

The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity

Persevering to Serve the Common Good

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Stage by stage we slowly make our approach to the goal of conscious and intelligent awareness. Step by step we are mastering matter and making more adequate the mechanism of awareness and of contact. Little by little we (and by that I mean the human family, as a whole) are approaching the "place of recognition," and are preparing to climb the mountain of vision. If aspirants but realised the wonders of that revelation, and if they grasped the magnificence of the reward given to their efforts, we would have less failure, more courage, a greater and steadier achievement, and consequently a more rapidly illumined world.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in Esoteric Psychology, I, by Alice A. Bailey, pp. 156-157

The achievements of the United Nations are remarkable....You have helped to reduce conflict, you have offered humanitarian assistance to millions of people affected by natural disasters and other emergencies, and you have been deeply committed to tackling the effects of poverty in many parts of the world. But so much remains to be done.... In my lifetime, the United Nations has moved from being a high-minded aspiration to being a real force for common good. That of itself has been a signal achievement. But we are not gathered here to reminisce. In tomorrow's world, we must all work together as hard as ever if we are truly to be United Nations.

Queen Elizabeth, addressing the United Nations General Assembly, July 6, 2010

Dear Friends,

As most of you reading this newsletter will agree, it is an axiom that the evolutionary urge is inherent in all life. Through our observations, we recognize this evolutionary urge to be fundamentally the will to destroy limitation. From the esoteric perspective, this process involves the inevitable and unavoidable struggle between the indwelling divine life and what is, until it is transformed, the dense prison house of the material form, which ever presents a circumscribed limitation. This urge to overcome all obstacles and all challenges, at its primal core, is the will of the indwelling divinity to express itself fully and truly.

Today, there is a re-orientation of people everywhere to things spiritual accompanied by a related interest in planetary welfare and the common good. The perseverance shown in the search for Love and Light and the longing and desire for right human relations among so many is unprecedented.

As a race, humanity is thus actively engaged in the predestined work of the Ages: the spiritualization of matter. The great thought forms which man's greed and materiality have built down the ages, are slowly but steadily being transformed. The result will be a liberation which will lead many unto the Path of Discipleship leading to the cultivation of a wisdom, actuated and motivated by love, and intelligently applied to world problems.

The current activities of the United Nations demonstrate humanity's forward movement in this direction.

Of the many examples that can be cited, we will mention only the following that have come to our attention most recently.

On Thursday, August 19th, just as this newsletter was being written, speaker after speaker took the floor at a special meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to call for global solidarity to help flood-hit Pakistan in the wake of that country's worst disaster in living memory.

Addressing the 192-member body, including the U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon described the current crisis as a test of humanity's ability to respond in global solidarity: "Make no mistake: this is a global disaster, a global challenge. It is one of the greatest tests of global solidarity in our times."

The General Assembly meeting took place on the day the UN observes World Humanitarian Day. Proclaimed by the General Assembly two years ago, this Day commemorates the 2003 Canal Hotel bombing in Baghdad, Iraq in which the lives of 22 UN staff members were killed and 150 others injured.

In this year's observance, the UN also called attention to the thousands of aid workers around the world, being heralded for their efforts, often in perilous conditions. Additionally spotlighted were the needs of the people around the world that aid workers try to help, such as the 10 million refugees and the nearly 30 million others uprooted within their own borders, as well as the one in every six people worldwide who are chronically hungry.

Other encouraging news that we wish to feature this month is the UN's focus on the empowerment of women and girls. For example, in the early part of July, the General Assembly voted unanimously to create a "dynamic new entity merging four United Nations offices focusing on gender equality."

Set to be based in New York City, UN Women will be headed by an Under-Secretary General, to be appointed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. There are high hopes that this new umbrella organization will not only bring attention to the fact that equality for women and girls is a basic human right, but that it will also be recognized as a social and economic imperative.

Expressing her excitement at the creation of this new office, Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro stated that "UN Women will give women and girls the strong, unified voice they deserve on the world stage," adding that the event is a positive and exciting moment for the entire UN family.

An additional focus on women's empowerment was brought to our attention through the dynamic activities of Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN, Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury. In October of this year, the world will observe the 10th anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) for which Ambassador Chowdhury laid the groundwork when he presided over the Security Council in the year 2000.

UNSCR 1325 is a landmark legal and political framework that acknowledges the importance of the participation of women and the inclusion of gender perspectives in peace negotiations, humanitarian planning, peacekeeping operations, post-conflict peacebuilding and governance. The theme of 1325 + 10 is "Women Count for Peace."

As this Global Network of Women Peacebuilders will attest, there are many groups and individuals throughout the world who are striving to use this opportunity to make some long overdue changes and bring about the longed for equality that can move us towards the "illuminated world" referred to in the above leading keynote.

It is most appropriate that we strive to strengthen these initiatives and activities as we begin to prepare for this month's meditative opportunity presented by the Virgo Solar Festival.

The energies of Virgo ever remind us of the power working beneath the outer seeming.

The esoteric wisdom informs us that "the sign of Virgo is one of the most significant in the zodiac for its symbology concerns the whole goal of the evolutionary process which is to shield, nurture and finally reveal the hidden spiritual reality." In Virgo, the two separate entities, the pairs of opposites—the soul

and body, “are blended and of great and supreme importance to each other.” The mother protects the germ of the Christ life; that is, matter guards, cherishes and nurtures the hidden soul.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 251-252)

The sign of Virgo stands for a synthesis of three feminine aspects—Eve, Isis and Mary. She is the Virgin Mother, providing that which is needed for the mental, emotional and physical expression of the hidden but ever present divinity.

The light of wisdom of which Virgo is the guardian manifests upon what eventually will become the “radiant surface of the earth.” However, before this can occur, persistence, endurance and continuity of effort are required.

The keynotes of this sign provide further insight into the energies, which we can strive to invoke, assimilate and radiate. On the ordinary wheel of life, the command goes forth in the following words which institute the activity of Virgo: "And the Word said, Let Matter reign."

Later, upon the reversed wheel of the disciple, we can affirm, "*I am the mother and the child. I, God, I, matter am.*" (*Esoteric Astrology*)

Will you help awaken this Soul nature on our planet, thus helping to ensure that the United Nations continues to grow in its ability to be a real force for the Common Good? Will you join in this meditative group effort by using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity,” invoking on behalf of humanity and the planet, the spiritual energies of Light, Love and Power?

For those of you who live within the vicinity of the United Nations, you are invited to meet in silent meditation from Noon until 12:30 p.m. in the UN Meditation Room on Tuesday, August 24th, the actual day of the Virgo Solar Festival. Discussion will follow outside the Meditation Room from 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. This Room is open to all visitors and a guest pass is not needed; however, allow enough time to go through the UN’s security tent at 46th Street and 1st Avenue.

Those of us who live outside the New York City area have the opportunity to contribute our good energies and thoughts, using the above meditation outline not only this coming Tuesday, but weekly, every Friday. Please inquire, if you need a copy of the meditation outline available in several languages.

The dates for the monthly meditation meetings remaining in 2010 are posted [here](#) and you are invited and encouraged to take every opportunity to participate.

As you ponder the quote of the month, posted on the first of every month and view the accompanying cosmic image, you are encouraged to imagine the divine circulatory flow that is possible when there is a synthesis and synchronization of individual, planetary and cosmic energies.

Please continue to work with and help circulate the YouTube video featuring the Great Invocation and photos of the UN General Assembly and the UN Meditation Room under the theme of Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations.

In loving planetary service,

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