



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

How can World Invocation Day Affect Planetary Consciousness?ⁱ

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Good Afternoon Friends,

I would like to begin my talk by inviting you to engage your creative imagination.

It might be helpful to recollect that the esoteric wisdom refers to the creative imagination as that distinctly human faculty which is actually the seed of the intuition and even the precursor, ultimately, to that enlightened state of bliss which in the East is known as *samadhi*.

So, within that context, if you would, for the next few minutes, close your eyes and imagine the 6.8 billion people now on our planet as one vital, dynamic organism, one interconnected, interrelated planetary center—a multicolored, multi-hued, geometrically diverse *mandala*.

Keeping this image in the mind's eye, and reaching deep from within the recesses of your Highest Self, allow your imagination free reign and consider the following two questions:

1. According to the highest possibilities that you can now imagine, what IS *your* vision for the spiritual work of the United Nations and its impact on humanity and the planet?

And, further:

2. What is it that *you*, as an individual can uniquely contribute to help bring about *your* vision?

When you are ready, bring your consciousness back into the room and open your eyes.

The vision, which I hope you will continue to evolve and develop, is *your* connection to your Soul's intention. This vision is what *YOU* hold in trust for the rest of humanity and all life on the planet.

It's a part of the *promise* of how the new Age of Aquarius and the Satya Yuga or Golden Age we are now entering might unfold—that is, if *each* one of us takes responsibility for our vision and works in the day-to-day life to make it a reality.

Remember this vision as we will return to it.

You may be asking, how is this exercise related to World Invocation Day and its impact on Planetary Consciousness?

A description of World Invocation Day, I think, will provide the answer.

Known also by such names as the Festival of Humanity, The Christ Festival, and the Festival of Goodwill, since 1952, World Invocation Day has been observed as a global day of spiritual healing.

Occurring when the sun is in Gemini, it is an opportunity to recognize the whole earth poised in conscious and unconscious invocation.

It is a day wherein people in small and large groups—from Australia and New Zealand to Africa and Europe, from North and South America to all parts of Asia—are meeting—just as we are—in meditation and discussion to contemplate the spiritual and divine nature of humanity—and humanity's link with planetary and cosmic sources of energy.

The esoteric wisdom tells us that we live in a second ray solar system of Love-wisdom and that this energy reaches our solar system through the sign of Gemini, which with the constellations of the Great Bear and the Pleiades, forms a cosmic Triangle, affecting the healing of the nations.

Gemini, we are told, esoterically controls the heart of our solar system and thus controls the pulsation of life which sustains all that is. And, herein is our great opportunity today to be of planetary service.

The third of three Major Spiritual Festivals, following as it does, the Festival of Wesak or the Festival of the Buddha, World Invocation Day is a culminating point—providing a *crescendo of revelation*, which can lead to transformative planetary changes.

This Festival celebrates the spirit of humanity—aspiring towards God or higher consciousness. It brings attention to the fact of a Higher Cosmic Will and Plan, recognizing that humanity is not living an uncharted course, and that humanity can be in communication—in contact—with the higher realms of consciousness that exist on our planet and in the cosmos.

It 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 being, relating "that which is above and that which is below," or that which is inward (esoteric) to that which is outward (exoteric)—a form of inbreathing and out-breathing, of receiving and giving.

In this way, humanity becomes part of the divine circulatory flow, receiving the invoked higher energies and distributing these to the whole of humanity, as well as to the animal, the plant and the mineral kingdoms, helping thus, in the work of making our planet a *sacred* planet.

Once the purpose of this day is fully recognized, its legacy will be an understanding of how humanity, as a whole, can scientifically engage in the process of invocation and evocation—a process that describes both the voiced and voiceless appeal, and the inherent urge towards the light—which is innate in all forms, producing interplay and relationship, *urging* us to penetrate further into the Light.

This process is as true of the flower that pushes its way through the dark of the earth into the light of the sun, as it is of the disciple who can intentionally strive to pierce into the higher (deeper) dimensions of consciousness.

Thus, in time to come, "life in the three worlds" of the physical, emotional and mental states of consciousness, will be superseded by the fact of "life in the five worlds," including an awareness of the Buddhic and Atmic dimensions of consciousness, which today are available only to the few.

Here it might be helpful to mention the esoteric keynote for the sign of Gemini: "*I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow.*"

As a dual sign, Gemini helps us distinguish between the twins, Castor and Pollux who represent the dual nature of humanity. One twin represents the mortal half—the personality, and the other—the immortal half, is of the soul, or the spiritual self.

This part links each of us to the Great Chain of Hierarchy, made up of those Beings who watch over humanity's evolution and create that stream of Light, Love and Will-to-Good that has existed on our planet since the dawn of humanity and which grows ever more electrified each time that any one individual takes up his or her work of world salvage and healing.

From the Emerald Tablets of Thoth, the Kybalion of Hermes Trismegistus the Agni-Puranas, the Upanishads and other ancient sacred writings, to the contemporary esoteric wisdom, the Spiritual Teachers of Humanity have long held out the promise of a Higher Way of life if humanity could recognize and apply the eternal spiritual principles and precepts.

Again and again, throughout history, Enlightened Spiritual Teachers have come forth, manifesting as much of the divine and cosmic wisdom as the humanity of the day could comprehend. As planted seeds, these spiritual teachers left their ideas in the hearts and minds of humanity, there to germinate and bear fruit—leading us ever onwards from death to Immortality; from darkness to Light and from the unreal to the Real. (Sequence for today in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 485)

Increasingly, people are becoming familiar with the radiant Rainbow Bridge of Light, which is the focus of World Invocation Day, when humanity is encouraged to reach out in highest aspiration to this great chain of Beings who labour, as the Bodhisattva Pledge¹ indicates, until the last weary pilgrim has found his and her way into the Light serene. Referring to World Invocation Day as the Christ Festival brings attention to the universal Christ Principle at the heart of all life and to the living Christ, The pulsating center within the Circle—the One who is known and is expected to return into outer activity, being referred to in the world's religions by such names as Maitreya, Bodhisattva, Messiah, Imam Mahdi, and so forth.

On this very same day, as we meet here today and as others are also meeting around the globe, this World Spiritual Teacher is now blessing the world by sounding the last sermon of the Buddha *and* the Great Invocation; thus linking the full enlightenment of the past to the current cycle, with its focus on the distribution of the energies of Love and the Will-to-Good.

The Container—the Individual:

This brings us back to *your* vision for humanity and the planet that you brought forth a few minutes ago.

One of the keynotes of the New Age is the value of the individual and the fact of the One Humanity—the value of the individual and the fact of the One Humanity.

All spiritual training must be self-applied. No word spoken or written can transmit the inner spiritual sense. Written and spoken words can arouse the hidden fire of divinity in the human soul, and through the kindling of that flame burn the dross of imperfection, limitation and unworthy desire, cleansing the lenses of perception; however, each individual must take up the task on his or her own.

The Greatest of Spiritual Teachers could be standing in front of us; yet, if we had not done the necessary work of personal redemption and transformation, we would not recognize this Teacher.

¹For as long as space endures; And for as long as living beings remain; Until then may I too abide; To dispel the misery of the world; from, *A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life* by Santideva. *The Bodhisattva's Vow*: So long as space remains, So long as sentient beings remain, I will remain; In order to help; In order to serve; In order to make my own contribution. [*The Bodhisattva's Vow*: So long as space remains, So long as sentient beings remain, I will remain, In order to help, In order to serve, In order to make, My own contribution.]

This is why it is said that if the “pick-pocket meets a Holy Person on the road, the only thing he or she recognizes are the pockets.” Recognition, wrought in the transfiguring fires of dispassion, detachment and discrimination is the major key.

Needed is recognition of the Soul, of the Great chain of Hierarchical Beings and recognition of the Plan of Love and Light—and the part that we must play within that Plan.

On that note, and with this blessing I would like to end: May we each recognize our unique role in the spiritual renaissance now needed on our planet—and once recognized, may we each play our part with earnestness, Love and dedication, recollecting the Agni Yoga wisdom: *Without the bond with the Higher World there is no progress, neither is there true joy. (Letters of Helena Roerich, Vol. I)*

**Thank you.
Namaste.**

ⁱ A talk given by Dr. Ida Urso at the Seminar, “How Can World Invocation Day Strengthen the Spiritual Work of the United Nations?” For the available transcripts of this meeting, please visit this [link](#).