

THE ORIGINS OF WSI

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The World Service Intergroup (WSI) was developed from a series of meditative inspirations received during the period of February through April 1995. During this period, I was inspired with the idea of inviting founders and leaders of esoteric groups from around the world to gather together for a Conclave in Washington DC in the spirit and purpose of a conclave held by the Hierarchy. This was to consider the state of collaborative esoteric group work in the world, and explore what could be done to improve its potency and usefulness to the Plan, working together in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill.

When I first received this idea I wondered why anyone would come to a meeting that I called, since I was relatively unknown to most esoteric groups. As a further spur to taking action, I received more inspiration in the form of ideas for a letter to send to all invitees that would hopefully inspire them to attend such a meeting with all the investment of time and financial resources this implied. The invitational letter outlined the following purposes:

- “1) To bring together a meditating group in one location who can together build and anchor an energetic pathway into the Earth to assist the Externalization of the Hierarchy and the Reappearance of the Christ.
- 2) To build a group aura that provides an opportunity for Hierarchical impression of the worldwide group with the next phase of the Hierarchy’s ever emerging plans.
- 3) To hold in-depth, focussed discussion and planning sessions for the coordination and synthesizing of the worldwide esoteric work so that all participating groups are working with a united intent, a unified focus and a shared rhythm.
- 4) To learn from the experience of disciples in the worldwide group, so that the work can go forward with greater effectiveness and power around the world.”

I was still wondering if this would really work, but I had learned to give priority to ideas from meditation that carry the energy of inspiration. My spiritual partner and companion, Corinne, was very supportive and encouraging of this effort, so I began calling a few leaders and people in the esoteric movement who I thought might be interested. I will never forget what Angelia Robberts, from the Wisdom Synthesis Center, said to me when I first called her with this idea. Angelia had been the convenor of several international conferences focused on Seed Groups, and she was a pioneer in bringing groups together. When I told her about my inspiration to call together esoteric groups in the Bailey, Theosophical and Agni Yoga traditions for an international conclave in Washington her response was, “I will not pollute your aura with doubt.” She became a supporter and co-worker of the intergroup work in the early years, and was invaluable in giving me the benefit of her experience in calling esoteric groups together.

The next person I contacted was a close co-worker of many years, Avon Mattison, of Pathways to Peace in San Francisco, who, because of her deep and long experience in bringing together NGOs at the United Nations, immediately saw the significance and value of such an effort. She

has offered WSI her potent subjective capacities and wise counsel ever since. I then approached Tom Carney of Arcana Workshops in Los Angeles, who carefully listened with an open mind and heart to the vision and inspiration for the Conclave, and after meditating upon it, gave it his unqualified and powerful inner and outer support from that day forward, which continues to this day.

Niels Bronsted, an esoteric teacher from Esoteric Center Copenhagen, with a vast knowledge of the teaching, deeply and strongly responded to the call in the first letter. He became a strong advocate and co-worker in all the Conclave work, and has brought a regional version of it to Scandinavia. Rudolf Schneider, from the Institute for Planetary Synthesis in Geneva, a tireless planetary networker who is constantly weaving groups around the world together with lines of light and inspiration, was another ‘early adopter’ who immediately and fully supported this idea.

In addition, Helen Frankland from the International Network of Esoteric Healers in the UK has given her steady and deep inner support; Barbara Valocore from the Lifebridge Foundation in New York has demonstrated tireless commitment and offered financial assistance; and Steve Nation, from Intuition in Service in New Zealand, has provided deep and loving wisdom in reaching out to humanity. All these servers have been essential to the founding and aligned development of WSI.

These pioneering souls, along with the members of the International Advisory Council, which we established two years later, were able to recognize the value of a new idea and approach to the world esoteric work. The International Advisory Council includes Marina Bernardi, Comunita’ Di Etica Vivente, Italy; John Cobb, The School of Esoteric Studies, North Carolina; Bruce Davidson, Sirius Community, Massachusetts; Joleen DuBois, White Mountain Education Group, Arizona; May East, The Findhorn Foundation, Scotland; Nancy Roof, United Nations NGO representative, New York; Carmen Santiago, New Thought Foundation, Venezuela; Alice Schneider, Institute for Planetary Synthesis, Geneva; and Dr. Jaime Treiger, Avatar Foundation, Brazil. They have been the keystones upon which the work of the WSI has been built. Without their active and tireless support, and the recognition of the significance of this idea by all the international members, nothing would have happened, and the WSI would not exist today.

The First Conclave in Washington, DC

Our first meeting in Washington DC on Wesak, May 1-5, 1996, was held at our center, The Center for Visionary Leadership, with 70 people representing over 25 groups crowded into a meeting room for 50. Luckily the Fire Department never knew we were there! We shared the vision for WSI, of bringing groups into closer inner and outer cooperation, sharing and learning from each other, and working together to facilitate the Externalization and the Reappearance of the Christ. The keynote could be described as, “Developing intergroup esoteric work in the world that serves the next cycle of plans of the Hierarchy.” There was a very high frequency spiritual energy and much joy, with a palpable sense of significance at this initial gathering. It was also the “getting to know you” phase of this intergroup work, and there were different and diverse ideas presented of what we should be doing together. Since that initial meeting there have been many long and deep conversations about what the WSI should be and how it should function, and we now have clear unanimity about the purposes of WSI as originally set out in the first

letter. Yet, we all recognize that as a living entity in constant evolution, we must always be open to change, growth and redefinition.

We all agreed from the beginning that we would not build a large infrastructure or even see ourselves as an organization. We have held WSI more as a living organism, an open space where esoteric groups can meet, learn and grow together to make all the member groups' work more potent, both in their meditative power and their effective outer service to humanity. We have deliberately kept the organism etheric, so that it is built more of the energies of light, goodwill and shared purpose than through an extensive outer form. Through our group meditations aligning with Hierarchy and Shamballa and linking with humanity, we are developing a united auric field. Developing relationships at our annual Conclaves have now blossomed into shared intergroup projects, some of which span multiple continents. We see this expanding and developing in the future as more groups are choosing to participate in this etheric network/auric field of shared joy and cooperation in the work.

Los Angeles 1997

The second conclave was held in Los Angeles in May 1997 during the Gemini Full Moon, with Arcana Workshops as the hosting group. The keynote was: "May the power of Shamballa shower new life on all kingdoms of life on earth revealing the synthesis that IS." At this meeting we discussed esoteric approaches to transforming world consciousness in politics, culture, education, media and money. We also began to develop plans for more active cooperation between the groups. The idea of esoteric teachers exchanging their knowledge and wisdom by teaching at each other's centers around the world was launched at this meeting. Six years later, this work is becoming a reality, as members of WSI are teaching and sharing at various member's centers around the world, including Tijuana, Mexico, Copenhagen, Denmark, Poggio del Fuoco, Italy, Findhorn, Scotland, Los Angeles, California and other locations. We also decided that we would hold as many meetings as possible in one of the five planetary centers -- New York, London, Geneva, Darjeeling and Tokyo-- to add our meditative energy to each of those centers, which are so key for the Externalization and the Reappearance of the Christ. We also instituted a crisis alert meditation system for the WSI to apply meditative energy when crises are occurring in human consciousness. We also agreed to develop a website, which today can be found at www.synthesis.tc.

London 1998

Our third conclave in London in April, 1998, during the Aries Full Moon, was held in a hotel near the airport at the same time as a Star Trek convention! Meeting in a first ray center, the keynote for the Conclave was "The secret of the will lies in the recognition of the divine nature of man...it is also closely tied in with the recognition of the unconquerable nature of goodness and the inevitability of the ultimate triumph of good." There we discussed how we could actually help prepare the way for the Christ including speaking about political and economic events from a spiritual point of view; promoting the "Code of Humanity" produced by one of our member groups; publicizing positive solutions to human problems; and supporting mediators among opposing parties. At this meeting we also began developing a "Spiritual Vision Statement" focalized by Jan and Steve Nation.

Geneva 1999

Geneva, Switzerland for the Wesak Festival in May, 1999 was the site of our fourth conclave, hosted by the Institute for Planetary Synthesis. It was here that we developed an opening ritual of lighting seven candles for each of the seven rays and sounding the word of power for each ray, closing the ceremony by sounding the Great Invocation in various languages. Since we were in the planetary heart center our keynote was “Love governs the Way into the Life of the Hierarchy and is the foundation for all approach to, and appreciation and acceptance of truth.” It was here that the idea came to us that we are creating a heart center within the New Group of World Servers, a lotus with a jewel radiating out will and purpose. We see this heart center as a bridge between Hierarchy and the NGWS, serving the function of strengthening, protecting and nurturing the NGWS.

One group member received an impression that we should use first ray energy to try and unblock some of the crystallized financial energy locked up in the vaults of the many banks so present in Geneva. We then did a group meditation directing the first ray to move money into channels of lighted world service. It was one of the most powerful meditations of that conclave, and members had images of vaults bursting open and money pouring out to assist the forces of light! Another high point of that conclave was developing new techniques for reaching the public with the truths of the Ageless Wisdom, including bumper stickers. The winning entry was “Good is Inevitable, so Join the Winning Team!”

New York 2000

In April, 2000 we met during the Aries Full Moon in New York focusing on the descent of the Shamballa Force in the year 2000, with the keynote, “The Shamballa force is in reality Life itself; and Life is a loving synthesis in action.” We also used the Six Laws and Principles of the New Age to lead us towards creating a vision of how these principles might create patterns for the New Civilization humanity will be constructing over the next 2500 years. A few of the multitude of ideas regarding the Shamballa force that impressed the group were: it signifies humanity leaving adolescence to mediate between the higher and lower kingdoms; it is a power taking humanity to a neutral zone where you see a different world which gives a new vision; the forces of destruction and synthesis are working at the same time, and if the motive is wrong we will have synthesis that brings destruction; every individual and group will have to ask what is my/our purpose? We also worked with the energy of synthesis during that conclave to create a shared intergroup keynote that all the groups would use as they chose in the coming year. The keynote was “Creating world unity, peace and plenty through universal thinking, unifying love and synthesizing will.”

Darjeeling 2001

The Conclave in Darjeeling, India during Wesak in May 2001, was one of the most potent and challenging of all our meetings. For months prior to our meeting the entire area was closed because of strikes and terrorism by local separatist rebels. Participants had to take multiple plane flights from around the world, followed by a four hour bus ride up 7,000 feet of winding switchbacks in the Himalayan hills, which left many participants sleepless and jet lagged. The

usual Indian stomach problems afflicted some members, and we even had Chinese spies trying to psyche out what we were doing. But in spite of all this, from the first meditation there was a tremendous potency to our work, being so close to the Himalayas, the inspiring abode of the Masters, which we could see from our hotel.

The focus of this conclave was on the Conclave of Decision of the 6th degree Chohans, who met at Wesak, 2001 to make their final decision related to the 6th initiation, and to decide what energies to release to humanity, producing great changes for our modern civilization. The quality and direction of these changes would be determined by the response of humanity to the opportunities and challenges presented by the energies being released. The focus of our meditations was to be receptive to impressions from this great Decision. The synthesis of meditation impressions from all participants was written up as the “Darjeeling Declaration,” which became a potent, and later a somewhat controversial document for those who were not in attendance. The synthesis of impressions about the Great Decision was as follows:

“The Great Decision for humanity is whether it will tread the lighted Way and choose to throw off the shackles of all that binds it to the lower realms and liberate itself into the freedom of the Spirit.

The Decision of the Arhats is to provide the energy to humanity to make this possible despite whatever upheavals and destruction this may cause in humanity. For destruction of the form is preferable to the death of the spirit and the living death of souls in bondage. Power will flow to all that liberates humanity from its chains and power will be removed from all that enslaves the Spirit. The time has come for humanity to be free.

The Externalization and Reappearance is beginning now and the true government, led by disciples and initiates, will be in place by 2025.”

It is very interesting to re-read this document today in the light of the events of September 11, 2001.

Other impressions that emerged from the Darjeeling Conclave were three things that Hierarchy needs accomplished: the clarification of the mental plane, purification of the emotional plane, and circulation on the etheric/physical plane. Some responsibilities of disciples that emerged from our meditations were: remain receptive to the impulses of the Hierarchy; identify the ashram’s note wherever it is sounded; remember that truth works; always temper will and power with love; embody and inculcate the joy of service as a code of ethics for all; stand in Divine Will and let that Will direct all our wills for the creation of a new world social order; and be aware of unexpected opportunities and recognize that the impossible is becoming possible.

After the conclave we decided to distribute the energies we received by visiting two local centers of light: the World Goodwill Center in Darjeeling and the meditation room of the Tibetan refugee center.

Tokyo 2002

In March, 2002 during the Full Moon of Aries we met in Tokyo to carry forward the thread of continuity, our consistent group work to contribute to building the planetary antahkarana, which had reached a new level at the Darjeeling conclave. The WSI group has now become a magnetic and radiatory agent wherever it goes, and it has become important that we fulfill this function consciously, as we have an impact on the region where we work each year.

We realized that Tokyo as a planetary center is gradually awakening, and as it awakens the Japanese people will take their rightful place within the community of nations. Our presence there as a group could assist this awakening, and also aid in bringing China and Russia into the world community in a constructive way. Thus our focus in Tokyo was to stand as a worldwide intergroup presence to receive the inflowing Divine energies and ideas, and to circulate especially the linking, blending and fusing aspects of the 2nd ray, combined with the 4th ray, helping to create harmony in the region.

We also focused on meditating on and seeding humanity's mental field with the three principles of Goodwill, Unanimity and Essential Divinity as the foundations for the new civilization. Some impressions from the group meditations were as follows:

Goodwill and the Will to Good: like an electrical current which produces a magnetic field around a wire, so the electric will to good, when animating the human mind, produces the magnetic field of goodwill; goodwill is God's Will; goodwill builds with light substance and is the substantial material of the Plan, and sustains the effort to bring peace and freedom to humanity.

Unanimity: Unity in diversity is the slogan of humanity, and it needs to become conscious. Chaos theory looks right into the heart of diversity and reveals unity. Unanimity is of the soul, which creates the container, or form, to hold diversity. Group process needs the balance of dynamic leadership and diversity, which the UN exemplifies.

Essential Divinity through the Three Rays of Aspect

Ray 1: We assert the fact, the Divine Will rules. The rulership of the Lord of the World is complete, and it is only a matter of time and timing until His Will is fully asserted over all kingdoms of life. The inevitability of the completion and fulfillment of the Plan is assured. As that Will beats down and through humanity any resistance to the all encompassing Will and Love will eventually be absorbed, assimilated and activated in the Plan.

Ray 2: Together we see the greatest light, the highest good of all. It is the shared vision of the good of everyone and every kingdom that guides all disciples as they work. Brotherhood is becoming an established fact in human consciousness and all that stands in the way of this great truth will be swept away.

Ray 3: Purpose itself am I, aligning laws within the greater law. Humanity must learn to live by law, within spiritual law. This great awakening and liberation is accelerated as disciples live within the law, transmit the law through being and anchor the law through the word. This

prepares the way for the Masters and the Christ to extend the rule of law, the Kingdom of God, when they appear on earth.

Essential Divinity in Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity

Shamballa: The fulfillment of humanity's realization of its Divinity is held in Shamballa as an aspect of the essential purpose. For when this is achieved humanity and the earth will become a radiant center in the body of the Solar Logos. Within Shamballa this purpose has already been fulfilled, and the Great Beings stand and wait for humanity to realize this purpose through time.

Hierarchy: Essential Divinity, the Christ principle within humanity, is the focal point of all the Hierarchy's work with humanity. It guarantees the success of the Plan, for its full outworking will eventually bring Monadic light into full expression in matter, and the loving wisdom of Deity will be radiated on and through earth.

Humanity: The essential Divinity of humanity ensures that in time each human being will become their Divine self, expressed as loving concern for the welfare and evolution of all lives on the planet, establishing brotherhood on earth, the brotherhood of men, Masters, angels and the kingdoms of nature.

After the conclave, we distributed the energies received by visiting and meditating in a nearby Japanese Buddhist temple and gardens, and visiting the Joh-Rei Center in Atami.

Fulfilling Our Purpose

In reviewing our founding purposes, we can see that we have made significant progress towards fulfilling each of them: First, we convene annually, usually in one of the five planetary centers, an international group of representatives of esoteric groups. Our primary focus is intensive group meditation work that contributes to building the planetary antahkarana and an energetic pathway for the Externalization and the Reappearance.

Our second purpose is also being achieved through meditation by creating a group auric field upon which higher impressions can be received and then interpreted by the group. Meditations on focused themes are followed by sharing of impressions by all group members. As a world intergroup, we seek to be open to new impressions about priorities of the Hierarchy today. One of our key impressions is that we have to find innovative ways to translate the teachings into language that is accessible to humanity, and disseminate the teachings using all modern communication technologies. After each conclave, these impressions are synthesized and offered as an annual conclave report to the world esoteric group.

We also recognize that we must respond to the current issues humanity is grappling with by offering the relevant principles of the teaching to address these issues. Thus we hold meditation alerts when there is a crisis in the Middle East, threats of war in Iraq, or a need to strengthen the United Nations.

Our third purpose of holding focused discussions for coordinating the worldwide esoteric work is well underway. In an atmosphere of goodwill, friendship and co-discipleship, we have had intergroup dialogue about issues such as:

- How do we create a reflection in the world of the Ashram in the way we work and create together?
- What does the incoming 7th ray energy mean for us regarding how we organize ourselves and fund the work?
- How do we develop a worldly-wise esotericism that uses all modern communication technologies to help struggling humanity see its current issues in the light of the ageless wisdom?

And the fourth dimension of our purpose, to learn from the experience of other disciples in the worldwide group, is being fulfilled through the many sharings that continuously take place, both at the conclaves and between them, regarding new methods and ideas for reaching humanity with the Ageless Wisdom teachings. We are planning multiple opportunities for groups to share their work at our upcoming conclave at the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland in June 2003 at the Gemini Full Moon Festival with intergroup panels presenting on a variety of themes. These will include: Soul And Personality Integration And Fusion; Meditation and Subjective work; Approaches to Antahkarana Work; Esoteric Healing; Group Integration and Fusion; Money and Manifestation of the Work; The Significance, Purpose and Future of Intergroup Work; Preparation for the Externalization of the Hierarchy and the Reappearance of the Christ; and Approaches for Developing the Ageless Wisdom Schools. All members of the 32 co-sponsoring groups are invited to this gathering, where we expect the world esoteric group to take a major step forward into greater service to Humanity, Hierarchy and the Great Plan.