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

Engaging in the Work of Reconstruction at the United Nations

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The Christ and the Buddha combined the Way of the Mind and the Way of the Heart in Their perfection...They swayed hemispheres and centuries...They still have some consummating work to carry through, though the indicated work lies not so much with the forms which embody Their enunciated divine principles—Light and Love—as with the souls who have evolved through the application of these principles.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in The Reappearance of the Christ

Two thousand six hundred years ago, the Lord Buddha preached non-violence and profound respect for all living beings. Today, we are far from realizing these noble principles, but we understand the urgency of this task. That is why we work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, why we promote mutual understanding and why we seek to resolve disputes peacefully. The Buddha's teachings may be twenty-six centuries old, but they are as powerful as ever today. As we celebrate the enlightenment of the Buddha, let us remember, above all, his message of tolerance. Let us respect all religions. And let us work for the well-being of all people.

Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon, Special Event Marking the 2,600th Anniversary of the Enlightenment of the Buddha in the UN General Assembly on the Day of Vesak, 16 May 2011

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that we write to you this month to share some of the good news indicating a synthesis of global initiatives that point to an awakening spiritual consciousness on our planet. Although incessant and recurring crises are yet the order of the day, like a phoenix slowly emerging from its ashes, the heartbeat of a new way of life is steadily pulsating and emerging, bringing with it signs of hopeful transformations.

As you are reading this newsletter, many around the world are preparing for this last of the three major spiritual Festivals, which form the high point in the annual cycle. Following the Easter/Aries Festival of April and last month’s Wesak/Taurus Festival of the Buddha, this Christ/Gemini Solar Festival, also known as World Invocation Day and the Festival of Goodwill presents to humanity a most auspicious opportunity.

Building on the forces unleashed at the previous Festival(s), each of these three major Festivals establish the “divine aspects,” reflecting life’s underlying trinity of will or purpose, love/wisdom, and light or
creative, intelligent activity. Together with the other nine solar Festivals of the year, these three major Festivals can serve to stimulate the evolutionary spiritual growth of all life on our planet.

From the highest spiritual Being upon our planet, through the graded spiritual groups of enlightened and wise Teachers who work upon the inner side of life, on into the outer world of daily living where loving men and women of goodwill serve their fellow human beings, the tide of the new spiritual energies are slowly but surely transforming human consciousness and thus, altering conditions on planet Earth.

Looked for is a new intuitional consciousness that can result in a changing political landscape in which the family of nations (the “united” nations) will recognize the need to cooperatively and purposefully work together to serve the Common Good.

Although we are yet a long ways away from such an envisioned possibility, it brings us great joy to have witnessed this past month, an undeniable step in this direction. Organized this year by the Permanent mission of Sri Lanka in cooperation with fifteen other nation States and supported by many others, including the Secretary-General of the United Nations, on May 16th, a special meeting was held in the august General Assembly to observe, celebrate and honor the Festival of the Lord Buddha.

It was heartening beyond words to witness worldly statesmen within the rotunda of the General Assembly refer to the noble principles and teachings of the enlightened Lord Buddha and consider how these can help us solve today’s world problems, as for example, in the above key quote from the Secretary-General. The archived webcast, almost two hours in length, provides a noteworthy, remarkable experience. All who are reading this newsletter, and have not yet viewed the proceedings, are encouraged to do so.

In addition, at this time, we wish to bring to your attention an exciting project of the UN Foundation that also heralds positive change and new opportunities. In partnership with Posterscope USA and 18 of its media partners who have donated prime advertising space around the country, this organization seeks to reach Americans at all points throughout their day with the reminder that everyone has a role to play in solving global problems. And, creating a better world for those who need it, creates a better world for all of us!

Using digital displays in environments such as malls, universities, taxis, rail stations and airports, high-profile outdoor locations through digital billboards, static wallscapes and Times Square digital specticals, these spots are estimated to deliver more than one billion impressions during the spring/early summer of 2011.

Unanimous—one such YouTube video emphasizes the following message: “Working together to solve global problems, the United Nations is the one international organization with the reach and vision to solve global problems.” Another video encourages engagement in the UN’s eight Millennium Development Goals, indicating in its title that “Everyone Has a Role.”

Referring to the contributions of Posterscope and the dozens of media partners who are involved in this effort, UN Foundation’s CEO, Kathy Calvin, said, this is “what can be accomplished when Main Street and Madison Avenue come together to rally people around the work of the United Nations.”

The UN Foundation is optimistic about what people can and will do when they embrace the potential of social good. Referring to the voluntary contribution of media partners, one senior executive stated that these partners “have donated more than just their space and time...they’ve given millions of people a
chance to get involved in the biggest movement in history to help the world achieve some important goals.”

We hope it is so!

Another piece of good news is that this campaign is being launched in what has been over the last few years, a slowly improving and now fertile field of public support for the United Nations. Current public opinion research indicates that 85% of American voters believe the United Nations is an important organization in which the United States needs to maintain an active role.

The Agni Yoga wisdom indicates that “Each man has within himself a potential force that can bring him into direct contact with the Highest World. This force builds the essence of his consciousness and enables Us [the Teachers on the inner side of life] to transmit information into its core. He who can establish constant contact with the Highest World is able to help build the future, but if this communion is lost, man is limited to the life of a beast.” (Supermundane I, par. 200)

In the Buddha’s Last Sermon, which we are told is sounded by the Christ at this forthcoming—and every yearly Christ Festival, humanity is encouraged to:

“Keep watch over your own hearts,
This alone will make an end to suffering.
   Be a lamp unto yourself,
   Hold fast to the truth as to a lamp.”

In the third volume of the Fiery World, the Agni Yoga wisdom compliments the above truths by reminding us that “the essential nature of man can be transmuted by the invocation of better vibrations.” And, “only such a reminder will give man access to a higher status. At the present time, humanity is found to be continually in the vibrations of the lower spheres; therefore the lower Manas motivates life.” It is only the recognition of “the spark of Divine Fire in the seed of the spirit [which] will lay the foundation for a new humanity….For realization of the Light in the heart will propel toward the Light, but darkness will dwell in darkness.” (par. 253)

Thus, humanity is encouraged to invoke the higher energies! Only thus will consciousness be transformed; only thus, can the crises of the day serve as an opportunity for humanity to build anew and to build according to the spiritual values, which must guide humanity’s progress into the future.

Here, it’s important to note that this forthcoming Christ Festival focuses on humanity’s unique role as a bridge builder and its task, ultimately, to become aware of the unimpeded relationship existing among all centers and states of consciousness—relating that which is above and that which is below, or that which is inward (esoteric) to that which is outward (exoteric).

At this point it might be helpful to recognize that in the ancient archives, before Christianity came to be, the term, “Christ,” was a title, attributed to the purified or Initiated One. Just as the title of Buddha was given to Siddhartha Gautama as a title of attainment indicating his ability to access buddhic consciousness, so the title Christ indicates the attainment of the 7th degree of initiation, which makes possible a love so inclusive that it encompasses the souls of all life on the planet.

And now we focus on the work that you and I and all spiritually oriented people can accomplish. We invite you, once again, as we have invited you, over the past many years to join in this divine dance of life—in this Lila, as we together invoke and evoke the highest energies of which we are capable, seeking in the words of the Agni Yoga wisdom to invoke and evoke better vibrations for humanity and all life on
our planet—vibrations of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good, which will be auspiciously prevalent at this forthcoming Festival of the Christ.

We offer the following link to the painting, “Signs of Christ” by Nicholas Roerich as a reminder of those who eternally and steadfastly radiate these energies, reminding also that humanity’s cooperative action is awaited and necessary: “By human feet and human hands the Temple will be built.” (Leaves of Morya’s Garden, Vol. II, p. 76, par. 5, Agni Yoga Society, NY.)

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, June 15th, on the actual day of the Christ/Gemini Festival, which this year, in the U.S. Eastern Time zone, falls on this day at 4:14 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 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 build lighted, loving and 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.

The remaining meditation meeting dates for 2011 and further information about meditation at the time of the Solar Festivals are posted here. Please make a note of these dates and plan to participate.

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.

Consciously, mindfully and with focused intent, must we strengthen and energize the spiritual possibilities at the United Nations so that the Plan of Light and Love for our planet may be realized. Will you continue to add your good energies of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good as you work with and help circulate the YouTube video featuring the Great Invocation and photos of the UN General Assembly and UN Meditation Room under the theme of Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations?

This month, in observance of the Christ Festival and World Invocation Day, we are also pleased to invite you to view and work with an extended version (6:11) of the video, The Great Invocation in the Six Languages of the United Nations, now posted on YouTube. This video includes co-workers sounding the different stanzas of The Great Invocation in the six languages of the United Nations. It also includes stunning cosmic photographs as well as photographs of the UN working to bring about planetary healing. Details about how you can obtain a DVD of the video will be made available in next month’s newsletter. In the mean time, your help in contributing Lighted, Loving thoughts and circulating both videos will be appreciated.

You are also invited to read the new Diamond Light newsletter, which is now posted on-line. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the newsletter via postal mail.

Let each of us then, in the words of the Esoteric Catechism, “play our part with stern resolve and earnest aspiration,” affirming our relationship to and alignment with the Hierarchy of Those Infinite Beings of Light, Love and Power Who watch over and guide our planetary evolution as we ponder the esoteric
keynote for the sign of Gemini: “I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow.”

In loving planetary service and joyous appreciation for your contributions on behalf of the Plan of Light and Love,

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