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# Triangle Centre Christmas Newsletter

## December 2010

*Dear Friends*

*At this time of the year we are all, in our diverse ways, reviewing the various experiences of the past 12 months. A montage of life in 2010 and our personal responses in partnership with it.. This year we have been changed by that great transformer we call circumstance awakening a new awareness and understanding in our lives and expanding identification with the unconditional sustaining Life of the planet.*

*Whatever the circumstances or catalysts may have been, it is the heart of each of us which is responding to the urgent challenge to love, live, identify and engage more fully with each other and the emerging New Paradigm.*

*In this time of Christ mass and in welcoming 2011  
We join with you in singing the Songline of Change  
We celebrate Humanity and the diverse expressions we each are.*

*In service, gratitude, and love  
Triangle Centre co-workers*



Dear friends,

In a little over a week from when I write this, friends will be sitting in circles in places all over the globe to reflect, celebrate and work with the energies of the Sagittarius full moon and the solstice. Some of the circles will be quite large; others will be small intimate gatherings. Human beings, each with their own story, their own reasons for sitting in the circle, their own body of experiences, will be gathered together in community. Each circle will have its own flavour, quality and identity. The full moon circles will tend to have a different note from the solstice gatherings. Northern groups will be meeting on the cusp of winter, hunkering down in preparation for the coming season of cold and long dark nights. In the south the mood will be expansive, sunny, light and open.

Throughout the ages circles of friends like this have been gathering to mark the festivals linking the sun, the stars, the human and our own Mother Earth. In this sense there is nothing new about what is happening now – indeed when many of us sit in our circles next week we will experience a profound sense of affinity with our ancestors – the parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and all the preceding generations whose experience has been the living substance of the evolution of our various nations and cultures. Yet in another sense there is something very new and fresh about our time and our challenges. We know diversity and unity in a way no other generation before us has ever known. We have the opportunity to know more about the lives, the feelings and the inner worlds of our brothers and sisters of different cultures, different economic backgrounds, different ages, different religions than any of our ancestors have ever had. And at the same time we are able to see and reflect upon the wholeness of the human species and the Earth (indeed the paradigm of wholeness itself) in a way that our parents and grandparents never could. Knowledge about our diversity and our unity is so much more detailed, so much more widespread throughout the population, so much more part of popular culture than it has ever been before. And the numbers of people who are open, in an intelligent, mindful way, to the livingness of this synthesis is totally new.

This song of unity and diversity that is now being sung through the mind and heart of the human collective and within our own individual minds and hearts – is something incredible ... unprecedented in our history. It brings with it challenges that are equally awesome. The thing about the crises of climate change, secularism and the recognition that current relations between humanity and the Earth are unsustainable is that the crises cannot be resolved from the level of vision, politics, economics and religion that history has bequeathed us. The challenges demand an initiation of the human spirit. Responsibility is taking shape. The history that is being created through our lives now is the history of what will later be seen to be the birthing of a new economics, a new politics and a new spirituality – this is what initiation means for our age. It is one of the reasons why the Great Teachings of synthesis and universality, the esoteric maps of emergent possibilities, are such a critical and essential resource. Amidst the stimulation of consciousness that accompanies our initiatory times it is more important than ever that individuals find their way to Teachings to guide them into the light of the intuition and of the Teacher Within.

How wonderful that there are groups taking responsibility for the un-glamorous and, some would say boring, work of keeping the Teachings available – ensuring that individuals have access to Wisdom Teachings appropriate to a time of initiatory opportunities. This is selfless, background work that the Triangle Centre has done for decades with the Bailey and Agni Yoga teachings, and that other groups have done for Teachings that are Real and Alive for them. May this work be blessed a thousand times over?

My own experiences in the past year have been full of magical encounters with the initiation process in the human family. Barbara and I have just returned from our annual visit to Darjeeling where it was a thrilling experience to study the teachings on the planetary inlets for spiritual force, and the koan like Darjeeling keynote of 'I hide the light'. Hidden within the light of wisdom (what we think of as the light of the East) there is another Light – the Light of Life itself. Yet this hidden light is to be approached through wisdom – otherwise it can burn through the qualities of goodness, beauty and truth that are so essential to be grounded in the human realm. The Light of Life needs to be hidden until it can be seen through the lens of acquired, realized wisdom. To seek to approach this Light directly, bypassing the living ethics of the soul has ever been the path of the fanatic and the fundamentalist, sometimes referred to as the 'quick' path. Wisdom, Love, Understanding: these qualities of mindfulness prepare consciousness for the Fires of Life Itself. They initiate the human vehicles of mind and heart into a state capable of standing before the Light. The veils that hide the Light protect the human kingdom while also holding

forth the possibility of Spiritual Approach when the time is right and the conditions are appropriate.

The sounds of the protective light of wisdom were repeated again and again from friends in Darjeeling like the inspiring Father Kinley Tshering, SJ, Jesuit head of the outstanding North Point School for boys. At a Darjeeling Goodwill Week event Father Kinley, who refers to himself as a Buddhist Christian, spoke of how young boys need to be loved and of how he tells all the boys in his care that he cannot love them equally (something it is not possible for a human being to do) but that he will love them uniquely – love them individually for who they are and who they can become. In a discussion on religions he likened this idea to the different faiths – that we are simply called to love each of them individually for their own unique qualities and gifts. At St Josephs North Point (a Jesuit school) every School Assembly begins with boys reading a passage from the Sacred Book of each of the major religions.

### **William Meader**

*William Meader will be back in Nelson in March and he will be exploring the life-enhancing gems of  
Treatise of White Magic.  
You can find all the information on his website [www.meader.org](http://www.meader.org)*

*In order to help us along the way with our understanding of this book, we are going to set up a study group here at the Triangle Centre.*

*For further information, time etc contact  
Heather 04 902 1667*

### **Second-Hand Blue Books**

*We have a number of books available,  
so please contact  
Heather 04 902 1667  
to discuss the possibilities*

Another Goodwill Week event featured two well-attended art exhibitions. One focused on the paintings of Nicholas and Svetoslav Roerich (the Roerich family lived for some time in Darjeeling, and Helena lived the final years of her life in neighbouring Kalimpong) and the other featured stunning paintings from local artists in the Himalayan Art Academy inspired by Roerich's series of Himalayan canvases. Sizeable articles in four West Bengal newspapers covered the exhibitions, and the Roerich exhibit is now to travel to Calcutta and Gangtok, Sikkim. A citizen's forum during the Week saw a lively and deep conversation about goodwill and spirituality.

Another shining light from Darjeeling is the new website established by an Australian group for the Darjeeling and Kalimpong Animal Shelters: [www.workingforanimals.org.au](http://www.workingforanimals.org.au). Check out the excellent recent articles under 'Stories & Blogs' by Ace Bourke and Rebecca Bragg and see all the photographs. It is now possible to donate to these shelters through this site.

Earlier in the year we had the special joy of attending the 3 Arcane School Conferences in New York, Geneva and London – to my mind there is nothing like these gatherings of serious students of the Work. With group meditations, talks and discussion sessions, the mental atmosphere is concentrated, deep and surprisingly (for such a well established group) attuned to the needs of humanity at this time. As we were already in Europe we had the great pleasure of taking part in the Conclave of the World Service Intergroup held at the Community of Living Ethics in Citte de la Pieve, Umbria, Italy. We work closely with friends from the Community in Darjeeling and Kalimpong so it was a special treat to see the 130 or so Conclave participants getting to know the 'joyful people' of the Community and their 'total commitment to service, with a unique Italian charm' as well as 'experiencing the range and scope of their lovingly designed buildings and grounds, and their in-depth spiritual



educational programs involving over a thousand people from all over Italy and Europe'.

Other highlights for the year included attending an incredible gathering in San Francisco of groups associated with Kalliopeia Foundation ([www.kalliopeia.org](http://www.kalliopeia.org)). With a mission to contribute to the evolution of communities and cultures that honour the unity at the heart of life's rich diversity, the Foundation funds projects in three program areas that are rooted in the recognition of life's sacred unity. The gathering under the theme Emergence explored a variety of fields of service within a cosmological framework, drawing especially on the Sufi, Western Primordial, Sri Aurobindo and American Indian Indigenous traditions. You can read my review of the event in the Spring/Summer 2010 issue of Kosmos Journal, or see it on-line at: [www.kalliopeia.org/pdf/KosmosSS2010-Nation.pdf](http://www.kalliopeia.org/pdf/KosmosSS2010-Nation.pdf).

Other activities included a stunning gathering of a small circle at Lifebridge Sanctuary on the theme of Intuition and Money. This is a series of events Lifebridge, Intuition in Service and the Rudolf Steiner Foundation have co-hosted over the years. The reflection, conversation and understanding continue to deepen as the group explores the birthing of a new spiritually infused economics. The Spiritual Caucus gatherings for silence at the United Nations are also core parts of the rhythm of our lives. There is something quite magical about sitting within the house of the United Nations and being open to the Presence of the Avatar of Synthesis – in silence each participant is able to find their own line of approach, deepening their own cosmological understanding of the emerging planetary story of humanity's encounter with the revelation of unity in diversity.

Warmest Christmas greetings to all

Steve

## Full MOON CHART 2011 – NEW ZEALAND

<b>Date</b>	<b>Festival *</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Keynote for Meditation</b>
January 20	Capricorn	10.23 am	Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.
February 18	Aquarius	9.37 pm	Water of Life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.
March 20	Pisces	7.11 am	I leave the Father's home and turning back, I save.
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Aries</b>	<b>2.45 pm</b>	<b>I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Taurus</b>	<b>11.10 pm</b>	<b>I see and when the Eye is opened, all is light.</b>
<b>June 16</b>	<b>Gemini</b>	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow.</b>
July 15	Cancer	6.41 pm	I build a lighted house and therein dwell.
August 14	Leo	6.59 am	I am That and That am I.
September 12	Virgo	9.28 pm	I am the mother and the child. I God, I matter am.
October 12	Libra	3.07 pm	I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force.
November 11	Scorpio	9.17 am	Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant.
December 11	Sagittarius	3.37 am	I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another.

**The Three global Spiritual Festivals will be observed in New Zealand on the following days:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April          Easter**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May          Wesak**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June      Festival of Goodwill & World Invocation Day**

\* The astrological sign shown in this column is the sign relating to the sun rather than the moon.

*All times are based on data supplied by the Simplified Scientific Ephemeris 2000-2009 published by the Rosicrucian Fellowship. NZ SummerTime included where appropriate.*

## ***Festival Meditation Meetings in Paekakariki***

Meditation meetings for world service will be held at the Triangle Centre, 124 Wellington Road, Paekakariki at 7.30 pm. Wherever possible meetings are held in the 18 hours prior to the full moon – some meetings are therefore held on the day before the full moon.

The full moon marks the time each month when the impact of the divine energies of Light, Love and Power are at their peak and can be registered as a group and radiated into human consciousness.

Wednesday 19th January	Capricorn
Friday 18th February	Aquarius
Saturday 19th March	Pisces
Monday 18th April	Aries
Tuesday 17th May	Taurus
Wednesday 15th June	Gemini
Friday 15th July	Cancer
Saturday 13th August	Leo
Monday 12th September	Virgo
Wednesday 12th October	Libra
Thursday 10th November	Scorpio
Saturday 10th December	Sagittarius

Plus we can send details of groups holding festival meditations in Auckland, Tuakau, Nelson, and Christchurch and a planned group in Tauranga.

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*From the point of Light within the Mind of God  
Let light stream forth into human minds.  
Let Light descend to Earth.*

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

*From the center where the Will of God  
is known  
Let purpose guide all little human wills,  
The purpose that the Masters know and serve.*

*From the center that we call the human race  
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out  
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.*

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



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