



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

Aspiring to Practice Right Human Relations

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The distribution of the world's resources and the settled unity of the peoples of the world are in reality one and the same thing, for behind all modern wars lies a fundamental economic problem. Solve that and wars will very largely cease. In considering, therefore, the preservation of peace, as sought for and emphasized by the United Nations at this time, it becomes immediately apparent that peace, security and world stability are primarily tied up with the economic problem. When there is freedom from want, one of the major causes of war will disappear. Where there is uneven distribution of the world's riches and where there is a situation in which some nations have or take everything and other nations lack the necessities of life, it is obvious that there is a trouble-breeding factor there and that something must be done. Therefore we should deal with world unity and peace primarily from the angle of the economic problem.

The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul in *Problems of Humanity* by Alice A. Bailey

Countries affected by conflict and fragility are furthest behind in meeting the MDGs. Global peacebuilding and state building objectives...should emphasize security, justice and state-society relations, and can enable inclusive economic growth, employment creation, better natural resource management and social service delivery.

Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness:

Key Messages of the United Nations Development Group, Supplement to the UNDG Joint Statement

Dear Friends,

As history tells us, by the turn of the first millennium, the ancient glory of Greece had been crushed to a sad ruin by the then mighty Rome. Despite these circumstances, Mestrius Plutarchus (known to history as Plutarch), that first century Greek philosopher/historian, was

given consular rank by the emperor Trajan, even though he participated in local Greek affairs and served for some time as mayor.

It was Plutarch who wisely taught what is increasingly recognized today: “an imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics.”

At his country estate in the Greek town of Chaeronea, guests from all over the empire congregated for conversation and serious dialogue with the “Sage of Chaeronea,” as he was then known. These were recorded, collectively published and available today as the *Moralia* (Moral Essays).

Among other subjects, in this collection of 78 essays, Plutarch addresses the nature of the eternal Soul, as for example in this passage:

“The worst thing about old age is that the soul's memory of the other world grows dim, while at the same time its attachment to things of this world becomes so strong that the soul tends to retain the form that it had in the body.”

We bring up this historical note to provide a context for the UN's current attempt to address today's existing inequalities, as for example through its valiant and commendable articulation of the eight Millennium Development Goals, to be realized by the target date of 2015.

Accessible from the above web page, the short four-minute video, “Make it Happen,” reminds us that it was towards the end of the second millennium, in the year 2000 that the international community came together with one purpose in mind. As if seeking to advance Plutarch's wisdom—this time on a planetary scale, 189 world leaders vowed to make the world a better place, pledging to end the extremes of poverty, hunger and inequality.

As we have often reported in this newsletter, although there has been progress in the meeting of these MDG goals, the herculian task of fully meeting them is by no means guaranteed.

In the reference of the above keynote quotation, the Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul poses a most poignant and challenging question to the spiritual workers, leaders and thinkers of the day in relation to these goals: “Will our civilized citizens embrace the chance to build afresh—not a material civilization this time but a world of beauty and of right human relations, a world in which...[humanity] can return to the simplicity of the spiritual values of beauty, truth and goodness?” (*Problems of Humanity*)

Although not as clearly enunciated and embraced as we would like, the inimitable attempts to build afresh and to practice right human relations continues unabated within the United Nations system.

For example, most recently, the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness was held in Busan, Republic of Korea from 29 November until the first of December. This conference

follows the High Level Forums held in Rome (2003), Paris (2005) and Accra (2008). It is expected that this event will be a major milestone and turning point for the global aid effectiveness agenda, that it will chart future directions for more effective development aid, and contribute towards a new international aid architecture.

These meetings were organized by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG). Chaired by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, this Group unites 32 UN funds, programmes, agencies, departments and offices that play a role in global development efforts. Established by Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 1997, the UNDG coordinates, harmonizes and aligns UN development activities.

In its “Call to Action” the Group announced with clarity that all “must work with common purpose to reduce inequities, improve lives and secure a better future for all.”

Inviting partnerships, the Group affirmed that “no one country, group or organization can provide solutions alone.” Results can only be achieved when all are united in vision and in action: “With the convening power of the United Nations, we can offer a platform for all development partners—Member States, civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, the private sector and others—to act forcefully and responsibly to banish poverty and hunger and work decisively and effectively for a safer, more equitable, more prosperous, and greener world.” (From “Call to Action,” available within the Fourth High Level Forum web page.)

Hope and encouragement can be found in the fact that the above ongoing process is so very much in alignment with spiritual guidelines that have been offered by the ageless wisdom, as a means by which the most pressing of the “problems of humanity” may be resolved. For example,

We are today witnessing the slow but steady formation of international groups, banded together to preserve world security, to protect labour, to deal with world economics and to preserve the integrity and the sovereignty of nations whilst committing each and all to a definite part in the work of securing right human relations throughout the planet. Whether we agree or not with the details or the specific commitments proposed, the formation of international advisory councils, and above all, of the United Nations, are hopeful indications of the moving forward of humanity into a world where right human relations are regarded as essential to the peace of the world, where goodwill is recognized and where provision is made for the implementing of those conditions which will prevent war and aggression. (The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul in *Problems of Humanity* by Alice A. Bailey)

Within this same text, spiritually minded people of the world are called to shoulder their responsibility for resolving today’s difficult state of affairs: “The reason for the corrupt politics and the greedy ambitious planning of so many of the world’s leading men can be found in the fact that spiritually minded men and women have not assumed their spiritual duty and responsibility...They have left the power in the wrong hands and permitted the selfish and the undesirable to lead.”

As we are now well aware, the battle is being waged on a *planetary* scale between the old, entrenched forces and the emerging, new idealism.

Humanity is understanding that unity, peace and security will come through the adoption of wise, compassionate and understanding practices which will lead to the establishing of right human relations. With this understanding comes the growing recognition that the true problem of the United Nations involves the right distribution of the world's resources so that there may be freedom from want, and it involves also the bringing about of a true equality of opportunity and of education for all men, women and children everywhere.

Quoting again from the ageless wisdom text, *The Problems of Humanity*, “The nations which have a wealth of resources are not owners; they are custodians of the world's riches and hold them in trust for their fellowmen. The time will inevitably come when—in the interest of peace and security—the capitalists in the various nations will be forced to realize this and will also be forced to substitute the principle of sharing for the ancient principle (which has hitherto governed them) of greedy grabbing.”

As spiritual workers in the Light, working to ensure the establishment of right human relations, we are aided this month by the sign of Sagittarius and its attendant solar and cosmic energies now available on our planet.

As we have pointed out from time to time, the practice of striving for alignment with and receptivity to these available monthly energies is necessarily a work in progress. Although all zodiacal, systemic and planetary energies have a definite effect upon all the lives in all forms in all the kingdoms of nature, it is the goal of evolution for humanity to become consciously and livingly aware of the nature of these energies and to begin to discern, understand and use them.

Under the sign of Sagittarius, the shaft of the arrow of aspiration returns as the arrow of intuition. That is, “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’....This he does until he has established a balanced relationship between the personality and the soul.” (*Esoteric Astrology*)

It is under the influences of the Mutable Cross, of which Sagittarius forms one of the four arms that “material desire can be transmuted into divine love and the conflict which is the distinguishing characteristic of the human family can be instrumental in resolving dissonance into harmony.” (Ibid.)

Finally, for the purposes of this newsletter, it is under the sign of Sagittarius that humanity achieves the determination to direct its steps into another way of life. The process of perso-

nality satisfaction eventually is transformed into the expression of love-wisdom, selflessly developed and consecrated to the good of the whole. (Ibid.)

Will you participate in this month's Sagittarius Solar Festival meditation meeting to help invoke and evoke these transformative energies in order to support and strengthen the spiritual work of the United Nations—on behalf of humanity and all life on planet earth?

The meeting will take place at Noon on Friday, December 9th. 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.

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 Saturday, December 10th at 9:36 a.m. and two days after (right release and distribution of the spiritual energy contacted in service to humanity and the planet).

Further information about this meditation initiative is posted on this [web page](#), which also includes a link to the on-line flyer on [Solar Festival Meditations](#). Please note that the next meeting at the UN will occur in the New Year on Monday, January 9, 2012.

A UN pass is not required to attend these meetings. 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.

Those of us who live outside the New York City area have the opportunity to contribute our good energies and meditative thoughts from our respective geographic locations, using the same meditation outline, "The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity." For further information about how to participate in this global service project, please inquire.

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 between the microcosm and the macrocosm—the individual, the planet, and the cosmos.

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=Uw8OwJJl0HA> (4:31); and,

2) "The Great Invocation in the Six Official Languages of the United Nations":
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AquarianAgeCommunity> (6:11)

Your continued support and help in circulating these two videos— is much appreciated.

At this time of the year, we also wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge and express our gratitude to each and every one of you who regularly and steadfastly read, ponder and contribute your thoughtful and loving good energies to "the spiritual work of the United Nations and the liberation of humanity."

As we each apply ourselves to the highest that we know in our thoughts and in our actions; as we strive to meet our responsibilities in the transformation of planetary consciousness, so we participate in ushering in the long awaited and prophesied New and Golden Age of the Good, the Beautiful and the True.

We also wish to thank those of you who regularly contribute financially to the Aquarian Age Community. For those who have inquired, information on how you can make a donation by either credit card or postal mail can be found on this webpage: [support this work](#).

Thank you to those of you who have sent cheerful, meaningful and loving Christmas, Holiday and New Year greetings. We wish you the most Blessed and Joyous Christmas and Holiday season, and a bright, prosperous, productive and Happy New Year!

In loving planetary service,

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