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School Members Contributions

I know I am supposed to love everybody, not judge them, and aim for benevolent thoughts toward all, but so often I fail at this. Recently, I had an eye-opening experience. Daniel, a man from a local church who came to install the ramp at the house for an elderly friend, works with a group of men who travel abroad and at home building churches in rural settings. On other occasions, they go to poor, run-down communities, and assist in fixing up the homes of those less fortunate. So Daniel is here at the dining room table telling me about how he and the brothers went to “the poorest county in North Carolina to do service work.” He told me how they were out in the country working on a trailer for five days, shoring up the flooring, fixing the exterior wall in the bathroom, doing the best they could with the heater. There are four children in the family, neither of the parents work.

So, I found myself smiling and nodding at this Angel, and what I am really thinking is: “Seems to me somebody should teach these people about birth control and how to keep the trash out of their front yard.” Daniel’s shining face is relating this story with such enthusiasm and joy. He tells me how he assigned chores to the little children and how proud they were to help him. I am just listening and watching Daniel say this when the purity of the man struck me. He didn’t see any of this in a judgmental way. He did not see these people as lazy and contemptible. To him, these were just God’s children who needed a hand. And with that beautiful face still shining at me across the table, I remembered all my readings and stuff I have been trying to learn. And I realized that Daniel is the living embodiment of it. This person has such a force field of goodness around him that, frankly, those unkind thoughts of which I am capable are unknown to him.

And then I got it. I will redouble my efforts in charity and service. Maybe, someday I can be like Daniel. *From a student’s monthly report*



“The Soul, with the open eye of vision, can see the end from the beginning, and can hold in steadiness the true picture of the ultimate consummation.” See the end from the beginning...When faced with the opportunity of a challenging situation always ask yourself: “How might this end? Think of the end and the beginning, then ask the Soul to intuit the in-between – the who, the what, the how. Ultimate consummation: not what we desire, but what is expected in order to fulfill our part on the Path. *From a member’s contribution*

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NGWS around the world

UNITY NOW. The Vision of ‘UnityNow’ is to unify Humanity and bring about a sustainable world of harmony and peace through the eradication of violence, the provision of free basic needs, and educational programs.

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As far as I am able in my interactions, I try to show loving kindness, which also extends to animals. Some beings may be more evolved than others but, to me, this is no reason to expend less love and kindness. Yesterday for example, I was walking past a field with horses and stopped by. They came over to investigate, so I stayed with them for some minutes stroking their heads and sending blessings and prayers. I cannot remember where I read about the evolution/soul groupings of animals and particularly domesticated pets – perhaps it was in a book by C.W. Leadbeater. Briefly put, it outlines how domesticated pets often have an opportunity to grow due to their interaction with human beings. The animals' faculty of thought starts to develop, albeit in a limited manner, and so the Soul of the animal begins to individuate, which is not usually part of the Soul process of the animal "tribes." *From a student's monthly report*

As the 2014 Goodwill talk indicates, there's a sense of exclusivity that is usually the key problem to any intergroup initiative. I started involvement in esoteric groups in the late 1960's and have seen some progress in a willingness to work together, but it is still very limited. Part of the problem is that each group has discovered some unique understanding that they have found very meaningful. But that insight, no matter how wonderful it may seem, is NOT the full story. The task is for us to realize that we each have a piece of the total. Huston Smith, respected scholar of religions, offers the analogy of a stained glass window. Each piece of glass has a beauty within itself – color, shape, texture, etc. But when you put them together they form a whole picture. If we keep focusing on just our little piece, we miss the big picture. I think the SES suggestion that we ask each group to identify its unique contribution to the Work is an excellent start. Unless we can recognize that each group has something of value to offer, something that is NEEDED to make the picture, there is little willingness to work together. By sharing the valuable contribution that each group makes, we can begin to formulate what the overall vision might be. The more clearly we can grasp the overall vision, the more inspired we will be to cooperate to manifest it. We begin with acknowledging the pride of accomplishment, and ask that it can be a building block to create the broader vision.

A second barrier is simply money. As the Talk indicates, almost all esoteric groups are in transition. It is clear that the models we have used to build our respective groups need to be tweaked. But it is not clear how to do that. In some cases, the very existence of the organization is becoming questionable as the existing models become unsustainable. So can we see this as an opportunity instead of a problem? Tough question, because most of the groups do not want to acknowledge to others that they "have any problems." The Talk mentions the Law of Sacrifice, and rightly so. One of the fears of cooperation is: "What will happen to my group if it becomes obvious that it needs to no longer stand alone?" While the Talk does not suggest any particular consolidation efforts, it seems almost inevitable that such will emerge if groups are serious about putting the Plan before their individual group concerns. This is the "elephant in the room" that few want to acknowledge. One possible compromise is to make room for continued uniqueness while at the same time changing structures. *Member contribution*



Quote of the Season

The single greatest world transformation would simply be the embrace of global reasonableness and pluralistic tolerance.

Ken Wilber

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The *Internationalist Prison Books Collective* is a group in Chapel Hill, NC that sends literature to prison inmates. They answer letters along with the packages. They believe no one is truly free while anyone is caged. I believe that they are working to transcend our social tendency to imprison those that society does not know how to deal with. They have a particular bent toward political prisoners but ultimately support any way that inmates are trying to evolve despite their current situation. I feel like this correspondence also helps serve to keep the inmates connected in any way to the world outside of their cells. *From a student's monthly report*



At first we work *conditioned* by the Law, unaware of our responsibility. But, when the Bridge is under construction, we learn to distinguish certain forces and energies of which we are responsible. Then we *collaborate* with the Law. We build the Bridge by keeping a point of tension of such magnitude that eventually, once the intended outcome is visualized, there is an "upward" thrust (by the will) that bridges the gap in consciousness and creates the link between the mind of the personality and the manasic permanent atom in the Spiritual Triad of the Monad. This is of so great invocative power that the existent ring-pass-not is gradually stretched and eventually pierced by an act of the Will. Then the Monad responds and the two become One. The same is valid, applying the Law of Analogy, to groups. A group can move beyond the stage of being Soul-infused and collaborate with the Plan intelligently. What do we encounter when we, working as groups, transcend or pierce through our own ring? Other groups to work with. Hence a structure of units is formed, actuating orderly and methodically under the impulse of the Will. *From a student's monthly report*

THE GREAT INVOCATION

Invocation is a synthesis of these three; the simultaneous, combined activity of **meditation** (mind), **prayer** (feeling and/or intuition), and **affirmation** (will). It is this synthesis that gives invocation a potency as yet unrealized. Invocation means "calling down," or "calling into." It is a demand, an appeal to something higher, asking for help or intervention. Invocation is an inner action that includes and combines the use of all our inner functions. It is a simultaneous activity of the mind (meditation), of feeling and intuition (prayer), of the imagination (visualization), and of the will (affirmation). It is obvious that this comprehensive and synthesized action of our whole being, when rightly carried out, gives invocation a potency incomparably greater and richer than the separate use of any single inner activity.

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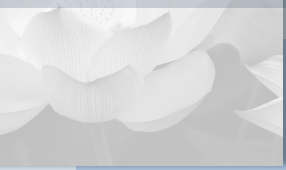
From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into human minds.
Let Light descend to Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.

From the center where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide all little human wills,
The purpose which the Masters
know and serve.

From the center which we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan
on Earth.



Events & Community

3RD INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOSYNTHESIS WORKSHOP AT ASSAGIOLI'S HOUSE
Sept 18-21, 2014, in Florence (Italy) .

GREENLEAF ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Sept 22-24, 2014, in Atlanta, GA (USA).

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, Sept 21

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR CONTEMPORATIVE STUDIES
Oct 30 -Nov 2, 2014, Boston, MA (USA)

20TH INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE CONFERENCE
August 22-24, Sydney (Australia)



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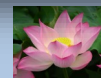
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Books & Sites recommended

The Immortal Mind: Science and the Continuity of Consciousness beyond the Brain, by Ervin Laszlo and Anthony Peake (contributor). Scientific evidence for the continual presence of consciousness with or without connection to a living organism.

Coming Back to Life, by Joanna Macy and Molly Young Brown. Global crises, environmental shifts and spiritual awareness.

Women of Spirit and Faith. This site invites the many brilliant threads of feminine spiritual leadership into relationship and to support emerging patterns for transformation.

We welcome suggestions for books, sites and spiritual media.