powerful spiritual energies in a great line of descent. It alludes to the work to be done in the world as these two spiritual forces (restoration and enlightenment) are registered by humanity and put into action at the Festival of Goodwill. Those among us who can respond to these forces emanating from the Mind and Heart of God are the members of the New Group of World Servers and the men and women of goodwill. They (we) are the practical spiritual workers who wield the Forces of Reconstruction for “the welfare of the world.”^{ix}

The welfare of the world is the goal of the Trinity whether it is referred to by the words Restoration, Enlightenment and Reconstruction used by the Master DK in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, or by the more familiar words Will, Love and Light. In the final analysis, as DK hints, it is the point of love within the trinity that oversees the welfare of all:

What is that welfare but *love in action*?^x

“Goodwill is Love in Action” is a keynote of World Goodwill often used in New York, London and Geneva. It echoes the note of the Christ at the Festival of Goodwill, which serves as the grounding point in the cycle of three Festivals. The Festival of Goodwill (called the Festival of the Christ) marks Christ’s Unique Opportunity. This opportunity, simply stated, is *to put love into action*. Putting love into action is the joint task for all spiritual workers who gather each June under the aegis of the Christ. “To put love into action” recognizes the golden opportunity available to each of us who aspires to help. It is a call to us all – the well schooled students of esoteric science – to apply what we know in a world in desperate need.

This phrase, after long years of use, may seem somewhat hackneyed or even overused, but it is a call to service that should be heeded. In reality, it is a *summons to service* that the Guides of the Race who preside over the Festivals respond to in full consciousness.

As we gather to celebrate and cooperate with the Great Ones, we should do the same – heed the call to apply what we know. As we do so, the challenge will be to maintain true spiritual livingness and alignment. Perhaps the Golden Triangle of the Great Bear, the Pleiades and Gemini are beyond our reach, but our task is simpler than that; it is to cooperate with the Mediators of the Plan, the Spiritual Hierarchy, to invoke the “love within the heart of God.” The Love of God called forth by successful use of the Great Invocation can work through us to strengthen our service to the world.

Love is the key, but it is, of course, not the only energy involved. The truth is that all three major planetary centers are engaged in the transmission of spiritual energy at the three annual Festivals. It is love that is anchored in the world each June by the Christ and His co-workers. It is love that is distributed to the world via the lesser festivals at the full moon gatherings the rest of the spiritual year. Yet love is only one of three. All three centers, Shamballa, Hierarchy and humanity, contribute to the work. Members from each kingdom, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Souls and the Kingdom of man, function as links in the chain of transmission:

The inspiring sources of these spiritual agencies are, first of all, the Spirit of Resurrection (an extra-planetary Being), then the Lord of the World, working through the Buddha, and finally the Christ Himself. These Three will work through the Hierarchy, the New Group of World Servers, and the men and women of goodwill.^{xi}

The sequence is familiar to us (the three in one and one in three): Shamballa – Hierarchy – Humanity. Within humanity the force takes root inside the New Group of World Servers. Christ presides over the process:

Christ ... as Leader of the New Group of World Servers – employs the new Invocation on behalf of all men of goodwill in all lands.^{xii}

Members of the New Group at the Festival of Goodwill receive the energies transmitted and distribute them to the men and women of goodwill in the world.

Curiously, the emanating point in this line of energy is not Shamballa, but “an extra-planetary” spirit – a spirit that dwells beyond the planetary ring-pass-not, embracing the planet as a whole, bringing life to form. He is *the Spirit of Resurrection*. This being is a representative of solar energies, of love emanating from beyond the planetary sphere. He abides in the spiritual orb of the Solar Lord. DK refers to him as the “Sun of Righteousness.”^{xiii} He is a representative of the Second Ray of love. He is a Solar being of love-wisdom participating in the Council Chamber at Shamballa – a representative of the inclusive energy of love on this Third Ray planet of intelligent action.

Putting love into action, as we have stated, is the challenge that we (seekers on the Path) face as we strive to cooperate with the Plan at the Festival of Goodwill. Grounding the energies of life and love on Earth is the job we have all signed on to do. Making spiritual work practical and effective – opening to light and inspiration to solve real world problems in the light of a Greater Plan – is the work we have chosen. The Master guides us in words written years ago:

[Goodwill] ... applied with wisdom and with skill in action ... is the task demanded of all men and women of goodwill throughout the world.^{xiv}

The fruit of goodwill put into action is right human relationships. Right relationships are the work of the Ashram of DK himself and, like so much of what we have been discussing, right relationships are connected directly to the magnetic power of love. As DK states:

Now we come to the work which I (D.K.), a Second Ray Master, am attempting to do. With what energies am I working? What is the goal towards which I am striving under the direction of the three great Lords of the Hierarchy? I am working with *the energy of right human relations*; this is a definite and integral part of the energy of the Second Ray. It is a magnetic type of energy and draws men together for betterment and for right understanding.^{xv}

Students will not be surprised at this direct reference to “the energy of the Second Ray” in describing DK’s chosen work and may be encouraged to think of themselves as directly cooperating with the Ashram of DK as they seek to build right relations in the world through love. They may, as well, gain insight by reflecting on the idea of drawing men and women “together for betterment and right understanding.” This phrasing captures perfectly the challenge faced at the Festival of Goodwill.

We have before us, in a way, two comparable calls to service. Let us draw people together for betterment and understanding; let us put love into action.

These ideas complement one another. In fact, the various thoughts presented share a common theme. They can be consolidated in summary statements. We might say, for example, that putting love into action has a magnetic effect. It draws people together and fosters understanding; it betters the world. It demonstrates cooperation with the Guides of the Race, including DK himself and his group of arhats, initiates and disciples.

The message of Love in Action is clear and, in some ways, enough has been said, but one closing thought might still be added to expand our thinking and empower us in our efforts. Those of us who choose to work with DK's Ashram at the Festival of Goodwill are "in a key position."^{xvi} The reason is that we are working not only with Love but also with Will. Will is the energy that brings love into action and DK's Ashram is in "a key position" to make this a reality.

His Ashram of Right Human Relations is "closely linked to the First Ray Ashram of the Master Morya."^{xvii} Will, in addition to love, is available to us as we attune to these inner groups. Will blended with love implements the Plan and puts into action the energies needed to create right relations. Will plus love (shown forth by the intelligent agents within our ranks) is what creates the magnetism needed to get results. It is the blending of these two energies of aspect into one creative force and their intelligent application in the arena of daily life that generates the vortex of force that invokes response from the Guides of the Race in service to the Plan.

There is only one Plan for this planet. It is the Plan of Love, but it is implemented by Will. When brought into expression through the intelligent cooperation of human beings such as ourselves, the Plan takes effect. Without human cooperation, this last link in the chain is missing and the best laid plans of Spirit must fail. With this link in full operation, however, nothing can prevent divine intent from coming into living demonstration on Earth. Let us join together, inwardly and outwardly, in the Festival of Love and Goodwill, under the sign of Gemini at the full moon of June, to put love into action in the world.



ⁱ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, 73.

ⁱⁱ Alice A. Bailey, *Consciousness of the Atom*, 69.

ⁱⁱⁱ Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 348.

^{iv} Alice A. Bailey, *Initiation, Human and Solar*, 19.

^v Alice A. Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, 457.

^{vi} *Ibid.*

^{vii} Alice A. Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, 92.

^{viii} *Ibid.*, 94.

^{ix} Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, 603.

^x *Ibid.* [Author's italics]

^{xi} *Ibid.*, 485.

^{xii} *Ibid.*, 600.

^{xiii} *Ibid.*, 458.

^{xiv} *Ibid.*, 670.

^{xv} *Ibid.*, 669. [Author's italics]

^{xvi} *Ibid.*

^{xvii} *Ibid.*