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

Dispensing the Water of Life at the United Nations

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As the interplay goes on between Leo and Aquarius (for they are polar opposites) there comes a deepening of all qualities and the superficialities disappear until—upon the reversed wheel...the individual becomes the universal. Man, alone and separative, becomes mankind in his reactions and awareness and yet, at the same time, preserves his individuality; he is no longer just a human being, individually self-centred and separative, but becomes humanity itself, losing his personal identity in the good of the whole yet retaining his spiritual Identity. From self-service, he proceeds to world service and yet is always the individualised Son of God until after the third initiation.

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

“We are all Khaled Said.”

Facebook Page and Affirmation, which Sparked the 18 Days that Changed the World

Dear Friends,

Many there are today who will concur that we stand at the gateway of a new Aquarian Age, one that can usher in a new world civilization—a civilization based on sharing, cooperation, synthesis, universality and brotherly love as pure reason.

What greater testament to this point of view than the recent events yet unfolding in Egypt?

In his televised remarks, viewed around the world, President Obama contextualized the historical events, which unfolded before the world’s stage on 11 February: “Egypt has played a pivotal role in human history for over 6,000 years. But over the last few weeks, the wheel of history turned at a blinding pace as the Egyptian people demanded their universal rights.”

Framing the events that unfolded in Liberation Square as if retelling an ancient Greek play, Fouad Ajami, a Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International
Studies referred to the unfolding drama thusly: the angels and demons were locked in battle and the angels won.

As The New York Times described it, at the beginning, there were only about 15 youth, born roughly around the time that President Hosni Mubarak first came to power. The amazing confluence of events, which they coordinated and unleashed, reflects well the intriguing, visionary and universal qualities of the Aquarian astrological sign under which the events took place.

“Young Egyptian and Tunisian activists…fused their secular expertise in social networks with a discipline culled from religious movements and combined the energy of soccer fans with the sophistication of surgeons. Breaking free from older veterans of the Arab political opposition, they relied on tactics of nonviolent resistance channeled from an American scholar through a Serbian youth brigade—but also on marketing tactics borrowed from Silicon Valley.” (“Dual Uprisings Show Potent New Threats to Arab States,” by David D. Kirkpatrick and David E. Sanger, February 13, 2011.)

Many of the activists had previously been imprisoned and suffered greatly or watched others suffer at the hands of the Mubarak regime. One such person, Zyad el-Elaimy, a 30-year old lawyer, was imprisoned four times and suffered multiple broken limbs from torture for his political work. But, placing his hard won experience on the altar of a universal cause, he began working as an assistant to Egyptian, Mohamed Elbaradei, the Nobel Peace Prize winner who recently stepped down as head of the UN International Atomic Energy Agency.

Supported by a vast and diversified network of workers and professional groups such as physicians, engineers, journalists, and lawyers, many, the world over were transfixed by the young activists who sought to tap into the people’s widespread frustration with the country’s grinding poverty and autocracy that had placed them under a constant and in recent years, an increasingly tyrannical emergency rule, begun when President Mubarak first became president in 1981. Calling on an ancient Egyptian art form, the young demonstrators led the people in chant: “They are eating pigeon and chicken, but we eat beans every day.”

Were the unfolding events not an exact out picturing of the clash between old and outworn forms that would imprison and the new evolutionary spiritual principles, which would liberate?

If there were any questions about the far-reaching, beneficent effectiveness of upholding the dignity of human rights over terrorism, mindless killing and tyrannical rule, there can be no doubt now.

The Director of the UN’s International Monetary Fund, Dominique Straass-Kahn, repeatedly had warned policy makers about the possibility of revolution in Egypt over the past year. At a meeting in Morocco this past summer, he raised concerns about the specter of general instability in the region due to vast inequality in income distribution and high levels of youth unemployment, saying, for example, that youth unemployment in Egypt and Tunisia was a ticking “time bomb.”
Although seemingly self-evident and obvious, this understanding that entrenched and chronic poverty and under-development can ignite conflict and revolution is now becoming the focus of the UN Security Council.

While the discussion began in the General Assembly this past September, it was during the Egyptian revolt, on February 2 that the UN Security Council reported that it would devote a high-level session to some of the root causes underlying conflict in the world, such as poverty and under-development.

Presiding over the session, which began on 11 February, Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota of Brazil warned that recent events are a “sharp reminder” of the need for political stability to be anchored in opportunity and decent standards of living.

He further stated, evidence abounds; nine of the 10 countries with the lowest Human Development Indicators have experienced conflict in the last 20 years. Countries facing stark inequality and weak institutions are at increased risk of conflict. Poorly distributed wealth and a lack of sufficient jobs, opportunities and freedoms, particularly for a large youth population, can also increase the risk of instability.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon highlighted the mandatory recognition of the linkages between peace, security and development, declaring, “sustained broadly-based development can help to address the roots of conflict, by such steps as ensuring the equitable sharing of wealth, better access to agricultural lands, strengthening governance and justice for all.”

Reflecting on these current events brings to mind two of the Nicholas Roerich paintings that symbolize the spiritual significance behind this outer seeming. These are: *Drops of Life* and *Zvenigorod*.

Both speak to our planetary experience under the influence of the sign of Aquarius and its attending energies.

The esoteric wisdom explains that when operating at an evolved stage of consciousness and working to meet world need, spiritual seekers under the influence of Aquarius can bring about desired changes and produce those new conditions which will help the soul of humanity to express itself more freely.

Drop by precious drop, the developed Aquarian collects all he can into his water pot, storing it there for service and giving it freely on demand to meet a need. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 136)

Under the sign of Aquarius, the servant of humanity becomes outgoing; there is no centre or circle of circumscribed influence; only two outgoing lines of energy, pouring from the self into the outer world.

“Aquarius, we are told, governs the blood system and its circulation. By means of the blood, the life force is distributed throughout the entire human body. It is, therefore, symbolic of the task of the liberated Aquarian who dispenses” the life-giving spiritual energies. (ibid., p. 142)
It might here be interesting to consider the esoteric keynote of this sign: “Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.” As the drops of the sacred water of life are collected, so this water can then be poured forth whenever the need arises, to all and sundry, creating thus, the enlightened community.

Will you work with us this month, to collect and dispense this beneficial “water of life,” bringing abundant livingness to all life on our planet? Will you join in using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity,” based on the six fold progression of Divine Love?

For those 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 Thursday, February 17th, the day before the Aquarius Solar Festival, which this year in the U.S. Eastern time zone, falls on Friday at 3:36 a.m. 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 from our respective geographic locations.

Information about meditation at the time of the Solar Festivals is posted here, where you will now find posted the meeting dates for the New Year. Please make a note of these dates and plan to participate. Your contributions—both subjective and in person are needed, welcome and appreciated.

The meditation outline is available in several languages and will be sent upon request. The importance of unified thought is underlined in the following passage from the Agni Yoga wisdom: “The law is that two concordant thoughts increase the power seven times.” (Leaves of Morya’s Garden, Illumination, II:V:7)

You are also 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 when there is a synthesis and synchronization of individual, planetary and cosmic energies.

The goals of the United Nations, as set forth in its founding documents and in its continued work, are part of the unfolding Plan of Light, Love and Power. Will you continue to add your good energy as you work with and help circulate the YouTube video featuring the Great Invocation, photos of the UN General Assembly and the UN Meditation Room under the theme of Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations?

In closing, we would like to refer to the ending remarks in President Obama’s address of 11 February:

“The word “Tahrir” means liberation. It is a word that speaks to that something in our souls that cries out for freedom. And forevermore, it will remind us of the Egyptian people—of what they did, of the things that they stood for, and how they changed their country, and in doing so, changed the world.”
May their courage and selflessness inspire each of us to find our own unique ways of bringing life more abundant into our immediate and planetary environment!

In loving planetary service,

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