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Member Contributions

Devotional leadership belongs to the Piscean Age, when humanity was influenced by the Sixth Ray, which in its lowest form can often be expressed as authority rooted in emotional distortion and shaped by the astral world. We are now starting to see concerted efforts across the globe to transition into the Aquarian Age, mixing and synthesizing energies to usher in a new planetary system. This transformation will require time and effort, demanding that the New Group of World Servers (NGWS) work with three methods: 1) Focused Acts of Will, 2) Mastering the transformative energies of the Seventh Ray, and 3) Initiating and responsibly carrying out intentions aligned with the Higher Mental Plane. As we approach 2025, spiritually oriented beings will no longer speak of “this” or “that” particular faith, but rather of a universal life perspective that considers all paths and service endeavors. This approach reflects, in essence, an inclusive and synthetic way of approaching Divinity. The task of the NGWS is to balance the forces that lead to disintegration and destruction by embodying the forces of integration and construction.

Joy as the quality of Soul life encourages a deeper understanding and expression of what it means to live a fulfilling and meaningful life. Joy is not sought as fleeting pleasures but persists with a profound and sustained connection with the inner self and the world around.

It is evident that the ultimate goal of the study, reflection, and meditation involved in our spiritual group project is service. True service is an expression of everything we carry within our Soul — of who we truly are, beyond the various egoic masks we wear, which we call personality. Therefore, service reflects the spiritual maturity and evolution of our Soul. A good server, the greater their spiritual degree and level, will more effectively manifest a profound understanding of what true life is: the realization that we are all, at our core, equal and interdependent parts of the One Life. Such a server expresses service with joy, freedom, harmlessness, and a deep reverence for existence, imbuing it with the presence of God both within themselves and in all things. From my experience, I understand that service must be rooted in spiritual knowledge, love, and compassion — in enlightenment — and that this enlightenment should be directed toward the benefit of others. I believe service must bear the mark of humility, meaning it should be offered unconditionally, at the right time and place, by attending to the task at hand, free of ego, and without expectation of personal gain. When service is carried out with humility, the Server ceases to be an obstacle to the manifestation of the Divine Will. Instead, they become aligned with the Higher light, love, and power — or, in other words, they embody the Divine joyful presence and the true joy of serving.

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NGWS Around the World

[Valencian Coordinated Organizations:](#) On 29 October 2024, torrential rain brought over a year's worth of precipitation to several areas in eastern Spain. In response to the many messages offering help, several NGOs coordinated their efforts to help those affected. The Red Cross, the UN, and dozens of other groups coordinated efforts and donations for the victims in order to serve more effectively and organically.

[“LUX o'clock” app:](#) A Unit of Service has recently launched the “LUX o'clock” app for smartphones. This app is designed to foster a spiritual community online by enabling users to connect and recite the Great Invocation daily at 12:00 PM in a synchronized global effort. The app's mission is to promote unity, goodwill, and spiritual values while advocating for peace and harmony.

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=it.wakiwi.luxoclock>

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/it/app/lux-oclock/id6450458821>



The Power of Forgiveness, Mercy, and Grace



In a world that often feels divided, many of us are looking for something that helps us feel whole—something that gives life meaning beyond just our daily routines. For centuries, religion has offered a pathway to that sense of completeness.

The meaning of the word religion comes from the Latin root word “re-ligare,” meaning “to bind or connect.” According to this view,

religion means “to bind again” or “to reconnect,” indicating that religion is a process of reconnecting with the divine, with others, or with a fundamental source of meaning. This interpretation is often associated with the idea that religion binds people together and connects them to the sacred. From this perspective, religion is not about worshipping some abstract idea about a mysterious deity, but rather it meets a deep human need for healing, wholeness, and integration. Therefore, at its core, religion invites us to grow beyond ourselves, to connect deeply with others, and to find purpose in values that unify rather than divide. Three timeless values – forgiveness, mercy, and grace – are central to this wholeness, offering a way to heal, restore, and transform.

But these are not the only values that guide us toward healing. Religion also encourages us to embrace faith, hope, and charity as acts of self-healing. When we nurture these qualities, we find a path to greater peace and resilience within ourselves. Together, these virtues help us transform both how we relate to others and how we understand and care for ourselves. Yet, before we can fully embrace these values, it is often necessary to confront our own inner struggles and the feelings of brokenness that hold us back.

Forgiveness, mercy, and grace offer powerful antidotes to the pain of psychological splitting. These values invite us to accept ourselves with compassion, bridging the gap between who we think we “should” be and who we truly are. In practicing forgiveness, we begin to release the judgments and shame we may carry about our past actions. Forgiveness allows us to reintegrate those painful experiences, seeing them as part of our growth rather than as stains on our identity.

Mercy, too, helps heal the divide within us. Having mercy toward ourselves is one of the hardest things for most people to do because they often consider themselves as having little or no value and therefore unworthy of being loved and forgiven. By treating ourselves with mercy, we create space for self-compassion, acknowledging our limitations without harsh judgment. Mercy allows us to soften our inner critic, welcoming the parts of ourselves we may have tried to reject. Through mercy, we recognize that we are all a “work in progress,” deserving of kindness rather than condemnation.

Grace, finally, reminds us that our worth is not something we earn – it is something inherent in our very being. Grace allows us to experience self-acceptance, even in our imperfections. By embracing grace we can transcend the rigid divisions within us, finding a way to integrate both light and shadow into a unified self. We become whole, not by hiding our flaws, but by allowing them to be transformed into sources of empathy and strength.

Roy D. Blendell

To read the full article, visit this website: <https://substack.com/home/post/p-151117480>

Developing the Will to Honor the Good



In previous issues of the eNews we have explored different ways of developing goodwill. This time we look at *honoring the good*. This means deliberately searching for, attending to, honoring, and fostering the good in oneself, others and all situations. The *will to honor the good* is a mind-set that is an intention to have complete openness and willingness to search for, name, and then honor by giving loving attention to the good in oneself, others, and Life. It means honoring and strengthening the good *more than* focusing on the bad, the bad, the bad, the bad... (which is so much easier to do).

Without *the will to honor the good* set in the mind, one tends to scan first for “badness.” This is probably the residue of an ancient survival instinct. In the jungle it was important to check for how dangerous another animal, berry or location was. Badness came first, before assuming something could be good. In modern life our minds continue to do this in many unsuspected ways, but this can lead to serious distortions in how we see ourselves and others, leading to suspicions, prejudices, and self-limitation.

The mind-set of *actively seeking to perceive and honor the good in self, others, and life*, modifies the way the mind and body work. It modifies our perceptions, thoughts, reasoning, judgement and discernment. Thus, the output of our behaviors, internal processes, chemicals, feelings, and energies. *The will to honor the good* focuses our minds on the good energies stored in our memories about a person, and *de-emphasizes* the negative ones. This starts to open channels for goodwill and love to flow. It opens the door.

The will to honor the good develops the Heart Center. Developing and expressing goodwill necessarily includes the use of *the will to honor the good*.

Note: *The will to honor the good* must be done *independently of the behavior of others*. It is no use waiting for others to do it first!

When *we will to honor the good* we choose and will to look for – and recount - the good in others, and to own the good that is in us. The behavior of others has no effect on our choice and decision to look for the good in them as persons, or in ourselves.

More tips about developing goodwill patterns can be found in our booklet [The Goodwill Patterns](#) on our website.



Quote of the Season

The day will come when, after harnessing the ether, the winds, the tides, gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And, on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, humanity will have discovered fire.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Did you know?

In Alice A. Bailey's works, the solstices (Winter and Summer) hold significant spiritual meaning, particularly in relation to the cycles of life, initiation, and the spiritual development of humanity. These events are seen as moments of heightened spiritual energy and opportunity for transformation. They are times when humanity can harness cosmic energies for personal and collective awakening, helping to fulfill the greater divine Plan for the world.

Key Points of Significance

Times of Spiritual Initiation: Solstices are moments of potential spiritual initiation, when there is an influx of divine energy that aids in personal and planetary transformation. The energies of the solstices can be harnessed for deepening one's spiritual practices and aligning with the divine Plan.

Cosmic and Planetary Alignments: The solstices mark points of alignment between the Earth, Sun, and the rest of the cosmos. These points of alignment symbolize the interplay between the physical and spiritual realms, with the potential to channel higher energies into the Earth.

Opportunities for Healing and Transformation: The solstice periods are seen as times when humanity is more receptive to higher divine energies, offering opportunities for healing and inner transformation. These energies are thought to support the process of spiritual awakening and the evolution of consciousness, both individually and collectively.

Cycles of the Year and Inner Rhythms: Bailey often linked the cycles of the year (e.g., solstices, equinoxes) with inner rhythms of growth and development. Just as nature undergoes cycles of growth, decay, and renewal, so too does the Soul undergo cycles of awakening, challenge, and transcendence.

Astrological and Mystical Significance: The solstices are also connected to specific astrological and mystical teachings. For example, the Winter Solstice aligns with the sign of Capricorn, which is symbolically linked with the energy of initiation, discipline, and structure. The Summer Solstice, connected with Cancer, involves themes of emotional development and the nurturing of inner wisdom.

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Key International UN Days January-March 2025

- January 4:** World Braille Day
- January 24:** International Day of Education
- January 26:** International Day of Clean Energy
- January 27:** International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
- February 4:** World Cancer Day
- February 6:** International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- February 10:** World Pulses Day
- February 11:** International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- February 20:** World Day of Social Justice
- February 21:** International Mother Language Day
- March 1:** Zero Discrimination Day
- March 3:** World Wildlife Day
- March 8:** International Women's Day
- March 20:** International Day of Happiness
- March 21:** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 24:** International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

These observances provide opportunities to raise awareness and promote action on important global issues. For a complete and updated list, please refer to [the United Nations' official website](#).



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New Articles: [Joy is service without a Cause.](#)

New Booklet: [The Enigma of Death.](#)

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