

## SOUL COMMUNITY

### *The Bliss of Shared Soul Purpose: An Essay*

*"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you really are."*

Carl Jung

There may be nothing more satisfying to an awakening soul than to become part of an integrated group of souls who share common values, ideals, and a vision of the future. This is so particularly where the group purpose is anchored in love, and truth, and guided by the integrity of the soul. Great strength and power lie in group communion in this time of unprecedented world upheaval.

In a community of conscious souls, certain fundamental truths underlying many religious and spiritual teachings are mutually recognized: the existence of the soul, and of a kingdom of souls inhabited by Those Who have transcended the earthly planes, and the existence of a divine plan that propels human and planetary evolution.

As the soul gains resonance with the subtler realities behind these truths, it is drawn irresistibly to others of similar resonance. In mutual response to enlightened teachings, and by the law of magnetic attraction, a soul community is formed. This has been happening in recent times via the Internet. Members of such groups may never have met physically but under the loving guidance of wiser Beings— 'graduates' of the school of life on Earth's material plane—these groups can become harmonious, integrated forces with the capacity to foster change in the world.

A group of awakened souls has the potential to create an energetic field that nurtures soul qualities such as love, peace, joy, kindness, trust, and mutual respect. Increasingly aware of being part of One Soul, group members organically discover their natural role in fostering the shared group purpose and this enables all to become 'who they really are.'

Working with kindred souls toward a common purpose accelerates the spiritual growth of everyone involved. This is especially true when a group is guided and encouraged by Those who watch and wait for human beings **who are** ready to play a part in building the new world. As the flower of the group soul unfolds its petals, the

healing love of the group pours out into the world in fulfillment of a higher purpose. According to the wisdom teachings, we live inside a universe that is a vast reservoir filled with loving energy, and the Divine Purpose is to manifest this Universal Love within the world of matter.

In soul communities guided by enlightened Teachers, an environment of trust is established that encourages open sharing among members when exploring deeper, more intimate aspects of soul living. Mutual trust fosters the ability to break through outworn personality patterns forged over lifetimes. Living in a flow of unconditional love makes it far easier to release ways of perceiving and reacting to life that no longer serve.

As the individual soul emerges into conscious awareness, the locus of one's reactions to life shifts from the solar plexus to the heart. In a soul community pervaded by love, members are helped to transform instinctual patterns of response into their higher expressions. In turn, the shift in the vibrational frequencies of the group field evokes a greater flow of love and light from the spiritual realm. The mind alone cannot pierce the veils between the visible and invisible worlds; only purified hearts find access to the higher worlds.

The teachings of Agni Yoga encourage us to consciously contact and invoke the presence of this greater Love by dispelling outworn thought forms so that we may become transparent transmitters of a higher vibration of Love. In this way, each of us acts as a focal point that both generates and circulates the energy of love.

Soul communities infused by spiritual love can become a healing force for our planet. Working towards the manifestation of a new world imbued with truth and beauty, such groups can help release human consciousness from binding attachments to the transitory things of this world, liberating the energies needed to create a thoroughly new experience of being human.

*"Let your thoughts fly ahead of you and prepare new beautiful dwellings."*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Agni Yoga, *Supermundane*