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STUDY FOR THE GROUP

OF

CREATIVE WORKERS

A Study For World Servers

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Dear fellow student,

One of the most important of the ten seed groups is the group of "Creative Workers". This is because they represent the synthesis of all the groups. Their creative work is based on the bringing together of the three divine aspects and energies into a completeness and wholeness towards the One Light. It is always the three which veil and bring forth the One.

The Soul is the creator which draws energies from the "high" sources of light and love, through which the world is "illuminated". If we are capable of living as souls, we should thus get used to the thought of being creators of God, instruments through which His energies flow. We should use this precious gift wherever there is an opportunity to creative activity, in order to let the light which is increasingly available flow through us and to use it in world service.

Love is the driving power in our solar system; Love based on Wisdom. Through creative thought we are able to penetrate into God's "light-sphere" to reveal the divine thinking and to accomplish the Plan, which is revealing itself more and more, having as its goal the salvation of all men.

The task of humanity therefore, is the solution of world problems. Towards this task all disciples, who have trained themselves to receive divine impressions, Shamballic energies, are working and this marks the accomplishment of God's Plan on earth, known in Shamballa. This inflow of Shamballic energies can only be received and re-transmitted by groups and in group communion.

There is much distress in the world and the tasks of service of the group are correspondingly great. Great powers have been given to humanity and humanity is responsible for applying them for the good of all. But since humanity has neglected its development of soul-spirit in favour of technical progress, these powers can also be used for destructive purposes. The groups have been allotted with the task to thwart this danger through the inflow of positive energies – positive thinking – and to guide humanity towards the Light.

We increasingly recognize that world problems can only be solved through the power of thought – by means of pure reason – directed towards the focal points of world events. This demands creative cooperation by which divine thought (pure reason) can manifest itself on the physical plane, fertilizing the thinking of men. The new modes of thought must manifest; the received divine ideas require to be precipitated into the outside world through creative work, by appearing as ideals, since divine ideas always manifest themselves in man as ideals. This is new spiritual idealism which is beginning to outline itself; an idealism that can no longer be compared with its old form. The latter was of a more astral nature, based on wishful thinking, whereas this new spiritual idealism is called forth through the impressions of divine ideas, emanating from the high levels of the mental plane – the abstract thinking – through which the Will of God is manifested.

This bringing forth of the highest energies onto our planet, has kindled the present crisis of humanity, because the centre called humanity (the planetary throat centre) experiences presently a special stimulation and a supply of energies, since humanity now stands before the task of aligning its personality ray (the fifth) with its Soul ray (the fourth). This is

the situation in which humanity finds itself, namely, to prepare itself to receive the Buddhic energy.

Such preparation is also the duty of each individual, for everyone has to achieve mastery on the 5th plane (the mental plane) in order to come under the influence of the 4th plane (the Buddhic plane). The destiny of the individual is therefore inseparably tied to that of the whole of humanity; and within the body of humanity the New Group of World Servers forms a linking path, an arch of light, to the planetary heart centre – to the Hierarchy – with the aim of linking these two planetary centres: the heart and the throat centres.

A new generation will be placed into a world of greater possibilities. This generation will become familiar with the new given realities and thus the small narrow type of thinking will no longer be as prominent as it has been the case hitherto. Men of the future will no longer be preoccupied exclusively with themselves and their personal interests. The higher knowledge which influences them permits no longer such narrowness. Even national thinking gives way to that Greatness, which is opening up before humanity; the whole is seen and the Oneness of humanity becomes a reality.

The "New Age" marks itself already on the horizon and we can perceive many places on earth, where true brotherly thinking exists; thinking which grows conscious of the Oneness of all creation. whereupon true brotherhood is based. Light penetrates into the thinking of men and "illuminates their path", it scatters darkness and announces the "Coming One".

Let us now quote the following passages as far as the work of this tenth group is concerned:

This is the group of *Creative Workers*. They are communicators between the third aspect of Divinity, the Creative Aspect – as it expresses itself through the creative work and in response to the thought world – and the first aspect, Life. They link and blend life and form creatively. They are closely related to the ninth group because today, unknowingly and without any true understanding, they are bringing about a concretization of the energy of desire; this in its turn brings about the creation of things. [...] Their work is also largely philosophical and concerned with the task of relating – factually and scientifically – the other nine types of groups so that they may work creatively upon the physical plane and the divine Plan may clearly appear as a result of this synthesis which they bring about.

These [ten seed] groups are also an *externalization of an inner existing condition*. They are an effect and not a cause. That they themselves may have an initiatory effect (as they work out into manifestation upon the physical plane) is no doubt true; but they are themselves the product of an inner activity and of a subjective aggregation of forces which must perforce become objective.

The work of the disciples who find their place in these various groups is to keep in close rapport with ten inner groups which form, nevertheless, *one* large active group. This group force will then pour through all the various groups just in so far as the disciples in the groups do the following things as a group:

1. Keep en rapport with the inner source of power.
2. Never lose sight of the group objective. [41]
3. Cultivate the dual capacity to apply the laws of the soul to the individual life and the laws of the group to group life.

4. Use all the forces which may flow into the group in service; they must learn, therefore, to register those forces and use them correctly.

(Discipleship in the New Age, Volume I, pages 40-41)

A great creative activity involving all Ashrams – major and minor – is now being planned in the hierarchical assembly, and the work of all waiting and attentive disciples is to make that creative plan successful through its full expression upon the physical plane. This they must do through their grouped and blended activities, which will embody the full expression of all that they have achieved and gained in the earlier stages of their individual unfoldment. Thus you will see that from God the Creator of all that Is, down to the humblest disciple in the hierarchical center, the theme of creativity dominates and is the expression (again occultly understood) of the *divine intention*.

At present, what is called creative work by men is in reality an expression of themselves and of their appreciation of beauty as *they* see it, of truth as *they* grasp it, of psychology as *they* interpret it, of nature as *they* scientifically interpret it. According to their spiritual development and their intelligent perception, so will be the quality and the nature of their expression – but it will be *theirs*.

In the case of hierarchical workers however, the situation is different. They work to express that which the Ashram, through its group of workers, is seeking to express; they seek to express the Plan, or as much of it as they can grasp; they are occupied with the expression of soul as that soul should be known in the culture and the civilization [296] immediately to be developed. They can work entirely free from self-interest; that which they create is not claimed by them but is regarded as an expression of hierarchical activity; they are free from the spirit to identify themselves with that which they expressed, but – having created that which their ashramic impulse has indicated – they pass on to a fresh expression of the dynamic, ever-moving purpose. They are not occupied with form, but with life, with organism rather than organization, with ideas rather than ideals, and with essential truth rather than with carefully formulated theologies.

(The Rays and the Initiations, pages 295-296)

The whole process is one of establishing constructive relations between negative and positive energies and the subsequent production of magnetic force. *This is the creative process*. [483] It is true of the activity of a solar Logos, of a planetary Logos and of a human being – the only conscious creators in the universe. It must prove true of the disciple, who is attempting to bring into a constructive relation the Monad and the human expression in the three worlds of human evolution.

There has been much emphasis upon the life of the soul and its expression upon the physical plane; this has been necessary and a part of the evolutionary development of the human consciousness. The kingdom of souls must eventually give place to the rule of the spirit; the energy of the Hierarchy must become a force, receptive to the energy of Shamballa, just as the force of humanity has to become receptive to the energy of the kingdom of souls. Today all three processes are going on simultaneously, though the receptivity of the Hierarchy to the second aspect of the Shamballa energy is only now beginning to be recognizable. The Hierarchy has for long been receptive to the third or creative aspect of the Shamballa energy, and – at some very distant period – it will be responsive to the first aspect of that *same* energy. The triple nature of the divine manifestation must also express itself as a duality.

The initial step towards bringing about this dualism is the building of the antahkarana, and this is *consciously* undertaken only when the disciple is preparing for the second initiation.

Humanity will awaken steadily and as a whole to the incoming spiritual urge; an overwhelming impulse towards spiritual light and towards a major orientation will take place. Just as the individual disciple has to reverse himself upon the wheel of life and tread the Way counter-clockwise, so must humanity; and so humanity will.

In the process, however, the third divine aspect – that of the Creative Actor – comes into activity. It was so in the creative process where the tangible universe was concerned. It must also be when the individual disciple becomes the creating agent. For aeons, he has built and has used his vehicles of manifestation in the three worlds. Then came a time when advanced people began to create upon the mental plane; they dreamed dreams; they saw a vision; they contacted intangible beauty; they touched the *Mind of God* and returned to earth with an idea. To this idea they gave form and became creators upon the mental plane; they became artists in some form of creative effort.

(The Rays and the Initiations, pages 482-484)

An experiment is now being made to shift the focus of the groups inwards and yet, at the same time, to increase their potency by permitting no individual leader to be found at the group center upon the outer plane. All in the group are to be gathered together as free souls. Together, they will learn; together, they will stand with impersonality; together, they will render service to the world. You must remember, however, that any person who takes the position that the work to be done is *only* upon the inner planes and that he is working solely from mental or spiritual levels of consciousness is *not* right in his conception of the process. Inner work which does not work out into objective activity upon the physical plane is wrongly oriented and inspired.

These new types of groups will work together under the conscious guidance and suggestion of a member of the Great White Lodge. Note the word "suggestion," my brothers. If these groups were subjected to the *authority* of such a member, then the objective of all the work undertaken would fail to materialize. An occult law would have been broken. Free, intelligent assistance is what we are asking from all our disciples today, and we leave them free to render it or not as they like and in the manner which may seem best to them.

(Discipleship in the New Age, Volume I, page 45)

On the physical plane are a large band of aspirants, probationary disciples and accepted disciples who are seeking to be responsive to the "head center", some consciously, others unconsciously. They are gathered from all fields of expression but are all *creative* in some way or other. They in their turn constitute what might be symbolically called the "pineal gland" of humanity. As in individual man this is usually dormant and asleep, so, in humanity, this group of cells within the brain of the body corporate is dormant, [277] but thrilling to the vibrations of the head center – the occult Hierarchy. Some of the cells are awake. Let them intensify their endeavor and so awaken others.

The pioneers of the human family, the scientists, thinkers and artists constitute the pituitary body. They express the concrete mind but lack that intuitive perception and idealism which would place them (symbolically speaking) in the pineal gland; they are nevertheless brilliant, expressive and investigating. The objective of the Hierarchy (again symbolically speaking) is to make the pineal gland so potent and, therefore, so attractive that the pituitary body of cell lives may be stimulated and thus a close interplay be brought about.

This will lead to such potent action that there will be a streaming forth of *new cells* to the pineal gland and at the same time such a strong reaction set up that the entire body will be affected, resulting in the streaming upward of many stimulated lives to take the places of those who are finding their way into the center of hierarchical endeavor.

(A Treatise on White Magic, pages 276-277)

A summarizing survey may make understandable the creative process and the Divine Plan, the way it is presented to us at present:

The Lord of the World, through meditation, is carrying forward processes which he instituted in his original, creative meditation – back in the darkest night of the time when [223] he decided to create this planet of ours for strictly redemptive purposes. The whole creation is the result of his directed and controlled thought – a process of sustained thinking which sweeps all the creative energies into evolutionary and cyclic activity, in conformity to the pattern which he eternally vitalizes. He has organized a group which is responsive to his meditative intention; these Beings aid him by their *concentrated and realized Purpose* to bring into our planetary livingness certain extra-planetary energies which are needed to carry forward the planned work of the planetary Logos.

The Hierarchy is the Custodian of that aspect of the cyclic, planetary Purpose which is called the Plan; this covers such relatively brief periods as civilizations – where humanity is concerned. In relation to Shamballa, the intermediate group of meditating, creative Workers is called into activity in order to receive impression of the immediate, desired hierarchical activity, to transmit the needed energies from Shamballa to the united Ashrams and thus, esoterically, "inform" the Hierarchy of that which merits immediate attention.

Again, upon a lower level of the evolutionary spiral, the Hierarchy in its turn impresses the New Group of World Servers with the Plan to be at once applied to the helping of humanity. This group is the major creative agent in the three worlds for the remainder of this cycle of planetary experience. This has not always been the case. Humanity can now intelligently work with the presented Plan, and this for the first time in human history. I would have you note this.

Men can now do their little share in bringing the divine Purpose into manifestation, because they have now unfolded the needed mental capacity. The control and the creative [224] development of the three lower kingdoms in nature is slowly being taken out of the hands of the deva evolution (hitherto responsible) and placed under the supervision of mankind; as it is said in the ancient Archives of the Masters:

"Eventually, the solar Lords, through manas (the mind) will control the lunar lords of elemental substance, and not alone their own but that which looks to them for aid. Thus will redemption come to all through man, and thus the glory of the Lord of Life be seen."

(Discipleship in the New Age, Volume II, pages 222-224)

For man, therefore, the Universal Mind can best be grasped as it expresses itself through what we call the concrete mind, the abstract mind, and the intuition or pure reason.

The concrete mind is the form building faculty. Thoughts are things. The abstract mind is the pattern building faculty, or the mind which works with the blue prints upon which the forms are modeled. The intuition or pure reason is the faculty which enables man to enter

into contact with the Universal Mind and grasp the plan synthetically, to seize upon divine Ideas or isolate some fundamental and pure truth.

An ability to sense the vision. That involves a capacity in a faint measure to realize the archetype on which the Lodge is endeavoring to fashion the race. It involves cooperation in the work of the Manu, and the development of abstract as well as synthetic thought, the flashing forth of the intuition. The intuition wrests from the high places a touch of the ideal plan as it lies latent in the mind of the Logos.

(A Treatise on White Magic, pages 365-367)

Know each of you for yourselves whether you stand for the new position, the new attitude towards work, and for the subjective method.

Should the new mode of work appeal to you, see to it that the personality is subordinated, that the life of meditation is kept paramount in importance, that sensitivity to the subjective realm is cultivated, and any necessary outer activities are handled from within outwards. Avoid a purely mystical introspection or its opposite extreme, an over-emphasized organizing spirit, remembering that a life of truly occult meditation must inevitably produce outer happenings, but that these objective results are produced by an inner growth and not by an outer activity. An ancient Scripture teaches this truth in the following terms: [426]

"When the sun progresses into the mansion of the serving man, *the way of life* takes the place of the way of work. Then the tree of life grows until its branches shelter all the sons of men. The building of the Temple and the carrying of the stones cease. The growing trees are seen; the buildings disappear. Let the sun pass into its appointed place, and in this day and generation attend ye to the roots of growth."

(A Treatise on White Magic, pages 425-426)

These words can be grasped when we examine the aim of humanity which belongs to the three main purposes of Divinity listed as follows:

1. The direction in which the solar Logos is going upon the Cosmic Path.
Esoterically – The Way towards the Central Spiritual Sun.
2. The plans of the planetary Logos upon the Systemic Path.
Esoterically – The Way towards the Heart of the Sun.
3. The purpose ahead for the human family upon the Path of Light.
Esoterically – The Way of the Sun.

(A Treatise on White Magic, page 93)

Creative Power:

This concerns the power of the adept to deal with the elements in their five forms and produce with them objective realities, thus, to create on the physical plane.

As each son of God brings the active mind stuff for which he is responsible into such a condition that it becomes responsive to divine thought, then will the Plan of all ages be accomplished and brought to an end. No man need despair because of his seeming incompetence or apparent insignificance, for to each of us is entrusted some part of the Plan and we must work **it** out. Without our cooperation arises delay and confusion.

Sometimes much trouble results when a tiny part of a big mechanism does not function correctly. Frequently much adjustment is needed before the whole machine can continue its work successfully, and in the realm of human cooperation an analogous situation is apt to occur. [410]

We should therefore: Go on when the point of exhaustion has been reached, and when we think to have no more strength, to remain steadfast, despite the threat of defeat, the determination to persevere come what may, – these are the distinguishing marks of the true disciples of every degree.

To them goes out the clarion call of Paul:

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil ones.
And take the helmet of salvation, and the word of the Spirit, which is the Word of God". (Eph. VI; 14.15.16.17.)

The equally clear command of Krishna to Arjuna sounds out also:

"Having regard to thy duty, deign not to shrink back. For nothing is better for a warrior than a righteous battle. And such a battle has come to thee of its own accord, a very door of heaven will be opened; happy the warriors ... who find such a fight as this... Therefore arise, determined to do battle. Making equal good and ill fortune, gain and loss, victory and defeat, gird thyself for the fight.
" (Bhagavad Gita II, paragraphs 31. 32. 37. 38)

(The Light of the Soul, pages 347,410-11,423-24)

MEDITATION FOR THE GROUP OF CREATIVE WORKERS

STAGE I

OM

As soul-infused personality we unite ourselves with the soul of the New Group of World Servers. We concentrate ourselves in the heart of this meditating group, seeing the union and the synthesis of the ten seed groups, through which the Spiritual Hierarchy works. United with all our group brothers, we speak the mantram 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 we fulfill our part in the one Work through self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech.

STAGE II

OM

The aim of our group work is to reveal the Divine determined Plan (i.e., to apply the experience we gained – to live Christ) .

We salute the Spiritual Hierarchy and utter the Mantram of love:

In the center of all love we stand; from that centre we, as souls will outward move;
From that centre we, the ones who serve, will work.
May the Love of the Divine Self be shed abroad in our hearts, through our groups, and throughout the world.

STAGE III

From this point of identity we proceed in our creative work, united with the Spiritual Hierarchy. We raise our consciousness to the head centre (the thousand petalled lotus) and we direct our one-pointedly attention towards Shamballa. As a group we step into this will aspect and say:

Not mine, but Thy will be done

We sound the OM three times

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May Thy Will manifest Itself through our group for the re-orientation of the common good.
The old we seek to clothe into new forms,
to dissolve excesses
to erect the new, according to the principles of Thy Truth.

STAGE IV

We stand thus aligned with the objective of Shamballa touched by the Will of God, and therefore with the construction of the Plan on Earth. As a group we are thus in total unison with the Will of God and behold in this vision *the next step* which lies before us.

STAGE V

We take up the link with the ten seed groups and ask ourselves mentally:
"What shall we maintain – what shall we dissolve – what shall we build anew?"

We say:

Thy Will penetrates us, we are the builders of the New Age.
Thy Will has become our will.
With intentional Power we march ahead and illumine the darkest corners.
Thy Will leads us – Thou art our shield,
We are Thy Will.
In this Will we carry the fire of new formations.
We are existence, we build, we maintain, we destroy.
By the power of Thy Will we construct the New World.

STAGE VI

In gratitude we receive and establish the Loving Will Energy in ourselves and say:

Thy Will, O Lord, became our will.
Lord, forsake us not – we work in Thy Plan.

We conclude with the Invocation:

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

From the Avatar of Synthesis, who is to come
Let His energy pour down in all Kingdoms.
May He lift up the Earth to the Kings of Beauty.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

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