

The Science of Peace: Changing the World through Unity Consciousness

The notion of Universal Brotherhood implies not only ethical treatment of others but also altruistic service of humanity. To these may be added the practice of non-harming, insuring that our actions are in no way damaging to others—not merely to other humans but to *all* beings. In the early twentieth century, Annie Besant and an Indian colleague developed an ethical system called the “Science of Peace” from such principles. In this experiential workshop, we’ll learn how our thoughts, feelings, and actions become unifying virtues when developed from like/love and polarizing vices when developed from dislike/hate. We’ll identify our rights and duties with respect to elders, peers, and youngers in physical, emotional, and spiritual or soul age—including all beings, physical or nonphysical, from minerals to plants, animals, humans, and even angels and Mahatmas. We’ll explore the practice of altruistic love and non-harming to promote unity consciousness at every step of this “Ladder of Lives,” thus creating peace within ourselves and in relation to all beings. Finally, we’ll develop a method of problem-solving based on unity consciousness that could help us bring positive change into our troubled world.