



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

Actualizing Humanity's Common Heartbeat at the United Nations

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Men are being stimulated and brought to that point of necessary tension which (as a result of a crisis) must precede a great moving forward upon the Path of Evolution. Secondly, a process of reorientation is going on which will eventually enable the mass of men to present a united front upon views hitherto regarded as the vague visions of intelligent and optimistic dreamers. A great stirring and moving is going on. The world of men is seething in response to the inflow of spiritual energy. This energy has been evoked by the unrealised and inaudible cry of humanity itself. Humanity has become—for the first time in its history—spiritually invocative.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in *The Rays and the Initiations* by Alice A. Bailey

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Webcast and Transcript of Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon's Address to the United Nations' General Assembly, New York City, 25 September 2012

Dear Friends,

There is an ancient teaching presented within the well-known allegory that refers to humanity's eternal quest for its own divinity: there was a time in the history of the

human race that the gods stole from humanity its own divinity. Meeting in high conclave, these gods offered several suggestions about where best to hide this stolen treasure. After discussing several possibilities, such as on a different planet and the depths of the ocean, it was realized that human beings were great natural investigators and that someone someday surely would succeed in penetrating to the deepest depths as well as to the greatest heights. It was finally decided that the stolen jewel of humanity's divinity would best be hidden deep within each individual—for there, certainly, no one would ever think to look.

A related story from Grecian Mythology recounts how Ariadne (the Individual Spiritual Soul) gave a ball of golden thread (the Teachings of the Sacred Wisdom) to Theseus (the Individual Personal Self) to be unwound as he traveled through the tortuously winding paths of the gloomy labyrinth (the darkest stage of the descent into material life) of Crete into which he had been sent by the King (the Spirit/Father deep within each human being), ostensibly as a sacrifice, but in reality, to slay the Minotaur (Ignorance, Greed and Selfishness) which dwelt at its centre.

It was only by means of this gleaming thread held firmly throughout his terrifying journey that Theseus was able to return safely out of the dark and tangled maze—after slaying the Minotaur.

As we turn to this sacred wisdom, we are often reminded that All that is, IS! That is, all Goodness, all Beauty and all Truth are ever present and available to all who can access these states of consciousness.

One of the books of this sacred wisdom describes this truth in the following way:

What we are concerned with is the constant awakening to that which eternally IS, and to what is ever present in the environment but of which the subject is unaware, owing to short-sightedness....The Kingdom of God is present on Earth today and forever has been, but only a few, relatively speaking are aware of its signs and manifestations. The world of subtle phenomena (called formless, because unlike the physical phenomena with which we are so familiar) is ever with us and can be seen and contacted and proved as a field for experiment and experience and activity if the mechanism of perception is developed as it surely can be. (*Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, Alice A. Bailey)

The above is context in which to consider the current spiritual work of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which has been as a humming, whirring engine of dynamic activity over the past several weeks—and scheduled to continue this pace into the foreseeable future.

As this short video clip indicates, increasingly, the message to all of humanity is that [It's Your General Assembly](#). As the video tells us, “the world is watching, will you?” For more than 60 years, leaders from across the globe have met in one place—the UN General Assembly. Here, 193 member States join in an international forum and “create history.”

Of the many activities we could have featured this month, we chose the following, providing, where available, excerpts from the texts of the addresses that we thought were especially compelling and significant, while including web and text links that you can explore as per your time and interest.

At the 128th plenary meeting on 13 September, the General Assembly convened a program on “[Prevention of Armed Conflict: Strengthening the Role of Mediation in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, Conflict Prevention and Resolution](#).” The meeting included the showing of “*Beyond Right and Wrong*,” a documentary featuring reconciliation, justice and forgiveness. At this showing, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon referred to the greatest barriers in life, being not the walls, which surround buildings, but, rather, “the walls around our hearts.” Also addressed was the need for forgiveness, love and spirituality.

This program was followed by a [High Level Forum on a Culture of Peace](#) the next day on 14 September. Of the many outstanding ideas put forward, it was especially moving to hear H.E. Ambassador Jean-François R. Zinsou, Permanent Representative of Benin point out that “individuals can only contribute in a substantive fashion to peace, if they are at peace with themselves and to be at peace with oneself, there is a need for a modicum of spirituality.”

It was on Tuesday, 18 September that the [67th General Assembly](#) of the United Nations was officially opened by the new President of the General Assembly, H.E. Vuk, Jeremić, with its customary “Moment of Silent Prayer or Meditation,” as per rule 62 of the UN rules of procedure adopted at the fourth session of the General Assembly on 22 October 1949. This rule states that “immediately after the opening of the first plenary meeting and immediately preceding the closing of the final plenary meeting of each session of the General Assembly, the President shall invite the representatives to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.”

The next week saw the first ever [High-level Meeting on the Rule of Law](#) at the National and International Levels, which convened on 24 September 2012. This meeting sought to enhance and strengthen the wider body of international law developed at the United Nations. The intention is to provide the international community more

opportunities to cooperate and peacefully resolve conflicts—and to provide the means to minimize a relapse of fighting.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon officially opened the General Debate of the General Assembly, the following day with an impassioned, stirring address, urging the leaders of the 193 nation States to do more to solve pressing crises amid a time of planetary turmoil:

We gather annually in this great hall to look soberly, and without illusion, at the state of our world.

This year, I am here to sound the alarm about our direction as a human family. We can all see widespread insecurity and injustice, inequality and intolerance. I see Governments wasting vast and precious funds on deadly weapons – while reducing investments in people....

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The United Nations rightly faces the same scrutiny – the same impatience – the same demands for accountability. People do not look to this Organization to be simply a mirror reflecting back a divided world. People want progress and solutions today. They want ideas, your leadership and concrete hope for the future. Our duty is to respond to these frustrations and yearnings....

With so much at stake, the United Nations must continue to renew itself. We must deliver as one – across disciplines, structures and locations. We are building a global Secretariat to support our global presence. That means shared services, integrated approaches and innovative uses of technology....

You, the world's leaders, hold in your hands the power of the State, the levers of Government. Your people expect you to listen to their aspirations, and to unleash their energies and ideas. The world expects you to work with each other for the common good.

Nobody can do everything. But each of us, in our own way, can do something. Together, if all uphold our responsibilities, we can meet today's tests, seize the opportunities of an era of dramatic change, and give new life to the principles and purposes of our founding Charter.

Webcast and Text of the Address

The President of the General Assembly followed with an equally heartfelt address recognizing that the volatility of the times makes it more vital and essential than ever for the nation States to cooperate and work together for humanity’s “common destiny”:

The General Assembly...is the most august body of sovereign states ever conceived by mankind—a grand pantheon of hope for the peoples of the world....

Established as a result of the historic victory over fascism, its purpose was clear: to set up—for the first time in history—a workable international system that aspires to justice, pledging not only equal rights to all nations, but ensuring their equal dignity as well.

“This is not merely a political organization,” said the President of the 2nd session of the General Assembly, Brazil’s Oswaldo Aranha. “It is not a simple covenant between nations,” he added, “but an undertaking in human thought and sentiment. From here,” he concluded, “emanates [...] a faith that the peoples of the earth may learn to know and trust each other in the full understanding of a common destiny.”

...The geopolitical landscape of our time is unlike any the world has ever seen, one of truly *global* interdependence. We are beset by a series of ruptures that seem to be building in intensity. Their effects can barely be kept in check....Rarely has it been more necessary for the world to draw closer together....As has been the case since its founding, the United Nations will only be as strong as the Member States choose to make it. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “an institution is the lengthened shadow of man.”

In this era of transformation, I believe that strengthening our collective faith in the approach only *this* Organization can legitimately provide, is the safest course for navigating away from the many rocks and shoals in the path of establishing a genuine global partnership for the 21st century.

One of the earliest advocates of peaceful settlement of disputes was Cicero, who famously expressed the longing *cedant arma togae*—that arms might yield to law.

From the days of the ancients, to our own times, generations of valiant men and women have tirelessly endeavored to advance this noble cause.

The culmination of these great efforts is the United Nations Charter, our surest guide in this time of consequence. Let us bring to bear on the problems we face a renewed spirit of cooperation, a tenacity of purpose, and a will to overcome differences. Let us find the courage to master the many challenges ahead—and in so doing, work to assert the pre-eminence of justice. Let

us have faith in our ability to come together in the full understanding of our common destiny.

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It is meaningful that these activities are occurring under the influence of the sign of Libra and its attendant spiritual energies.

Libra, the esoteric wisdom tells us, is a “sign of balancing, of careful weighing of values and of achieving the right equilibrium between the pairs of opposites.” This sign is called “the place of judgment” and both the individual and today, humanity as whole, experience points of crises wherein the scales tip first in one direction and then the other until the choice is made between personal desire and spiritual aspiration. (*Esoteric Astrology*)

As a Cardinal sign, Libra rules humanity’s subjective and spiritual life. Thus, the energies of this sign can bring the Soul, the inner spiritual reality to the foreground of consciousness, resulting in recognition of God Immanent.

The imperative need for right choice at this juncture in humanity’s life could not be more pronounced or clear.

Interestingly, this pivot point and process was addressed several times by U.S. President Barack Obama in his Address to the General Assembly:

History shows that peace and progress come to those who make the right choices. Nations in every part of the world have travelled this difficult path.

And,

We face a choice between the forces that would drive us apart and the hopes that we hold in common.

On so many issues, we face a choice between the promise of the future or the prisons of the past, and we cannot afford to get it wrong.

Additionally and poignantly, he outlined the contrast between those who practice hate and destruction and those who seek to uplift and serve, recognizing humanity’s “common heartbeat”:

These men, women and children of every race and every faith remind me that for every angry mob that gets shown on television, there are billions around the world who share similar hopes and dreams. They tell us that there is a common heartbeat to humanity.

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As we work to prepare ourselves for creative, planetary meditation at the time of this month's solar festival, it might be helpful to recollect that through meditation we have the opportunity to *penetrate* into areas of divine consciousness, which are not within the normal, day-to-day field of consciousness. Through reflective meditation, the development of an interpretive spiritual understanding and the use of the trained, discriminative mind, when the intention is planetary service and love of humanity, higher than normal points of awareness can be achieved. (*Discipleship in the New Age*, Vol. II)

At this auspicious time when the leaders of the nation States are meeting within the General Assembly of the United Nations, will you join in creating thoughtforms of solution for our planetary problems?

Together we can help anchor and distribute the potent and Lighted energies of the Libra Solar Festival as we focus on "The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity."

Because of security issues around the General Debate (25 September-1st October), visitors are not allowed into the United Nations. Thus, the Libra Solar Festival UN Meditation will be held in the Meditation Hall next to the Quest Book Shop at 240 E. 53rd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) in New York City. The meditation will begin promptly at Noon on Friday, September 28th, followed by discussion from 12:30-1:15 p.m. As usual, we will use the meditation outline, "The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity."

We thank those of you who are regularly using this meditation outline based on the "six-fold progression of divine Love." Your contributions are helping to vitalize and strengthen the spiritual consciousness on the planet and they are much appreciated.

For those of you who may yet need a copy, please let us know; you are encouraged to use it, not only on this Friday of the meditation meeting, but, weekly every Friday.

For those whose geographic location necessitates that you join in subjectively, please know that your meditative thoughts do contribute to the available planetary stream of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good that are now seeking manifestation and expression on our planet.

As long-time practitioners of meditation, we know that when two or more people think the same thoughts, the potency of their individual thought power progressively increases--not arithmetically, but geometrically. When such thinking is carried out regularly, the very rhythm itself produces an even greater potency. A tremendous influence for GOOD lies dormant in the massed thought power in the world.

Further information about this meditation initiative and the remaining 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.

You are also invited to ponder the [quote of the month](#), posted on the first of every month. As usual, it is accompanied by a photograph of the cosmic landscape in which our planet Earth "lives and moves and has its being."

Thank you for working with the videos in the Aquarian Age Community YouTube channel, which includes the video on the Great Invocation in the Six Official Languages of the United Nations:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/AquarianAgeCommunity>

The video under the heading of "Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations" is available at this YouTube address:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw8OwJl0HA> (4:31).

Your continued support and help in working with and circulating these videos is welcome and deeply appreciated.

In loving and shared planetary service,

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