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Keynote

Ultimately, human history is nothing but the record of human thought. – Dalai Lama.

Editorial

Initial Comments

Welcome. You might wonder why we have decided to publish this electronic newsletter; why not just put the material on our web site. The reason is twofold: first, we often find articles with a spiritual interest but they have the “mark” of our era, so we decided to present them in a newsletter and keep the site for teachings that are more fundamental in the spiritual development. The second reason is that a newsletter can have a more personal touch where we can communicate more personal experiences, thoughts and ideas; things that do not have the stamp of a recognized teacher. We can also comment on current events and/or trends in spiritual matters and for this we need a “periodic” publication.

This is our first issue and we would like to ask you to be patient as we try to improve its look and content.

Beauty



Socrates on Beauty

Creative living is expected to become one of the defining characteristics of the coming age. This is the result of attempts to render oneself sensitive to the world of significant realities and the effort to reflect those realities in daily life. This idea resonates with teachings from Plotinus, the great Neoplatonist teacher of the third century AD:

“Withdraw into yourself and look. And if you do not find yourself beautiful yet, act as does the creator of a statue that is to be made beautiful: he cuts away here, he smoothes there, he makes this line lighter, this other purer, until a lovely face has grown upon his work. So do you also: cut away all that is excessive, straighten all that is crooked, bring light to all that is overcast, labour to make all one glow of beauty and never cease chiseling your statue.”

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Kindness***The Technology of Kindness***

How social media can rebuild our empathy—and why it must

In the run-up to the 1964 World's Fair, the great science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov was asked what that same event might look like 50 years later. He guessed that by 2014, we'd be in the constant company of "electroluminescent panels"—used for video chat, navigation and, more deeply, "to withdraw from nature in order to create an environment that will suit [us] better."

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Kosmos***All Those Shining Worlds***

The very word "cosmos" signifies that the Universe itself is a living organism, unimaginably vast in its extent and in the depth of its purposes and intelligence—and its beauty and, above all, in its goodness. And, according to these traditions, to know this Universe, to know reality, it is necessary for a man or woman to perceive it with more than the intellect alone. It is necessary to perceive it with the unique source of perception by which beauty and goodness can be perceived—with the depth and subtlety of the power of feeling. The power of feeling—not the violence and chaos of what we usually know of as our emotional reactivity—the power of feeling must be joined to the genius of the intellect in order to know the nature of reality.

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Our World***How Well you Know the State of our World?***

A Quiz from the Book of Hans Rosling Factfulness

Test your knowledge about the world. Please find a piece of paper and a pencil and answer the 13 fact questions below. Then look at the right answers and the comments. A big surprise awaits you!

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Compassion



The Charter for Compassion

A global movement for compassion

The Charter for Compassion is a document which urges the peoples and religions of the world to embrace the core value of compassion. The charter is currently available in thirty languages, and is being translated into more. The Charter has inspired a global movement for compassion.

On February 28, 2008, Karen Armstrong, the Founder of Charter for Compassion won the TED (a non-profit Sapling Foundation) Prize and made a wish: for help creating, launching and propagating a Charter for Compassion. On November 12, 2009, the Charter was unveiled to the world.

We believe that all human beings are born with the capacity for compassion, and that it must be cultivated for human beings to survive and thrive. We believe that a compassionate world is a peaceful world.

Among those who have already given the charter their backing are Richard Branson (the founder of Virgin Group), musician Peter Gabriel, Sir Ken Robinson and the Dalai Lama. As of December 29, 2014, over 110,000 other people from around the world had affirmed it. On April 26, 2010, Seattle became the first city in the world to affirm the charter.

Collaboration



A Center of Collaborative Science

Physicists at CERN are seeking answers in a collaborative manner

What is the universe made of? How did it start? Physicists at CERN are seeking answers, using some of the world's most powerful particle accelerators in a collaborative manner that can be a source of inspiration for everyone.

At CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, physicists and engineers are probing the fundamental structure of the universe. They use the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments to study the basic constituents of matter - the fundamental particles. The particles are made to collide together at close to the speed of light. The process gives the physicists clues about how the particles interact, and provides insights into the fundamental laws of nature.

The instruments used at CERN are purpose-built [particle accelerators](#) and [detectors](#). Accelerators boost beams of particles to high energies before the beams are made to collide with each other or with stationary targets. Detectors observe and record the results of these collisions.

Founded in 1954, the CERN laboratory sits astride the Franco-Swiss border near Geneva. It was one of Europe's first joint ventures and now has 23 [member states](#) and collaborating scientists from almost every major country in the world.

The name CERN, the Internet and the Beacon

The name CERN is derived from the acronym for the French "Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire", or European Council for Nuclear Research, a provisional body founded in 1952 with the mandate of establishing a world-class fundamental physics research organization in Europe. At that time, pure physics research concentrated on understanding the inside of the atom, hence the word "nuclear".

Today, our understanding of matter goes much deeper than the nucleus, and CERN's main area of research is particle physics – the study of the fundamental constituents of matter and the forces acting between them. Because of this, the laboratory operated by CERN is often referred to as the European Laboratory for Particle Physics. CERN is also known as the place where the Internet was invented for the first time. It emerged from the need to have public and fully transparent access to scientific data among scientists that were geographically dispersed. This 'openness' of access led to unimaginable breakthroughs in the ways human communication is realized in the modern world. CERN is a center of excellence where pure, research driven, collaborative effort is realized among scientists practically from all over the world and with diverse backgrounds. It stands as an example of how humans can work with each other overcoming possible political, racial and religious prejudices or pride. Even during the cold-war era soviet and other east-block scientists were working in full harmony and mutual respect with their western and american colleagues on the scientific problems they had to solve. This is important because, as a beacon, keeps reminding us of what is possible when humans can work together.