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## Member Contributions

In my town there is an organization that finds out what surplus crops are going to waste in farmers' fields. The organization coordinates with volunteer gleaners who harvest the surplus crops and take them to food kitchens and to low income people in need. I have heard some of the volunteer gleaners commenting on how satisfying it is to provide this service. The heart of humanity seems strong, and self-forgetfulness and service seems to be the most natural, rewarding and meaningful state for both the NGWS and the human race alike.



The non-profit organization Almaterra, founded in Italy in 1990, endeavors to shift the social stereotypes about immigrants and refugees as "indigent" or "needy" people. Their projects empower individuals and underscore human potential and retraining or developing new skills in the welcoming culture. Many of their initiatives support women, their start-up businesses and professional development. They also have centers for people to meet and grow from the exchange with others.



An online solidarity initiative in Sofia (Bulgaria) engaged citizens to hang coats from trees in their neighborhoods during the harsh winter so that homeless people or anyone in need could get a warm coat. Apart from the initiative's positive impact on those receiving the gift, the givers reported the incredible effect it had on them. As it turned out, a group of volunteers was created, and eventually the initiative was so engaging that it extended to other towns in Bulgaria and European nations. I thought it was an example of the strengthening and contagious power of goodwill.



I read on the UN' website that their Refugee Agency and the European Union have launched a collaborative project to help 14,000 children and teenagers in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras who had to leave their home countries after an upsurge of violence in the region.



I have reflected a lot on the #metoo movement where women are rising together as a feminine force to stop misuse of power and sexual harassment. I hope it will lead to healing and a balancing of the masculine and feminine forces. There needs to be a balancing of power and a blending of these two aspects both in the individual and in humanity as a whole.

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## NGWS Around the World

The [Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature](#) is a network of organizations and individuals that works for the universal adoption and implementation of legal systems that recognize, respect and enforce the Rights of Nature.

The [K.I.N.D. \(Kids in Need of Desks\)](#) project (a joint initiative between UNICEF and MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell) provides desks to children in Malawi and also funds girls to go to secondary school.

[Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue](#), Griffith University. The mission of the ICD is "to foster respect for one another through deepening our understanding of one another. The more we understand one another's religious, cultural and philosophical perspectives, values and traditions, the better our ability to work together to strengthen our communities and overcome the challenges facing the world."

Text drawn or/and adapted from the organizations' websites



## School Initiatives

Each year, during the period of the full moon festivals known as the Three Linked Festivals, the School for Esoteric Studies holds its Subjective Group Conference. A topic is selected for the Conference, and a set of study material plus a meditation outline is distributed to all participants to join in unified study and meditation on some aspect of the Plan in order to aid in its precipitation on Earth. The Subjective Group Conference is open to members of the esoteric community, whether or not they are students with the School. This year the Subjective Group Conference's theme will be: "*Creating Our Reality: Science of Invocation & Evocation*." If you wish to participate and are not a current School student, please register your desire to join us in this group work by sending us an [email](#).



In addition to our weekly Spirit Fire Radio shows in English (in collaboration with Spirit Fire) and our weekly Radio Mantra shows in Spanish, this year we will initiate a series of shows in Italian which will feature interviews on a variety of spiritual topics. These will be made available through our YouTube channel and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we plan to start these shows in early 2018. Learn more about these and other media available through the School on our page [Media for the Soul](#).

## New AAB Talk

[January 11 1946](#) Drawing from passages in DINA, Vol. 1, AAB initiates a discussion about the nature of a spiritual enterprise, which implies three requirements: group unity, group meditation and group activity. The group reflects on a hint given by the Tibetan about group activity: It means to "aid each other in specific problems of character but not of circumstance." The remainder of the meeting focuses on the stages in the externalization of the Spiritual Hierarchy. AAB points out that the materializing of the Ashrams on Earth is not the work of the Hierarchy but the activity of groups of disciples who, in turn, reach the masses. In addition, the group considers the idea that some of the available inflowing forces of Shamballa are now being absorbed directly by humanity and by certain subhuman kingdoms.

**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?

- [Selecting the appropriate methods of service](#) to apply the esoteric principles in different contexts, individual, group or inter-group, is an opportunity to discriminate the most effective way we can contribute to the work of the NGWS. In addition to formal training, the School's website includes an arrange of media, articles and materials for reflection, as well as a dedicated initiative for collaborative intergroup work. In addition, we welcome your input and questions about selecting methods for service.
- Humanity is the fourth of seven kingdoms in nature. Appreciation of each of these individual evolutionary lines, their attributes and function within the single interconnected energy field of the One Life is an important aspect of our esoteric training and service. In addition, because of the evolving social awareness, there is a growing opportunity to focus on the dynamics of interconnectivity between kingdoms: how we relate to other kingdoms, and our responsibility in invoking and stepping down spiritual energy to other kingdoms harmlessly. This article explores [goodwill toward all life](#).

## Featured Links

[Pearls of Wisdom: Groups in the New Age](#)

[Our Work as a Group](#)

[Aids for Esoteric Work](#)

[Intergroup Collaboration within the NGWS](#)



## From the School Archives

We believe that the invocative life of the School group entity can penetrate into much higher or inner dimensions of consciousness than any one of us can attain individually. This is more than a belief; it is a fact borne of experience over the years. The results of this kind of group penetration are shown in two ways: one concerns the individual student's own spiritual unfoldment and service, and the other the ongoing life of the School as a whole – the group disciple.... [For all of us] there is something hovering on the verge of immediate precipitation, something wonderful, inspiring, joyous.... That which is hovering is, of course, part of the raincloud of knowable things ... that area of the unrevealed divine purposes which can be immediately revealed if the world disciples and initiates care enough to penetrate to the point of precipitation.

From a 1963 talk by Frank Hilton

When aspirants, seeking upon the physical plane to find those who will share with them the mystery of [the] next immediate step or demonstrated expansion, discover [their] own group... [they] will be drawn into a vortex of force and a field of service simultaneously.

*The Rays and the Initiations, page 346*

## Quotes of the Season

"It is never too late to be wise."  
*Daniel Defoe*

"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship."  
*Louisa May Alcott*



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## Events & Community

- [School for Esoteric Studies Subjective Group Conference 29 March-31 May 2018.](#)
- [9<sup>th</sup> Hierarchical Courses of Action Conference, 28-29 April 2018.](#)
- [32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Seven Ray Institute and University of the Seven Rays, May 1-6 2018, Chandler, Arizona, USA.](#)
- [31<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Institute of Psychosynthesis founded by Roberto Assagioli, 28-29 April 2018, Varese, Italy.](#)
- [Meditation Mount](#), a nonprofit meditation center founded in 1971 in Ojai, California, has been affected by the Thomas Fire. The fire has damaged some of the beautiful buildings and gardens. We can contribute to the Meditation Mount by making donations to rebuild, regrow, and revitalize this sacred place of beauty, harmony, and inspiration.

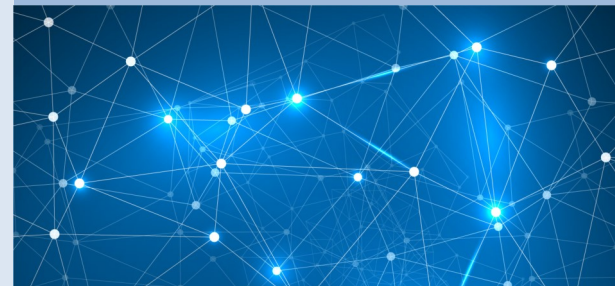


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## Books, Media & Sites

- [Images of Synthesis](#). Website by Ludger Philips
- [The Courage to Teach](#). Book by Parker J. Palmer
- [Good News, Despite What You've Heard](#). Article by Nicholas Kristof
- [Yes! Magazine](#)

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