

# The New Group of World Servers

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The text of this booklet contains quotations (with slight adaptations in some cases) from books by Alice A. Bailey.

Quotations are primarily taken from two books, *Esoteric Psychology*, Volume II and *Discipleship in the New Age*, Volume II, and those who are inspired by this booklet are recommended to read the lengthy sections on *Humanity Today* and *Teachings on Meditation* in these two books. The first title was written in the late 1930s and the second in the 1940s. Countless students around the world have been studying and meditating upon Alice Bailey's writings on the New Group of World Servers since that time.

The description of the New Group of World Servers as a subjective group in humanity with specific tasks and challenges seems more relevant today even than it was at the time these books were written. All around us in our increasingly interdependent world, we see evidence of the Group's pioneering efforts to transform human relationships in every sphere of life. The challenge facing intelligent, thoughtful people of goodwill today is how to enhance their own participation in the life of the Group and how to most usefully support the members of the Group. Ideas presented here invite us to deepen our understanding of the New Group of World Servers through study of the great forerunners of modern esoteric thought (including Blavatsky, Bailey, Steiner, de Chardin and Aurobindo) alongside the writings of the inspired servers of our time. When this study is combined with meditation and intuitive reflection, the livingness of the group is touched. Meditation that is aligned with this subjective group who form the mediating bridge between the outer and inner worlds becomes a highly creative and useful field of service.

*Let us drop our antagonisms and our antipathies, and think in terms of the one family, the one life, and the one humanity.*

Humanity is not following a haphazard or uncharted course—there is a Plan of Love and Light.

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.

People 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 the harmlessness of their thought, the inclusiveness of their actions, and the creative power of their daily lives. They provide the vision and mould public opinion.

Behind these leaders and the co-operating people of goodwill are the Custodians of the Plan, “the inner spiritual Government of the Planet” often referred to in the literature of theosophy and the Wisdom Tradition as The Spiritual Hierarchy.

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.

Every person of goodwill can share in the action of the New Group of World Servers and in the working out of the Plan.

## The New Group of World Servers

*The New Group of World Servers is a functioning active group. 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 inter-relation, and who sees no racial, national or religious barriers, is a member of the New Group of World Servers, even if they have never heard of it in these terms.*

*The New Group of World Servers is not an organization. It has no headquarters, but only units of service throughout the world; it has no president or lists of officers; it has only servers in every country.*

Members of the New Group of World Servers are gathered from all branches of human enterprise, of which organised religion is only one. There are scientists who, rejecting the unproven, yet are giving all they have of scientific ability and knowledge to the service of humanity—each in their chosen scientific field; there are people of financial stature who regard money as a responsibility to be dispensed wisely in the service of others, yet mystical or occult terminology may mean nothing to them; 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 religious leaders (in some one or other of the world religions) who are not constrained by the dogmas of their faith; the spirit of light is in them and they intelligently love their fellow human beings. All of these people, if they are members of the New Group of World Servers, must inevitably be reflective thinkers, must have creative objectives, must be truly intelligent, and must have added expanding love to their intelligence.

## A Shared Consciousness of Unity

*Members of the New Group can be identified by their registered consciousness of unity. Once attained this recognition can never be lost.*

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—when attained—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 their own physical body. This is known 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 individual.

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## Higher Inspiration

*As members of the group serve humanity, they provide a concentration of spiritual forces; often drawing unconsciously on the inspiration of the inner subjective kingdom of God, the Hierarchy of Saints and Great Ones recognized in all traditions.\**

The members of this Group have a dual relationship: to the rest of humanity whom they seek to serve; and also to the Hierarchy, via some Ashram—an Ashram which is the source of their inspiration and of their creative efforts to think and to work. Many in this group are

\* See the booklet in this series *The Spiritual Hierarchy*

conscious of their relation to humanity and of their planned service but are totally unaware of the unseen source of their inspiration. This matters not, for—if their motive is pure, their intelligence keen and their meditational capacity adequate—they receive the inspiration and develop the intuition in any case. It is those in the New Group of World Servers who can and do meditate who are the real agents of the relation existing between the Hierarchy and Humanity. Such a relation has, of course, always existed, and always there have been many mystics and a few occultists who have served as channels of relationships; today, the group is increasingly organised and the task of invocation and evocation is for the first time in history evenly balanced, or is upon what you might call a fifty-fifty basis.

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 and women 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 people 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.

## The Group's Task

*The needs of all must be met... much of the work will be purely economic... the reform of the world religions will draw on commonsense and progressive theology... nations need orienting to each other so that differences can flourish within a unity of purpose based on a desire for the welfare and progress of all.*

The task of the group of World Servers is not the spreading of esoteric or occult information. In preparing the world for the reappearance of the Christ, the needs of all the many types of people must be met; world groups of every description have to be contacted. Much of the work will be purely economic and will concern the right feeding and the development of a true security for millions who—for many lives—will not be interested in matters esoteric. The reform of the churches of the many world religions is another aspect of the same work, requiring no occult information but the introduction of commonsense and progressive ideas into theology, and the shift of the ecclesiastical emphasis from material values to the spiritual. The political regimes of the world need orienting to each other; it has never been the divine plan that all nations and races should conform to some standard political ideology or be reduced to a uniform general form of government. Nations differ; they have different cultures and traditions; they can function adequately under varying and distinctive governments; nevertheless, they can at the same time attain a unity of purpose, based upon a genuine desire for the true welfare and progress of all people everywhere.

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 (so prevalent at this time) 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 people, 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 human race, the groups which foster the spirit of cleavage and which build up barriers to impede the free spirit, 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.

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## **A Group Bridge in Consciousness**

*The new group is an aspect of the rainbow bridge being built in the collective consciousness of humanity. Referred to in ancient Sanskrit texts as the antahkarana, this bridge of consciousness allows for communication between higher and lower mind.*

The New Group of World Servers is an aspect of the world antahkarana and it gives students of the antahkarana a sound example of the intent and purpose of the Rainbow Bridge which each disciple is endeavouring consciously to build. It is composed of those who have penetrated in consciousness upward to such an extent that their ascension has become invocative and has produced a descent from the Hierarchy which meets and merges with the energies of the ascending group reflection. Words here are apt to hinder. In the case of the New Group of World Servers, it is not simply ascending energy which must be considered; there is also a focussing of consciousness and a receptivity which can develop into fixed intention; this can be followed later by a recognition in the physical brain consciousness of what has transpired.



The main requirement for members of the New Group of World Servers is Meditation but—as you know—it is not necessarily the set meditation of occult schools and churches; membership in the group, however, requires the development of the reflective spirit along some line of human understanding; it requires also the power to focus attention upon that which can serve humanity and a compassionate recognition of human need. The unthinking man or woman, or those engrossed entirely in business, political and family ties, cannot form a part of the New Group of World Servers, because the group demands a definite measure of decentralisation; to this, habits of meditation rapidly contribute.

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As the members of this group meditate and serve, they will gradually find that they are becoming aware of an inner group—the Ashram of the Master on Whose ray the individual server is to be found. This will necessarily vary according to the ray; the ray—it must be remembered—determines the quality and the nature of the service to be rendered. Gradually the neophyte swings into the rhythm of the Ashram, and gradually his or her meditation changes and falls into line with the instinctual and constant ashramic meditation. It must be remembered that ashramic meditation is entirely devoid of personality elements. It is in the nature of a constant and uninterrupted group meditation upon the Plan, and particularly upon that aspect of the Plan which must immediately be put into operation; this is the apportioned duty of the Ashram or the Ashrams in question. This constant attitude of reflective meditation in no way impairs the efficiency of the Ashram or of the individual disciple, because two or more lines of thought and several lines of activity are simultaneously possible.

## A Centre of Planetary Meditation

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The New Group of World Servers is fast becoming a major centre of planetary meditation. Much of this meditation is far from being of an occult nature but that is of no importance; it is largely based upon deep reflection upon the problems of humanity, backed and aided by the deep aspiration of the mystics found within its ranks, and aided also by the meditation of those few esotericists (technically speaking) who are working there also.

A gigantic group meditation is going on in many differing phases upon our planet. All the meditating units and the reflective groups are related to each other through unity of spiritual motive; they are seeking closer cooperation and endeavouring to bring their meditation work—consciously or unconsciously—into a state of positive universal quiet, so that the formulation of spiritual desire can be carried successfully forward, and the reception of spiritual energy can be a united reception.

The entire activity of the New Group of World Servers along the invocative line was stepped up and greatly hastened by the giving to the world of the Great Invocation. What was actually a vague demand and a fluid nebulous receptivity became (by the use of the Invocation) a powerful invocative plea, and resulted in the evocation of energies from the Hierarchy which were transmitted by the New Group of World Servers to Humanity and which are responsible for much of the constructive work now going forward in many parts of the world.

## Law of Group Progress

*Energies pouring into humanity from Hierarchy are leading to increasing recognition among people of goodwill of group affinities and group ideals. The Group of World Servers are pioneering humanity's developing group consciousness.*

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”—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.

## Dangers to Avoid

*As the New Group of World Servers emerges through a network of strong and influential service networks it is important to be aware of two potential dangers to be avoided. First is the danger that comes from an overly critical and competitive approach to other servers and other service groups. Second is the danger that comes from placing too much emphasis on outer organisation. The New Group is a living organism, not an organisation.*

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 the other teaching. These are things that do not matter, but do hinder. What is of importance at this time is the unified stand which can be made by the people of goodwill to bring in an era of unity, peace, and plenty. Personal desire, self defence, or self-assertiveness have no place in the ranks of the New Group of World Servers. Personalities do not count and only souls have power.

Let all of us, therefore, who belong to the New Group of World Servers or who respond to their message of good will, 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.

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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 good will 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—the production of worldwide good will, of intelligent and loving understanding and unity, peace and plenty.

The outer organisation is of importance in so far as it leads to the skillful use of opportunity and money, but the organisation is again only a means to an end. The organisation of the New Group of World Servers is not possible. They must ever remain unorganised and unlabeled, free to work as they individually see fit. It is the organisation of the available resources to which we refer, so that the Plan may be promoted, the ideals become practical and the work be carried intelligently forward.

## The Major Creative Agent in the Three Worlds

*Hierarchy impresses the New Group of World Servers with the Plan so that for the first time in history, human beings can now intelligently share in the work of bringing divine purpose into manifestation.*

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 civilisations—where humanity is concerned....

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. Human beings can now do their little share in bringing the divine Purpose into manifestation, because they have now unfolded the needed mental capacity.

## The Objectives of World Goodwill

To stimulate and encourage men and women of goodwill everywhere to establish right human relations between races, nations and classes

To assist men and women of goodwill in their studies of world problems, and in the effective application to these problems of goodwill, cooperation and sharing for the common good.

To cooperate with other organisations in constructive activities contributing to world unity, stability and right human relations.

To make available up-to-date information on constructive current action in the main areas of human life through the publication of a regular newsletter. To establish a goodwill Commentary on issues of world interest.

To aid in establishing goodwill as the keynote of the new civilisation.

To create a world-wide contact list of men and women of goodwill.

To support the work of the United Nations and the Specialised Agencies as the best hope for a united and peaceful world.

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