The word went forth to all the sons of men, the Sons of God: Shew forth the signature of God. Leave this High Place and, in the outer realm of darkness, toil and serve; bring forth the Real; unveil the hidden depths of light. Reveal divinity. Thus down the ages have the sons of men, who are the Sons of God, embodied in themselves the Light which shines, the Strength which lifts and serves, the Love that evermore endures. They walked the Way of purity, the Way into the innermost. We follow after. They served their time. We seek to do the same.

“The Mysteries” in Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II by Alice A. Bailey

Corruption afflicts all countries, undermining social progress and breeding inequality and injustice. When desperately needed development funds are stolen by corrupt individuals and institutions, poor and vulnerable people are robbed of the education, health care and other essential services. Although the poor may be marginalized by corruption, they will not be silenced. In events across the Arab world and beyond, this year, ordinary people have joined their voices in denouncing corruption and demanding that governments combat this crime against democracy. Their protests have triggered changes on the international scene that could barely have been imagined just months previously.

UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon,
Message on International Anti-Corruption Day, 9 December 2011:

Dear Friends,

The New Year brings with it new energies and new opportunities for new insights, new understanding, growth and healing—both on a personal and planetary level. It is a time when we can re-dedicate and recommit ourselves to our inspired visions and to those unfinished goals we have brought forth from past years or to new and fresh ones, spurred by our experiences of the year just ended. It is the time when in the Northern hemisphere daylight increases as we move closer to the sun.
It seems a fitting time to consider one of the newer initiatives undertaken by the United Na-
tions—one that is increasingly being recognized as a “scourge” and a cancer within our
midst. With governments committing huge sums to tackle the world’s most pressing prob-
lems, from the instability of financial markets to climate change and poverty, corruption
remains an obstacle to achieving much needed progress.

As the above message from the UN Secretary-General indicates, corruption is a global con-
cern. It affects both the rich and the poor and it contributes to instability and poverty,
playing a dominant role in driving fragile countries towards state failure.

In 2011, the UN Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Development
Programme (UNDP) began a joint global campaign, focusing on how corruption hinders
efforts to achieve the internationally agreed upon Millennium Development Goals; how it
undermines democracy and the rule of law, leads to human rights violations, distorts mar-
kets, erodes the quality of life and leads to organized crime, terrorism and other threats to
human security.

Referred to as the United Nations Campaign Against Corruption Today (ACT), the aim of
this “anti-corruption communication campaign” is to support a positive and proactive
global movement against corruption and to bring global public attention to the United Na-
tions Convention against Corruption, which entered into force in December 2005.

This global campaign to end the blight of corruption is a most significant reflection of hu-
manity's forward movement into the Light.

The on-line Merriam Webster dictionary includes the following primary definitions of cor-
ruption: an impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle; decay and decomposition
and departure from the original or from what is pure or correct.

Such definitions clearly describe the turmoil in today’s world. The Ageless Wisdom tells us
that the outer happenings are, to a certain point, predictable; they are the precipitated ef-
facts of hidden causes. As we begin to realize that humanity’s consciousness is not the end
goal of evolution, nor is it the last and final kingdom of life on our planet, so we can begin
to strive towards a more enlightened way of living.

Just as the past two thousand years of the Piscean Age has seen humanity focused on death,
sacrifice and pain, so the Aquarian Age inspires the new keynotes of Joy and Resurrection.

The reason for this change is twofold: the higher evolutionary status of humanity itself and
the solar and cosmic energies now available on our planet. Humanity is slowly but surely
emerging out of the dark cave of death (materialism) and isolation into the light of a new
experience.

Confronted with the limiting and obstructive walls of a worldview focused exclusively on
the physical plane, humanity has begun to focus the light of knowledge inwardly—
searching out the inner world of Life and Livingness. Death is the “ante-chamber” of re-
surrection, states the esoteric wisdom. Faced with material, psychological and mental
death, a search is on for the more vital and true dimensions of life.

Joy and livingness are the outstanding qualities of the Soul. As the esoteric wisdom is in-
creasingly understood and applied, it will be realized that what is commonly known and
taught about the human being is limited indeed.
These reflections on light and dark; on joy and resurrection versus corruption and suffering logically occur as we ponder the inflowing astrological energies from the sign of Capricorn.

“In Capricorn, the initiate learns to realize the meaning of the growing light which greets his progress as he climbs upward to the mountain top,” states the Tibetan Master in the book, *Esoteric Astrology*. And, further, “progress becomes impossible under the existing forms, and there has to be the descent into the valley of pain, despair and death before a fresh attempt to scale the heights takes place….Humanity, as a whole, is in a state of turmoil, prior to a great step forward in self-conscious unfoldment, and in the expression of the sense of responsibility which is the first flower and fruit of self-conscious awareness.” (Ibid.)

The influences from the sign of Capricorn equate to the experience of illumination in the unfolding consciousness of humanity: A steady illumination is taking place under the cyclic appearance of these energies. This illumination is being directed, as a spotlight, into the field of government and light on the material nature of the world through all the many branches of science is being affected. “The light is spreading down to the very darkest places in our planet and its many forms of life.” (Ibid.)

Always there is the inner esoteric heartbeat and the outer appearance. As increasing numbers of the “sons of men” recognize themselves as “Sons of God,” so will these world aspirants experience “the Love that evermore endures;” so will they understand their role as world servers and world saviors as depicted within the ancient aphorism which states:

"He who faces the light and stands within its radiance is blinded to the issues of the world of men; he passes on the lighted way to the great Centre of Absorption. But he who feels the urge to pass that way, yet loves his brother on the darkened path, revolves upon the pedestal of light and turns the other way.

"He faces towards the dark and then the seven points of light within himself transmit the outward streaming light, and lo! the face of those upon the darkened way receives that light. For them, the way is not so dark. Behind the warriors—twixt the light and dark—blazes the light of Hierarchy." *(Discipleship in the New Age, Volume II)*

Will you participate in this month’s Capricorn Solar Festival meditation meeting to help invoke and evoke these transformative energies in order to support and strengthen the spiritual work of the United Nations—on behalf of humanity and all life on planet earth?

The meeting will take place at Noon on Monday, January 9th 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.
If you need a copy of the meditation outline, based on the six-fold progression of divine love, please let us know. It is available in several languages and you are encouraged to use it, not only on the day of the meditation meeting—but, weekly every Friday.

Each of the Solar Festivals spans five days: two days before (preparation, dedication, upward striving), the day of the Solar Festival (safeguarding)—which, this month, in the U.S. Eastern time zone falls on the same day as the meeting—Monday, January 9th at 2:30 a.m., and two days after (right release and distribution of the spiritual energy contacted in service to humanity and the planet).

A UN pass is not required to attend these meetings. 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.

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.

Those of us who live outside the New York City area have the opportunity to contribute our good energies and meditative thoughts from our respective geographic locations, using the same meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity.” We thus can contribute to the planetary pool of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good that we strive to deepen and expand through this meditation initiative. For further information about how to participate, please inquire.

We wish to take this opportunity to let you know that the latest issue of the Diamond Light Newsletter, including articles on “Freeing the Prisoners of the Planet” and “Gross National Happiness; an Alternative Paradigm to Sustainable Socio-economic Development,” is now on-line. The latter article was written especially for the Diamond Light by Dr. Saamdu Che-tri, the Director of the Gross National Happiness Center in Bhutan and we encourage you to become aware of this important initiative.

Additionally posted on-line are the available transcripts of the recent UN Seminar, “Developing Global Citizens for a Sustainable Society; Why Is the Spiritual Dimension an Essential Component of Education for the 21st Century?” These can be accessed from the Aquarian Age Community web page index of “A Spiritual United Nations; Summary Reports of Public Meetings.”

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.
As in the past, 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":
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw8OwJJ10HA (4:31); and,

http://www.youtube.com/user/AquarianAgeCommunity (6:11)

Your continued support and help in circulating these two videos is an invaluable service—a contribution to our common effort to serve the Common Good, thus adding to the expanding tidal wave of Love divine that seeks to permeate all planes and states of planetary consciousness.

In loving planetary service,

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