



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

### Finding the Inspiration to Serve the Common Good at the United Nations

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Today, the world disciple is presented with those difficult situations and crises which will involve free choice, discriminative pioneering, wise response and correct decision, thus bringing about the destruction of that which hinders without the relinquishing of any true values of which humanity may be aware. The individual disciple has always been faced with these conditioning and releasing circumstances and today humanity itself is in the same position. We stand at the gateway of the new world, of the new age and its new civilizations, ideals and culture.

**The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in *Esoteric Astrology* by Alice A. Bailey**

We have the privilege to submit to you the report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability, entitled “*Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing.*” We undertook this report during a period of global volatility and uncertainty. Economies are teetering. Inequality is growing. And global temperatures continue to rise. We are testing the capacity of the planet to sustain us....The signposts are clear: We need to change dramatically, beginning with how we think about our relationship to each other, to future generations, and to the eco-systems that support us. Our mission as a Panel was to reflect on and formulate a new vision for sustainable growth and prosperity, along with mechanisms for achieving it....Today we stand at a crossroads. Continuing on the same path will put people and our planet at greatly heightened risk. The other path, we believe, provides extraordinary opportunity, but we must be committed and courageous in following it. Changing course will not be easy. But over time, we believe that following a more sustainable path will enhance human well-being, further global justice, strengthen gender equity, and preserve the Earth’s life-support systems for future generations.... Each of us must be a part of the solution.

**Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing,**  
**Tarja Halonen, President, Finland and Jacob Zuma, President, South Africa,**  
**Co-Chairs, High-level Panel on Global Sustainability**

Dear Friends,

At this time of global volatility, uncertainty and unprecedented change in our world, the work of the United Nations is more important than ever. Its manifold programs and activities that strive to implement the values of justice, cooperation, unity, inclusiveness, nurture and care for all, need the vital support of all spiritual workers everywhere in the world.

Although we recognize that like all institutions of our times, this world body is flawed, as is often pointed out by even its most ardent supporters, yet, it continues to be the best hope for building “the future we want,” as stated by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his outline of a five-year action plan to help create a safer, more secure, sustainable, and equitable future for all the world’s people.

Thus, this month, we once again seek to highlight and offer critically needed support to the valiant and heroic strivings of those within and around this institution whose goal is to steadfastly and admirably serve the Common Good. And, we encourage all who read these newsletters to join us in providing this necessary support.

As the following articles written for past issues of the *Diamond Light* newsletter attest, the United Nations is a great field of experimentation, reflecting such Aquarian qualities as cooperation, brotherhood and unity: The United Nations—An Aquarian Organization; Fore-runners of the Aquarian Age: Meeting Humanity’s Need; and, The Heart of the New Civilization.

The focal point of our work this month is the report of the United Nations Secretary-General’s High Level Panel on Global Sustainability, *Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing.* Launched by the United Nations, just a few days ago, on January 30th—this report formulates a new blueprint for sustainable development and low-carbon prosperity in preparation for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) in Brazil in June 2012.

Putting the planet and its people at the core of sustainable development and published twenty-five years after the release of “Our Common Future,” which first outlined the concept of sustainable development, the 22-member High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability provides 56 recommendations for reducing poverty and creating a healthier planet for future generations.

Recognizing the herculean task that is currently required on our planet, the overview of the report soberly acknowledges the dimensions of the challenge facing humanity:

“As the global population grows from 7 billion to almost 9 billion by 2040, and the number of middle-class consumers increases by 3 billion over the next 20 years, the demand for resources will rise exponentially. By 2030, the world will need at least 50

percent more food, 45 percent more energy and 30 percent more water—all at a time when environmental boundaries are throwing up new limits to supply.”

Co-chaired by Finland’s President Tarja Halonen and South Africa’s President Jacob Zuma, the report echoes what leading thinkers increasingly attest, and what has often been reported in these monthly newsletters: the current global development model is unsustainable! A broader measure of development to replace GDP—one that includes human and environmental data is needed and this can only happen at the global level.

In closing their remarks within the Overview of the report, the Panel openly acknowledges that their reported recommendations are visionary and hopeful: “All great achievements in human history began as a vision before becoming a reality. The vision for global sustainability, producing both a resilient people and a resilient planet, is no different.”

The interdependent nature of our societies and the measure of every citizen and every individual within all spheres of society are seen to be significant and all-important: “Every day, millions of choices are made by individuals, businesses and governments. Our common future lies in all those choices.”

Truly, this work is reflective of the Aquarian energies now streaming forth into our planet—energies which we can strive to harness in support of the presented vision.

It is helpful to note that the sign of Aquarius is of supreme importance to our solar system at this time, for it is the sign into which our sun is rapidly moving and its influence is gaining momentum and added potency with each advancing year.

The esoteric wisdom tells us that when freed from self-conscious living, from superficial and selfish activity, under the influence of Aquarius, the spiritual man can then proceed with world service undeterred and held back by no thought of self or selfish desire.

Serving the welfare of humanity and helping humanity find liberation, the spiritual worker can then bring about desired changes and produce those new conditions which will help the soul of humanity to express itself more freely.

Aquarius we are told, governs the blood system and its circulation. By means of the blood, the life force is distributed throughout the human body. And, it is here interesting to note the esoteric keynote of this sign: “Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.” The task of the liberated Aquarian is to dispense spiritual life to all who seek it.

In considering the unfolding of the human consciousness through the influence of the energies let loose through the various zodiacal signs, we note that under the influence of the sign of Aquarius, inspiration governs service and it is this inspiration which allows the spiritual worker and eventually, humanity, to “go forth” in service to the whole of which it is a recognized part.

Just as the Soul creates a great tension in the individual life when it is awakened and begins to radiate its powerful energies into the individual life, so it is in the life of humanity and

the planet. These new available energies are creating the recognition of the “crossroads” described in the above keynote.

Humanity can choose to work to achieve the new vision for sustainable growth and prosperity for all, or it can continue on the same path which is daily putting people and our planet at greatly heightened risk.

In his *Oration on the Dignity of Man* that is yet studied in the philosophy departments of well-respected universities today, one of the best known Renaissance philosophers, Giovanni Pico della Mirandola provides the following description of two distinct aspects of the human being—in the form of a message which Mr. Mirandola imagined God might deliver to each one of us:

“We have made you a creature neither of heaven nor of earth, neither mortal nor immortal, in order that you may, as the free and proud shaper of your own being, fashion yourself in the form you may prefer. It will be in your power to descend to the lower, brutish forms of life; you will be able, through your own decision, to rise again to the superior orders whose life is divine.” (Gateway Editions, 1996)

May we all freely choose the superior and divine way of serving the Common Good—and do our part to bring the “water of life” to a thirsty humanity and to a thirsty planet!

Will you participate in this month’s Aquarius Solar Festival meditation meeting, seeking the inspiration that will help bring about the liberation of humanity from its old and outworn habits and conditions that oppress, subjugate and keep us mired in darkness and ignorance?

**The meeting will take place at Noon on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the UN Meditation Room. We will work silently, in unison, using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity,” from 12-12:30 p.m. and then reassemble outside the meditation room from 12:30-1:15 p.m. for discussion.**

If you need a copy of the meditation outline, based on the six-fold progression of divine love, please let us know. It is available in several languages and you are encouraged to use it, not only on the day of the meditation meeting—but, weekly every Friday.

Each of the Solar Festivals spans five days: two days before (preparation, dedication, upward striving), the day of the Solar Festival (safeguarding)—which, this month, in the U.S. Eastern time zone propitiously falls on the same day as the meeting—Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:54 p.m., and two days after (right release and distribution of the spiritual energy contacted in service to humanity and the planet).

A UN pass is not required to attend these meetings. Enter the UN through the Visitor's entrance on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at 46<sup>th</sup> St. After you pass through security and enter the building, the meditation room is located to the right of the information desk and next to the Chagall stained glass window.

Further information about this meditation initiative and the 2012 meditation meeting dates are posted on this [web page](#), which also includes a link to the on-line flyer on [Solar Festival Meditations](#), in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Those of us who live outside the New York City area have the opportunity to contribute our good energies and meditative thoughts from our respective geographic locations, using the same meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity.” We thus can contribute to the planetary pool of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good that we strive to deepen and expand through this meditation initiative. For further information about how to participate, please inquire.

You are invited to ponder the [quote of the month](#), posted on the first of every month. An accompanying cosmic image is also made available as a reminder of the eternal divine circulatory flow that is possible between the microcosm and the macrocosm—the individual, the planet, and the cosmos.

As in the past, may we ask you to continue to add your subjective energies to the following YouTube videos of the Great Invocation in relationship to the spiritual work of the United Nations?

1) Under the heading of “Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations”:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw8OwJJI0HA> (4:31); and,

2) “The Great Invocation in the Six Official Languages of the United Nations”:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AquarianAgeCommunity> (6:11)

Your continued support and help in circulating these two videos is an invaluable service—a contribution to our common effort to serve the Common Good, thus adding to the expanding tidal wave of Love divine that seeks to permeate all planes and states of planetary consciousness.

We also want to take this opportunity to mention a very special observance within the UN General Assembly on the day of the Aquarius Solar Festival. Due to a resolution adopted in October of 2010, the General Assembly will observe its first ever [World Interfaith Harmony Week](#). Further information about the program and registration requirements can be found [here](#).

In loving planetary service,

**Aquarian Age Community**

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