

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

Evolving Towards a Brotherhood of Nations and Peoples at the United Nations

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The day is dawning when all religions will be regarded as emanating from one great spiritual source; all will be seen as unitedly providing the one root out of which the universal world religion will inevitably emerge. Then there will be neither Christian... Jew nor Gentile, but simply one great body of believers, gathered out of all the current religions. They will accept the same truths, not as theological concepts but as essential to spiritual living; they will stand together on the same platform of brother-hood and of human relations; they will recognize divine sonship and will seek unitedly to cooperate with the divine Plan...as it indicates to them the next step to be taken on the Path of Approach to God. Such a world religion is no idle dream but something which is definitely forming today.

The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul in Problems of Humanity by Alice A. Bailey

The fact is, humanity everywhere is bound together, not only by mutual interests, but by shared commandments to love God and neighbour; to love the good and neighbour. This week, my delegation, with the support of our friends on every continent, will introduce a draft resolution for an annual World Interfaith Harmony Week. What we are proposing is a special week, during which the world's people, in their own places of worship, could express the teachings of their own faith about tolerance, respect for the other and peace. I hope this resolution will have your support.

H.M. King Abdullah Proposes World Interfaith Harmony Week at the UN

Dear Friends,

We greet you with joyous New Year blessings. May the New Year be auspicious and full of many new and inspired opportunities for planetary service for each of you.

A few days from the time you receive this newsletter, from 1-7 February, many around the world, perhaps including some of you now reading this, will be involved in activities to celebrate, observe and commemorate "World Interfaith Harmony Week."

First proposed within the UN General Assembly on 23 September 2010 by H. M. King Abdullah II of Jordan and then unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly on 20 October 2010, "World Interfaith Harmony Week" strives, in the words of its proponents "to provide a focal point from which all people of goodwill can recognize that the common values they hold, far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide a strong dosage of peace and harmony to their communities."

In a heartfelt and thoughtful <u>address</u> before the UN General Assembly, H.R.H. Prince Ghazi bin Mohammed, the Personal Envoy of and Special Advisor to H.M. King Abdullah II, briefly explained the reasoning behind King Abdullah's proposed resolution, co-sponsored by 29 other Nation States.

He clarified the use of the concept of "harmony," which is used in its Confucian definition for, as he stated, "it suggests not merely 'peace', but also 'beautiful and dynamic interaction between different elements within a whole."

He further explained that World Interfaith Harmony Week extends two of the world's greatest commandments of Loving God and Loving the Neighbour by adding "Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour," which would be inclusive of all people of goodwill, including those of all faiths, and those of no faith.

As he summarized the proposal, he asked the world body to note that "it excludes no individual, compromises no one, commits no one, forces no one, harms no one, costs nothing, and on the contrary, includes everyone, celebrates everyone, benefits everyone, unites everyone and has the potential to bring much needed Peace and Harmony to the entire world."

A listing of this year's observances and activities, which will be held within and around the United Nations and in many of the countries of the world, can be found on the <u>events calendar</u> web page of the Week's website.

In this initiative, which cannot but give hope and reassurance to a humanity in crisis, students of the esoteric wisdom will recognize the germ of the anticipated emergence of the New World Religion that will characterize the New Age of Aquarius—the New Age of Brotherhood.

Writing in <u>The Destiny of the Nations</u>, the Tibetan Master teaches that the existing religions have played a central role in the planetary life for several thousand years—this, in an effort in his words, "to make humanity seek one-pointedly for the soul and thus prepare itself for the emergence of the fifth kingdom in nature"—the kingdom of the planetary Hierarchy of Loving Wisdom.

It is anticipated that the new world religion will be a demonstration of loving synthesis, based on the fundamental truths already recognized while emphasizing the unity and the fellowship of the spirit.

As humanity draws closer to the sources of spiritual inspiration, so the dream of brotherhood, of fellowship, of world cooperation and of a peace, based on right human relations is becoming clearer in the minds of many of our planetary leaders.

Increasingly the recognition and experience of God Immanent (the Soul within each human being) is broadening and deepening our understanding of God Transcendent.

This relationship is described in *The Reappearance of the Christ*:

"Religion is the name given to the invocative appeal of humanity and the evocative response of the greater Life to that cry.

It is, in fact, the recognition by the part of its relationship to the Whole, plus a constantly growing demand for increased awareness of that relation; it draws forth the recognition of the Whole that the demand has been made. It is the impact of the vibration of humanity—oriented specifically to the Great Life of which it feels itself a part—upon that Life and the responsive impact of that 'All-surrounding Love' upon the lesser vibration."

Because our understanding of Life is continually evolving, there is no finality to the presentation of truth. It is for this reason that the Agni Yoga wisdom refers to the wisdom of the New Age as the *Living Ethics*: "The study of the nature of things will serve as the threshold to understanding of Living Ethics." (*Fiery World II*, par. 188) And, "the Living Ethics consists of disciplines that enable you to become more conscious in any sphere. (*Supermundane I*, 249)

The fact of God Immanent or humanity's innate divinity explains the urge at the heart of every human being for improvement, progress, increasing realization and for the steady movement towards the glimpsed but distant vision, encapsulated well

in this ancient formula that carries the deepest spiritual significance for our times in the following order:

Lead us, O Lord, from death to Immortality;
From darkness to Light;
From the unreal to the Real.

In the <u>Problems of Humanity</u>, the Tibetan Master teaches that "the spirit of man is undying; it forever endures, progressing from point to point and stage to stage upon the Path of Evolution, unfolding steadily and sequentially the divine attributes and aspects."

Whereas in the past, religion has had an entirely emotional appeal, in this evolving New Age of Aquarius, a mentally polarized humanity will increasingly understand the purpose and beneficent value of the twelve annual Solar Festivals that we monthly highlight through this newsletter.

This focus on the relationship of the Whole to the part and of the part to that Whole lifts the divine presentation out of the individual and the personal, into that of the universal divine Purpose, augmenting and complementing the practice of prayer, ritual, worship and meditation, with the science of invocation and evocation: As we draw nearer to the sources of spiritual energy, so these energies will be better recognized, known and more readily available on our planet.

It is significant that World Interfaith Harmony Week will take place under the influence of the energies emanating from and accompanying the sign of Aquarius—a sign which is of supreme importance to our solar system at this time.

The Age of Aquarius is often referred to as the Age of Brotherhood, unity and loving understanding. The energies accompanying this sign can bring about a fusion of heart and mind, producing evolutionary development and producing those new conditions, which will help the soul of humanity express itself more freely—bringing about the <u>liberation of humanity</u> from those forces that have held humanity's soul in bondage over millennia.

Under the influence of Aquarian energies service of the personality or the lower self can be transmuted into service of humanity; superficial and selfish activity can be changed into a deep and active intention to cooperate with the Hierarchy of Loving Wisdom and self-conscious living can be changed into a sensitive humanitarian awareness that serves the Common Good.

Striving to work with these energies, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Aquarius Solar Festival meditation meeting to be held in the UN Meditation Room—in support of the spiritual work of the United Nations and the liberation of humanity.

As in past months, at this high spiritual point of the month, we have the opportunity to more productively and effectively achieve spiritual alignment and both receive and distribute the blessed energies of the Aquarian Solar Festival into the consciousness of humanity for the spiritual uplift of all life on our planet.

As we work with this month's energies, let us be mindful of the esoteric keynote for the sign of Aquarius: "Water of life am I poured forth for thirsty men."

The meditation meeting will take place at Noon on Friday, 25 January 2013 in the <u>UN Meditation Room</u>—on the last day of preparation before the actual day of the Aquarius Solar Festival, which this month falls on Saturday, 26 January at 11:38 p.m. We will work silently, 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.

For those whose geographic location necessitates that you join in subjectively, please know that your meditative thoughts contribute to the planetary streams of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good that are now seeking manifestation and expression on our planet.

A copy of the meditation outline is available upon request. You are encouraged to use it both at the time of the UN meditation meeting as well as weekly, every Friday. Further information about this meditation initiative can be found <u>here</u>. We look forward to your thoughtful participation in the upcoming festival of Aquarius.

Please note that because of the UN <u>Capital Master Plan</u>, the UN General Assembly building, including the UN Meditation Room and all other public spaces in that building will temporarily close at the end of March, 2013—for the next two years.

Thus, we will have the opportunity to be in the UN Meditation Room for this month's meditation meeting, the Pisces meditation meeting on Monday, February 25th and the Aries meditation meeting on Tuesday, March 26th.

We are waiting to hear about the available venue for the April and future meditation meetings from the UN Department of Public Information who has informed us that they are searching out an interim appropriate meditation meeting space. Any new

information will be included in these monthly newsletters and also posted in the website that now includes all of the <u>meditation meeting dates for 2013</u>.

You are also invited to ponder the <u>quote of the month</u>, which is posted on the first of every month, accompanied by a photograph of the cosmic landscape in which our planet Earth "lives and moves and has its being."

Thank you for working with the videos in the Aquarian Age Community YouTube channel, which includes the <u>Great Invocation in the Six Official Languages of the United Nations</u>, as well as with the video under the heading of <u>Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations</u>.

Your continued support and help in working with and circulating these videos is welcome and deeply appreciated.

In the joy of loving and shared planetary service,

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