



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

The United Nations Shaping Humanity's Desired Future

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To man is given the privilege of revealing the nature of the divine consciousness....To man is given the task of raising matter up into heaven, and of glorifying rightly the form side of life through his conscious manifestation of divine powers.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul, in [Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I](#), by Alice A. Bailey

This is the story of how one species changed a planet.... We are altering earth's natural cycles. We have entered the Anthropocene—a new geological epoch dominated by humanity. This relentless pressure on our planet risks unprecedented destabilization, but our creativity, energy and industry offer hope. We have shaped our past, we are shaping our present; we can shape our future. You and I are part of this story. We are the first generation to realize this new responsibility... We must find a safe operating space for humanity.

[Welcome to the Anthropocene](#), Opening Film at the Rio+20 UN Summit, 20 June 2012

Dear Friends,

As we have often repeated and as most everyone now reading this message realizes, the crises we face are global, urgent and interconnected! Dynamic changes are needed—in all local and planetary affairs, and these changes must be brought about by humanity from the depths of our awakened and collective consciousness.

Appearing in *The New York Times* on 21 June, in an article entitled, “Together in Prosperity and Despair,” Chrystia Freeland, global editor at large at Reuters, succinctly summed up the global predicament. Implicating all nations of the world very

aply, she wrote, “The global family of nations will be unhappy until we find a new power configuration that works. The good news—and the bad news,” she continues, “is that we will only be able to figure that out together.”

Unfortunately, many there were at the Rio+20 UN Summit who came away thinking that nation states are far from figuring this out! The contentious proceedings caused some participants to derisively call the Summit “Rio Minus 20”, saying that the Outcome Report amounted to a “suicide note,” inciting the executive director of Greenpeace International to describe the Summit as “a failure of epic proportions.”

The Summit’s Draft Outcome Document was met with a consensus of anger by many NGOs and other major groups who referred to the proceedings as “a new definition of hypocrisy” and “The Future We Don’t Want!” Addressing the Summit’s representatives at its first plenary meeting, one NGO spokesperson pleaded for a change of course: “You sitting here sitting in this room...have the opportunity to be the saviours of the planet, and yet we stand on the brink of Rio+20 being another failed attempt, with governments only trying to protect their narrow interests.”

The disappointments and grave condemnations caused John Vidal, the *Guardian’s* environment editor to write in the Poverty Matters Blog: “Read the post mortems and commentaries from Rio+20, and you’d think a global disaster had taken place.” Recalling the response to the Rio Summit of 1992, Mr. Vidal recommends a measured perspective and offers five reasons to be “cheerful” as he optimistically considers the possibility that the outcome document “could be transformed in time into a world-changing process.”

Adopting a similar attitude, the European Union tempered its general disappointment by citing “20 bright spots.” The EU Environment Commissioner Janez Potocnik stated that although the document adopted by government leaders from more than 100 nations fell short of the EU’s key areas of concern, it does take some important steps in the right direction.

Some like Frances Beinecke, the president of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Trip Van Noppen, the president of Earthjustice offered a more decidedly optimistic point of view. They wrote: “[At the Summit,] we recognized that the world’s people can assert their will and power to fix our problems. The fact that 50,000 people came to Rio and that hundreds of thousands more participated virtually through technologies like YouTube and Twitter made that loud and clear. The incredible energy and the enthusiasm they demonstrated is only a hint of what individuals can do.”

“We have met the solution and it is us,” they wrote in an article that appeared in *The New York Times*. “Rio +20 is a catalyst. It is the starting point for change, not the finish line. It is a call to action for all of us who now realize that we can’t just rely on government negotiators or verbose and hyper-compromised documents to save our planet.”

They end their article, “As we learned at Rio+20, government negotiators and thick documents can’t save the planet. But as we also learned, we can, and we must do it now.”

Similar sentiments were shared by some of the nation state representatives. In his [address](#) at the first plenary meeting of the Summit, His Excellency Jigmi Y. Thinley, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan also decried the outcome document, pointing out that it fell far short of what is today needed.

Recognizing the drawbacks and limits of carving out a consensus document that calls for collective action—one that, as he said, has to consider all sensitivities and accommodate all kinds of doubts and suspicions, he enjoined his fellow representatives to pledge themselves to bold and healthy measures that would significantly go above and beyond the formal outcome document: “Where collective endeavour has failed, much has been done and more continues at the sovereign, sub-national, community and individual levels.”

In presenting these perspectives, we are reminded of the age-old injunction that the new will not come about because we oppose the old, entrenched and outworn ways; rather, it will come about because we affirm and “live” to the best of our ability according to how we would like the world to be. Our work as spiritually minded aspirants and disciples is to take every opportunity to grow and affirm the vision we wish to help bring out.

The timing of the Rio Summit is spiritually significant, offering an unprecedented opportunity to humanity that will auspiciously reverberate throughout the coming months and years. We are at the midway point of the calendar year and thus, in the process of absorbing and assimilating the increased energies on our planet of the Western Festival of Easter, the Eastern Festival of Wesak and the uniting Festival of the Christ, also known as the Festival of Humanity and World Invocation Day. In the early part of June, during the Venus transit of our sun, all life on the planet was subject to an astronomical rarity that will not occur again until the year 2117. Inspiring the energies of brotherhood and understanding, intelligence and synthesis and “love as pure reason,” the planet Venus can stimulate the buddhic and intuitive consciousness. Additionally, on June 20th, the day that the Summit began, the sun en-

tered the sign of Cancer, thus bringing to the Northern Hemisphere the Summer Solstice—the day of the year, which provides the greatest amount of light.

Being one of the signs of the Cardinal Cross, there is much about this sign that remains mysterious and unknowable to all but the highest Initiates; however, we are given some information that can help us intelligently and productively be of service as we seek to facilitate the reception of its energies into our planetary life.

In Cancer, we are told, the influence of the human Hierarchy begins to make its presence felt and the dualities of the human being become evident. Cancer is the sign of mass-consciousness; it inclines towards mass sensitivity and mass identification with the material form.

Under the influence of this sign, the unfoldment of the forms of life and of the emotional-astral body takes place; the “supreme usefulness” of this occurrence is evident when we consider that without the form and without the ability to respond sensitively to the environing conditions and circumstance, the soul would never awaken to knowledge in the three worlds, and therefore, would never know God, or Higher Consciousness, in manifestation. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 323)

As we consider the failings of the recent Rio Summit, it will be helpful to also recognize that the energies of this sign create a place of symbolic imprisonment, emphasizing the pains and penalties of wrong orientation. And, further, it is the conflict of the soul with its environment—consciously or unconsciously carried on—which provides those conditions of suffering that the soul willingly undertakes when it chooses the path of earth life, in order to salvage the lives with which it had an affinity. (Ibid., p.342)

Using the power of meditative thought, will you join in helping to anchor and distribute the dynamic and healing energies needed on our planet as we focus on “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity” at the upcoming Solar Festival of Cancer?

As in the past, we ask you to keep in mind the fact that planetary transformation occurs as a direct result of the shifts in consciousness that individuals and groups make in the depth and quality of their thinking.

Considering the intentions and the proceedings of the Rio Summit, it will be obvious that the esoteric keynote for the sign of Cancer will significantly contribute to humanity’s needed and looked-for progress: “I build a lighted house and therein dwell.”

The meditation meeting will take place at Noon on Tuesday, July 3rd 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.

A UN pass is not required to attend this meeting. Enter the UN through the Visitor's entrance on 1st Avenue at 46th 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.

We wish to thank and gratefully acknowledge those of you who steadfastly use this meditation outline, based on the six-fold progression of divine Love. Your contributions are most helpful and much appreciated. For those who may yet need a copy, please let us know; you are encouraged to use it, not only on the day of the UN meditation meeting, but weekly, every Friday.

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.

You are invited to ponder the quote of the month, posted on the first of every month. This month's quote focuses on how each person's striving towards spiritual consciousness contributes to the enrichment of the planet. As usual, it is accompanied by a photograph of the cosmic landscape in which our planet Earth "lives and moves and has its being."

Heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes out to each of you who are working with the new uploaded videos in the Aquarian Age Community YouTube channel, which includes several new videos as well as an updated version of the video on the Great Invocation in the Six Official Languages of the United Nations:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AquarianAgeCommunity>

The video under the heading of "Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations" continues to be available at this YouTube address:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw8OwJJl0HA> (4:31).

Your continued support and help in working with and circulating these videos is welcome as it will aid in the anchoring and distribution of the energies now needed on our planet—energies that will aid us in our preparatory work for the Festival Week of

the New Group of World Servers, occurring every seven years and which this year will take place from 21-28 December. More will be said in future e-newsletters.

In closing, we wish to leave you with the following thoughts from the Old Commentary, as presented by the Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul within *Esoteric Astrology* authored by Alice A. Bailey. They express the “magical and magnetic interplay between the form side of life and life itself.” May their pondering bring insight and Joy!

“Those who are demanding to be saved have cried aloud. Their voices penetrate into the formless world and there evoke response.

“Those who in distant aeons have pledged themselves to save and serve respond. Their cry too rings forth and, ringing, penetrates into the dark and distant places within the worlds of form.

“And thus a vortex is established and kept alive by that constant dual sound. And then a touch is made and for a space and during time, the two are one—the Saving Souls and the Units to be served.

“Slowly the vision of the Saving One becomes a light which guides the Crying Ones into the place of light.”

In the Joy of shared planetary service,

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