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

Treading the Path of Planetary Transformation at the United Nations

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The planet is completing a cycle which leads everything to summation. The time is coming when each principle must manifest its entire potential. These rings are looked upon in history as downfall or renascence. But these rhythms must be regarded as the triumph of Light or darkness. The time has come when the planet is drawing near to such a circle of summation, and only the most saturated tension of the potential will result in victory. The circle of summation awakens all energies, for in the final battle all the forces of Light and darkness will take part, from the very Highest down to the dregs. Sensitive spirits know why there is being manifested so much of the Higher, side by side with the guilty and the inert. In the conflict, before the circle of summation there will be contentions of all spatial, earthly and supermundane Forces. On the path to the Fiery World the co-workers must remember the Ordinance of the Cosmos.

_Fiery World, Book III_, par. 350, Agni Yoga Society, New York

Over the past year, the winds of change have swept across the globe. Citizens by the millions have voiced their discontent around similar themes: inequality, corruption, repression and the absence of decent work. At the heart of this mass mobilization lies a call for social justice. Achieving social justice for all is integrally linked to realizing the agreed development goals articulated at the Copenhagen Social Summit, the Millennium Summit and elsewhere. As we look to the upcoming Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, we have a chance to rethink development strategies and business practices so that they point us toward a more sustainable and equitable future. Let us work together to balance the global economy and build a new social contract for the 21st century. Let us chart a development path that leads to greater social justice and the future we want.

Secretary-General’s Message for _World Day of Social Justice_, 20 February 2012

Dear Friends,
At this time of unprecedented crises in our world, the work of the United Nations is more important than ever. Its manifold strivings to uphold and practice the values of justice, cooperation, unity, inclusiveness and nurturing for all need the support of spiritually oriented men and women everywhere in the world for this work often proceeds against great opposition and frequently, against all odds.

From the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly to other leaders within the UN, the recognition has been expressed time and time again: The crises of our day offer an opportunity for a global turning point in the history of humanity and in the life of our planet. The above keynote quote excerpted from the Secretary-General’s message on this year’s World Day of Social Justice bears testimony to this fact.

The Ageless Wisdom tells us that “humanity has the habit of crises”—it is a long-established habit within the consciousness of humanity. When used constructively, crises can result in significant and transformative changes. It has often been pointed out that two Chinese ideograms make up the word crisis—one representing “danger” or “breakdown” and the other representing, “opportunity” or “breakthrough.”

“[Crises] are only the points of examination as to strength, purpose, purity and motive and the intent of the soul,” states the Tibetan Master in Esoteric Astrology, authored by Alice Bailey. “They evoke confidence when surmounted and produce greatly expanded vision. They foster compassion and understanding, for the pain and inner conflict they have engendered is never forgotten, for they draw upon the resources of the heart. They release the light of wisdom within the field of knowledge and the world is thereby enriched.” (page 477)

Are we not at such a pivotal opportunity in the planetary life? Are we not seeing in the untold strivings of those within and around the United Nations—and on the planet, in general, the fostering of compassion and understanding, creatively engaging the resources of the heart?

It was Dag Hammarskjöld, the second UN Secretary-General who alluded to the expanded vision possible as a result of surmounting planetary crises. As we have often repeated in these newsletters, it was Mr. Hammarskjöld who so famously and wisely stated, “Unless there is a spiritual renaissance, the world will know no peace.” At the recent observance of World Interfaith Harmony Week held within the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, reiterated this now famous quote.

Many of these recent newsletters have reported on the planetary risks and dangers recognized by Agency after UN Agency and by office after UN office—always accompanied by an understanding of how the risks, dangers and breakdowns could be addressed in a way that would unerringly lead humanity out of the swamp of current outdated and destructive practices and into the Light of a Better Day—for all the world’s people.
Looked at from a spiritual perspective and from the point of view of the esoteric wisdom, as the introductory keynote quote from the Agni Yoga wisdom indicates, our current planetary point in time has been prophesied and longingly awaited because of the great and unprecedented opportunity it provides for humanity’s evolutionary development.

Because of their spiritual strivings, dedicated practices, and compassionate and loving service, given selflessly for the Common Good, many within humanity have experienced the “spiritual renaissance” of which Mr. Hammarskjöld spoke and wrote. As increasing numbers so dedicate themselves, so there will be a planetary-wide renaissance resulting (among other outcomes) in the realization of the long-held objectives and goals of the United Nations.

Technically, a spiritual renaissance is possible when the energy centers above the diaphragm vibrate at a higher frequency, resulting in the development of individuals whose emotional reactions are superseded by aspiration and altruism; wherein competition, aggressiveness and selfish individual love are converted into cooperation, integration and love of the whole.

Humanity is then recognized as one interdependent organism of which each individual is an inalienable part. The spiritual kingdom of the Soul is then known as a fact of nature and recognized as the next stage of evolutionary development for humanity as a whole. This process is briefly explained as follows:

“It might, therefore, be said that what is truly taking place in the world today is the transference of the energy of the planetary solar plexus to the planetary heart center. The forces of cupidity, aggression, glamour and greed will be transmuted in the present furnace of pain and fiery agony and will be raised into the heart centre. There, they will be changed into the power of sacrifice, of inclusive surrender [to the Soul], of clear vision of the whole, and into cooperation.” (Esoteric Astrology, p. 520)

It is the intention and purpose of helping to bring about such a spiritual renaissance and planetary transformation that lies behind this meditation initiative that seeks to support “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity.”

As we collectively meditate on the “divine purpose” that lies behind the work of the United Nations and as we visualize the perpetual flow of Essential Love throughout the planet, so we vitalize and enliven, humanity’s heart center. As we sound the “Affirmation of Love” with full dynamic intent and consider how the work of the United Nations relates to the spiritual welfare of the planet—and reflect on ways in which the United Nations can help create the planetary conditions required for humanity to fulfill its spiritual destiny, so we help transform the consciousness on the planet.

“Each era has its own call,” states the Agni Yoga wisdom. “The power of thought will be the evocative principle of the New World.” (Agni Yoga, par. 101)
And, thus, we call on you and invite you to participate and contribute your good thoughts and good energies to the Pisces Solar Festival meditation meeting at the United Nations. A link to an introductory explanation of the importance and benefit of meditating at the time of the Solar Festivals can be found here—in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

We are aided in our efforts this month by the energies accompanying and streaming forth from the sign of Pisces, the esoteric keynote of which is, “I leave the Father’s Home and turning back, I save.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 654)

It is in this dual sign of Pisces that the imprisoned soul and the personality enter upon that process which will help bring about certain changes in the life of the striving aspirant such as the transmutation of 1) the lower nature into a higher manifestation; 2) spiritual and mental inhibition into soul expression and mental sensitivity; 3) attachment to the environment and to personality conditions (identification with form) into detachment from form and ability to identify with the soul.

Will you participate in this month’s Pisces Solar Festival meditation meeting, and further initiate humanity’s entrance into the world of soul as we together seek the inspiration that will help bring about the liberation of humanity from its old and outworn habits and conditions that oppress, subjugate and keep us mired in darkness and ignorance?

The meditation meeting will take place at Noon on Wednesday, March 7th in the UN Meditation Room. We will work silently, in unison, using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity,” from 12-12:30 p.m. and then reassemble outside the meditation room from 12:30-1:15 p.m. for discussion.

If you need a copy of the meditation outline, based on the six-fold progression of divine love, please let us know. It is available in several languages and you are encouraged to use it, not only on the day of the meditation meeting—but, weekly every Friday. For those whose geographic location necessitates that you join in subjectively, please note that your meditative thoughts can contribute to the available planetary streams of Light, Love and the Will-to-Good that we strive to deepen and expand through this meditation initiative.

Each of the Solar Festivals spans five days: two days before (preparation, dedication, upward striving), the day of the Solar Festival (safeguarding)—which, this month, in the U.S. Eastern time zone falls on Thursday, March 8th at 4:39 a.m., and two days after (right release and distribution of the spiritual energy contacted in service to humanity and the planet).

A UN pass is not required to attend this meeting. Enter the UN through the Visitor's entrance on 1st Avenue at 46th St. After you pass through security and enter the building, the meditation room is located to the right of the information desk and next to the Chagall stained glass window.
Further information about this meditation initiative and the 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 invited to ponder the quote of the month, posted on the first of every month. The majestically powerful and beautiful cosmic image this month reminds us of the ongoing and ceaseless transformation of all Life, as well as the eternal divine energies ever flowing forth from the macrocosm to the microcosm; from the cosmic to the solar, the planetary and the individual, enwrapping the entire planet while urging towards conscious evolution.

As in the past, 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”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw8OwJJi0HA (4:31); and,


Your continued support and help in circulating these two videos is an invaluable service—a contribution to our common effort to serve the Common Good, thus adding to the expanding tidal wave of Divine Light, Love and Power that seeks entrance in our day-to-day world through the enlightened consciousness of spiritual workers everywhere in the world.

We wish to leave you with the following thought from “The Tenth Great Joyful Realization” in A Buddhist Bible:

“It is great joy to realize that the Path to Freedom which all the [Enlightened Ones]...have trodden is ever-existent, ever unchanged, and ever open to those who are ready to enter upon it.” (p. 622)

In loving planetary service,

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