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

Striving Toward Synthetic Consciousness

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The microcosm, when known, holds ever the clue to the Macrocosm. The Macrocosm eternally reflects itself in man, the microcosm, and hence man has within himself the possibility and the potentiality of total comprehension.

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

The United Nations is an expression of our will to find a synthesis between the nation and the world…It is an attempt to provide us with a framework inside which it is possible to serve the world by serving our nation, and to serve our nation by serving the world. Whatever may be the past shortcomings of this experiment in world organization, it gives sense and direction to the efforts of all men who are striving towards a better world. The Organization was born out of the cataclysms of the Second World War. It should justify the sacrifices of all fighters for freedom and justice in that war.

*Dag Hammarskjöld, UN Secretary-General (1953-1961), Address at Stanford University, 19 June 1955, in To Speak for the World; Speeches and Statements by Dag Hammarskjöld*

Dear Friends,

As we emphasize in these monthly “love letters” for humanity and the planet, the focus of attention at this time in our solar system is the unfoldment of consciousness. Depending on the evolutionary goal, this could mean the development of self-consciousness, soul consciousness or monadic consciousness.

In our ongoing reference to esoteric astrology, we seek to call attention to the planetary, systemic and cosmic energies continually irradiating and influencing humanity and the planet—to the degree that these are recognized and understood.

This commanding process of recognition is aptly described by the author, I.K. Taimni in the book, *Gayatri*:

“One can get the reflection of the sun in a cup of water or on the mirror of a 200 degree telescope. The former is a faint image while the latter is an image of such blinding brightness that no one can look at it. It is the receiver which determines the reception and makes all the difference. The sun
remains unaffected by these different conditions. Similarly the different kinds of divine consciousness which we contact on the different planes are really the reflections of the ultimate Reality in different grades of chitta or mind.” (p. 97)

At this time of the year when we strive to work with the available energies reaching our planet from the sign of Leo, it is most appropriate that we recognize and focus on the stimulation of consciousness as the objective of all astrological influences “because the outstanding theme of Leo is the activity of the self-conscious unit in relation to its environment or the development of sensitive response to surrounding impacts by the one who stands—as the Sun stands—at the centre of its little universe.” (Esoteric Astrology, p. 294)

As the esoteric wisdom informs us, the whole story and function of Leo and its influences can be summed up in the word “sensitivity” and, as with most concepts within the esoteric wisdom, sensitivity can be addressed and studied according to several graded stages, levels or layers of manifestation—all vibrating to differing frequencies, reflecting differing states of consciousness.

Influenced by this month’s spiritual energies, we consider the role of the United Nations to help humanity evolve a more synthetic consciousness, eloquently and significantly underscored and developed by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (1953-1961) and further extended by Secretary-General Kofi Annan (1997-2006).

As the above keynote quote indicates, the relationship between the nation and the world was a concept to which Mr. Hammarskjöld often turned. In the above cited address given at Stanford University on 19 June 1955, he referred to the fact that each human being is both a citizen of his nation and a citizen of the world: “Everybody today with part of his being belongs to one country—with another part, he is a world citizen.”

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who often referred to Dag Hammarskjöld as a standard bearer for all Secretaries-General as well as for himself, also described the pivotal relationship between nationalism and globalism in his 1992 report, An Agenda for Peace:

*The foundation-stone of this work is and must remain the State. Respect for its fundamental sovereignty and integrity are crucial to any common international progress. The time of absolute and exclusive sovereignty, however, has passed; its theory was never matched by reality. It is the task of leaders of States today to understand this and to find a balance between the needs of good internal governance and the requirements of an ever more interdependent world....The healthy globalization of contemporary life requires in the first instance solid identities and fundamental freedoms. The sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of States within the established international system, and the principle of self-determination for peoples... must not be permitted to work against each other in the period ahead. Respect for democratic principles at all levels of social existence is crucial: in communities, within States and within the community of States. Our constant duty should be to maintain the integrity of each while finding a balanced design for all.*

As the esoteric wisdom teaches, self-awareness is a prerequisite to all later and more inclusive forms of awareness, culminating eventually in an enlightened universal consciousness. Self-awareness is what allows each of us to develop the needed sensitivities to our environment and “later, as responsiveness grows and the world of small affairs is converted into the world of ever larger values and reality, the desires change into aspiration and finally into spiritual will, purpose and intent.” (Esoteric Astrology, pp. 302-303)
As the late Carl Jung indicated, the interesting thing is that the more we probe our individual spiritual depths, the wider and deeper becomes our circle of connection and identification, and the more we find our common humanity and our relationship to each other. As greater numbers of us experience a shift in the focus of attention—from the self to the whole, so we will recognize that we are not isolated units. Instead, we will recognize that we are each as a living cell within the greater planetary and cosmic whole. We will be aware of what the anthropologist, Jean Houston, calls our "leaky margins"—that is, the continual exchange, the regular inbreathing and out-breathing between our internal and external environments.

In the words of the esoteric wisdom, the universal consciousness of Aquarius—the polar opposite and the balancing point for Leo, then becomes possible of expression—just in so far as the individual etheric body is in conscious relation with the etheric body of humanity, the planet, the solar system and beyond.

The planetary life will then reflect the progressive and irresistible unfoldment of the human spirit.

May we then put forth our utmost individual effort as we participate within the collective worldwide group effort that monthly strives to lift the consciousness on our planet at the time of each of the 12 Solar Festivals? We know that when two or more are gathered together with spiritual intent, the release of energy is exponentially greater than if we were to work alone.

Will you help in this meditative group effort by using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity,” invoking on behalf of humanity and the planet, the spiritual energies of Light, Love and Power?

For those of you 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 Friday, July 23rd. 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, using the above meditation outline not only this Friday, but weekly, every Friday. Please inquire, if you need a copy of the meditation outline available in several languages.

The dates for the monthly meditation meetings remaining in 2010 are posted here and you are invited and encouraged to take every opportunity to participate.

As you ponder the quote of the month, posted on the first of every month and view the accompanying cosmic image, you are encouraged to imagine the divine circulatory flow that is possible when there is a synthesis and synchronization of individual, planetary and cosmic energies.

Please continue to work with and help circulate the YouTube video featuring the Great Invocation and photos of the UN General Assembly and the UN Meditation Room under the theme of Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations.

Work continues on the creation of a video of The Great Invocation sounded in the six official languages of the United Nations and, as ever, your financial contributions to help meet the costs of this project are welcome. Information about how you can send a contribution via postal mail or make a secure on-line contribution can be found here.

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