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Member Contributions

“Idealistic perception” has to do with recognizing ideas through manifested ideals, to see the ideal as real world expression of an idea. As I began to think about this, I thought of Nelson Mandela’s *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*. Mandela was as concerned with truth as he was with forgiveness, and was aware that healing would only come from honest confrontation with what actually happened. When I think about this action, and what it did for many of the people living in South Africa, I see an ideal. When we can perceive the ideal, we can eventually come to an understanding of the idea behind the ideal. In this case, the healing of humanity will come when each and every personality is able to face the darkest parts of the self, and illuminate them, cleanse them, and then move up to the light of the Self.



Vogel Alcove was founded in 1987 by a group of people who realized that the way out of a life of poverty and hopelessness was through education and nurture of children. By providing child care and early education for their children, the parents are able to pursue jobs and opportunities to pull themselves up out of homelessness. I see this as a little microcosm of that better world in a new age of Oneness. “As you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me.”



The recent outbreak of Ebola in West Africa has immediately drawn the collective attention, the response from medical doctors and scientists around the world, and, particularly, the action of *Doctors Without Borders*. They have been responding to the urgency selflessly and lovingly. One can surely identify the contribution they make to the divine Plan as responding to the principles of the New Group of World Servers.



In the symbol of the Law of Service, we see how the server doesn’t struggle with the heavy load of the jug and spill it randomly, but holds it ever in perfect balance, serving with purpose and determination. Service is the defining characteristic of the Soul just as desire is that of the personality; it spontaneously arises from true and sustained Soul contact. I find it enlightening to recognize that trends we already see in society are results of a nascent awakening of the urge to serve and it’s expression. The Law of Service expresses the unfolding of “the consciousness of the heart”, leading to Group awareness, which is the quality that leads to service.

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NGWS Around the World

The [International Center for Transitional Justice](#) is an international non-profit organization specializing in the field of transitional justice. ICTJ works to help societies in transition address legacies of massive human rights violations and build civic trust in state institutions as protectors of human rights.

ICTJ assists institutions and civil society groups in considering measures to provide truth, accountability, and redress for past abuses. The center provides technical expertise and knowledge of relevant comparative experiences in transitional justice from across the globe.



United Nations Day

October 24 is *United Nations Day*. The UN represents the aspiration towards international synthesis and collaboration. Therefore, this celebration is a day of spiritual tension for the NGWS. By giving our spiritual support to the UN, we assert the will to co-participate in the expansion of goodwill around the world.

The *Invocation for the United Nations* is an invocative prayer to inspire, protect and energize the initiatives of the UN workers. When we sound it, we invoke the Soul guiding the UN, and help strengthen the global application of Love in a recognition that the goal of all human effort is that of achieving loving understanding, prompted by love for the whole.

For decades now, this invocation has been used by members of the NGWS, every Tuesday, or any other day of your choice. Will you join us?

[Download the Invocation for the United Nations here](#)



Did you know?

That the School for Esoteric Studies is part of the New Group of World Servers? [Read this page](#) to know more.

That we provide a glossary of the most common terms to help you in your esoteric studies? See the School's [Glossary of Terms](#).

That we provide a [weekly service meditation sequence](#) to support your spiritual practice?

That the School has created a series of engaging videos and images to inspire your subjective work? Visit our [Pearls of Wisdom](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

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

That we are looking for volunteers to help translate the School's website into French, German, and Portuguese? If you are interested, please contact:

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Quote of the Season

You can pray and ask for new ways of seeing – for yourself, for others and for the world. You can meditate and open yourself to inspiration and guidance. But what really counts is to be sure you want – in mind, heart and deed – to help improve human relations and then to follow this intention with the kind of thinking that underscores your actions. Besides seeing the awfulness in this world, notice the increase in kindness in action, consideration for others, and widespread action to promote beneficence. Be alert to such examples and let your mind dwell on them.

Katharine Riddle — In Loving Memory



Invocation for the United Nations

May the Peace and the Blessings of the Holy Ones pour forth over the worlds, rest upon the United Nations, on the work and the workers, protecting, purifying, energizing and strengthening.

There is a Peace that passes understanding. It abides in the hearts of those who live in the Eternal. There is a Power that makes all things new. It lives and moves in those who know the Self as One.

May the Rhythm of that Peace vibrate within the United Nations and in the heart of every worker.

May the Rhythm of that Creative Power resound within the United Nations, and in lives of all who serve there, awakening, transmuting and giving birth to that which ought to be.

May the chalice the United Nations is building become a focal point for the descent of spiritual force, which, filling it and overflowing to the world, draws toward itself all those whose work lies there.

May the consciousness of the United Nations become every more at-one, the many lights One Light in the Light of the Self.

May the aspiration and the dedication of the United Nations burn as a clear Flame in the service of Humanity and the Holy Ones.

May the Love and the Light and the Life of the ONE LIFE pour through the United Nations, cleansing it from all evil and attracting all good.



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Events & Community

[Agape Revelation 2015](#) May 28-31, 2015, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

[Education for Peace and Interfaith Congress](#) Oct 26-28, 2014, Hiroshima, Japan.

[Hope: 7th Global Conference](#), March 14-16, 2015, Lisbon, Portugal.

Books, Media & Sites

[Peace and Pedagogy](#) (by Molly Quinn).

[Consciousness and the Brain: Deciphering How the Brain Codes Our Thoughts](#) (by Stanislas Dehaene).

[Mission Blue](#). A documentary to raise awareness about ocean life.

School Initiatives

During the three major festivals of 2014, when the School held its annual [Subjective Group Conference](#), we began a three-year cycle on ashramic work in the context of the Mantra of the New Group of World Servers. This year we focused on *Self-Forgetfulness and Ashramic Work*, keeping in mind that “Ashramic consciousness” is “devoid of self-interest and always preoccupied with the essentials of spiritual living.”

As a result of the conference work as well as the School’s Festival of Goodwill talk on [Generating Goodwill Among Esoteric Groups](#), the School has reopened dialogue with other spiritual groups around the world in order to create new formal collaborations.

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