The Service of Triangles

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PART 1
WHAT THE WORK ENTAILS

People have the power through focused and united invocation to affect world events. The massed thought power of the men and women of goodwill can create a channel of communication between the One Life and humanity through which spiritual energies can flow to heal and rebuild a troubled world. It is this power, properly used and directed, that can be humanity’s “saving force.”

The method is very simple. Three people agree to unite mentally each day to invoke the power of light and goodwill in service to humanity. They form a triangle, the universal symbol of divinity. Each member of a triangle can form other triangles, and in this way a network of enlightened thought and goodwill encompasses the Earth.

The network of triangles thus formed:
- Provides a channel for the circulation of constructive thought.
- Is a means of transforming the spiritual climate of the planet.
- Is a medium for the distribution of spiritual energies, lifting and transforming human life and consciousness.

How to do the work

The triangles work takes only a few minutes to perform and can be fitted into the most crowded schedule. Each day members sit quietly for a few moments, in whatever part of the world they each may be, and link mentally with the other members of their triangle, or triangles. They invoke the energies of light and goodwill, visualizing these energies as circulating through the three focal points and pouring outward through the network of triangles that envelops the world. At the same time they undertake to repeat the Great Invocation, thus helping to form a channel for the downpouring of light and love into the body of humanity. It is not necessary to synchronize the time at which the work is done for, once triangle links are built in mental substance, they can be “brought alive” when any one member does the work.

From “Triangles: World Service Through the Power of Thought”

A call from “Heart”

If thought in itself contains creative energy, then how useful it is to direct good thought into space. When humanity will agree to send forth good thought simultaneously, then the infected atmosphere of the lower spheres will at once clear. Hence, it is necessary to take care, even a few times daily, to send out thought not about oneself, but about the world. Thus the thinking will accustom itself to disinterested strivings. As the Savior of humanity thinks only of the entire world, so in emulation we can apply our thoughts for the manifestation of creative energy…. Let good befall the world!

Heart, ¶300
PART 2

ESOTERIC BACKGROUND OF THE TRIANGLES PROJECT

(From Master Djwhal Khul’s writings)

Implementing the Spread of Love and Light on Earth

[We undertake to form] triangles of light and goodwill so that an inner network of people pledged to goodwill, to the use of the power of invocation and to the growth of understanding throughout the world can be created. A beginning has already been made. This is a potent and workable mode of procedure, once it is given an opportunity to spread.

*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 324

The fourth stanza [of the Great Invocation] points out the relation of humanity to these three energies of intelligence, love and will, and humanity’s deep responsibility to implement the spread of love and light on Earth.

Right here the work of the Triangles – so close to the heart of the Hierarchy at this time – becomes obvious. Through the network that the Triangles are creating, light or illumination is invoked by the daily work and attitude of the Triangle members; thus light can indeed “descend on Earth” and goodwill, which is divine Love and basically the Will-to-Good, can also stream forth in fuller livingness into the hearts of all; thus they are transformed in their lives and the era of right human relations cannot be stopped. This is an era hitherto only dimly sensed and that only the forward-thinking people of the world have desired. Thus, through the “center which we call the human race,” the Plan of love and light works out and strikes the death blow to evil, selfishness and separateness, sealing it into the tomb of death forever; thus also the purpose of the Creator of all things will be fulfilled.

As the work of the Triangles grows and the network spreads all over the Earth, the idea of a downpouring of light and goodwill (which is the immediate aspect of love required today among people) can be looked for; nothing can prevent the appearance of the expected results, for the eternal law holds good. The illumination of people’s minds, so that they can see things as they are, can apprehend right motives and the way to bring about right human relations, is now a major need; the motivating power of goodwill is an essential to right action. Given these two – light and love – it will not be many decades before the idea of right human relations will have become the ideal of the masses and will be rapidly taking form in all national, public and community affairs. The history of humanity has been that of the apprehension and the use of ideas as applied to human living and as expressing forward moving concepts; today the two ideas needed are light upon our way and practical goodwill.

The steady use [of the Invocation] will bring about an inclusive view of spiritual development and impart a synthesis to human thinking that has hitherto been lacking. As “light streams forth into human minds” the divine Plan will be more widely sensed and the Will-to-Good will be more widely desired and invoked.

*A network of light carrying goodwill*

It is necessary always to remember that light is active energy and that love is also an energy. It is useful also to bear in mind that light and matter are synonymous terms scientifically and that the network of light is veritably substance, and therefore the carrier of goodwill. That is why, consequently, it is necessary to realize that it is *one network, composed of two types of energy*. For this reason, the work of creating Triangles falls into two categories; some people work more easily with one type of energy than another. It is interesting also to note that the Triangles of Light are basically more material than the Triangles of Goodwill because they are related to substance, to the energy that humanity wields familiarly, and to etheric matter. The Triangles of Goodwill are Hierarchical in origin.

In this world crisis, the origin of the network in both its aspects is Hierarchical; the Masters work in substance (i.e., light) though not with matter; the work to be done by Triangle members is consequently purely mental and hence exceedingly powerful – this of course when rightly done. “Energy follows thought,” and the work of the Triangles is that of directing thought. The work therefore falls into two categories: that of invoking divine aid (to use Christian phraseology) and then – through faith and acceptance – directing the energies of light and love (which have been invoked) to all people everywhere. They will, from the popular attitude, be
registered as illumination and goodwill. It is a deeply scientific work but fundamentally simple. Invocation, prayer or aspiration, meditation – it matters not what word you use – by means of these three methods spiritual energies are tapped and brought into activity. By clear thinking, directed thought and mental perception, they can be made objects of human desire. Ideas are simply channels for new and desired divine energies; ideals are these ideas changed or reduced into thoughtforms, and thus presented to the public. Ideas telepathically become ideals, which is another phrasing of the old law, “energy follows thought.”

The work of the network of light and goodwill, focused on the plane of mind, is the utilization of this knowledge in order to affect the public consciousness. These are points that should be simplified and gradually taught, and in the clearest language, to all Triangle members. The work of the Triangles is to work with the minds of people, and with a factor that is used and exploited by leaders everywhere; the effort is to impress these minds with certain ideas that are necessary to human progress. People recognize the present darkness and misery, and consequently welcome light; people are tired of hating and fighting, and therefore welcome goodwill.

*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. 2*, pp. 168-171

[Part of] the task that must be undertaken in preparation for the Coming One [is] to construct a network of light and service in every land. This is begun in the individual environment of the server, and gradually extended throughout the world. It was with this idea in view that I suggested the forming of triangles of people, pledged to use the [Great] Invocation and to extend its use through the world. It is my specific plan to help mass world thought and thus evoke the Avatar, and likewise to provide a world group through which the new forces and energies can function, the new ideas can spread, and the coming world order find adherents.

*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, pp. 311-312

**Triangles and the New Group of World Servers**

The Triangle work ... embodies two phases of the work [of the New Group of World Servers], i.e., the forming of the network of light as the channel of communication between the Spiritual Hierarchy and Humanity, and the forming simultaneously of the network of goodwill, which is the objective expression of the subjective influence of light. Ponder on this statement.

*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 253

The background or groundwork of all that you may be asked to do is the *Triangle work*. In the subjective work, the New Group of World Servers will be peculiarly active, creating the network of light; in the objective work, the men and women of goodwill will bestir themselves, creating the network of goodwill. The function of the New Group of World Servers is dynamically to “force” the energy of the Will-to-Good into the world; the average man and woman, responding unconsciously, will express goodwill. Disciples, such as you are, must perform work in both fields, creating and building both types of network. This you can do now, and you can form thus the nucleus of that great interwoven pattern of light and of goodwill that must underlie or “substand” all exoteric work of renovation, renewal, rehabilitation and reconstruction. I ask you and other disciples, therefore, again to work with renewed interest at the forming of triangles, reaching people who are already active, and seek to aid them in forming new triangles. This is a work of major importance and has the endorsement of the Hierarchy.


In this [second] decade of my work, two major activities were inaugurated: the creation of the Triangles and the formation of [World] Goodwill, and these are just on the verge of a major creative activity. They constitute an effort to energize and relate members and adherents of the New Group of World Servers (and particularly in the organization of people of goodwill), to find and mobilize the groups formed by the New Group of World Servers throughout the world, so as to bring added strength to all of them by swinging into a massed effort people of prayer, people of good intention, and those who believe in the divine Will-to-Good, plus those who implement it through love – no matter what they mean by that vague term. Thus a nucleus of a great synthesis was brought about in this second decade, and it will have lasting effects upon human living and design.

*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 634

**The Shamballic Incentive Behind Triangles**

The three Buddhas of Activity are to the Planetary Logos … what the Spiritual Triad is to the dedicated personality of the initiated disciple, for such is the spiritual status of the planetary Logos. The
one of the three Buddhas now coming into activity is the one Who works through the spiritual Will.

Within the body of the Planetary Logos humanity is slowly building that which they call the Antahkarana; this is, in reality, the linking thread between the head and heart centers of Sanat Kumara. Ponder on these words. There is a mystery involved here, and there is little that I can do to make it clearer. As humanity builds or creates the triangles of light and of goodwill, they are in reality invoking a response activity from two of the Buddhas of Activity – the One Who works through the medium of the Will aspect, and the One Who works through love in humanity, intelligently applied. Forget not that these three great Buddhas summarize in a peculiar sense the transmuted essence of the previous solar system in which intelligent activity was the goal. Today, that essence underlies all the activity of this solar system but is motivated by love, which was not the case in the earlier manifestation. The Buddhas Themselves form a deeply esoteric Triangle.

The two types of triangles now being created by a mere handful of people are related to that basic triangle. A third type of triangle will at some much later date be constructed but only when these two earlier types are well established in the consciousness of humanity. [Today, in actual practice, most existing triangles are working with both light and goodwill, or can be seen as triangles of light carrying goodwill. S.E.S.] Then the activity of all the three Buddhas will be involved and present, and a major planetary integration will take place. This is symbolized in the individual when the three centers in the head (the ajna center, the brahmarandra center, and the alta major center) are all functioning and unshakably related, thereby constituting a triangle of light within the head.

From the triangles now being created and those later to be assembled, the Buddhas of Activity will extract that essential quality (at present very rarely to be found) that will go to the building of this aspect of the planetary Antahkarana.

The triangles of light and of goodwill are essentially invocative. They constitute the abc of the coming Science of Invocation. Their strength is dependent upon the depth of feeling in the one case, and the strength of the will in the other, with which they are created. I have here given those disciples who are launching this new project that is so close to my heart a new and useful hint. This work must go on. It is because the entire concept is so new and different to anything hitherto projected that it seems so impossible of achievement; the triangles project has its incentive in such highly esoteric sources that some disciples regard the work as exceedingly difficult and thus complicate, by their thinking, its essential simplicity; others regard it as the simplest thing in the world, and by an emphasis upon the exoteric and the organizational angle, they again hinder the true type of triangle being created. Disciples need to be aware of the true proposed plan and find ways to make clear the middle position between the difficulties brought forward and the simplicities that distort.

Perhaps I may help to clarify somewhat the minds responsible for the initial steps in this deeply esoteric enterprise. It is different to the intellectual and practical work that the men and women of goodwill are asked to do and will do; it is not what some earnest people regard as goodwill work or a phase of the goodwill work. The forming of triangles of light and of goodwill concerns the reservoir of energy upon the inner and etheric side of life that will automatically and with full circulatory effect enable the exoteric work of the men and women of goodwill to make progress. It is not goodwill per se, but the creation of triangles of energy within the etheric body of the planet that are deliberately qualified by goodwill. The two phases of the work are necessarily complementary to each other but must not be regarded as one. The triangles of light must be qualified by or become the agents of goodwill, and the two groups are closely interrelated. The men and women of goodwill need know nothing of these triangles unless it is deemed wise and they are individually advanced enough to react correctly, but their work along the lines of goodwill will be successful or non-successful (I speak from the long-range view) according to the intensity of purpose and the depth of love demonstrated by the two groups of triangle members.

Those responsible for the creative work upon the outer field must begin with the esoteric work. I am writing here for disciples, some of whom are members of my Ashram, and for the New Group of World Servers; these are responsible for carrying forward the work as planned. The two groups of triangles already formed are in reality building a thoughtform about this work that will evoke response from the true builders.
It will be apparent to you, therefore, that this creative work, with its intelligent and practical purposes and its ability when rightly functioning to unite the exoteric and the esoteric workers in one spiritual undertaking, originates in reality in Shamballa itself and was grasped – as to intent and purpose – by Masters upon the First and Second Rays, though primarily the Second Ray disciple and Master understood it the most easily. Later, when steady and systematic work has been done, and the idea is familiar to the public, this activity will form an important part of the New World Religion and be better understood; it will have its own inner group who will work entirely subjectively, building the triangles of light and of goodwill, and then will work objectively, directing the activities of those who are building the organizational aspect of triangles of practical goodwill on Earth with an effective subsidiary activity.

That time is not yet. Today we have the creation of a general thoughtform or the germinating of the seed of an idea. Later, when the true outer work begins, its potency will be objectively demonstrated because the Buddhas of Activity will gradually become aware of the existence of the thoughtform in its nature of light and its quality of goodwill. They will then pour of Their life into it as need arises and emergency decrees. Then gradually “the divine Will will hold sway,” as our injunction expresses it. Paralleling all this will be the work of the men and women of goodwill throughout the world, but in itself entirely objective – worldwide and amazingly useful.

Disciples need to learn to think in terms of group synthesis. This implies the achieving by them of deepened subjective relationships and increased sensitivity to the higher impression and the inner inspiration. The vertical life of the spirit and the horizontal life of relationship must be expressed simultaneously in some measure.

*The Rays and the Initiations*, pp. 273-276

**Transformation of the Etheric Structure of the Planet**

The Science of Triangles … concerns the entire subjective pattern of manifestation and [its] significance is closely interrelated with the Trinity of manifestation. Another name for this science is the Science of Etheric Structure or Substance. That being so, that science deals with life, quality and appearance in the three worlds of divine Purpose and Will and, for that reason, all that I can do in this treatise is to convey to you certain “seed thoughts” that – at some future date – will blossom forth as the basic Science of Relations. This subjective relation will be both vertical and horizontal, particular and universal, specific and general. With the present mental equipment of humanity, all that is possible for a person is to grasp certain facts and vaguely sense certain intuitive implications and ideas. Later, he or she will perceive intuitively the underlying structure of ideas and sense the basic synthesis that life itself contains.

*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 498-499

I have said earlier that the intersecting energies in the etheric body of the planet are at this time a *network of squares*. When the creative process is complete and evolution has done its work, these squares will become a *network of triangles*. Necessarily this is a symbolic way of speaking. In the *Book of Revelations*, which was dictated 1900 years ago by the disciple who is now known as the Master Hilarion, reference is made to the “city that stands four-square.” The etheric vehicle of the planet was inherited from a former solar system, with the purpose or intention in view of its transformation into a network of triangles in this solar system. In the next one of the triplicity of solar systems (the third or last) in which the divine Will works out, the etheric body will begin as a network of triangles, but this will be resolved into a network of interlinked circles or of linked rings, indicating the fulfillment of interlocking relationships. In this present system, the result of evolution, as far as the etheric body is concerned, will be the contact established between all three points of each triangle, making a ninefold contact and a ninefold flow of energy; this is consistent with the fact that nine is the number of initiation, and by the time the destined number of disciples have taken the nine possible initiations, this triangular formation of the planetary etheric body will be complete.

The idea can be conveyed symbolically by the diagram below, which pictures the triangular formation and the mode of a dual growth or progression and expansion of the network because, starting with the initial triangle, two points only are left for the processes of extension.

The initial triangle was formed by Sanat Kumara, and we call the three energies that circulate through its medium the three major Rays of Aspect.
The four Rays of Attribute formed their own triangles and yet, in a paradoxical manner, they are responsible for the “squares” through which their energies at this time pass. Thus the work of transforming the inherited etheric body was begun and has proceeded ever since. In the etheric body of the human being you have a repetition of the same process in the triangle of energies created by the relationship between the Monad, the Soul and the personality.

It is well nigh impossible to draw or make a picture of the network of triangles and, at the same time, see them taking the circular form in their totality of the etheric body of the planetary sphere. The reason is that the whole etheric body is in constant motion and ceaseless transformation, and the energies of which it is composed are in a state of constant change and circulation.

It is wise to have in mind that it is the mechanism that changes and that this transformation of the square into the triangle has no reference whatsoever to the transmitted energies or to the various centers, except insofar that it becomes far easier for the energies to flow through the triangular formation of the etheric body than it is to flow – as is now the case – through or around a square and a network of squares.

*Telepathy*, pp. 163-164

Is the etheric web of the planet sufficiently stable and balanced so that it can adequately respond to the new and potent forces that could and will pour through it into objective expression? I would remind you that the release of atomic energy has had a far more potent effect in the etheric web than in the dense physical vehicle of the planet. Three times the atomic bomb was used [written just after World War II, S.E.S.], and that fact is itself significant. It was used twice in Japan, thereby disrupting the etheric web in what you erroneously call the Far East; it was used once in what is also universally called the Far West, and each time a great area of disruption was formed that will have future potent, and at present unsuspected, results.

The formation of the Triangles of Light and of Goodwill – essentially the manipulation of energy into a desired thought pattern – has a definite relation to this area of disruption. It will in due time be found that the Japanese people, with their peculiar knowledge of thought power (used along wrong lines in the war period), will respond more intelligently to this type of work than many of the Western peoples. An effort should therefore be made to reach the Japanese along the lines of the Triangle work.

*Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. 2*, pp. 61-62

Note: Since the foregoing two paragraphs were written, many more nuclear explosions have occurred all over the world, causing further disruptions in the planetary etheric network. This is an added factor in underlining the significance of the Triangles work. S.E.S.