



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

### Bringing Purifying Energies into the Spiritual Work of the United Nations

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It must be remembered that it is through its effects that the scientist of the future will begin to deduce the effectual existence of an inner cause, of an inner reality, or of a self or soul. ...Service is definitely the result of a tremendous inner happening, and when that result is brought about, it will be found to have produced a number of creative secondary causes. These are, primarily, a change in the lower consciousness, a tendency to turn away from the things of the personal self to the larger issues of the group...thus...the work of evolution proceeds.

**Djwhal Khul in *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. II* by Alice A. Bailey**

There is always the power of the individual who can make change, who can make a great difference. All of you—each and every one of you...can be the power of change....There is no greater pursuit, no more noble calling, than advancing human well-being and the global common good....And remember: by helping others to lift themselves, we in turn lift ourselves. We too, are empowered.

**Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Remarks at a High-Level Meeting on Youth, 27 July 2011, UNHQ**

Dear Friends,

Many are today transfixed by the devastating crises on every hand. At this time, the most compelling of these to be sure are the haunting, destitute and suffering lines of emaciated men, women and children fleeing from the hunger, desperation and fatigue that has engulfed the country of Somalia and the horn of Africa. This UNICEF video calls the area an “inhospitable dust bowl,” crippled by the worst draught in 60 years, compounded by lawlessness and violence. As the video explains, these are not just fugitives from famine; these are people who are exhausted by 20 years of civil war; people who count bullet holes and bombs as part of their daily lives.

In the video, A UNICEF worker asks, could the famine have been prevented? Already presuming the answer that follows, we learn that warnings were given; that any famine is

avoidable and that all that is required is basic democracy, the rule of law and a secure environment wherein people can become better educated and learn to create social systems that will allow the populace to grow and thrive.

Over the images of what is this unfolding horror, another shorter [UNICEF video](#) on YouTube asks the poignant question, “How long could you survive without food?”

One CNN advertisement uses the unusual tactic of awakening and motivating towards action by engaging our imagination, as it asks, “What would happen if everyone cared?”

As if in response to this question, the UN recently chose as its theme for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first International Year of Youth on 12 August to be: “Change Our World.”

Each year the International Youth Day (IYD) is assigned a theme—a conceptual slogan that communicates the scope, direction and objectives of the year’s youth initiatives as it provides a unifying banner by which individuals can draw inspiration and take action.

This theme—“Change Our World,” is meant to be a call to inspire youth initiatives at all levels with the idea that efforts at the local level can have a global impact, thus emphasizing the idea of a global community that is a core principle of the United Nations.

The campaign also encourages youth to participate in the “Change Your World 2011” contest waged on [Facebook](#).

Aware of the many crises confronting the global community, it is distressing and even heartbreaking to realize that it was on January 6, 1941 that U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt first enunciated the “[Four Freedoms](#)” in his annual message to the U.S. Congress and that these freedoms along with the eight points of the [Atlantic Charter](#), signed on August 14, 1941 served as pivotal concepts, which were later incorporated into the Charter of the United Nations.

Among the points enumerated within the Atlantic Charter is the belief that “all the nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force.” And, further, that “Since no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten, aggression outside of their frontiers, they believe, pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security, that the disarmament of such nations is essential.”

It is helpful at this point to turn to the “wisdom of the ages”—the “Living Ethics” for understanding, insight, fortitude and inspiration. For example, it is here useful to consider a deeper understanding of the cause and potential role of crises.

One text, which is often quoted within these newsletters, indicates that “a crisis is brought about by a certain habit of mind,” and such can only be “surmounted in time” by a certain habit and rhythm of the spiritual content of the person’s nature; “it is the establishing of a certain objective rhythm which produces a crisis [and] it is the emergence of a particular subjective [spiritual] rhythm which enables a man to surmount the crisis and to capitalize on the opportunity.” ([Esoteric Astrology](#), p. 475)

Many are familiar with this explanation as conceptualized by Professor Albert Einstein who taught that a problem cannot be solved at the same level at which it was created—always a higher dimension must be sought.

This concept is also at the root of the oft-quoted saying of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld that a spiritual renaissance is needed if we are to have world peace.

Within the “Ageless Wisdom,” we learn that the purpose of this solar system is the unfoldment of consciousness and it is the stimulation of consciousness which is the objective of all the astrological influences playing upon our planet. This month, we are considering the opportunity afforded to all spiritual seekers as we strive to understand, align and cooperate with the energies emanating from and attending the sign of Leo.

The outstanding theme of Leo is the activity of self-consciousness in relation to the environment; that is, the opportunity under the influences of this sign is the development of sensitive response to surrounding impacts. In fact, in the book, *Esoteric Astrology*, the Tibetan Master indicates that “the whole story and function of Leo and its influences can be summed up in the word, ‘sensitivity.’”

This is further explained in the following passage:

In the evolutionary process, there is therefore, first the form, gradually prepared, adjusted, aligned and oriented during many aeons of time; behind this active form, as it steadily improves and becomes more responsive to environment and contact, stands the slowly awakening consciousness. This is the thinking, intuiting, loving soul, which tightens its hold over its response apparatus, avails itself upon every possible occasion of every advance made by the form, and employs every influence for the perfecting of the great work, which it undertook under the Law of Sacrifice. (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 291-292)

Of course, this process of Soul dominance does not proceed quickly or harmoniously. As Plato famously taught, “the Good” is the last to be recognized. And, as we are witnessing on the world stage, those who seek out their own selfish and violently aggressive agendas do not easily yield their power and they fight ferociously, treacherously and deviously to preserve that power at all cost. Nevertheless, although the laws of the Soul manifest slowly, yet, they are eternal and, in the end, inviolable.

Leo is a fire sign and, it is the pre-eminent fire sign at this time. Thus, there is in Leo that which can burn and destroy and so eradicate all that hinders the divine expression, leading eventually to the universality and true self-awareness that will allow the individual to recognize the true Self within all:

“Emanating from Leo, are the ‘fires of God’—cosmic, solar and planetary—producing purification, the intensification of the light and eventual revelation to the purified man who stands in light.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 293)

As Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon so wisely and enthusiastically affirmed in the above keynote quote, “All of you—each and every one of you—can be the power of change... There is no greater pursuit, no more noble calling than advancing human well-being and the global common good.”

Will you join in this spiritual work to help create solution by invoking and evoking purifying, healing energies for all life on our planet? As we have often repeated in past newsletters, it is through the right use and control of the “organ of illumination”—the mind—that planetary conditions are changed and suffering can be brought to an end. As the Agni Yoga wisdom reminds us, each era has its own call. And, the power of thought is the evocative principle of the New World. (Solar Festival Meditations)

**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 Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, one day before the Leo Solar Festival, which in the U.S. Eastern Time zone, falls on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:57 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 46<sup>th</sup> St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.**

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 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.

You are invited to use this outline, not only on this Friday of the Leo Solar Festival UN meditation meeting, but weekly, every Friday. For further information about how to participate in this global service project, please inquire.

Further information about meditation at the time of the Solar Festivals and the remaining meditation meeting dates for 2011 are posted here. Please make a note of these dates and plan to participate in order to add your contributions.

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.

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" (4:31)
2. The Great Invocation in the Six Official Languages of the United Nations (6:11)

Your continued support and help in circulating these two videos— is much appreciated.

We appreciate your dedicated service as together we strive to usher in the reign of the Soul.

In shared planetary service,

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