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*Take the hand
of tomorrow
for the yesterday
is no more.*

– SUSAN TROUT

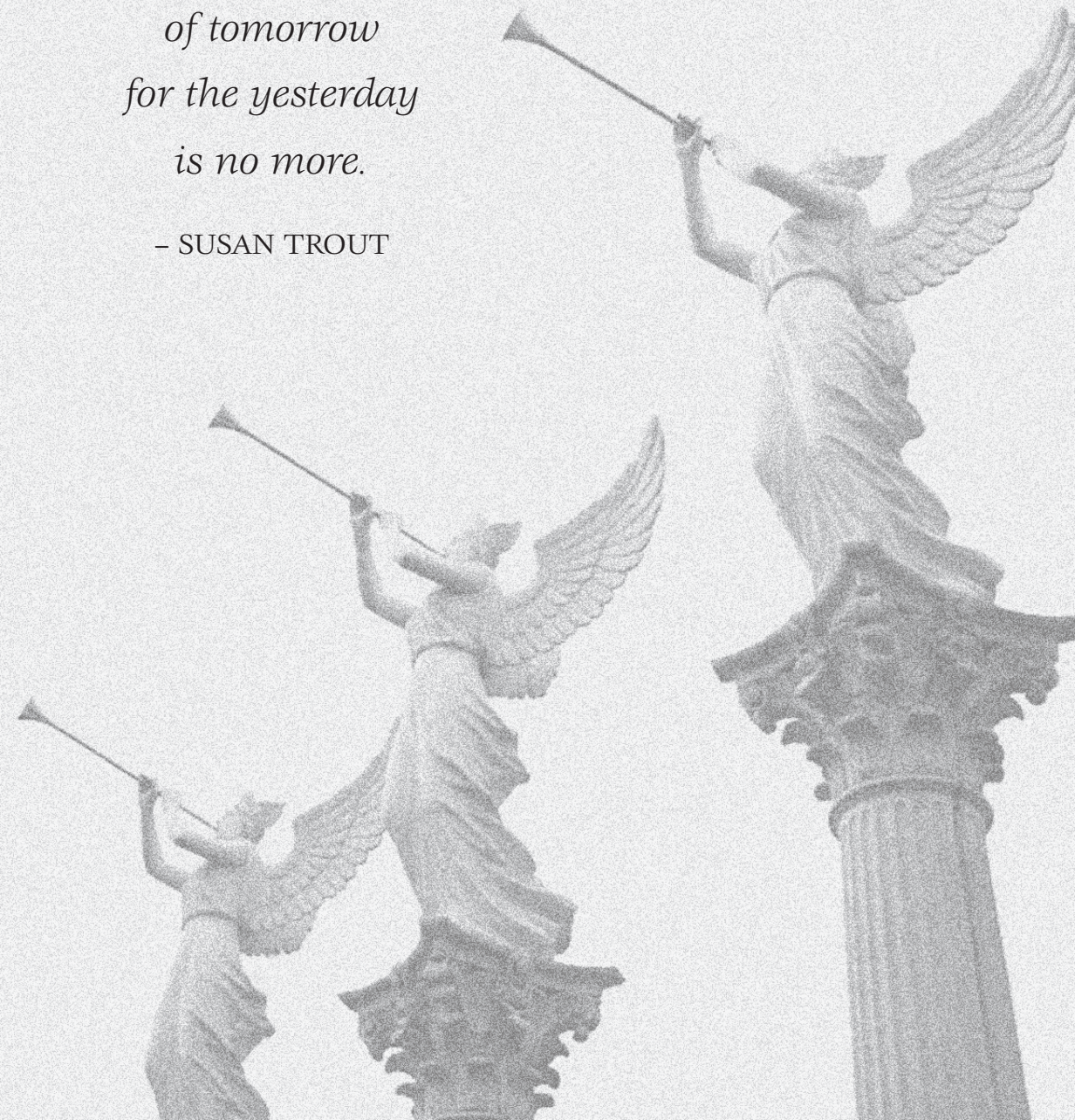




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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Aquarian Life

In opening *The Clarion Call*, you join the increasing number of sincere individuals, leaders, and groups who are aware of being in the midst of an intense adaptation to an Aquarian way of being in the world. You undoubtedly feel the urgency of this planetary transformation and seek creative ways to participate.

You can immediately champion Aquarian values by combining vision and action to manifest cooperation and group consciousness. If you fuel this active imagination with excitement and enthusiasm, your passion during the transition will energize and inspire others to work together for the greater good of all people and the planet.

The Clarion Call supports your desire to be part of the change that is coming by providing a spiritually centered holographic template as a guide. This template offers the structure and flexibility that enable you as an individual, whether leader or group member, to redirect your life and wholeheartedly commit to the unfoldment of the Aquarian future.

Holographic models reflect the Aquarian emphasis on connectedness and on synthesis of parts into the whole. A hologram is a three-dimensional image created by interacting light sources whose individual parts contain the entire image within them, although each from a slightly different perspective. Holographic models contrast with the more familiar linear models that reflect the Piscean emphasis on cause and effect and on

analyzing of the whole into disparate parts. Communicating a holographic model presents the challenge of illustrating and talking about a circular, fluid, and three-dimensional model within the confines of the linear, static, and two-dimensional world of written words.

To read *The Clarion Call* from a holographic perspective, you are asked to shift your mode of reading and learning. The information in this book is like a thread that spirals up from where you are in the current moment to the next level. The importance of the spiral image is that a spiral builds in layers, holding past, present, and future in one thread. A spiral opens up in a funnel shape. Where the spiral carries you depends on where you begin, not where the book begins, but where you are when you begin to read and work with the material.

Your purpose during this transition is to practice living from the heart in whatever situation you find yourself. *The Clarion Call* empowers you with the knowledge and tools to take responsibility for your thoughts and actions during the Piscean-Aquarian transition.

The book invites repeated study over time. You will be at a different point of development each time you enter the book; therefore, you will experience the material differently. Your progress in understanding and applying the teachings in *The Clarion Call* will be facilitated if you have read *Born to Serve* and *The Awakened Leader*, the first two books of *The Soul and Service Trilogy*.

Further assistance in comprehending the material in *The Clarion Call* is provided for you in three supportive ways. First, the core teachings of *The Soul and Service Trilogy* are assembled in the “Guiding Principles for Aquarian Leadership and Group Life” section between Parts Two and Three. Second, the table of contents with a list of figures and tables; a glossary; a bibliography; and an index will assist you in your study.

The Hologram of the Foundational Teachings of *The Clarion Call*

As the third book in *The Soul and Service Trilogy*, *The Clarion Call* shares the same holographic template as *Born to Serve* and *The Awakened Leader*. Each book and its content reflect a different perspective of the author's philosophical construct of the evolutionary stages of soul development. *Born to Serve* discusses the stages of the soul as an evolution in the motives for serving and the quality of service. *The Awakened Leader* looks at the stages and how they relate to leadership. *The Clarion Call* describes the stages in terms of leadership and group life in a time of planetary transition.

The philosophy and practices in *The Clarion Call*, as in the other books of *The Trilogy*, are holographic because each component 1) represents the purpose, vision, mission, and philosophy of the whole from a different point of view and 2) supports the growth of individuals and groups, and thus supports the parallel growth of the whole. A holographic model responds to the people supporting it. A hologram becomes more alive and vibrant when increasing numbers of individuals share its common vision and take responsibility for the whole as well as for their individual piece.

Figure 1 on the following page illustrates a holographic model that can be adapted for use by any spiritually centered organization, group, or project.

A holographic model used in a spiritual context is represented as a ship's wheel with concentric circles interconnected by spokes. The circles identify aspects of the philosophy of the entity being represented. These aspects of the philosophy and their relationship to one another must be in place before the spokes can fully develop. The distance between the circles allows for readability and has no other significance. Imagined as a spiral,

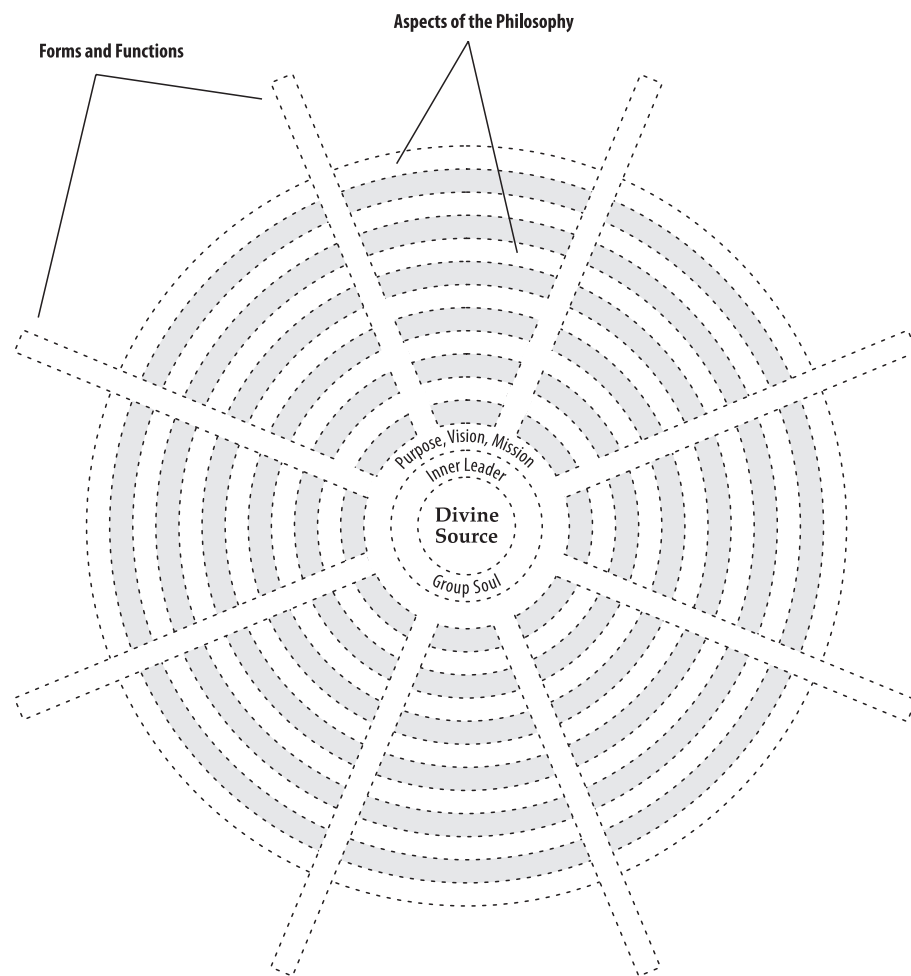


Figure 1: A Spiritually Centered Holographic Model is diagrammed as a ship's wheel with concentric circles interconnected by spokes. The Divine Source at the center provides the energy that flows through the entire hologram. The philosophy, comprised of universal truths and diagrammed as concentric circles, permeates all the forms and functions, which are diagrammed as spokes. This circular, open design reflects an Aquarian model of reality rather than the linear and hierarchical construct used in the Piscean Era.

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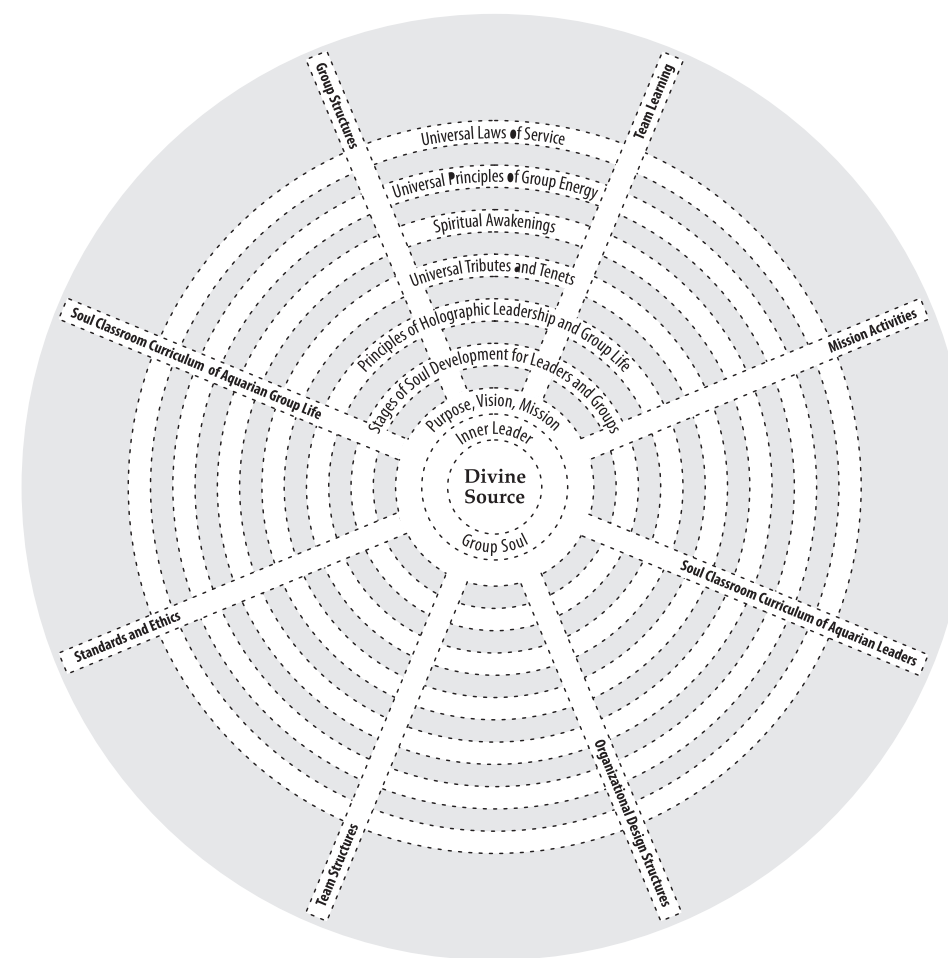


Figure 2: The Hologram of the Foundational Teachings of The Clarion Call illustrates that The Clarion Call reflects the philosophy of soul development in every part of the soul curriculum for individuals, leaders, and groups, including every universal principle and law and every form and function. The components are listed separately below in Figure 3.

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the circles connect and become part of a continuum that expands and contracts. One place on the spiral is related to and organically connected with every other place. The spokes represent different functions or services through which the philosophy is expressed. The nature of the boundaries of both circles and spokes is permeable. This allows for fluidity of creative energy and receptivity to inner guidance inspired by the Divine Source as the shaft of the wheel.

Figure 2 represents the foundational holographic model of *The Clarion Call*. The diagram conveys the book’s unified philosophy. The circles identify universal truths that comprise that philosophy. The spokes identify forms and functions, such as structures, guidelines, curriculum,

Circles (listed from the inside out)	Radiating Spokes
Divine Source	Soul Classroom Curriculum of Aquarian Leaders
Inner Leader — Group Soul	Organizational Design Structures
Purpose, Vision, Mission	Team Structures
Evolutionary Stages of Soul Development for Leaders and Groups	Standards and Ethics
Principles of Holographic Leadership and Group Life	Soul Classroom Curriculum of Aquarian Group Life
Universal Tributes and Tenets	Group Structures
Spiritual Awakenings	Team Learning
Universal Principles of Group Energy	Mission Activities
Universal Laws of Service	

Figure 3: Components of the Hologram of the Foundational Teachings of The Clarion Call

and activities that derive from the foundational teachings. Each spoke on a hologram has its own hologram. For example, holograms exist for the Laws of Service, the Evolutionary Stages of Soul Development, and so on.

The energy of the Divine Source radiates through all parts of the hologram as the energy guiding the purpose, vision, and mission of The Clarion Call. As part of The Soul and Service Trilogy, The Clarion Call reflects the philosophy of the whole. The philosophy is the understanding and articulation of the structure of the universe and humanity’s relationship with the Divine Source. All forms and activities are invited to emerge from the life-giving energy of the Divine Source. The philosophy of The Trilogy flowing through The Clarion Call creates the medium in which service, leadership, and group life exist. Everything within the hologram has a role to play in the whole. Nothing can be excluded,denied, or ignored.

Conclusion

As you proceed on the path laid out by The Clarion Call, you will meet intellectual and spiritual challenges. Your fervor, exuberance, and devotion will define the journey that will take you through the book and on to the future you envision. Change and its challenges hang in the air as you climb the steep steps toward attaining Aquarian values in your leadership and groups. To accept this opportunity requires that you be willing to engage in personal and group effort. Your willingness opens the soul gate of opportunity. To bring forward the gifts of the Piscean Era and welcome those of the Aquarian ensures that opportunity will be met with steady wisdom. With confidence, you begin your walk with many others toward a shared vision of wholehearted unity.