

# ***THE ARCANE SCHOOL***

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## **NINE BASIC POSTULATES**

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- Humanity is not following a haphazard or uncharted course. There is a Plan.
  - Humanity determines the speed of its own evolution and the fulfilling of its own destiny under the Plan.
  - The success of the Plan depends upon the intelligent co-operation of all men and women of goodwill everywhere in the world.
  - Men and women of goodwill who co-operate form part of the New Group of World Servers which is working to implement the Plan.
  - The leaders of the New Group of World Servers are those who initiate and carry forward activities which benefit humanity as a whole. These leaders are known by their harmless, constructive and inclusive qualities. They provide the vision and mould public opinion.
  - Behind these leaders and the co-operating men and women of goodwill are the Custodians of the Plan, "the inner spiritual Government of the Planet".
  - Members of the New Group of World Servers are found in every political party and every world religion. They represent an attitude of mind.
  - Working in all the main fields of human activity and in all countries everywhere in the world, the New Group of World Servers acts as a synthesising factor within humanity and lays the foundations for right human relations and ultimate world unity.
  - The New Group of World Servers needs a more widespread recognition, cooperation and support in its work for humanity. Every one of us, therefore, can share in the action of the New Group of World Servers and in the working out of the Plan.
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## INTRODUCTION

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Knowledge of the New Group of World Servers and understanding of their function is necessary to disciples in training because all disciples, no matter what their ray and type of service, are members of the new group whether they are aware of it in their brain consciousness or not. The New Group of World Servers came into existence as a result of the successful blending and closer interrelationship of all the focal points of energy reception and distribution we call "the Ashrams of the Masters". The soul relationship of the members of the Ashrams and of those in training for membership thus became one of fused and united purpose and intention, with a consequent effect on the ability of the Hierarchy to stimulate and impress the Plan on the group consciousness of thousands of disciples and servers all over the world. It also resulted in an increased capacity on the part of individual and group units within the larger group to receive the vision with clarity and implement it with skill.

In *The Destiny of the Nations* (p. 20) we are told that: "This group has been chosen by the Hierarchy as its main channel of expression. This group, composed as it is of all world disciples and all working initiates, finds its representatives in every group of idealists and servers and in every body of people who express human thought, particularly in the realm of human betterment and uplift."

We are further informed that as the Aquarian age unfolds, with its emphasis on service and the value of group work, the New Group of World Servers will become the main field of training as well as the field of service expression for world disciples.

The inner nucleus of the new group is composed of conscious knowers of the Plan and the initiated disciples of the Hierarchy. Other groupings within the larger group include those at different levels of discipleship, and the men and women of goodwill. The consciousness of all disciples in training who take their place within the work of the Ashram will eventually expand into identity with this graded group of servers. Hence the value and the need for aspirants and esoteric students to realise at an early stage in their self-training that they are a part of the New Group of World Servers and will experience this relationship and identification in consciousness.

Some extracts from the Tibetan's books are included in this Reading Set. It is suggested that students might research for themselves into the books, most of which contain numerous references to the work and the objectives of the New Group of World Servers. Read in particular the section on "Humanity Today", pp. 629-751, in Vol. II of *A Treatise on the Seven Rays*.

## **THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS: WHO ARE THEY?**

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Out of the medley of ideas, beliefs and systems in the world B political, economic, social and religious B two emerging patterns can be recognised. First, those people who, clinging to reactionary methods of finding and expressing truth, prefer obedience to authority to clear thinking and the self-imposed guidance of their own soul.

Second, those who, while affirming the fundamental truths by which humanity has evolved, are sensitive to soul impression, and recognise that response to human need and spiritual unfoldment are the determining factors which will lead humanity into a new age of peace and plenty. These are the New Group of World Servers whose outer expression are the men and women of goodwill. They belong to no one race, colour or creed and realise that separative, competitive methods cause conflict and prevent the establishing of right human relations.

The New Group of World Servers is not an organisation. It has no headquarters, president, list of officers or members. It has only servers of humanity in every country occupied with the task of discovering and aiding all men and women of goodwill.

Every man and woman in every country who is working to heal the breaches between people, to evoke the sense of brotherhood, to foster the sense of mutual interrelation and interdependence, and who sees no racial, national or religious barriers, is a part of the New Group of World Servers, even if he or she has never heard of it by name.

The New Group of World Servers are gathered from all branches of human enterprise. They will be found among the creative workers, the industrialists, in ordinary homes, and in the ranks of labour. There are scientists who, repudiating violently the unproven, yet are giving all they have of scientific ability and knowledge to the service of humanity B each in his chosen scientific field; there are men and women of financial stature who regard money as a responsibility to be dispensed wisely in the service of others; there are educators, preoccupied with wise formulations of knowledge and with an encyclopedic understanding of the garnered wisdom of the ages, which they seek to utilise in fitting the younger generation to live beautifully, constructively and creatively; there are servers in the church and religious leaders; in all of these the spirit of light is found and they intelligently love humanity.

These world servers are the men and women who have an international vision, which in no way interferes with their good citizenship in the country which claims their allegiance and which in no way militates against their active participation in the religious faith which may appeal to them and claim their service. They are found working today in every country in the world and in many organisations B religious, political, scientific and racial. Above everything else, they are distinguished by their ability to work along constructive lines.

These workers emphasise the points of contact and not the points of difference. They foster no sectarian divisions and they work to end racial hatreds and the many class distinctions. They call attention to the good and true, and enunciate the principles of brotherly understanding, mutual goodwill and the fatherhood of God, upon which all true brotherhood must be based. *They represent an attitude of mind.*

When active in the field of international politics, they do not forget that each nation may have something of value to contribute to the family of nations; the idea governing their activity is therefore

*world service*. When active in the religious field, they heal differences and recognise the universality of truth. They attack no people, classes or systems, and under no circumstances do they ever condemn or criticise any race or nation. Thus they seek today the foundation of the international understanding which will bring in a world of peace and they point to that spiritual relationship to God and to each other which will bring our religious differences to an end.

The New Group of World Servers are not, however, a band of impractical mystics. They know exactly what they seek to do; they are discovering and bringing together the men and women of goodwill all over the world. Their united demand is that these people of goodwill should stand together in complete understanding and thus constitute a slowly growing body whose interest is shown on behalf of *humanity* and not primarily on behalf of their own immediate environment. The larger interest will not, however, prevent them from being good citizens of the country where their destiny has cast them. They will conform to and accept the situation in which they find themselves, but will (in that situation and under that government or religious order) work for goodwill, for the breaking down of barriers, and for world peace. They will avoid all attack on existing regimes and personalities; they will keep the laws of the land in which they have to live, but they will cultivate the spirit of cooperation, utilising every opportunity to emphasise the brotherhood of nations, the unity of faith, and economic interdependence.

These are the broad generalities governing the conduct of people of goodwill co-operating in and with the work being done by the New Group of World Servers. They can be regarded as the embodiment of the emerging kingdom of God on earth, but it should be remembered that this kingdom is not a Christian kingdom or an earthly government. It is a grouping of all those who B belonging as they do to every world religion and every nation and race and type of political party B are free from the spirit of hatred and separativeness, and who seek to see right conditions established on earth through mutual goodwill among all people everywhere in the world.

Each month on the day of the new moon, or as near to it as possible, a special meditation on "Strengthening the Hands of the New Group of World Servers" is done as a group service by many people throughout the world. The meditation is a natural extension of the work done at the time of the full moon, for it seeks to extend the channel for hierarchical energies on the horizontal level, strengthening the efforts of all who are involved in practical service to humanity and the "working out" of the Plan of God. A copy of the meditation is enclosed. If you decide to cooperate in this group meditation service on the day of the new moon, please mention it on your monthly meditation report.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE TIBETAN'S BOOKS

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### - A GLIMPSE INTO HIERARCHICAL PLANNING

In *A Treatise on White Magic* I outlined one of the first steps taken by the Hierarchy in the work on inaugurating the new Plan. This Plan was tentatively formulated in 1900, at one of the great quarterly meetings of the Hierarchy. In 1925, at the next great meeting for cooperation, the new Plan was discussed in greater detail, certain necessary changes (growing out of the results of the World War) were negotiated, and the members of that important Council determined two things:

First, that there should be a united effort by the collective members of the planetary Hierarchy, over a period of several years (that is until 1950), to bring about certain definite results, and that during that time the attention of the Great Ones should be turned towards a definite attempt to expand the consciousness of humanity and to institute a sort of forcing process, so that men's horizon of thought would be tremendously enlarged, and their faith, assurance and knowledge be equally increased and strengthened. It was decided that certain areas of doubt should be cleared up.

Secondly, it was determined to link more closely and subjectively the senior disciples, aspirants and workers in the world. To this end, all the Masters put Their personal groups of disciples in touch with each other, subjectively, intuitively, and sometimes telepathically. Thus the New Group of World Servers came into being.

Instead, therefore, of seven groups of workers in the world, all engrossed with activities along the seven major lines of force B their place in the scheme determined by their ray B the Masters, Their disciples and the probationers grouped themselves into three main divisions, so that the political, the religious, and the educational departments of human evolution might be adequately served.

At the same time They organised the intermediate group of World Servers, who could act as liaison officers, interpreters, and intermediaries between the inner active Hierarchy and the thinkers of the world, and also serve as agents in every country and in every group. Thus all groups which were animated by any desire to serve, and which were (in spite of errors in technique and method) of any usefulness in aiding their fellow men, were swept into a current of spiritual stimulation with the intent to increase their effectiveness. Groups that were crystallised and sectarian as a whole would fail to respond, but in all of them, even the most dead, there were found a few who were responsive to the new impulse....

It was the establishing of a state of mind which was the primary objective, and not the establishing of some impossible and mythical Utopia, or of those material conditions whereby one group is entirely subordinated by the will-to-power of another group which enforces a standardised and uniform condition through the use of power in some form or another. The work indicated, and therefore set before the New Group of World Servers, is to enunciate those principles of national relations which underlie a world state or federation, and their instructions were to get the ear of the leaders in various countries, and thus slowly and gradually awaken the masses (through them) to the true significance of that easily spoken, but little understood word, Brotherhood.

## - UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY

There has never been a period in our planetary history in which opportunity has loomed so large or when so much spiritual light and force could be contacted and utilised by humanity. The *first indication* of this massed and available energy produced coordination of the New Group of World Servers upon the physical plane. The *second indication* produced a pronounced cleavage between the forces of evil and the Forces of Light; this cleavage resulted in the world war (1914-1945) and initiated the seething emotional and psychic turmoil in which humanity today finds itself. The *third indication* was the release of atomic energy and the discovery of how to transmute energy into matter and matter into energy.

The spiritual energies have, therefore, impersonally and with a "vivid directive of pure intent", penetrated from the highest point of spiritual purpose to the lowest aspect of matter, the atom; they have thus proved the truth of the statement that matter is spirit at its lowest point and spirit is matter at its highest, and that the apparent duality is but an essential unity.

A concentration of spiritual forces in and through the New Group of World Servers, the production of a world conflict with its disrupting and at the same time its unifying result, and the release of certain impressive energies in matter itself *for the benefit* of all created things on Earth B these are the immediate results of the pressure of these overshadowing spiritual resources.

These forces have affected the spiritual and the humanitarian people of the world, blending them into one group upon the inner planes (even if this still remains outwardly unrealised), and have thus given a death blow to the great heresy of separateness. This will later make itself invincibly apparent. They brought pure evil to the surface in such a manner that the issues between good and evil became apparent in a clearer light and the causes of human misery received fresh and keener recognition; the knowledge and the responsibility of mankind everywhere cannot now be denied. They also made possible the use of energy locked up in substance itself; this, if rightly used, can and will completely alter and change man's attitude to life, his sense of values and his use of time.

All this has been brought about by what we might call with exactitude the first precipitation. Its effects have been mass effects to a very large extent. They have affected the spiritual workers and the men of goodwill, producing the purifying fires of pain and agony through the medium of war, and making available also the essence of the material world....

The second precipitation must be more consciously brought about by humanity itself, and it is to facilitate this that the new Invocation has been given, and for this reason it must be widely distributed.

This precipitation is to be brought about by the gradual engendering of the divine idea in the human consciousness. Above everything else required at this time is a recognition of the world of meaning, a recognition of Those Who implement world affairs and Who engineer those steps which lead mankind onward towards its destined goal, plus a steadily increased recognition of the Plan on the part of the masses. These three recognitions must be evidenced by humanity and affect human thinking and action *if* the total destruction of mankind is to be averted. They must form the theme of all the propaganda work to be done during the next few decades B until the year 2025 B a brief space of time indeed to produce fundamental changes in human thought, awareness, and direction, but B at the same time B a quite possible achievement, provided the New Group of World Servers and the men and women of goodwill perform a conscientious task.

(*ibid.*, Vol. II, pp. 162-64)

## - INAUGURATING THE NEW WORLD ORDER

[The New Group of World Servers]... are occupied with the task of inaugurating the new world order by forming throughout the world B in every nation, city and town B a grouping of people who... take their stand upon the essential divinity of man; their programme is founded upon goodwill, because it is a basic human characteristic.

(Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on the Seven Rays*, Vol. II, p. 637)

Let us look for a moment at the world picture as we find it at this time [1941], and as it is coming to be recognised by the intelligent observer of world affairs. Nothing that is here said must be regarded in the nature of criticism, for that would be infringing upon one of the basic rules of the New Group, and such is most definitely not contemplated. Therefore we mention no specific groups, nations or parties, nor do we refer to any particular personalities. We are concerned with only one subject, the ushering in of the new world order. To do this, we must recognise the situation as it exists. We are occupied with the formation of that new party which will gather into its ranks all men of peace and goodwill, without interfering with their specific loyalties and endeavours, though probably modifying their methods considerably, where based on the old order. This new party can be regarded as the embodiment of the emerging Kingdom of God on earth, but it should be remembered that this kingdom is not a Christian kingdom or an earthly government. It is a grouping of all those who B belonging as they do to every world religion and every nation and type of political party B are free from the spirit of hatred and separativeness, and who seek to see right conditions established on earth through mutual goodwill. (*ibid.*, p. 639)

The peoples of the world today are divided into four groups, from the angle of Those Who are seeking to guide humanity into the New Age. This is of course a wide generalisation and there are many bridging groups between the four major divisions.

First, *the ignorant masses*....

Secondly, *the middle classes*, so called, both higher and lower....

Thirdly, *the thinkers of the world*....

Fourth, *the New Group of World Servers*: These are the people who are beginning to form a new social order in the world. They belong to no party or government, in the partisan sense. They recognise all parties, all creeds, and all social and economic organisations.... (*ibid.*, pp. 632-36)

The servants of the spiritual Hierarchy and the world disciples are found in every nation; they are loyal to that nation's ideology or political trend of thought or government; the members of the New Group of World Servers embrace every political creed and recognise the authority of every imaginable religion. Men and women of goodwill can be discovered functioning in every group, no matter what its ideology or creed or belief. The Hierarchy does not look for cooperators in any one school of thought, political creed or national government. It finds them in all and cooperates with all. This I have frequently said, yet you find it difficult to believe, so convinced are many of you that your peculiar belief and your particular acceptance of truth is the best undoubtedly and the most true. It may be for you, but not for your brother of another persuasion, nation or religion.

Thus we find, as you well know, members of the New Group of World Servers scattered everywhere. They are the only agents which the Hierarchy chooses to employ at this time and to them is committed the task of doing the following things:

1. Restoring the world balance through understanding and goodwill.
2. Bringing harmony and unity among men and nations by the revelation of the widespread goodwill everywhere existent.

### 3. Precipitating, through spiritual perception and correct interpretation, the Kingdom of God on earth.

This is gigantic task but not an impossible one, provided that there is united aspiration, united sacrifice and the interrelating of the three groups:

1. The planetary Hierarchy, which is the spiritual Hierarchy, called in the West the Kingdom of God.
2. The New Group of World Servers or the disciples and aspirants and the spiritual intelligentsia of the world.
3. The men and women of goodwill found everywhere. (*ibid.*, pp. 739-40)

The New Group of World Servers provides a channel through which the power of God, focused in the Planetary Brotherhood, can flow and that power is *not* intended (as is sometimes necessary under the evolutionary plan) to be destructive. The destructive forces of the planet are doing their directed and needed work, but the effects must be balanced and offset by the work of the World Servers. The power to be released can and will heal humanity's wounds and will bind all men together in a planned synthesis. (*ibid.*, pp. 742-43)

The workers in the inner side and the disciples who are responsible for the working out of the Plan have made great efforts to reach and stimulate the New Group of World Servers. They have been successful. Such success is in no way dependent upon any recognition of the Hierarchy on the part of the Servers. Where that exists it is a help, but it is dependent upon receptivity to spiritual impression, which means responsiveness to the new ideas which are expressive of the spirit of fusion, of synthesis, of understanding, and of cooperative goodwill. Look out for such people and work with them. Do not hold the prevalent attitude that they must work with you. It is for us, who perhaps know a little bit more about the Plan than they do, to do the moving forward. It is for us to evidence intelligent understanding and to set the needed example by submerging our own ideas and personal desires in the good of the whole. (*ibid.*, pp. 746-47)

### - **DANGERS TO AVOID**

Members of the New Group of World Servers learn mostly through the ear and through that careful attention which comes from an inner attitude of constant *listening*. They are unfolding that spiritual perception which is latent but unused in the average man. They have to catch the new Words of Power as they come forth from the centre of spiritual light and force in the world and, at the same time, they must be attentive to the cry of humanity as it voices its highest hopes, longings and desires. This attitude of listening and of a subsequent prompt readjustment of the inner, received commands, is characteristic of the New Group of World Servers. The mass of people whom they will eventually gather around them must be taught, and learn through the eye, through the printed page, and later through a sensing of the vision. These two points must be remembered in planning the work and in finding the workers.

A word should be spoken here about the dangers the New Group of World Servers should seek to avoid. It must not be forgotten, first of all, that many people of many races and religious views, form a part, consciously or unconsciously, of this group. Some of them are so close to the Plan that their clarity of vision and their understanding is very real. They know. They need to be very sure, however, as to their right action from the angle of time. Skill in action is their main problem and not accuracy of perception. Others are not so close to the Plan and only know it in a vague and general way. They are consecrated and dedicated souls, but personal ambition and national and religious prejudices, still govern their minds, their reactions and their habits of speech. They sometimes resent the fact that others of different race, tradition and religious sentiment may be as close to the Plan and the Custodians of the Plan as they are. They question the authority of individuals in the New Group of World Servers and sometimes work towards the undoing of disciples in the same field as their own. This must not be.

There is no time today for such trifling things as personal prestige, or for the emphasising of one organisation at the expense of another, or for the assumed priority of this or other teaching....

Let all of us, therefore, who belong to the New Group of World Servers or who respond to their message of goodwill, sacrifice our personal differences, our petty interpretations, and our selfish ambitions upon the altar of world service and friendships. Thus we can offer to the Custodians of the Plan an instrument which They can freely use.

Another danger may arise if undue emphasis is laid upon the organisation aspect of the New Group of World Servers. It must never be forgotten that there is here no ordinary organisation, such as is usually found in the world. The group is an organism, not an organisation. It is not a propaganda group, as that term is usually understood. It is not interested in politics, religion or place. Its work is the educating of the human being and the expanding of the human consciousness, so that the newer and truer ideas may be grasped. Its function is the spreading of the message of international goodwill and religious unity. The members of the New Group of World Servers are primarily interpreters. That they may have high place and position, that they may be powerful and influential people, that they may work through the spoken and the printed word, that they may employ every possible means which brains and money can use in their endeavour, and that they may evidence the highest skill in action will be true if things progress as desired; but all these things are to be regarded as simply a means to an end B the production of worldwide good will, of intelligent and loving understanding and unity, peace and plenty....

The various plans under consideration for the furthering and growth of the New Group of World Servers, should and will go steadily forward. The ideas briefly outlined above should be worked out in detail. People must be trained to work for the expansion of these ideas. The general public must be educated as to the aims and objectives of the new group. Meditation groups should be formed, dedicated to the work of contacting the vision and of drawing in the needed wisdom and power. The Great Invocation should be increasingly used, and daily and hourly must the Invocation be sent forth. The gist of that which is here set forth should be rearranged and readapted for the use of the general public for it is only through constant reiteration that men learn, and these things must be said again and again before the real work of the New Group of World Servers can make itself felt.

*(ibid., pp. 665-68)*

## - THE VANGUARD OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The function of the New Group is to balance the forces leading to disintegration and destruction by embodying in itself the forces of integration and construction. The New Group will eventually offset the tendency... towards racial hatreds, and the teaching given out will tend to negate the present ideas which are powerful in producing the current cleavages and barriers among men, thus causing separation and war. Where there is an appearance of a group or groups, expressing ideas which potently emphasise one angle of public opinion and one aspect of life, there must inevitably appear, under the law of balance, that which will offset it. At the present point in the history of the race, the groups which foster the spirit of cleavage and which build up barriers to impede the free spirit of man, have appeared first. They do their needed work, for they too are included in the Plan. Then, under the Law, there must appear the group or groups which embody those ideas which lead to integration and constructive building. They will swing the world on to a higher turn of the spiral; they will heal the breaches, break down the barriers, and end the cleavages.

*(ibid., p. 668)*

...You can see here why B as a hierarchical technique B we brought to the attention of the general public the fact of the existence of the New Group of World Servers. They offer a practical expression of an existent unity, based upon oneness of motive, of recognition, of orientation (towards the spiritual world and towards the service of humanity), of methods and of ideas, and all this in spite of the fact that

the physical plane relationship is usually non-existent and outer organisation and recognition lack. The unity is subjective, and for that reason is impervious to every taint of separateness.

The inner organisation, to which we have given the name of the New Group of World Servers for the sake of recognition and identification, cannot be broken or in any way diminished, for it is constructed around a major principle of evolutionary growth which B when attained B indicates a registered consciousness of unity; this is something which, once recorded and known, cannot be lost or disproved. Once seen and realised, it becomes as much a fact in its possessor's consciousness as the recognition and utilisation of his own physical body. This he knows to be a complex organism which constitutes a functioning unity through the medium of the life principle; it is an incontrovertible fact in the realisation of the intelligent man. (ibid., Vol. V, p. 299)

...I have been endeavouring to educate you in the new ideals and in the work of the New Group of World Servers. The responsibility for right action and for the effort to reach the public rests upon the aspirants and the disciples of the world who read my words. There is nothing that I, personally, can do. It is your *time* (and all of you, without exception, can give some) for which Christ and humanity are today calling. It is your activity and skill in reaching those you can reach for which we make demand. It is your money that is needed to enable us to reach the interested public. It is your meditation and intense inner cooperation which will construct that channel through which the spirit of peace can work and the forces of Light enter. (ibid., Vol. II, pp. 750-51)

...An increase of pressure on the part of all who recognise the factual nature of the inner subjective kingdom of God, will produce amazing results. This kingdom, through its major power (a quality of synthesis, could you but realise it), is gathering together into itself men and women out of every nation and out of all parts of the Earth. It is absorbing them into itself not because they are orthodox or religious in the generally accepted sense of the term, but because of *their quality*. Simultaneously, as their numbers increase, a reverse movement is taking place. Men are moving outward on to the physical plane, and doing this as a group in order to prove the factual nature of the world of unity into which they have succeeded in penetrating. They, therefore, are demonstrating oneness and synthesis in such a simple way that men everywhere can grasp it. The New Group of World Servers is the vanguard of the kingdom of God, the living proof of the existence of the world of spiritual Oneness. (ibid., Vol. V, pp. 300-301)

## - THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS AND THE CHRIST

The New Group of World Servers provides essentially a training ground and a field of experience for those who hope to grow in spiritual stature and to fit themselves to be the active, directed disciples of the Christ. The appearance of this group on Earth at this time is one of the indications of the success of the evolutionary process, as applied to humanity. This method of work B the use of human beings as agents to carry forward the work of salvation and of world uplift B was initiated by the Christ Himself; He worked with men very frequently through others, reaching humanity through the medium of his twelve Apostles, regarding Paul as substituting for Judas Iscariot. The Buddha tried the same system but the relation of His group was, in the first instance, to Him and not so much to the world of men. Christ sent His Apostles out into the world to feed the sheep, to seek, to guide and to become "fishers of men". The relation of the disciples of the Christ was only secondarily to their Master but primarily to a demanding world; that attitude still controls the Hierarchy, yet with no loss of devotion to the Christ. What the Buddha had instituted symbolically and in embryo became factual and existent under the demands of the Piscean Age.

In the age into which we are now emerging, the Aquarian Age, this mode of group work will reach a very high point of development, and the world will be saved and reconstructed *by groups* far more than by individuals. In the past we have had world saviours B Sons of God Who have given to men a message which brought an increase of light to the people. Now, in the fullness of time, and through the

processes of evolution, there is emerging a group who will bring salvation to the world and who (embodying group ideas and emphasising the true meaning of the Church of Christ) will so stimulate and energise the minds and souls of men that the new age will be ushered in by an out-pouring of the Love, Knowledge and Harmony of God Himself, as well as by the reappearance of the Christ in Whom all these three faculties of divinity will be embodied.

Religions in the past have been founded by a great soul, by an Avatar, and by an outstanding spiritual personality. The stamp of their lives and words and teaching has been set upon the race and has persisted for many centuries. What will be the effect of the message of a group Avatar or world Saviour?

What will be the potency of the work of a group of knowers of God, enunciating truth and banded together subjectively in the great work of saving the world? What will be the effect of the mission of a group of world Saviours, all Knowers of God in some degree, who supplement each other's efforts, reinforce each other's message, and constitute an organism through which the spiritual energy and principle of spiritual life can make their presence felt in the world, under the direction of the Christ in Visible Presence?

Such a body now exists, with its members in every land. Relatively they are few and far between, but steadily their numbers are increasing, and increasingly their message will be felt. In them is vested a spirit of construction; they are the builders of the new age; to them is given the work of preserving the spirit of truth, and the reorganising of the thoughts of men so that the racial mind is controlled and brought into that meditative and reflective condition which will permit it to recognise the next unfoldment of divinity, which Christ will inaugurate.

For the last ten years, this New Group of World Servers has been reorganised and revitalised; the knowledge of its existence is spreading all over the world. It is today a group of men and women of every nation and race and of all religious organisations and humanitarian movements who are fundamentally oriented towards the Kingdom of God or who are in process of thus orienting themselves.

They are disciples of the Christ, working consciously and frequently unconsciously for His reappearance; they are spiritual aspirants, seeking to serve and make real the Kingdom of God on Earth; they are men of goodwill and intelligence who are trying to increase understanding and right human relations among men. This group is divided into two major divisions:

1. A group composed of the disciples of the Christ who are consciously working with His plans, and of those who, instructed by them, are consciously and voluntarily cooperating. In this latter category we can find ourselves if we so desire, and if we are willing to make the necessary sacrifices.
2. A group composed of aspirants and world conscious men and women, who are working unconsciously under the guidance of the spiritual Hierarchy. There are many such, particularly in high places today, who are fulfilling the part of destroyers of the old form or of builders of the new. They are not conscious of any inner synthetic plan, but are selflessly occupied in meeting world need as best they may, with playing parts of importance in national dramas, or with working persistently in the field of education.

The first group is in touch with the spiritual Hierarchy to some extent and to a large extent where true disciples are concerned; its members work under spiritual inspiration. The second group is in closer touch with the masses of men; it works more definitely under the inspiration of ideas. The first group is occupied with the Plan of the Christ as far as its members can grasp its essentiality, whilst the second group works with the new concepts and hopes which are emerging in the consciousness of mankind, as men begin subjectively and often unconsciously to respond to the preparations for the coming of the Christ. Steadily and as a result of the work of the New Group of World Servers, humanity is awakening to the possibilities ahead.

[The Christ] is now waiting to descend. This descent into our unhappy world of men can present Him with no alluring picture. From the quiet mountain retreat where He has waited, guided and watched over humanity and where He has trained His disciples, initiates and the New Group of World Servers, He must come forth and take His place prominently on the world stage; take His part in the great drama which is there being played. This time, He will play His part, not in obscurity as He previously did but before the eyes of the entire world....

...He must again enter the public arena, play His part in world affairs, and prove the scope of His mission.... His major task is surely the establishing of right human relations in every department of human living. I would ask you to use your imagination and endeavour to think out what must be the implications of the task which confronts Him; I would ask you to ponder on the difficulties which He must inevitably face B the difficulty, above all, of mass intellectual wrong emphasis.

...The generally accepted idea that He will return as a triumphant warrior, omnipotent and irresistible, has surely no basis in fact.... He will re-appear and guide mankind into a civilisation and a state of consciousness in which right human relations and worldwide cooperation for the good of all will be the universal keynote. He will B through the New Group of World Servers and the men of goodwill B complete His association with the Will of God (His Father's business) in such a manner that the eternal will-to-good will be translated by humanity into goodwill and right relations. Then His task will be done; He will be free again to leave us, but this time not to return but to leave the world of men in the hands of that great spiritual Server Who will be the new Head of the Hierarchy, the Church Invisible. (*ibid.*, pp. 54-57)

The potency of love-wisdom, transmitted by the Hierarchy, is playing upon modern humanity in a more intimate and close manner than ever before. The Directors of the Hierarchy are seeking to evoke an intelligent response from men and an indication that they are *conscious* of what is happening....

This energy of love is primarily concentrated (for purposes of hierarchical activity) in the New Group of World Servers. This group has been chosen by the Hierarchy as its main channel of expression.... True group love is of more importance than personal relationships, though these are met as need (note, I say, *need*) arises. Disciples learn to grasp the need of group love and to amend their ways in conformity with group good, but it is not easy for the self-interested individual to grasp the difference. Through the medium of those disciples who have learned the distinction between the petty concerns of the individual plus his interest in himself and the necessities and urgencies of group work and love, the Hierarchy can work and so bring about the needed world changes, which are primarily *changes in consciousness*.

(Alice A. Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations*, pp. 19-21)

There is only one true way and there are indications that it is a way towards which many millions of people are turning. *Unity and right human relations B individual, communal, national and international B can be brought about by the united action of the men and women of goodwill in every country.*

(Alice A. Bailey, *Problems of Humanity*, p. 178)

## **TIME CYCLES OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS**

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The activities of the New Group of World Servers follow a rhythmic pattern which is based upon successive three-year periods, each building upon the last and maintaining all that has been gained.

The first year of each three years includes a process of inner re-integration and subjective conditioning and recharging. A subjective stocktaking, so to speak, goes on while the outer work also goes forward. This is the time of spiritual maturing and of essential decisions and subjective choices, which take place according to the quality aspect of the group life. It is also the time of precipitation of the next bit of the vision for which the group life is ready.

The second year of each three-year period sees the unfolding of the results of this inner vision and the inner choice. Action is taken in the perfecting and adjusting of the organised projects already under way and for the required expansion which must be initiated in order that the incoming life can find expression without its potency causing disruption. In this period personnel problems are resolved and financing must be planned. It is during this period that the outer organisation is given renewed attention.

Then in the third year all this must bear its fruit in action, sustained, strong, well balanced and effective. It has been said this is the time when the New Group of World Servers "strikes a spiritual blow upon the consciousness of humanity". The outer action must carry the newly contacted forces into human consciousness and opportunity thereby be extended to humanity. The response to humanity's invocative appeal must flow in and it becomes the business of world disciples to use every channel or inlet into human consciousness which has been created.

During this period the group itself is more directly used by the Hierarchy than at any other time. If the vision in the first period has been received without distortion and if the preparation for service in the second period has been wise and the blockages and the leaks in the spiritual organism removed or remedied, the third period will be the smoothest of the three, in outer operation. The relationships of the executive personnel must be harmonious and utterly free from criticism and controversy. The machine created for the work can and should function almost automatically. The pattern has been set and everybody is hard at work.

There are many other time cycles in the expression of the life of our planetary Logos as it functions through the human family, but this basic pattern of threes is found reflected everywhere. Time factors as they manifest in our consciousness are not exact and may overlap. It is to be remembered that our calendar is not a completely accurate measure of the sequence of human events in relation to planetary and solar cycles.

Also we know that it is possible to accomplish more both in growth and in service in any one cycle than the normal pattern would require. Just as an individual aspirant can hasten his progress on the Path and accomplish much more in any given incarnation than even his own soul expected, so also a group can deepen its spiritual consciousness and purify its expression and be more expertly and practically useful than seemed likely at the beginning of any given period. This is true of the New Group of World Servers and it is also true of humanity as a whole. Nevertheless the fundamental rhythms persist and we do well to take advantage of them.

As the individual accepted disciple finds his field of service and consciously joins the ranks of the senior members of the New Group of World Servers he finds inevitably that his life begins to conform to the time cycle of that larger group. His personality struggles and worries and fears, and the problems of controlling his outer plane affairs, all become increasingly secondary and automatic until, finally, he

stands free. His life merges in the group life in a way quite inexplicable to him as he looked forward to such a release into spiritual freedom.

An examination of the events of the first thirty years of our group life demonstrates that it has fallen into ten-year periods which, if on schedule, would naturally coincide with the three-year periods of the New Group of World Servers. This synchronisation was almost startlingly demonstrated in the year 1952. That circumstance was brought home with clarity to us because humanity as a whole in that year was undergoing the same basic process of inner esoteric choosing, which characterises the first cycle of each three-year period in the smaller group of world servers. It was the year 1923, the second year of the first three-year cycle, that saw the outer action taking place, which was in preparation for a new spiritual impact on the entire esoteric field in the world. This was the result of the decision taken by Alice A. Bailey and those who were cooperating with her, which had been focused in the previous year. As a result, esotericism in the Western world is today a very different thing to what it was at that time.

In 1931 the decision was made to expand the work abroad and it was the year 1933 that saw the precipitation into outer action of the New Group of World Servers. The worldwide group which had been created in the preceding ten years was the vehicle successfully used for that launching. 1933 was also the year which marked the expansion of our own group, which resulted in the taking on progressively of world service projects. Each one of these projects has in fact been the precipitation of some aspect of the developing potency of the New Group of World Servers.

The third year of the next three-year cycle, 1936, again saw an outer expression in action by our group with relation to the first stanza of the Great Invocation, and it was a definite year of Hierarchical effort in preparation for the coming crisis of humanity. 1939 saw us engulfed in that great initiatory struggle which we called World War II, and it was in 1942 that the inner spiritual victory was gained and the ultimate result assured. This demonstration of the uncrushable spiritual integrity of humanity itself resulted in the great year of 1945 when it was possible for the Christ to make His great pronouncement of return and for the issuing of the Great Invocation, which we now have as our chief spiritual weapon. 1948 was the year of precipitating energies of the new spiritual potencies so rapidly becoming available for the salvaging of humanity with which we as a group had two years before chosen to keep pace, and 1951 found us, as a group, struggling rather more desperately than we knew against the accumulating pressures that were opposing the expansion of spiritual consciousness in the human family in the post war period.

Then we came to the significant year of 1952, the first year of the recurring three-year cycle of the life of the New Group of World Servers. A year of inner decision and choices, a year when the essential quality of the disciples of the world, grouped together for the undertaking of the future planned cooperation with the Hierarchy, was tested. We as a group participated more consciously in the significance of that time than we have ever done heretofore, and as a result we have in 1953 been able to take certain consolidating action and succeeded in initiating certain steps which are the foundation of great usefulness in the future. The testing of our group has been sustained and the essential group integrity preserved, blockages in the channel and inner conflicts have been taken care of, plans have been well laid for the carrying forward of the necessary outer impact on human consciousness in 1954, which is the third year of the present three-year cycle. This impact we have all recognised is the launching of the second phase of the precipitation of the New Group of World Servers into the consciousness of humanity itself, thereby increasing its numbers and supporting strength.

It was 1952 that saw us making the decision to establish a practical working centre at Geneva and this project was successfully brought to its outer expression in 1953. That it was possible to do this and that we have become conscious of the reality of its inner rightfulness and of certain spiritual recognitions, is the guarantee to us that our group has successfully entered its second major thirty-year period. If we had not made good in 1952 and had not succeeded in implementing the results of that year's choices we could not now be sure that we have ahead of us a second thirty-year cycle of increased world usefulness.

As is true of the individual disciple, so also it was true of our group that to a large extent we hardly realised the deeper significance of the events that were moving forward or the potencies of the forces that were flowing in to us and to which we were responding as best we could.

1954 must therefore see for our group a strong and effective worldwide action. 1955 will again bring tension and choices. The group action of 1957 and 1960 will lead to a climaxing worldwide spiritual impact upon human consciousness in 1963 in which we are destined to play our appropriate part.

Foster Bailey, December 1953

*Note:* While this article only considers the pattern of work in the first thirty years of the group's existence, it offers valuable insight on these first thirty years and on the nature of the inner rhythm conditioning the group life and work.

## CHART OF THE TIME CYCLES<sup>1</sup>

THESE ARE CYCLES OF: Crisis/Consolidation  
 Tension/Expansion  
 Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness

	<b>3 YEAR CYCLE</b>	<b>9 YEAR CYCLE</b>	<b>27 YEAR CYCLE</b>
1933-34 1934-35 1935-36	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Crisis/Consolidation
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1939-40 1940-41 1941-42	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
1942-43 1943-44 1944-45	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Tension/Expansion
1945-46 1946-47 1947-48	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1948-49 1949-50 1950-51	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness
1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1957-58 1958-59 1959-60	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	

\* These cycles run from the period of the Wesak Festival at the time of the Taurus full moon.

	<b>3 YEAR CYCLE</b>	<b>9 YEAR CYCLE</b>	<b>27 YEAR CYCLE</b>
1960-61 1961-62 1962-63	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Crisis/Consolidation
1963-64 1964-65 1965-66	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1966-67 1967-68 1968-69	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
1969-70 1970-71 1971-72	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Tension/Expansion
1972-73 1973-74 1974-75	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1975-76 1976-77 1977-78	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
1978-79 1979-80 1980-81	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness
1981-82 1982-83 1983-84	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1984-85 1985-86 1986-87	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
1987-88 1988-89 1989-90	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Crisis/Consolidation
1990-91 1991-92 1992-93	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
1993-94 1994-95 1995-96	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
1996-97	Crisis/Consolidation	Crisis/Consolidation	Tension/Expansion

	<b>3 YEAR CYCLE</b>	<b>9 YEAR CYCLE</b>	<b>27 YEAR CYCLE</b>
1997-98 1998-99	Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness		
1999-2000 2000-01 2001-02	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
2002-03 2003-04 2004-05	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
2005-06 2006-07 2007-08	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness
2008-09 2009-10 2010-11	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
2011-12 2012-13 2013-14	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Crisis/Consolidation
2017-18 2018-19 2019-20	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
2020-21 2021-22 2022-23	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	
2023-24 2024-25 2025-26	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Crisis/Consolidation	Tension/Expansion
2026-27 2027-28 2028-29	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Tension/Expansion	
2029-30 2030-31 2031-32	Crisis/Consolidation Tension/Expansion Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	Emergence/Impact on Public Consciousness	

## THE SEVEN-YEAR FESTIVALS OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

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### - THE LAW OF GROUP PROGRESS

...The name "Law of Group Progress" is the phrase given by human beings to a particular type of energy which is producing the *coherence of units in a group*, thus forming them into one living organism. The recognitions eventuating are those of group affinity, group objective, and group goal. It is, in the last analysis, the emergence into the subjective consciousness of the same type of energy which produces that aspect of cohesive action which demonstrates as tribal, national or racial unity. In this case, however, the determining factor is not of a physical connotation nor have these groups a physical plane basis. They are based on a group idealism which can only be consciously registered when the units in the group are beginning to function upon the mental plane and are developing the capacity to "think things through" B that is, to register in the brain that which the soul has imparted to the mind. We have here a definition of the meditation process as it should be followed by those who, through alignment, have made some measure of soul contact. These groups are functioning entirely through a subjective relation, which produces a subjective integration and activity.

...the energies of the zodiacal signs have a specific effect upon the energy of a Being, Whose purpose works out into manifestation through these laws, which are regarded by us as great and inevitable natural laws and also spiritual laws. This effect produces a blending of energies which is both balancing and, at the same time, impelling.

In December, 1935, the energies of Capricorn were augmented by the pouring in of forces from a still greater constellation which is B to our zodiac B what the zodiac is to the Earth. This augmentation will take place again in 1942. It must be remembered that, from certain angles, the circle of twelve signs or constellations constitutes a special unity which revolves within our universe of heavens as our planet revolves in the centre of our circle of influences. By means of this augmentation B during the coming Aquarian zodiacal cycle B groups on earth can avail themselves of the tide of Capricornian influences which will flow into our radius of registration every seven years. The one just past, gave a tremendous impetus to the work of the New Group of World Servers, and was the cause of the very good reaction in the world to their particular impulse. This worked out in every nation and in every group as a marked tendency to good will. In 1942, there will come another planetary inflow of which we are all begged to avail ourselves, and for which we are urged to make due preparation. This "week of group impact" occurring every seven years, will run from December 21st till December 28th, and if this should at any time fall at the period of the full moon, the opportunity will be most significant. This possibility must be watched. This week should be regarded as pre-eminently the "festival week" of the New Group of World Servers, and after 1942 advantage must be taken of this period, and special preparation made. This fact invites the attention of all of us.

These new groups are appearing everywhere all over the world. The groups upon the outer plane, with their diversity of names and stated aims, are not connected with this inner group which is sponsoring or "projecting" the new groups, except in so far as they have a definite, even if nebulous, connection. This becomes always possible where there are three members of the New Group of World Servers found in any one exoteric group; it then becomes "linked by a triple thread of golden light" to the New Group of World Servers, and can in some measure be used. This great and spiritual grouping of servers is, on the physical plane, only very loosely linked. On the astral plane the linking is stronger and is based upon love of humanity; on the mental plane the major linking takes place, from the angle of the three worlds as a whole. It will be apparent, therefore, that certain developments must have taken place in the individual before he

can consciously become a functioning member of the New Group of World Servers, which is the principal group at this time definitely working under the Law of Group Progress.

1. He must have the heart centre awakened, and be so outgoing in his "behaviour" that the heart is rapidly linked up with the heart centres of at least eight other people. Groups of nine awakened aspirants can then be occultly absorbed into the heart centre of the planetary Logos. Through it, His life can flow and the group members can contribute their quota of energy to the life influences circulating throughout His body. The above piece of information is only of interest to those who are spiritually awakened, and will mean little or nothing to those who are asleep.
2. The head centre must also be in process of awakening, and the ability to "hold the mind steady in the light" must be somewhat developed.
3. Some forms of creative activity must likewise be found and the server must be active along some humanitarian, artistic, literary, philosophic or scientific lines.

All this involves personality integration and alignment and that magnetic, attractive appeal which is distinctive of all disciples in some form or another. In this way, from the standpoint of esotericism, certain great triangles of energy will be found in the individual and consequently increasingly in humanity. Then too the "forces of creative life" will circulate from the "point within the head" (the head centre) along the "line to the heart" and then, with the throat centre, form a "triangle of fiery light". Such is the Way of Group Progress, and when this is being consummated, then the Law of Group Progress begins definitely to function and to control.

(Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on the Seven Rays*, Vol. II, pp. 195-98)

## - THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS FESTIVAL WEEK 1970

Address by Mary Bailey, New York, 21st December

This week, which we are observing with an opening meditation meeting and a closing meeting, and which we call the Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers, is essentially a week of group impact. This means an impact on public consciousness. This is what the New Group of World Servers seeks to affect B consciousness. Tonight, at our meeting next Monday, and during the week as we go about our ordinary daily duties, we should endeavour to hold our consciousness open to whatever impression, whatever inspiration, whatever ideas, whatever energy is available to us. As a result of that we should be capable of transmitting energy according to what we receive and to the extent that we receive. And in order to open up this seven-year week of group impact, this Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers, perhaps we could focus and pour mental energy into the whole concept of the group this evening, briefly, but as clearly as possible, so that as this week proceeds and as we move up toward the final meeting, we have a good idea of what we mean when we talk about the New Group of World Servers and what we mean when we talk about creating an impact on public consciousness.

To do this I have combed through the vast amount of knowledge and information that is available to us in the books written by Alice A. Bailey and I have tried to select those factors that appear to be of fundamental importance. What we should be considering this evening really revolves around four questions:

- What is the New Group of World Servers?
- Who are its members?
- What is the Festival week?
- And why does it fall at this particular time?

and then perhaps a fifth question: What is required in service of the New Group of World Servers at this critical period in human history?

Let us fill in a few points that relate to these various questions, perfectly well aware of the fact that this must be incomplete, that there is much more to be said, much more to be known, and much more that can be known, particularly to those whose consciousness is already aligned within the heart and soul of this mediating group.

First of all, *what* is the New Group of World Servers? As a matter of fact, the New Group of World Servers is not definable in organisational terms. Although this seven-year Festival is always held during this week between December 21st and 28th, and during a Christian and a Jewish Festival, its membership is not exclusively Christian or Jewish, or even religious or political. It is not agnostic or humanistic. It is not essentially Eastern or Western; it is not white or black, or old or young. And yet it includes all of these and many more. It is essentially an effect. The New Group of World Servers is an effect of various inner causes, two of them being of particular importance to us at this time.

These two are: first of all, the fact that the human race is one race, manifesting through various nationalities, races, religions and ethnic groups. It is one soul, expressing itself through the soul principle in each and every human being. That is the first fact of fundamental importance responsible for the final emergence, approximately 30 years ago, of the fact of the New Group of World Servers as a group.

The second fact of basic importance is that there are on this planet those beings who have evolved beyond the normal range of human consciousness and who, as enlightened and perfected men, (that is, perfected in relation to the human kingdom only, but not yet perfect from the standpoint of still more exalted states of consciousness) possess greater understanding, insight and capacity than that possible to the human kingdom. This centre of enlightened and perfected servers, known in the Orient as the Society of Illumined Minds and in the Occident as the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, the Masters of the Wisdom and the Lords of Compassion, or the inner government of the planet, however you like to think of them, works constantly to stimulate, impress and enlighten the minds of men. They can and they do work through those human beings directly associated with them and their work, who are conscious of that link B and there are many. These are the more evolved men and women in the world who, because they are in touch with their own souls, are also consciously in touch with the inner sources from which their inspiration stems.

There are seven main groupings in this spiritual Hierarchy, and each one is responsible for a certain range of work according to the type of energy it carries and according to the immediate needs of the emerging Plan at any one period of human history. This is the second factor of importance that led eventually to the recognition of the fact of the existence of the New Group of World Servers. And this is the way it came about. At one of its periodic conclaves in 1925, the spiritual Hierarchy decided, in order to meet the particular needs in the world for the remainder of this century, to unify their own specialised activities and also to put the various members of their own groups of disciples working on the physical plane in touch with one another subjectively, intuitively and, in some cases, telepathically. Thus the New Group of World Servers came into being as a united force for good and for progress in the world, as a result of Hierarchical response to spiritual opportunity and of human readiness for progress. All religions, all ideologies and all schools of thought are represented in this group. There is no separation between one field of service and another or between one teacher and teaching and another. All are needed to complete the rich tapestry of human experience and to encourage and promote the evolution of human consciousness.

This, briefly and inadequately, is what the New Group of World Servers is as a group. It is a subjectively united group. It has no outer organisation. It works only through impressions received and action initiated, self-chosen action. It is not directed, it is not told what to do. It is not under the authority of a leader or a president or a staff of officers. It is a loosely affiliated group of free souls who wish to serve the human race because of their love for humanity and because of their sense of need during this period of world crisis.

Then we come to, *who are they?* Who are the members of the New Group of World Servers, specifically? I want to give you this definition in the words of another. "There exist upon the earth in every nation, men and women who in some form or another recognise the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, who have a quality of non-separateness definitely present, or else rapidly developing, and who are gathered together in no limiting organisation, but primarily by their trend of thought and the habits of their activity. They constitute a group who are subjectively, spiritually, practically, and openly, creating a new form of human relationship and a new world order. This new relation is resulting in mutual understanding and a mental cooperation which recognises no barriers or national limitations.

"On the inner side of spiritual incentive and endeavour, they work today as one group. On the outer side of world affairs, they may not be aware of one another physically or arrive at any open contact. Yet they are animated by the same principles and they are carrying forward in all nations and in every department of human thinking and planning, a similar work. They represent an attitude of mind." And, one might add, a state of consciousness. "Every man and woman in every country in both hemispheres, who is working to heal the breaches between people, to evoke the sense of brotherhood, to foster the sense of mutual interrelation, and who sees no racial, national or religious barriers, is a member of the New Group of World Servers, even if he has never heard of it in these terms."

There are three main groupings in the New Group of World Servers and they are all equally important. At the very heart of the group there is a nucleus of disciples and initiates who *know* what they are doing; they know of their inner spiritual contacts, they are open to the vision of the Plan, they are open to spiritual impression. They are capable of translating the inspiration they receive, in terms of ideas and lines of thought, into definite ideals and programmes of action. They are the inspirers, the stimulators, the potent, subjective influence that is always present and available to all members of the human family with any degree of openness of mind and heart.

And then there is a second grouping of younger disciples and aspirants to discipleship, those who may not yet have made the deep, essential, inner contact that characterises the initiate but who are on their way, who are in touch with their own souls sufficiently so that they can be reached and touched and inspired, and so that they can respond. Because this is one of the main characteristics of the new group. They respond. They are not in contact with spiritual energies simply to register a nice thought or idea and to leave it at that. They respond. And they act.

And then the third group consists of the hundreds and thousands of men and women of goodwill around the world, characterised by love of humanity, concern for human welfare, the ability to work constructively and creatively and, essentially, the capacity to carry and to use in all their daily contacts and relationships that infectious, contagious energy we call goodwill, which is *love in action*. And this is the group B because they do exist everywhere in their thousands in all nations, no matter what their form of government may be, of all religions, of all races B that can, according to their local environment and to the needs of their local condition, translate energy into action. So they serve to implement the Plan. This is the significance of this rapidly increasing group of men and women of goodwill around the world B they serve where they are to establish right human relationships and to transform the society of which they are a part.

Now let us think for a moment of the Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers; what is it? Just now I mentioned that one of the factors responsible for bringing the New Group of World Servers into existence was a decision made during the 1925 conclave of the spiritual Hierarchy. Ten years later, in 1935, and as a result of the effect of forming this subjectively associated group of servers, there seemed to be, so far as I understand it, the completion of an essential planetary alignment, which then opened the planetary life as a whole to a type of energy flow not previously "acceptable" because the prerequisite of a completed planetary alignment did not exist. The New Group of World Servers appeared to be the last necessary link in the planetary chain, mediating as it does between Hierarchy and humanity. And this opened up the consciousness of our planetary Life to a source of energy and a power not previously available or accessible. In 1935, therefore, and during this particular week in December, we learn that the

energies of Capricorn, which are flowing now into the range of the planetary Life, were "greatly augmented by energies coming from a much greater constellation", and that this augmentation from that time on recurred every seven years during the same period. The result of that first inflow in 1935 was to stimulate enormously the potency of the energy of goodwill in the human heart. Although we have no way of verifying that, as the years go by the practical goodwill strengthens as it increases, its effect in human attitude becomes more potent and recognisable.

This is the origin of the Festival Week, and we are asked to give this augmentation of Capricornian energy every seven years all the support and cooperation we can, because its purpose is as we have recognised is to make an impact on public consciousness so that the potency of goodwill, latent in many cases in human hearts, can be strengthened and brought to a condition of potency and active expression. This periodic Festival Week and what can be done to support its purposes will be vitally necessary during the remaining 30 years of this 20th century when humanity as a whole is reversing its evolutionary position on the wheel of life, with all the consequent suffering and turmoil, and turning toward a new and better world for all humanity.

*Why in Capricorn?* There are all sorts of different factors that come together during this week. As we all know, this is the winter solstice. In other words, it is the darkest point of the year when symbolically speaking we might say that spiritual light has touched the densest form of concrete matter and of darkness. And momentarily "the Sun stands still", for two days or so. There is no movement either "up" or "down". This occurs right at the conclusion of what we understand as the lower interlude in the annual cycle. Following this pause in the ebb and flow of energy, the spiritual tide again begins to move up toward the three major spiritual Festivals next spring in Aries, Taurus and Gemini, as the Sun begins to ascend in the heavens. It is said that all "Sun Gods" are born in Capricorn because of the particular quality or destiny of the energy flow and the proffered spiritual opportunity. Sun Gods are those who convey life as love and light to humanity. Thus they represent the threefold Sun, source of energy for the solar system. There have been many through the ages. Mankind has never been left without a source of spiritual inspiration.

Another interesting and perhaps significant event occurs at this period. The main Buddhist Festival, which is the Wesak Festival, occurs at the peak of the annual higher interlude during the three major Festivals each spring. The Wesak Festival marks the opening of the spiritual year as the spiritual Hierarchy recognises this annual cycle. Therefore, in December, Christmas is celebrated by Christians as a major Festival is in the ninth month after the *spiritual* year opens. And during the same period we have the Jewish "Festival of Lights", Hanukkah, which occurs also in the ninth month of the ecclesiastical Jewish calendar. It is interesting to note also that the Muslim Festival of Ramadan also occurs during the ninth month of the Islamic spiritual calendar. So we have this constant recurrence of the ninth month, the number 9. And then we realise that 9 is the number of initiation. And Capricorn is *the sign of initiation*. Initiation for humanity means an expansion of consciousness is a step forward toward a new state of consciousness producing a new way of living and a new orientation to life.

And then we might recall that the planet Saturn in both the exoteric and esoteric aspects governs Capricorn, as it also governs the first decanate of the era of Aquarius, into which we are moving. Saturn presents spiritual opportunity. Astronomy can tell us all that can be now known about the physical organisation of the universe and the solar system. And science can tell us all that can be now known about the cosmic rays that impinge on the solar system and on our planet. But only the science of esoteric astrology can really tell us anything at all about these things we are now discussing. Astrology can synthesise these two kinds of scientific fact by providing a third factor is the fact of life and consciousness within the universe manifesting through the form of solar systems, constellations and planets, giving purpose, plan and intelligence to the energies which emanate from them, giving *meaning* to the organised structure of the universe and quality to cosmic energy rays. So that is why Saturn is important. That is why Capricorn is important. All the constellations in the zodiac are important to every unit of life in the solar system and in the universe; because quality, purpose and plan are conveyed by each one. And the whole system is one of interlocking relationships so that there is a constant interchange, evolution and

movement within the universe as there is in the solar system; as there is in our planet; and as there is in the human kingdom itself.

So again then, why Capricorn? Let us answer this with a few specific points.

1. Because this energy through Capricorn stimulates the spiritual aspect in man, as it can also emphasise the grossly material aspect of man. It can lead him on to a new state of consciousness, or *initiation*.
2. Because Capricorn expresses that *intelligent activity* representing the third aspect of the Godhead, which mankind is destined to perfect.
3. Because Capricorn is one of the three *transformers and catalysts* (the other two are Aries and Taurus) opening the door into Hierarchy as the initiations of the threshold proceed.
4. Because Capricorn is an "earth" sign, holding in itself the seeds of death and finality. When the crystallisation of obsolete forms is dense enough they can be easily shattered so releasing the life in the form for renewed building along better lines.
5. Because Capricorn is the sign of conclusion, the conclusion of one cycle leading to the inauguration of another cycle of effort, towards a new goal, a new mountain top, a new vision, a new revelation.
6. Because Capricorn is one of the signs of the Cardinal Cross, so releasing the impulse of the spiritual will, creating a ferment within the little wills of men prior to a step forward in evolutionary development. Isn't there a ferment everywhere today, including in "the little wills of men"? When we *will* what is good for humanity, we will literally and without difficulty establish it.
7. Because Capricorn guards the secret of the soul itself, the secret of the hidden glory, as it is called. And the main task of the New Group of World Servers is to evoke the soul of the nations into functioning activity, so infusing national goals and policies with new vision. Don't we need new vision in our national goals and policies everywhere in all nations?
8. Because Capricorn opens the door into the life of the spirit as one of the gates of the Zodiac. (Cancer, the other gate, opens the door into the life of material manifestation.)
9. Once more, because Capricorn is the sign of initiation and with the inauguration of the Aquarian era and the precipitation of the *second great crisis*, which is the crisis of initiation of the human race into "the mystery of the ages and into that which has been hidden from the beginning", humanity can now experience the climax of two initiations, the first two which open a man or woman to the influence of his or her own soul as they open the consciousness of the human race to the fact and the presence of the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet, led by the Christ.

The first initiation, which humanity is now experiencing, is called the "Birth"; and the second initiation, of the "Baptism", many aspirants to discipleship can experience together. For those to whom this idea is new, perhaps I should briefly say that initiation does not involve any outer ceremony, or any person conceding something or conferring something upon anyone else. Initiation is something that each human being achieves for himself according to the development and the state of his own consciousness and as a long process of growth and unfoldment.

As he takes the necessary steps in self training, growth and unfoldment, his consciousness expands. And at the present moment, with the condition of the human family as it is and emerging out of disenchantment with things as they are, masses of men are ready to take the first initiation B the birth of the Christ in the human heart. This initiation with that profound name B the birth B produces from suffering and chaos, physical order and rhythm, physical control and better relationships. This means that as this

process reaches its climax, and may probably be at its climax now, and as humanity moves on beyond the crisis, we will be able to handle our physical lives better and to bring order into all physical plane affairs. As this happens there will be a better sharing of the world's material resources, a better control and direction of the physical and material aspects of life, a change from the "economy of scarcity" to the "economy of abundance" because there is abundance, materially speaking, and enough for all mankind to live decently and a consequent freedom from the fear of insecurity and want for the masses of people in the world.

Then there are the many thousands of aspirants to discipleship or young probationary disciples experiencing the climax of the second initiation which is the baptism, "entering the stream" of the work of Hierarchy. We will find that the large degree of mastery over the purely physical aspects of the personality will be superseded by mastery over the turbulent emotional nature. There is a long period of time as a rule between the first initiation, with its effects of physical control and mastery, and the second initiation which involves mastery on the emotional plane. This therefore must bring the soul-infused or the soul-illuminated mind into play. Because only the mind nature is capable of exerting that influence which can affect and control the emotional nature and which can release man from the effects of his own emotional imbalance and reaction. This "clears the atmosphere" of world thought and feeling, and serves to dissipate world glamour.

These two initiations are proceeding now simultaneously in the consciousness of humanity, producing their effects and steadily lifting humanity towards the time when all true servers working together will have a combined effect on world trends and affairs through "group impact on public consciousness". The tendency towards goodwill and right relationship between the peoples of the world which at present is limited and, in some cases, is more theoretical than practical, will blossom and bear fruit.

What is required of the New Group of World Servers in terms of service in the immediate future? What is required of *us*, if we like to think of ourselves in these terms, and why not? We are concerned with the immediate objectives of the Plan. The Plan is a Plan of light and love and power. The three great goals of the Plan for the immediate future are the illumination of the mind, the revelation of love and the evocation of the will.

So the New Group of World Servers has as its immediate objectives:

1. To raise the level of human consciousness, so that spiritual reality can be introduced into world affairs. This is what we have been talking about.
2. The clarification of the international situation. This requires of each nation that it puts its house in order and then accepts its responsibility to all members of the human family.
3. The growth of the group idea, so that group good, group understanding, group interrelations and group goodwill replace limited, self-centred objectives.

Then again, the New Group of World Servers are intended to produce a balancing of forces present in the world today, responsible for the widespread unrest and chaos, so that it will be possible for the race to swing back to a point of equilibrium. The *balancing of forces*. And this is a desperate need in the world at the present time when we witness extremes of every kind, confrontations and polarisations. We have to find that point of equilibrium that will result in balance. And the New Group of World Servers, due to their training, due to their own state of consciousness, are capable of providing that balancing third factor. They do this not by revolution but by revelation and through evolution. Because while revolution can produce only *a change in the form*, revelation and evolution can result in *a change in consciousness* so that the new forms that emerge, the forms of government, the forms of our social institutions, have a sound, permanent basis on which they can create the needed good effects for human welfare and human progress.

So we find the New Group of World Servers work in these terms. We find individual men and women all over the world with new states of consciousness developed and developing in them (the consciousness of the soul), capable of response to spiritual impression, capable themselves of conveying inspiration and revelation, capable of lifting human consciousness, capable essentially of taking practical action in the place where they are according to the opportunities and the needs of their own environment. And the energy with which they work is the energy of goodwill, that simple, practical energy which we can all contact and use in our relationships and forms of service, if we have any sense of commitment to the future of the human race. Goodwill is available to us all in abundance. Goodwill can be expressed by us all in abundance; and the effects, while perhaps not measurable to our physical senses, will be spiritually immeasurable and will serve to implement the emerging Plan and its purposes.

I would like to conclude, as we move into our meditation, with a challenge thrown out to us by one of those who have produced inspired teaching for the race of men of practical relevance to the needs of the world today:

"I challenge the thinkers of the world to drop their sectarianism, their nationalism, and their partisanship, and in the spirit of brotherhood to work in their particular nation, regarding it as an integral part of a great federation of nations B a federation that now exists on the inner side but waits for the activity of the world thinkers to bring it to materialisation on the outer side.

"I ask you to drop your antagonisms and your antipathies, your hatreds and your racial differences, and attempt to think in terms of the one family, the one life, and the one humanity. I ask for no sentimental or devotional response to this challenge. I would remind you that hatred and separateness have brought humanity to the present sad condition. I would add to that reminder, however, the fact that there is in the world today a large enough number of liberated men to produce a change in the attitudes of mankind and in public opinion, if they measure up by an act of the will to what they know and believe.

"Work and give, love and think, and aid those groups who are building and not destroying, loving and not attacking, lifting and not tearing down. Be not taken in by the specious argument that destruction is needed. It has been needed no doubt, but the cycle of destruction is over, and the builders must now get busy.

"I challenge you above all to a deeper life, and I implore you for the sake of your fellow men to strengthen your contact with your own soul so that you will have done your share in making *revelation* possible; so that you will have served your part in bringing in the light, and will therefore be in a position to take advantage of that new light and new information, and so be better able to point the way and clear the path for the bewildered seeker at this time. Those who are not ready for the coming events will be blinded by the emerging light and bewildered by the revealing wonder; they will be swept by the living breath of God, and it is to the New Group of World Servers that we look to fit them for the event."

## - THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS FESTIVAL WEEK 1977

Address by Mary Bailey, New York, 24th December

As we start our work this evening, may we take a moment or two as a unified centre of light and energy to establish ourselves in that wide open channel of energy communication between humanity and the spiritual Hierarchy, with the Christ at its heart, and with the centre Shamballa where the will of God is known; and may we extend that path of light outward into humanity, becoming a conscious part of the great network of light linking all true servers in service during this seven-day Festival of the New Group of World Servers....

May the Power of the one Life pour through the group  
of all true servers  
May the Love of the one Soul characterise the lives  
of all who seek to aid the Great Ones  
May I fulfil my part in the one Work through self-forgetfulness,  
harmlessness, and right speech.

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There is so much coming together at this full moon of Capricorn, the heart of the Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers, that it's difficult to know what to pinpoint as the most significant and where to begin. But as we open up our work this evening I want to make a brief comment on the Affirmation we have just used, the Affirmation of the New Group of World Servers. Many of you will use this as has been recommended every afternoon at five o'clock. It's an invocation as well as an affirmation and it carries tremendous significance. It's an invocation that we could use at any time during the day when we wish to radiate energy in service or when we wish to bring our own state of consciousness back to a point of spiritual focus.

"The power of the one life" signifies our relationship to the planetary whole of which we are a part, the planetary Logos, God. It is the cause of synthesis, the will-to-good, which is the power needed in the world today to create the new world order and to supersede the old age power of political or economic cloud and military might B *the power of the one life*. And the "love of the one soul" signifies our relationship with humanity with whom we are identified as the fourth kingdom in nature. This is the cause of unity and brotherhood and the foundation, therefore, of world peace and progress B *the love of the one soul*. And then we find that "the one work" is served by the combined response of spiritually awakened men and women to the power of the one life and the love of the one soul. And these world servers are increasing both numerically and in potency as we move on into the Aquarian era and as humanity begins to respond more dynamically to the incoming energies of Aquarius with its focus on the building of right human relationships and the brotherhood of man.

So today we are working at the Festival of Capricorn to receive and give release to the available energy flow. We might begin by thinking for one moment about the keynote for the disciple in Capricorn: "Lost am I in Light supernal, yet on that Light I turn my back." *Lost am I in Light supernal*: this is the light at the summit of the mount of initiation, the light of spiritual renewal, the revelation of the presence of the Christ within each human heart. *Yet on that Light I turn my back*: to turn our attention outward and to serve by expressing that lighted energy in daily life. This Capricorn keynote always reminds me of the keynote of the full moon approach to Hierarchy: "He who faces the light and stands within its radiance is blinded to the issues of the world of men; he passes on the Lighted Way to the Centre of Absorption. But he who feels the urge to pass that way, yet loves his brother on the darkened path revolves upon the pedestal of light and turns the other way. He faces towards the dark, and then the seven points of light

within himself transmit the outward streaming light, and lo! the face of those upon the darkened way receives that light. For them the way is not so dark. Behind the warriors B 'twixt the light and dark B blazes the light of Hierarchy."

And the Hierarchy and the Christ, today as always, need human beings who will cooperate with the task of restoring the Plan. The Hierarchy and the Christ need intelligent cooperators. They do not need what somebody has called "silly saints and stupid sheep"; that is, they do not need devotees and blindly obedient followers. They need practical, intelligent, skilled, trained and efficient men and women of goodwill who are able to lose sight of themselves in the dynamic and the need of the work to be done; who can work with understanding and inclusiveness and with the capacity to create right relationships in their environment, as well as on the world scene through the power of thought.

This Festival this evening is, I believe, probably the most significant spiritual opportunity of the twentieth century, making an impact on human consciousness by the reception and radiation of a unique blend of energies. There has never been such an opportunity. My memory may not be as good as it should be, but in the thirty or more years that I have been participating in full moon meditations month after month, year after year, I can't remember a Capricorn full moon falling right on Christmas day and I can't remember ever before taking part in a full moon Festival on Christmas eve.

There are so many factors coming together to make this a unique opportunity. And we can see the effects. It is said that "coming events cast their shadows before" and we can see this inflowing, overshadowing tide of blended energies already beginning to work out in human affairs. For example, who ever would have thought, as we have been preparing for this Festival opportunity over the last six months or more, that now at this particular time such a superlative opportunity would exist in the Middle East for even one small step towards the resolution of that ages old conflict. It was only at the last moment that this possibility suddenly emerged. I am reminded of the column written by James Reston that appeared on Wednesday, the 21st, the first day of the Festival. Some of you may have read it. He was talking about the various constructive and surprising events that have emerged in the world at the end of this century. And he makes the comment in speaking of the Middle East that although we do not yet have peace we have the first requirement of peace B goodwill. And he goes on to say that a new "spirit of relation between the nations of the world" is now evident on the world scene. A new spirit of relation! Now these are things that don't happen overnight. They build and accumulate and gradually the dynamics of the inherent potency within the possibilities begin to break through and emerge into visible expression.

I was reminded this afternoon, thinking about this meeting and all that is taking place all over the world, and at this time in particular in that dark spot hovering over the Middle East, that a few weeks ago I was flying between Geneva and London, sitting beside a young man who I discovered came from Saudi Arabia B a very beautiful and obviously very wealthy young man, who generously offered me the use of all the facilities he had with him to offer B and we began to talk. After a little while I asked him what, in his opinion as an Arab, would be the right solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said directly and simply, "There is no solution." And when I said, "but every problem has a solution", he replied, "Not this one." I asked, "What makes you say so?" "Because the Arabs and the Israelis have got themselves trapped into two diametrically opposed positions and neither one is prepared to make any change whatsoever. The two positions are irreconcilable." I thought at the time, but didn't say so, that any time an attitude of mind or a form of any kind achieves a sufficient density of crystallisation, it's easily shattered! And this is one of the attributes of Capricorn: the ability to apply or to release the type of energy that can shatter crystallised attitudes and crystallised forms, and this is exactly what we are witnessing at this time.

Capricorn, although it can stimulate the worst, also stimulates the best in human character. And perhaps the time has already come when the balance has swung and there will be more of the best stimulated as time goes by and as annually we re-enter the cycle of the potency of Capricorn.

We can't over-emphasise the significance of this Festival Week any more than we can over-emphasise the place and the importance of the group of subjectively linked servers we call the New Group of World Servers. Those of you who are familiar with the Tibetan's books, Alice Bailey's books, may recall that the Master D.K. has placed such an emphasis on the position that the members of the New Group of World Servers hold in relation to the emerging new world order, that he has said of his work with this group that it is one of the two most important things he has done in his work for humanity. The two main points of emphasis in his work were: (1) information about the reappearance of the Christ, and the work of preparation for the coming of the Christ; and (2) the announcement of the existence of the New Group of World Servers.

The reappearance of the Christ is, as we all recognise in various ways and forms, an imminent event. But when we talk and think of the reappearance of the Christ, we don't mean the reappearance of Christ as head of the Christian Church; we mean the Christ as the head of the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet; Christ at the heart of every man's spiritual life; Christ, the same great Identity in all major religions, known under such names as the Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi, the Bodhisattva. Essentially the Christ is the embodiment of the great cosmic principle of Love, and this includes and imbues everyone, everywhere, and is in fact the archetype of "the love of the one Soul" within all human beings. Therefore the ability of men and women to use and to express the light and energy of the soul evokes the presence of the Christ in the hearts and minds of humanity and prepares the way for his reappearance on the world scene.

Then again, in talking of the New Group of World Servers as one of the "newer truths" that the Tibetan has given out to the world in his many, many books, he said that information on the New Group of World Servers includes:

1. "The recognition of this group as intermediate between Hierarchy and humanity." This is in fact the mediating, meditating group between these two great centres and states of light and consciousness, representing the lower span of that bridge in consciousness which eventually relates all the major aspects of the human being and all the major areas of light and consciousness in the planet. He says also that:
2. "The nature of their work *influences the human soul* as it seeks, through the instrumentality of men and women of goodwill in the world, to determine the period in which we live." The work of the New Group of World Servers influences the human soul, and supports the human soul in its effort to dominate and infiltrate the personality equipment. Finally he said that:
3. "The *Triangles* work, which embodies two phases of the work of the New Group of World Servers, is of the utmost importance, the Triangles work, forming a network of light as the channel of communication between the Hierarchy and humanity, and the network of goodwill, which is *the objective expression of the subjective influence of light.*"

Those of you who have any connection at all with the Triangles work will agree with that evaluation of the part it plays in the on-going work of the New Group of World Servers as this group is responsible for preparing for the reappearance of the Christ and for creating the new world order as we move on into the age of Aquarius.

Here are some of the energies that are available in our work this evening and for our continuous use during the months and years ahead. There is, of course, the Shamballa force released in 1975; synthesis, the power of the will-to-good. There is the present focus within Hierarchy at their seven-year conclave which is releasing a tremendous power of pure love energy from which we may benefit if we are open and sensitive enough. There is the energy of Capricorn itself which is the energy of initiation and revelation. And then there is the energy which is "augmenting" the power of Capricorn at this seven-year Festival period; and while we are not told specifically what that energy might be, I would like to suggest that it must obviously carry a charge of the energy of Taurus which is the governing sign of the New Group of World Servers, providing illumination and vision. This we need at the present time: illumination and the

attainment of the vision. And also the energy of Aquarius, the cycle into which we are now moving, the energy which will eventually enable us to create right human relationships B brotherhood on Earth.

The Master D.K. has said of the Shamballa force: "Utilising the Shamballa energy, the energy of organisation, the new world will be built upon the ruins of the old; the new structures will rise. Men of goodwill everywhere under the influence of the New Group of World Servers will organise themselves into battalions of *Life* and their first major task will be the development of right human relations, through the education of the masses. This means the paralleling development of an enlightened public opinion which is, speaking esoterically, right response to the *sound* which conveys the will of God to the ears of the attentive." There is an esoteric phrase for us to ponder!

And Capricorn itself, that energy which is flowing now into our range of consciousness, is the energy giving the incentive towards the scaling of the mount of initiation and the revelation of light at the summit. Capricorn guards the secret of the soul, the secret of the hidden glory. Capricorn opens the door into the life of the kingdom of God, the spiritual Hierarchy, or the human soul. Balancing the pairs of opposites B spirit and matter B Capricorn stimulates the best that is in mankind. Capricorn is the battleground of the old established order and the new and higher inclinations and tendencies. A steady illumination *is* taking place, light is being thrown on all problems, government and political, on the material nature of the world, on humanity with its spirituality and materialism. The door of initiation ever stands wide open.

We are normally apt to think that initiation is an achievement of the personality or even the reward of effort made and work well done. But in fact initiation is an achievement of the soul in its ages-long struggle to influence and dominate its personality equipment. Initiation is literally the attainment of certain soul objectives towards which the units of the fifth kingdom, the spiritual Hierarchy, have been working for aeons. This achievement reaches its first goal at the third initiation with the complete transfiguration of the personality by the soul and from that time on, the individual disciple B the soul B stands free, serving from free choice, conscious of hierarchical purpose and intent upon the physical plane.

Then we have the energy of Taurus: vision and illumination of the mind. The struggle characteristic of Taurus becomes, for the disciple, the struggle to achieve initiation in Capricorn, liberating the soul from the prison of the personality.

But now we are entering the new age of Aquarius and the energy characteristic of the Aquarian era and the constellation Aquarius is pouring day by day, month by month, year by year, more potently and dynamically into human consciousness. Because we are responding more realistically, more openly, more inclusively, we are therefore better able to invoke this powerful new age flow of forces. The three dominant energies of the Aquarian age are the 7th ray energy of Organisation and Order; the 2nd ray energy of Love and Inclusiveness; and the 4th ray energy which induces Harmony through Conflict, making possible those conditions which lead to the needed transformations in human life. These three are reinforced and supported in every case by the energy of the first ray, by the will-to-good which is working its way out through every available human channel. Wherever an opportunity is offered the energy is there and available. The will-to-good of the first ray is "essential love" dedicated to manifesting the Plan.

I would like to mention just one thing about the seventh ray B it is the potent agent of initiation during the first initiation, and it is this first initiation, the Birth of the Christ in the human heart, that humanity as a whole is now experiencing. This is responsible for the tremendous struggle and effort now going on in humanity everywhere to achieve liberation from the old, the past, the materialistic, the outmoded, and into the light and the new energies, the new ideas and the new vision, of the new era. Because this energy is "the potent agent of initiation", therefore the human kingdom as a whole, the world disciple, is being stimulated spiritually and is facing the crisis of the first initiation, so that we may become as we move on *not* humanity the disciple, but humanity the initiate. This energy will bring about the birth of the Christ consciousness; it will set in motion certain "new evolutionary processes which will transform

humanity". It will establish in a new and intelligible manner "the ever-existent sense of relationship and thus bring about right human relations". The task is not to destroy or to reject but to transform and to transmute, by the substitution of the new for the old, the better for the outmoded.

This is where many of us bog down and lose effectiveness. Seeing the things that need change, we become too involved in the problems and the difficulties and the entrenched forces of form, instead of throwing all our attention, all our energies, all our focus, into bringing in the new and the desirable according to the new age vision and the available energies.

Inevitably these augmented Capricorn energies and this unique opportunity we face with the seven-year, seven-day Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers, with the full moon of Capricorn right at its heart, is associated with the Great Invocation. The Great Invocation is a part of all forward-moving, constructive, new age work. As we think about world need and opportunity, the available energies and the immediate phases of the Plan to be worked out in human consciousness, we can see where the Great Invocation fits. We need light on our way; we need love in our hearts; we need a willing response to the will of God that we may relinquish the things that are separative, self-centred, personality matters and attributes.

We have been told by the Tibetan that of all the invocative phrases of the Great Invocation, two lines require emphasis. These are the last lines of the second and fourth stanzas: "May Christ return to Earth", and that carries with it all the intensely difficult, concentrated work of preparation before the Christ can reappear in the human heart, can influence the human mind, and can actually make his reappearance on the world scene. And the last line of the fourth stanza, "May it seal the door where evil dwells". Many people have asked why do we try to "seal" evil away behind a door. Why don't we get rid of it once and for all. But we have to remember that the Great Invocation is written from the point of view of the spiritual Hierarchy. This is the hierarchical view expressed through the words of the Great Invocation and the evil referred to is cosmic evil. It may seem incredible to us that there should be such a thing in the cosmos as evil, but it appears that the duality of manifestation extends throughout the cosmos in this particular cycle, which is a dual system. There is good and evil and the "evil" referred to in the Great Invocation is cosmic evil which even the Hierarchy cannot at present touch or defeat. All the Hierarchy can do is to stand as a great wall of strength and light between cosmic evil and humanity, as best they can, holding the door closed until a sufficient degree of transformation and transmutation has occurred in the consciousness of planet Earth and the constructive forces of good have such a potent hold upon the planet as a whole that evil can no longer touch it or evoke any recognition within its ring-pass-not.

D.K. has told us that the door where evil dwells "is kept open by humanity through its selfish desire, its hatred and its separateness; by its greed and its racial and national barriers, its low personal ambitions and its love of power and cruelty". Where these things exist in any human being there is opportunity for cosmic evil to infiltrate the human kingdom. As goodwill and light stream forth into the minds and hearts of men, these evil qualities and these misdirected energies which open up a pathway to the door where evil dwells, will give place to a longing for right human relations, for a determination to create a new and better world, and to a worldwide expression of the will-to-good. As these qualities supersede the old and undesirable ones, "the door where evil dwells" will symbolically and slowly close through the sheer weight of public opinion and through right human desire. Nothing can possibly stop it.

These seven-year Festivals do not start and stop on December 21 and December 28. The work goes on. There is an accumulative effect. The work builds up after each of these seven-year Festivals, the energy continues to flow, the work continues to be done and the energy applied in terms of human service and human opportunity, so that as we move on towards the conclusion of the Festival Week in 1977 we are looking and working towards the Festival Week in 1984, knowing that if the work has been well and successfully accomplished, the power and the opportunity of the Festival Week in 1984 will be far greater than even this unique opportunity in 1977.

There is continuing momentum in spiritual work; nothing stops, nothing is left behind. All that is accomplished is gathered up and given opportunity for further growth and development. We know that throughout the whole of this week, from the 21st to the 28th, twenty-four hours a day, there is work going on all around the world according to the different time-zones. Twenty-four hours a day groups are holding meetings, discussing, thinking, planning, meditating. Groups and individuals are sounding out the affirmation of goodwill as a Formula for World Peace and Progress. A constant stream of impelling spiritual energy is making its impact through human consciousness, on human hearts and minds, stirring and lifting human aspiration towards its higher spiritual possibilities, towards the soul, towards the Christ principle.

This is where the work of world renewal must begin, in human consciousness. Changed attitudes of mind and heart always precede any constructive, permanent, outer changes in plan or action. Fortunately, the means for impacting consciousness and changing subjective attitudes are far more abundant and far more powerful in the long run than the resistances put up by the material side of human nature. The personality forces are strong through entrenchment in habitual and comfortable ways of behaviour, but have no depth in inner reality, no deeply anchored roots in the power of the one life and the love of the one soul as the soul has. Therefore, at the right time and when the crystallisations of outmoded attitudes and forms are dense enough, they are broken through by the indwelling life with its power and its intention to transform human life and all events. Nothing can stop the Prodigal Son when he decides to arise and go to the Father. That time has come.

Enough men and women of goodwill accepting responsibility for the establishing of right human relations among men and between nations, and working actively with the principles of unity and goodwill, guarantee a future of peace and progress for the whole human race. This is our task and our responsibility now and on into the future.

And now shall we work together in meditation to channel these energies.

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**DATES FOR THE COMING FESTIVAL WEEKS OF THE  
NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS**

Dec 21st - Dec 28th 1998

Dec 21st - Dec 28th 2005

Dec 21st - Dec 28th 2012

Dec 21st - Dec 28th 2019

Dec 21st - Dec 28th 2026

Dec 21st - Dec 28th 2033