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Member Contributions

Giving as Restitution, by a student

After reading the recent email outlining the School's 2023 Income and Expenses, I wanted to share a perspective that I hope resonates with other school members and other spiritual workers who may read this. Studying the esoteric materials, we are often reminded that expansions of consciousness position us as the "pioneers of the race." The Tibetan acknowledges the great difficulty we endure in seeking to work in the world rather than behind the scenes, as is the privilege of the Masters, their senior disciples, and the Great Ones. Increasingly, we are tasked with demonstrating our capacity to "be in the world but not of the world" in the daily grist of life. Engrossing world crises – climate change, wars in Ukraine and Gaza, authoritarian obstructionism seeking to retard human development, and psychic and spiritual dis-ease – deeply felt worldwide make paramount the need and the challenges to meet it. We share in this suffering because we are part of the one humanity and one planet. Despite our increasing spiritual consciousness, we are not free from the travails of daily living but know that "we share Christ's sufferings, in order to share also His glory." [BTC: 189]

Recently, a young pupil shared a depth of gratitude for the advice, support, and understanding I've offered him over the past several years. On more than one occasion, he has acknowledged a "debt" he believes he owes and a willingness to "someday" pay it. Since he first mentioned this, he has taken a new position and is thrilled to earn considerably more than he did at his previous job. Yet he still lacks the means to give to the one whose spiritual counsel he regards as essential to becoming the person he is today. He has admittedly spent money on non-essentials, gifted to the young woman he plans to marry while his secret "life coach" helps fit him for marriage! How could this be? Well, of course, we know the answer to this. Until the attention turns away from the world of forms to the spiritual world, one's values cannot conform to divinity. It is this formidable work for which the School stands: to help humanity recognize its divine nature and embark upon dedicated and purposeful living.

Growing up in the church, I was instructed to tithe. But it wasn't until I was much older that I encountered a true understanding that a tithe is not a requirement but an acknowledged spiritual restitution. Humanity's task is to spiritualize matter. We are, therefore, in the process of proactive restitution within ourselves and upon the planet by which we take part in restoring that which is "not the goal of soul endeavor." [EH: 426]

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NGWS Around the World

[UNESCO International Day of Light](#)

The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year. This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development.

"The whole theme of revelation is the revelation of light, and that implies many different interpretations of the word "light"; it concerns the discovery of the lighted areas of being which otherwise remain unknown, and therefore hidden. We create light; we employ light; we discover greater lights which serve to reveal to us the Unknown Divinity. It is the guiding light within us which eventually reveals those brighter lights which usher in the process of revelation... The "light of love" which flows from the Divine Heart (and – from the angle of the solar system – from the Heart of the Sun) supersedes the light which has hitherto enlightened the Way. At that point of revelation, we realize for the first time a threefold "lighted relation": a triangle composed of the light of the Spiritual Triad, of a light which is streaming forth from the "Heart of the Sun," and of a steadily burning light which glows from the cosmic physical plane." (DNA:2 436-437)



“Make restitution of the stolen goods. Learn they are not for thee.”

“Make restitution of the borrowed goods: pay back thy debt.”

“Restore with joy that which was Mine, was thine and now again is ours. Thou hast no longer need of form. Stand free.” [EH: 426]

Clothing ourselves in matter, the human being learns to distinguish between the Self and not-Self, learning to master the lower through identity with the higher. We finally demonstrate that the soul controls the outer form and life and all events. Thus, humanity and the three nonhuman kingdoms are transfigured through our conscious participation in ongoing cycles of incarnation and reabsorption according to the divine Plan and Purpose.

Donations to spiritual endeavors, whatever these may be for you, is a gesture of spiritual will, symbolizing and reinforcing identification with the Real over the un-Real. Death is the foremost restitution through which the souls of each, rhythmically and cyclically, discard the form and are reabsorbed into the overshadowing soul. This highest aspect of the Law of Attraction relates to our spiritual will and is poised to usher in a humanity that consciously and willingly learns to use its forms to control and uplift matter. Death, for many, remains a mysterious process of incarnation, relinquishment, and subsequent takings of new and improved forms orchestrated by the soul. However, the moment a person becomes conscious of themselves as a soul, they begin to participate willingly in the relinquishment of attachments to form, each one increasing our identity as souls and relation to Deity. A humanity aware of its spiritual origin can help to “seal the door where evil dwells” and bring order out of chaos. It is with the following somewhat lengthy quote that I leave you, the new group of world servers, to contemplate regarding the lack of money for spiritual workers and the One Work:

Equally, it can be said that if the spiritual values and the spiritual responsibilities attached to money (in large quantities or in small) had been properly appreciated and taught in homes and schools, we would not have had the appalling statistics of the money spent, prior to the war [WWII] in every country in the world (and spent today in the Western Hemisphere), on candy, liquor, cigarettes, recreation, unnecessary clothes and luxuries. These statistics run into hundreds of millions of dollars every year. A quota of this money, necessitating the minimum of sacrifice, would enable the disciples of the Christ and the New Group of World Servers to prepare the way for His coming and to educate the minds and hearts of men in every land in right human relations. [EXT: 625-626]

Like many of you, the pangs of financial loss, student debt, layoffs from jobs desperately needed and equally unwanted, housing, and other reasonably imperative life essentials continuously tug at me. Yet I give monthly and with much gratitude to the School for its members and the teachings that have transformed my life so that I might be of greater service. The Work of the Hierarchy must go on. And we are called at this most challenging time in human history to GIVE to ensure the Return of the Christ and the redemption of the world.

Quote of the Quarter

“I am not what happened to me, I am what I choose to become.”

C.G. Jung

Events & Community

Units of Service

These groups of servers are listed and kept in a database on the Lucis Trust website. The groups themselves are organized of their own organic processes. Units of Service embody everything the New Group of World Servers stands for: spiritual alignment and vision carried forward through intelligent and loving service to humanity. But each is fully responsible for organizing and directing their own work. As Humanity proceeds down the path of its spiritual awakening with all of the dire crises this brings, we believe that such groups are needed now more than ever. All world servers are invited to visit these websites and keep them updated on the work you are doing.

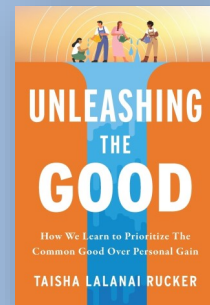
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Suggested books

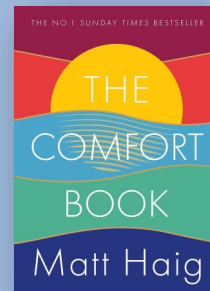
***Unleashing the Good*, by Taisha Lalanai Rucker.**



Imagine a world where leaders channel their ambitions and aspirations for the common good instead of for personal or political gain. A world where public, private, and social institutions are beacons of selflessness and cooperation, embodying the ideals that unite us. Achieving this goal is possible, and it starts with you.

Taisha Lalanai Rucker

***The Comfort Book*, by Matt Haig**



A world full of people hating themselves is not a happy world. Buddhism does not seem to be about self-punishment. A key Buddhist symbol is that of the lotus flower. The lotus flower grows in mud at the bottom of a pool, but rises above the murky water and blooms in the clear air, pure and beautiful, before eventually dying. This metaphor for spiritual enlightenment also works as a metaphor for hope and change.

Matt Haig



Did you Know?

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International Day of Living Together in Peace 16 May

Living together in peace is all about accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way.

The UN General-Assembly, in its resolution 72/130, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. The Day aims to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.

The Day invites countries to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities, faith leaders and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals.

Request an Entrance Questionnaire to the School on our [website](#). Once we review the extent and type of study, meditation, and service you have done thus far, we can determine where to place you in the School's program sequence. Students who have done advanced studies in the Ageless Wisdom are welcome to apply for our higher level coursework.



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School Initiatives

School for Esoteric Studies **2024 Subjective Group Conference:** The Aquarian Age: The Task Ahead For Disciples

Each year, during the period of the full moon festivals known as the Three Linked Festivals (the Easter Festival at the Aries full moon, the Wesak Festival at the Taurus full moon, the Festival of Goodwill at the Gemini full moon), our School holds its Subjective Group Conference. Beginning two days before the Easter Festival and ending two days after the Festival of Goodwill, all participants join in unified study and meditation focused on some aspect of the Plan in order to aid in its precipitation on Earth. We request a \$20 participation fee from those participants who have not donated anything in the past year to support the School's mission.



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School for Esoteric Studies **2024 Festival Talks**

The period of the Three Linked Festivals is a time of spiritual high tide that provides us with a renewed opportunity to stand and work in closer rapport with the Spiritual Hierarchy and to become more useful agents or channels for the receiving and distributing of spiritual energy in the service of humanity as part of the New Group of World Servers. For each of the festivals (see above), the School for Esoteric Studies prepares a talk to help us focus our thoughts and attention on the particular energies of that festival period. *Each Festival Talk can be downloaded from our website as we approach each of the full moons related to the Three Linked Festivals. We invite you to visit regularly our website to download them.*