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

Intuiting Spiritual Ideas at the United Nations

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In the aggregate of this play with ideas, and in the constant impact upon the human consciousness of the great concepts which lie back of our evolutionary process, the [human] race is developing the power to think, to choose, and to build a sure foundation.

_The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I, by Alice A. Bailey_

In addition to resources, in addition to personnel, we need ideas. Ideas bring the United Nations to life. A single idea can generate a breakthrough that saves millions of lives. A new technology can spare whole populations from hardship. Even a theory can unlock action for peace.

_Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Launching the United Nations Academic Impact, November 2010_

Dear Friends,

It was Plato, the eminent teacher and knower, who famously said that ideas rule the world. At the United Nations this recognition is igniting a new turn of the spiral and bringing new vitality into the work of this global organization.

Last year, the United Nations Intellectual History Project (UNIHP)—based in the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York—unveiled its publication, “UN Ideas that Changed the World.” The authors, Richard Jolly, Louis Emmerij and Thomas G. Weiss, then explained and UNIHP’s website currently affirms Plato’s renowned insight: “Ideas and concepts are the main driving force in human progress, and they are arguably the most important contributions of the United Nations.”

This year, as this newsletter is being written, the first ever conference of the newly launched initiative, the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) is winding up its two-day program in Asturias, Spain at the newly constructed dome of the UN-Niemeyer Center.

Speaking at the launch of this initiative, UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon, expressed his expectations that the sharing of ideas will add to the UN’s ability to solve global problems: “By sharing ideas, across
borders and disciplines, we can find solutions to the interconnected problems that cause so much suffering.”

Being one of the first to pledge support, Fairleigh Dickinson University’s President and President-elect of the International Association of University Presidents, J. Michael Adams, delivered the following remarks, voicing his own high hopes and enthusiasm for the new initiative:

“Through the Academic Impact, scholars and researchers can integrate the United Nations into their activities so the entire world can benefit. Research projects, papers and conferences can all be infused with an international dimension, allowing our brightest minds to contribute to the betterment of the United Nations.

….Armed with global education, inspired by networks of compassion and commitment and influenced by programs like the Academic Impact, the next generation will have the opportunity to build a greater future.”

With close to 500 members in more than 90 countries, UNAI aims to promote a culture of intellectual superiority, serving as a point of contact for ideas and proposals relevant to the United Nations mandate. Delineating ten universally accepted principles based on the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Millennium Development Goals, each participating college or university is expected to engage in one activity or project annually in support of these principles.

Speaking at the 15th Triennial Conference of the International Association of University Presidents in 2008, when he first revealed his idea, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon gave voice to his hopes that the collaboration would develop “Universal Citizens:”

“Today, you are called upon to promote and sustain the concept of the Universal Citizen cutting across cultures, religions and backgrounds, promoting the kind of education that can foster the spirit of universality among your students. I wish you success in this important endeavour, and congratulate you on your dedication to education as an essential path to peace and sustainable development.”

It is heartening and inspiring to learn of such initiatives to strengthen and support the United Nations’ objective to serve the Greater Good as it strives to build a better world.

Indeed, the esoteric wisdom has long taught that the history of the world is in fact based on the emergence of ideas, on their acceptance, their transformations into ideals and their eventual superseding by new ideas.

In this wisdom, the happenings of the times are explained to be the result of warring ideas/energies: those new, lighted evolutionary and transformative ideas that can lead humanity and all life on our planet towards a more enlightened way of life and those ideas which would perpetuate and crystallize existing conditions.

This wisdom further explains that ideas emanate from the buddhic plane, the plane of the intuition. They thus represent the inner spiritual reality, the inner thought patterns, which when fully recognized can move humanity towards those deeper realizations resulting in a synthesis of understanding and therefore, the visioned harmonization of the nations.
Whereas the effort of the past has been to raise the consciousness of humanity through the pioneering efforts of its enlightened leaders, the aim in this evolving new age will be to bring down into manifestation the consciousness of the Soul through the pioneering efforts of spiritually aware groups.

Progressively, humanity has been led from point to point and from stage to stage of conscious unfoldment until today, when many are collaboratively working to bring in the reign of the Soul, having as they do a vision of a transformed way of life and willing to work and strive in the day-to-day world to bring forth their vision of this transformation.

We are aided in our efforts this month by the energies streaming into our planet from the sign of Sagittarius. Under the influence of this sign and its attendant energies, spiritually awakened seekers can become aware of the “returning arrow of the intuition.”

Esoteric astrology tells us that it is the shaft of the arrow of aspiration which returns to the sender as the arrow of the intuition:

“In Sagittarius, the intellect which has been developed, used and finally illumined becomes sensitive to a still higher type of mental experience and to this we give the name of intuitive perception. There come flashes of light upon problems; a distant yet possible vision of attainment is seen; the man begins to climb out of the depths… He walks no longer in the dark, for he sees what he has to do and he therefore makes rapid progress and travels ‘fast upon the Way.’ He ‘flies from point to point, searching for the arrows which he has discharged.’ He has, figuratively speaking, to dismount constantly from his white horse (the developed and purified personality) and find where the arrows of intuitional aspiration will take him; he travels upon the ‘wings of the soul’…This he does until he has established a balanced relationship between the personality and the soul and can function as either at any desired moment with equal facility.” (Esoteric Astrology by Alice A. Bailey, pp. 180-181)

Will you work then to awaken the intuitive potential by joining in thoughtful meditation, using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity,” based on the six fold progression of Divine Love? The outline is available in several languages and will be sent upon request.

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 Monday, December 20th, one day prior to the day of the Solar Festival, which this year in the U.S. Eastern time zone, falls early Tuesday morning at 3:13 a.m. on December 21st. Discussion will follow outside the Meditation Room from 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. This Room is open to all visitors and a guest pass is not needed; however, allow enough time to go through the UN’s security tent at 46th Street and 1st Avenue.

Those of us who live outside the New York City area have the opportunity to contribute our good energies and thoughts, using the above meditation outline not only on the day of the meeting, but weekly, every Friday.

Information about meditation at the time of the Solar Festivals is posted here. Please note and mark in your calendars the next and first meeting in the New Year, which will take place on Wednesday, January 19th. The schedule of the meditation meeting dates for 2011 will be posted by mid-January.

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 when there is a synthesis and synchronization of individual, planetary and cosmic energies.

As we often indicate, the objectives and goals of the United Nations, as set forth in its founding documents and in its continued work, are part of the unfolding Plan of Light, Love and Power. When the United Nations emerges into actual power, the welfare of the world will then be assured. Will you continue to add energy to this thought as you work with and help circulate the YouTube video featuring the Great Invocation, photos of the UN General Assembly and the UN Meditation Room under the theme of Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations?

The new Diamond Light is now being mailed to those of you who have requested a paper copy. It will be posted on-line by the end of December. If you are now not receiving it via postal mail and would like to, please let us know.

We would like to take this opportunity, at this magical and special time of the year to thank each of you for all your steadfast spiritual strivings of this past year and for your support of this meditation initiative.

We also wish to thank you for the beautiful holiday cards, your heartfelt good wishes and financial contributions. Please receive our grateful blessings as together, we look forward to the best that is yet to be.

Wishing you Lighted Holidays, a Blessed Christmas, and a Joyous New Year, which sees us moving closer to our ideal of a new and transformed world—for the benefit of all life on our planet.

In loving planetary service,

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