



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

Witnessing the Unfoldment of Human Consciousness at the United Nations

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A steady illumination is taking place and light is being thrown on all problems...This light is spreading down to the very darkest places in our planet and its many forms of life.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in *Esoteric Astrology* by Alice A. Bailey, p. 172

As all our people rise above the threats of basic survival, what will our collective endeavour be as a progressive society? Must we continue to believe that human life is to be spent in labouring for higher income so as to be able to consume more at the cost of relationships, peace and ecological stability? Are the causes of depression, suicide, community disintegration, and rising crime to be accepted as inevitable? Having dreamed the impossible and achieved the unthinkable, has human civilization not reached the time and moment, to aspire for a higher goal as individuals, families, communities, nations and as a society? And, is it unreasonable to assume that we can consensually chart a common course to tread with collective endeavour, sharing trust and cooperation for mutual gain and to live in accord with nature? Could we not find a way to steer ourselves from the self-consuming fire of greed that is fuelled by the media and paid for by industry and commerce which thrive on reckless consumerism? And should we not hope that the pursuit of such a state of being will be more of the kind that refines the mind, disciplines the body and conserves the life-supporting environment?

Address by the Honorable Jigmi Y. Thinley, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Bhutan at the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, Monday, 20 September 2010

Dear Friends,

In the meditation outline that inspires and informs this work, there is an opportunity—following the stage of “precipitation” wherein the invoked energies of “Essential Love” are seen to be flooding all life on Planet Earth—that each person has the opportunity to reflect on and consider the following:

- 1) The work of the United Nations as it relates to the spiritual welfare of the planet;**
- 2) The needed planetary conditions that will help humanity fulfill its spiritual destiny; and,**
- 3) Ways in which the United Nations can help create these conditions.**

Upon becoming aware of the above referenced address, offered this last September at the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by H.E. Jigmi Thinley, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan, it seemed as if he were offering his thoughts to these reflective considerations.

As Mr. Thinley explained, it was four decades ago, based on their King's understanding of the innermost yearnings of his people that he conceived the development philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH). Mr. Thinley elaborated, "since happiness is the ultimate desire of every citizen, it must be the purpose of development to create the enabling conditions for happiness."

Within this philosophy, happiness is defined as "a state of being that is realized through a judicious equilibrium between gains in material comfort and growth of the mind and spirit in a just and sustainable environment." It is about balancing the needs of the body with those of the mind, leading to visible ecological benefits.

As a result of pursuing such a holistic development paradigm, Bhutan, as Mr. Thinley reported, is well on its way to fulfilling the eight MDGs, with most goals being achieved before the deadline of 2015. Affirming that the attainment of the MDGs is completely in harmony with their program to create the enabling conditions for happiness, Mr. Thinley proposed the inclusion of happiness as the ninth MDG for all the nations of the world:

"It is a goal that stands as a separate value while representing as well, the sum total outcome of the other eight. Its relevance goes beyond the poor and developing member states to bind all of humanity, rich and poor, to a timeless common vision. It will be in the conscious pursuit of happiness that the very best in the nature of the human race will flourish. Through the pursuit of such a goal, we will find the reason and genius to moderate and harmonize our otherwise, largely material wants with the other equally important human needs and nature's limitations. It is what will make life on earth sustainable. And the way in which a nation pursues this goal will be a measure of its devotion to the promotion of its people's true well being."

In closing his address, Mr. Thinley made an appeal to the august body, which he called the "highest forum in the world," calling on fellow participants to exercise their "redeeming courage to be different" and to thus insure the long-term, meaningful and fulfilling survival of humanity:

"Let us get off the beaten path to blaze a new trail to gain new knowledge, wiser ways of doing things and fulfilling ways to spend our transient life. Let us agree to leave a legacy of ideas and a way of life that will be worth living with a greater certainty for the long-term survival of humanity."

We find these ideas expressed by the Prime Minister of Bhutan to be most encouraging and enlightened. Indeed, as we contemplate the spiritual destiny of humanity, we realize that it does not include the gluttonous consumption of more and more goods and the pursuit of the self-consuming fire of greed!

What the esoteric wisdom has long taught is becoming self-evidently obvious to increasing numbers of people and humanity is learning how very few material things are really necessary to life and happiness.

In the article, "In Search of Equilibrium," recently published within *The New York Times*, Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, wrote that "the past decade's desperate lunge for profits and military gain has brought us low." And, so it has.

It is useful to note as we consider the prevailing energies from the sign of Capricorn upon which we focus this month that at recurring turns of the spiral of evolutionary growth, progress becomes impossible under existing, crystallized and limiting forms and structures. There has to be a descent into the valley of pain, despair and death before one begins to search out and awaken to new and better possibilities.

Under the energies of this sign we learn that personal ambition urges the human being on from life to life until he/she has discovered the limitations of earthly gratification.

Gradually, spiritual ambition and desire for liberation take the place of worldly ambition, until finally the moment arrives when a true sense of reality supersedes not only earthly, but spiritual ambition as well. Eventually, the defeat of the king of beasts (the personality), leads to the triumph of group and world consciousness; selflessness and illumination take the place of self-centeredness and selfishness.

Designated as the most material, but also the most mysterious of the twelve signs, under the influence of Capricorn, humanity becomes familiar with the battleground of old dysfunctional habits and the old established order in conflict with the new, higher inclinations and tendencies.

Yet, one of the symbols of Capricorn is the “unicorn of God”—that “fighting and triumphant creature,” with its promise of illumination. Thus, humanity becomes aware of itself under the control of the Lords of Materiality while recognizing the beneficence of the Forces of Light and Love, and right before our eyes, the battle is being waged. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 161)

Will you work with us this month, adding your good energies to the Forces of Light and Love, insuring that the very best in the nature of the human race will flourish? 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 Wednesday, January 19th, the day of the Capricorn Solar Festival, which this year in the U.S. Eastern time zone, falls on Wednesday at 4:21 p.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 and will be most welcome.

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.

As we often indicate, the objectives and 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?

For those who would like to read it on-line, the new *Diamond Light* is now posted. As always, your feedback, questions and comments are welcome.

As the New Year unfolds, may we each bring to it our highest and most noble strivings, seeking out and creating new opportunities of service so that the energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good daily increase, benefitting all life on Planet Earth.

In loving planetary service,

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