

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

Forging the Community of Nations

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The United Nations, through its Assembly and Committees, must be supported; there is as yet no other organization to which man can hopefully look. Therefore, he must support the United Nations but, at the same time, let this group of world leaders know what is needed....Time must be given for the needed adjustments and humanity must learn to be intelligently patient; humanity must face with courage and optimism the slow process of building the new civilization. An intelligent and cooperative public opinion must be developed in every land and the doing of this constitutes a major spiritual duty. This will take much time but if the men [and women] of goodwill and if the spiritual people of the world will become genuinely active, it can be done.

The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul in <u>Problems of Humanity</u> by Alice A. Bailey, pp. 176-177

Let us prove the nay-sayers wrong- let us put our shoulders to the plough and work with each other in a spirit of collaboration. Let us focus on the business ahead, cognisant of the sacred trust which brings us here, committed to the peoples we serve, looking beyond individual and narrow interests and intention concluding the work we must do here. Let us not forget that while we sit in this august gathering, there are millions who go to sleep in the dark, hungry and insecure, fearful of what another tomorrow may bring....

We have assembled here from different states, each with its own particular set of strengths, challenges and needs, and from different regions, cultures and faiths, all sharing the single purpose of helping to ensure that this Assembly will take us further along the road to creating the kind of world envisioned in our Charter - a world of security, peace, justice, adherence to the rule of law, respect for the planet, tolerance, equal rights for all, social progress and faith in the dignity and worth of the human person. And, recognising how far we have come, conceding how far there is yet to go, let us all recommit to the path of protecting the planet and ensuring peace, prosperity, and dignity for all who inhabit it.

H.E. Ambassador John Ashe, President, 68th Session of the UN General Assembly New York, 24 Sept. 2013 (Statement and Video in the Six Languages of the UN)

## Dear Friends,

Over the past month, much of the world has been transfixed by the history making events taking place within the United Nations' General Assembly. One by one, Member State representatives and World Leaders had the opportunity to address the world as part of the yearly General Debate within the UN General Assembly.

For those who were not able to follow the proceedings in real time, the statement and video of each of the addresses delivered at the United Nations 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly are available at this <u>UN website</u>. Each speaker has a dedicated page featuring the statement, a video and downloadable sound files (.mp3) in the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). This year, a total of 190 Member States, two Observer States and one Observer took the floor during the general debate.

One by one these Member State Representatives and World Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the United Nations—the "main and universal organization." Giving voice to their distinct needs and diverse challenges, as well as to their individual and shared concerns, these leaders recognized themselves as members within the "Community of Nations." As they re-committed themselves to the goals and objectives of the founding Charter, they avowed its relevance for the future of humanity, as did, for example, Mr. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan:

"We are firmly convinced that the international law and the United Nations Charter based on the principles of peace, respect of nations, respect of their rights and sovereignty must remain the foundation of the world order in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Declaring their shared purpose and vision, their solidarity with the family of nations and with all peoples of the planet, especially those who suffer through war and de-

privation, many of the speakers expressed their deeply held aspirations to improve the conditions on our planet for all people everywhere. They addressed the importance of the Millennium Declaration, which put forth the eight Millennium Development Goals to be met by the year 2015. And many also questioned their own and others' resolve and dedication to meeting these goals, as did, for example, Mr. Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of Malta:

"What brings us together in this august hall, year after year, to hear speech after speech, is a longing to belong. We want to be part of something bigger; something that goes beyond our self-imposed borders of language, culture and tradition. We want to belong to this global sea of peoples sharing a single purpose of mind. This longing or need to come together tugs at our hearts with hope and empathy for those on the margins of humanity. We want to do something worthwhile. We want to commit our intelligence to be effective agents of change. "Make poverty history" we heard. And indeed we work towards that aim. But as we hold these noble aims high, we also question whether our plan is a priority; whether it will fit our national budget or our political life cycles. And then we pause to consider our options, to choose that which will hurt us the least. The poor have no luxury to afford us time to take our decisions. Humanity cannot wait for a better time when there is no financial crisis. We, the international community, need to forge ahead with dogged determination to reach all our goals. I am proud to note here Malta's longstanding history of solidarity with other nations all over the world."

Aware of humanity's crises of unprecedented proportions—"an existential crisis unlike any the world has experienced in its long and tumultuous history," the outgoing President of the 67<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Mr. Vuk Jeremic, referred to the growing economic instability, rising social inequality and spiraling environmental degradation as he sought to motivate his fellow leaders to action:

"This is the moment to shake off complacency and throw aside old habits that reinforce the status quo. It is the moment to reinvent the very definition of human progress—to transform what not so long ago was but a far-off dream, into a reality for all of mankind."

H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Rinzin Dorje, Minister of Foreign Affairs from Bhutan recognized, as did many others, "today's interconnected and globalized world" wherein, "we can only prevail if we come together as global citizens and work towards finding solutions for the sake of our common future." He called attention to the "sacred responsibility of governments" to ensure the creation of conditions that will allow their

citizens to pursue their individual happiness within the larger aspirations of their country."

Called for was the revitalization of the General Assembly, the reform of both the Security Council and ECOSOC and the need for each and every country, irrespective of their size to play their part in finding solutions, as they helped create an atmosphere of mutual trust and cooperation, which alone could guarantee the building of a better world.

Addressing the familiar accusation that these general debates create only an opportunity for talk, with no action, President Ashe sought to remind such critics that these debates provide a useful and important purpose:

"The General Debate provides a useful measure of stock taking on the issues at the forefront of our lives within the mandate of this Organization, and it is the only mechanism by which our 193 members can make their voices heard. Key issues raised by leaders in the General Debate are those that affect our countries and our people, and those that require concerted effort from the entire international community. Moreover," he said, "our debates also show us that despite any such negative elements, faith in the value of our Organization as the world's forum of nations continues to be high."

Reflecting on the violent history preceding the founding of the United Nations and the "awful carnage of two world wars" that shifted the thinking on the planet, making it possible for the founding of this organization, <u>President Barack Obama</u> called attention to the crises that gave birth to this organization:

"In the wake of millions dead and continents in rubble, and the development of nuclear weapons that could annihilate a planet, they understood that humanity could not survive the course it was on. They gave us this institution," he said, "believing that it could allow us to resolve conflicts, enforce rules of behavior and build habits of cooperation that would grow stronger over time."

His closing comments truly reflect the influence of the sign of Libra that infused the proceedings:

"Time and again, nations and people have shown our capacity to change -- to live up to humanity's highest ideals, to choose our better history....Who are we to believe that today's challenges cannot be overcome, when we have seen what changes the human spirit can bring? Who in this hall can argue that the

future belongs to those who seek to repress that spirit, rather than those who seek to liberate it? ....And that's why we remain convinced that this community of nations can deliver a more peaceful, prosperous and just world to the next generation."

Reflecting and Pondering on the many voices, the noble longings and ideals articulated by these world leaders and following several of the High Level Meetings of this 68th Session of the General Assembly—all taking place in the midst of what can only be described as the seething planetary turmoil, we could not help but consider the role of crises in humanity's long evolutionary journey, incrementally leading us from death to Immortality, from darkness to Light and from the unreal to the Real.

Humanity has the "habit of crisis," writes the Tibetan Master. Forget not that confronting crises is a long-established habit within the consciousness of humanity. "These are only points of examination as to strength, purpose, purity of motive and the intent of the soul." When surmounted, they evoke confidence and they produce greatly expanded vision. They foster compassion and understanding for the pain and inner conflict they engender is never forgotten. They draw upon the resources of the heart. And, finally, they release the light of wisdom within the field of knowledge and the world is thereby enriched: "Shirk not these crises, hard and difficult they may appear to be. Difficult they are." (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 476-477)

Speaker after speaker within the General Assembly intoned the fact that today's conflicts are numerous, vital and unavoidable. As we know, these crises are present both within the individual consciousness and in the mass consciousness; they are bringing about a point of world tension, which seems well-nigh unbearable. The promise of the difficulty is that a point of emergence lies ahead for the individual and for humanity. (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 638) That is, when this time of trial and tribulation has come to an end, and the needed responsiveness has been forged, a great spiritual awakening will arrive.

As depicted within the activities of the General Assembly, humanity is facing a new crisis of opportunity. The establishing of right human relations are being recognized as all important, as are the values of cooperation, shared responsibility and the need for solidarity and unity. "This is the inevitable next step ahead for humanity—one for which the entire evolutionary process has prepared mankind," writes the Tibetan Master in <u>Problems of Humanity</u> (p. 13).

Quoted in the October 10th <u>UN News Centre</u>, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon echoed almost as in reply, "The centrality of the United Nations today reflects the

global logic of our times: with our fates ever more entwined, our future must be one of ever deeper and wider cooperation."

Truly, we are witnessing the attempted birthing of the new world; the inner world of light, love and meaning is beginning to fuse in an unquestionable and realizable way with the objective world of daily planetary events.

Thought, the Ageless Wisdom tells us, is the medium by which emotion can be sublimated. It throws a clear light into the fog and mists of the astral plane. It is thought with its discriminating and analyzing faculty which makes us aware of the maya and glamour in which we are ceaselessly walking.

And the Agni Yoga wisdom affirms, "The power of thought will be the evocative principle of the New World." (*Agni Yoga*, par. 101, Agni Yoga Society, NY).

An axiomatic and ancient truth is that energy follows thought. As the spiritual workers of the world focus their minds, creating thought-forms of solution, so they are drawing energies into the chosen area of service.

It is at this juncture that the work of the spiritually awakened becomes pivotal, essential and critical. The spiritual servers of the race can inspire and catalyze those within the family of nations who recognize their shared values and shared responsibilities for the welfare of the planet, thus awakening into fuller activity an aspect of human nature which is always present but which has hitherto been subordinated to selfish or ambitious ends.

The 12 monthly Solar Festival periods, which occur at the time of each monthly full moon, provide a momentous opportunity for the transformation of planetary consciousness. Individuals and groups throughout the world come together to contact, hold and distribute spiritual energy in the service of humanity and the planet as a whole. On these auspicious days, the radiating cosmic energies of Light, Love and Power are more readily available and can more effectively augment the Good, the Beautiful and the True—if the spiritual workers of the planet can align with and invoke these beneficent energies. As this band of illumined workers intensifies the spiritual energies on the planet, so more of humanity can awaken to their own spiritual essence and thus, does planetary transformation occur:

"What must be grasped is that all that IS is ever present. 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." (*Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, p. 53)

The importance of the Solar Festival period is related to the fact that the influence of the moon *is out of the way*, allowing for the *full energy of the sun*, to impact freely and directly upon human consciousness, providing a vivid outer symbol of an inner spiritual experience. As the sun's light illumines the body of the moon and as it reaches a zenith point for our planet, at the exact time of the full moon, so we can note the time when the spiritual energies are more readily available on our planet. The ancient moon, representing the matter aspect, is illumined by the living spiritual vitality of the sun—a fitting metaphor for the energy of the Soul, flooding and permeating the circumscribed personal life. (For further information, see, "An Open Door to the Increasing Radiance of Light, Love and Power," also available in Spanish and Portuguese.)

This month we are aided in our work of planetary redemption by the sign of Libra and its attendant energies. Among its attributes, Libra governs the balancing of desire. In Libra experiment is made resulting in the consequent tipping of the Scales in one direction or another until either desire or spiritual aspiration weighs the balances down sufficiently so as to indicate the way that the man must go at the time. There is the experience of humanity in Libra in which the same adjustments and experiments are being made, but this time the entire race of men is involved and not just an individual. This group experience, carried out upon the mental plane, will only happen when all men are polarised mentally. (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 232)

Will you join us as we ponder the esoteric keynote for this sign of Libra: "I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force," and consider its application to "The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity"?

Because of the renovations that are part of the UN <u>Capital Master Plan</u>, we have been holding the UN monthly meditation meetings via Webinar, making it possible for anyone with a computer and *phone* to join from any part of the United States or the world. Please inquire if you have questions.

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, October 18 from Noon until 1:00 pm, U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time on the exact day of the Libra Solar Festival, which occurs at 7:38 p.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Registration is required and accessible via the following web page link:

## Friday, October 18/Libra - https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/259580079

The first half hour will include a brief introduction, a guided group meditation, using the meditation outline, "<u>The Spiritual Work of the United Nations</u> and the <u>Liberation of Humanity</u>" followed by 1/2 hour of group sharing and discussion.

A copy of the meditation outline is available, upon request, in several languages and you are encouraged to use it, not only this Friday, but weekly, every Friday.

You are invited to ponder the <u>quote of the month</u>, which is posted on the first of every month. Please note that the accompanying cosmic photo uploaded every month is provided courtesy of NASA's "Discover the Cosmos" program. Because NASA is funded by the U.S. government, this service will not be available until the budget impasse in the U.S. Congress is solved. We sincerely regret this inconvenience and ask that you help us hold out thoughts of solution. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you as well for working with the videos in the <u>Aquarian Age Community</u> <u>YouTube channel</u> as well as with the video under the heading of <u>Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations</u>. Your continued support and help in working with and circulating these videos is welcome and deeply appreciated.

We will look forward to your participation and contributions in the upcoming Webinar (in English). Please see below for registration for the two remaining meetings in 2013.

In the Joy of shared planetary service,

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## Registration Links for 2013 Monthly UN Meditation Meetings via Webinar

All meetings will begin promptly at Noon (12:00 p.m.) and end at 1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Registration for each meeting is required. We look forward to your participation and contributions.

Friday, October 18/Libra - <a href="https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/259580079">https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/259580079</a>

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Monday, December 16/Sagittarius - <a href="https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/910875447">https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/910875447</a>