

HOMEWORK:

- **Slowly, prayerfully, over the next week, read what are known as the Last Supper Discourses, Gospel of John, chapters 13-17. What comes to meet you?**
- **Write what conscious love means to you in your own words and specifically as it is applied in your own life. Share it with your Journey Group & Work Partner. Practice the third line of the Work, come to share it on Thursday evening. Share it daily with yourself.**



“It is the cross of triple love of neighbor...

Lower neighbor= Nature;Purification (Divine Fire)

Equal Neighbor = Human;Illumination (Divine Light)

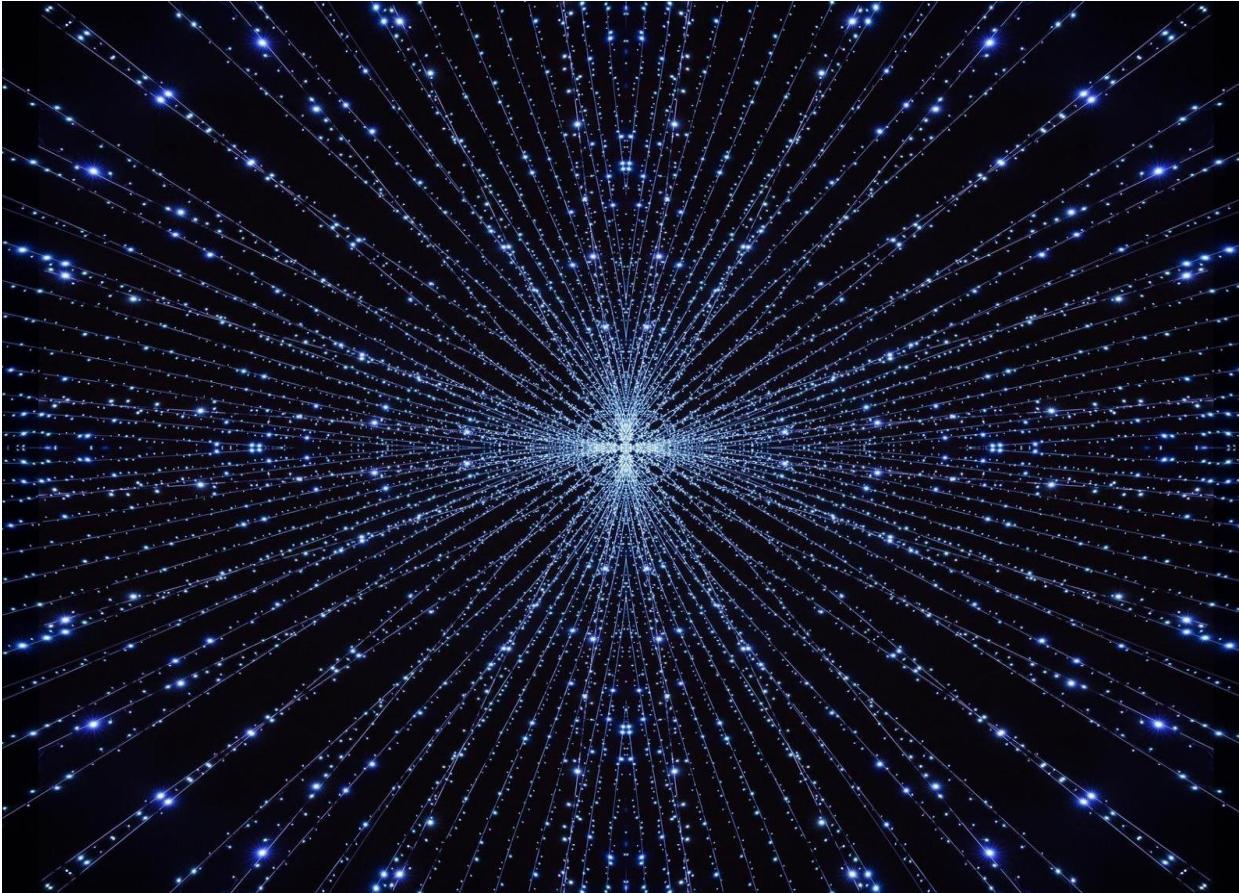
Higher Neighbor =Beings of the Spiritual Hierarchies; Purification (Divine Breath).”

Meditations on the Tarot p.102

“Ora et labora ...pray and work”

The Theory of Conscious Harmony Rodney Collin:

“The Work is to give, to give in proportion to what one has, to give in proportion to what one understands. As an isolated cell, one can give nothing because one has nothing. As a cell already incorporated in a higher organism one can give all one wants to, certain that whatever one gives, one will recuperate from the unlimited reserves of the whole.”



“The sacred image is a reality of a community and carries the higher energies concentrated by the inner work and sufferings of generations. This is made present in the congregation; but there is something more, something invisible: the hidden presence of higher beings, such as angels and saints spoken of in the Christian and Islamic liturgies. The coalescence of the sacred image, the congregation [& the Journey School] and the heavenly host and communion of saints is the heart of the mystery and it comes when it is allowed [receptive].”

The Sevenfold Work J.G. Bennett

“...the word ‘community’ is left undefined for it is not intended strictly to confine this to the immediate community of living persons.” Ibid



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**“ One should know, dear Unknown Friend, that one never prays alone i.e. that there are always others-
above, or in the past on earth- who pray with you in the same sense, in the same spirit, and even in the
same words. In praying, you always represent a visible or invisible community together with you.”**

Meditations on the Tarot Valentin Tomberg



The Reality of Being

Madame Jeanne De Salzmann

“The group, the fact that we are together , creates a possibility of consciousness. What we engage, what we give, is more important than what we wish to take. Each time the possibility is renewed, we have the opportunity to engage our attention and to serve. This possibility is something great that we must strive to maintain. We have to look at it as precious, as sacred.

I am not alone in my Work. When I decide something for myself, I have to feel my belonging to the group. It’s life is greater than my own, and it represents something more on the scale of higher Being.”



Beryl Pogson and Maurice Nicoll, 1949

“ Energy is not wasted. It can be used; there is the general accumulator...You have to work for it. If you have a little yourself then you can get more...You may have a great desire; then you may receive something. You may have worked. You must have a cup in which to receive, and so much of the Work is about making this cup.”

***Mind and Energy* Beryl Pogson p.64**

“ It is a mystery...All energy offered by people, either as individuals or groups, can be used by a higher level. It is for the use of conscious humanity in the name of peace...That is why there is almost continuous prayer all over the world, because the world must be covered by a canopy of energy for its protection and development.” Ibid, p.65



Gurdjieff Movements

“Movements are first of all for developing our own powers. They require effort. They are a powerful means of self-observation. They help us coordinate our centers and transform energies.

Secondly the Movements are done for the sake of others, that is , manifestation. They have a magnetic effect on people. People are attracted to the Work through them: they give a taste of something that is possible.

Thirdly, the Movements can be done purely as an act of worship...The movement becomes free in us...something happens inside us that starts having a respect for the movement, a reverence, [free from] self-love and vanity and so on...we must be empty of ourselves and yet have the utmost mastery of the movement itself...we come to the reverence for the movement itself as a sacred reality. This is the spiritual work.”

The Sevenfold Work J.G. Bennett p.122-123



The Glorious Impossible
Sacred Community Theatre





Willem A. Nyland

“I wish you good Work. I wish you development. I wish you increased numbers of group members, so that the difficulty of having differences of opinions are a little bit ironed out because there is a variety of new material flowing in. After all, a group should be a representation of a man[person] in all their capacities, and the more multitudinous a man[person] can be, the more he [they] can have facets to the rest of the world, the more complete such a man[person] could be, even in ordinary life. I hope you’ll have aliveness in your groups. Persist and have patience. It is not easy, but it is rewarding if you really wish to find out.”

Excerpt from *Five Introductory Lectures*

from the 1967 Trip to the West Coast

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