The mineral wealth of the world, the oil, the produce of the fields, the contribution of the animal kingdom, the riches of the sea, and the fruits and the flowers are all offering themselves to humanity. Man is the controller of it all, and they belong to everyone and are the property of no one group, nation or race. It is solely due to man's selfishness that...thousands are starving whilst food is rotting or destroyed; it is solely due to the grasping schemes and the financial injustices of man's making that the resources of the planet are not universally available under some wise system of distribution. There is no justifiable excuse for the lack of the essentials of life in any part of the world....All these deplorable conditions are based on some national or group selfishness and on the failure to work out some wise impartial scheme for the supplying of human need throughout the world.

....The cause of this evil way of living is very simple. It is a product of past wrong educational methods, of competition and the facility with which the helpless and weak can be exploited. No one group is responsible as certain fanatical ideologists might lead the ignorant to suppose. Our period is simply one in which human selfishness has come to its climax and must either destroy humanity or be brought intelligently to an end.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*

More than 10 years have passed since world leaders established goals and targets to free humanity from extreme poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease. The Millennium Declaration and the MDG framework for accountability derived from it have inspired development efforts and helped set global and national priorities and focus subsequent actions. While more work lies ahead, the world has cause to celebrate...[for example] By 2015, it is now expected that the global poverty rate will fall below 15 per cent, well under the 23 per cent target.

*The Millennium Development Goals Report 2011*

Dear Friends,

One of the outstanding characteristics of our times is the phenomenal growth of spiritual perception. Two factors present in human consciousness reflecting this are humanity’s vi-
sion of a better future for the whole of humanity and humanity’s fixed, unalterable deter-
mination to realize that vision in the daily life of human experience.

Spiritual values are today recognized as those which further the Common Good and spiri-
tual perception includes an appreciation and understanding, not only of the “Supermundane world” or abstract metaphysical planes, but of the need to bring heaven to earth; that is, the need to bring Light into the three worlds of the day-to-day reality.

“The building of adequate forms and the use and control of form are essential if there is to
be wise and right cooperation with the Plan of God,” states the Tibetan Master in *Esoteric
Astrology*.

The founding of the United Nations as one such form is both a symbol and a reflection of
humanity’s growth in spiritual perception and its evolving consciousness.

As students of the Ageless Wisdom know, one of the first indications of the awakening Soul
is the sense of responsibility. As we have reported in past newsletters, it was at the United
Nations Millennium Summit in September 2000, the largest-ever gathering of world leaders,
that every UN member state agreed to a declaration reaffirming the values and principles of
the United Nations and rededicated themselves to the promotion of peace and security, sus-
tainable development, human rights, democracy, and good governance.

These world leaders pledged to “create an environment—at the national and global levels
alike—which is conducive to development and to the elimination of poverty.” They also in-
cluded in the declaration a set of clear, time-bound, and measurable development targets for
combating poverty, hunger, disease, and environmental degradation, among others.

Subsequently referred to as the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), these targets,
set to be achieved by 2015, provide a framework for the entire international community to
work together towards a common end—making sure that human development reaches eve-
ryone, everywhere. The eight MDGs break down into 21 quantifiable targets that are meas-
ured by 60 indicators.

Compiled by an Inter-Agency and Expert Group on MDG Indicators, which this year in-
cluded representatives of 27 international organizations, led by the UN’s Department of
Economic and Social Affairs, this year’s assessment report tells us that although “more
work lies ahead, the world has cause to celebrate.”

A few of the positive highlights of this year’s report include the following:

- Poverty continues to decline in many counties and regions. Despite significant setbacks
  after the 2008-2009 economic downturn, exacerbated by the food and energy crisis, the
  world is still on track to reach the poverty-reduction target. By 2015, it is now expected
  that the global poverty rate will fall below 15 per cent, well under the 23 per cent target.

- Some of the poorest countries have made the greatest strides in education. For example,
  Burundi, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Togo and Tanzania have achieved or
  are nearing the goal of universal primary education.
• An estimated 1.1 billion people in urban areas and 723 million people in rural areas gained access to an improved drinking water source over the period 1990-2008.

However, the report also indicates that in spite of the significant strides, reaching all the MDGs by 2015 remains challenging because progress has failed to reach the most vulnerable. (Press materials)

Progress, has been uneven, and it tends to bypass those who are lowest on the economic ladder or are otherwise disadvantaged because of their sex, age, disability or ethnicity. Additionally, disparities between urban and rural areas remain daunting.

Unfortunately, the poorest children have made the slowest progress in terms of improved nutrition and survival. For example, in 2009, nearly a quarter of children in the developing world were underweight, with the poorest children most affected.

The full report is available in English here, and in the other official languages of the UN here: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish; Also, here is the English version of the MDG Progress Chart 2011 additionally available in the other official languages of the UN: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

Each of these monthly newsletters calls attention to the fact that an open door to the increasing radiance of Light, Love and Power is available at the time of each of the monthly Solar Festivals.

As increased numbers of spiritual workers avail themselves of this opportunity, so the light of the heavens will increase the light of earth. The soul’s essential nature is Light and it is this soul-Light that eventually affects the form as evolution proceeds.

In fact, “the whole story of astrology, is in reality, one of magnetic and magical interplay for the production or externalization of the inner reality; it is the story of the response of form—vast as in a solar system, microcosmic as in a human being, and minute as in an atom or a cell—to the urge or pull of foci of energy and of streams of force.” (The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in Esoteric Astrology.)

This month we focus on the energies reaching our planet from the sign of Cancer. The Tibetan Master further tells us, “Through the door of Cancer streams the ‘magnetic magical light which guides the soul into the dark place of experience.’”

It is through the right use and control of the “organ of illumination”—the mind—that planetary conditions are changed and suffering can be brought to an end on our planet. As the Agni Yoga wisdom reminds us, each era has its own call. And, the power of thought is the evocative principle of the New World. (Solar Festival Meditations)

Will you join in meditation this month to help build humanity’s Lighted house?

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, July 14th, one day before the Cancer Solar Festival, which in the U.S. Eastern Time zone, falls on Friday, July 15th at 2:40 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 UN 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, using, when possible, the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity.” If you need a copy of the meditation, available in several languages, please feel free to request one.

To help support and strengthen the spiritual work of the United Nations and help build lighted, vibrant thought forms of solution, you are invited to use this outline, not only on the day of the Solar Festival meditation meetings, but weekly, every Friday.

Further information about meditation at the time of the Solar Festivals and the remaining meditation meeting dates for 2011 are posted here. Please make a note of these dates and plan to participate in order to add your contributions.

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 between the microcosm and the macrocosm—the individual, the planet, and the cosmos.

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" (4:31)


Work is proceeding on the production of a DVD that will include the above and we hope to let you know soon when this will be available.

Your continued support and help in circulating these two videos— is much appreciated.

May we each strive to add our quota of Light to the planetary etheric network as we ponder the esoteric keynote for the sign of Cancer: “I build a lighted house and therein dwell.”

In shared planetary service,

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