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

Promoting Right Human Relations for All at the United Nations

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‘I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another.’ May the words of this final injunction to the disciple carry meaning to the heart and mind.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul, in *Esoteric Astrology* by Alice A. Bailey, p. 193

Human Rights Day is held on 10 December every year, the date the United Nations General Assembly adopted *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, proclaiming its principles as the “common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations,” towards which individuals and societies should "strive by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance". Many challenges lie ahead in the struggle to promote and enhance the dignity, freedom, and rights of all human beings. In the past two decades, however, significant progress has been made.

**Twenty of the Most Important Human Rights Achievements Since 1993**

*(In the Six Official Languages of the United Nations)*

Dear Friends,

We write to you this month, announcing the culmination of one cycle of activity and the transitioning into a new cycle and form.

Especially because of the passing of Nelson “Madiba” Mandela—one of the most beloved “influential, courageous and profoundly good human beings that any of us will share time with on this Earth,” as described by President Obama, we cannot help but direct our attention to the comforting and insightful verses of Ecclesiastes:
To every thing there is a season, and
a time to every purpose under the heavens;
a time to be born, and a time to die...
Ecclesiastes: 3

The cyclic manifold expressions of Life are all around us. In nature, in the heavens and in the cosmos, transitioning cycles abound—providing indisputable testimony that birth and death evolve out of each other.

As we are born into one level of existence, so we leave another behind. As the tree sprouts through the darkness of the earth, reaching towards the light, so the seed becomes transformed. As the fruit appears, the flower disappears. As the butterfly develops its wings, the caterpillar vanishes. The sun of day disappears into the dark of night and reappears, giving birth to yet another day—a cycle replicated by the waxing and waning moon, creating a monthly rhythm of light and dark. And, over eons of time, one solar system evolves into another. St. John emphasizes the beneficence of such cycles: “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit.” (John: 12:24)

The Ageless Wisdom tells us that all forms are but the manifestations of a sea of energies. We are therefore enjoined not to hold on to the form, no matter what it is because all forms are but experiments and are part of the cyclic nature of life—appearing and disappearing. This disappearance, pralaya or obscuration, is but one perspective, and a limiting one at that:

We need here to remember that it is always pralaya when viewed from below. From the higher vision, that sees the subtler continuously overshadowing the dense when not in objective manifestation, pralaya is simply subjectivity, and is not that “which is not,” but simply that which is esoteric. (A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 130)

“It must also be remembered,” the Tibetan Master teaches, “that forms exist within forms.” For example, “You—as you sit in your room—are a form within a form; that room is itself a form within a house,” yet, all these diverse forms are composed of living energies, vibrating in relation to each other, yet owning their own quality and their own qualified life. (Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle, pp. 177-178)

It is that indwelling life that influences and impulses the temporal form or body.
All of this is background for letting you know that this UN Newsletter, first begun informally in the Fall of 1998, is the last such monthly newsletter you will be receiving.

The reason for this is two-fold. We are refocusing our energies into deepening and empowering the meditative aspect of this initiative and we are making an effort to more widely distribute the ideas here promoted—ideas we think will contribute to the creation of an enlightened public opinion, leading to the anticipated transformation of planetary consciousness—through the continued support of the spiritual work of the United Nations.

The increasingly abundant “waters of life,” of which we strive to avail ourselves, will be directed into a continuation of the monthly webinar meditation meetings, including a more concentrated emphasis on the weekly use of the meditation on “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity.”

Additionally, we will seek to compile the materials of these monthly newsletters into a book form that will include an accompanying DVD of the videos now posted on YouTube and we will seek to update and upgrade the Aquarian Age Community website, seeking to make it easier for you to access the materials therein posted.

For these activities, we ask for your continued and vital support—both financial and subjective. We would also welcome the help of anyone who has skills in 1) the organization and administration of our international mailing lists and 2) in website support, design and development.

If you have found our work including these monthly e-newsletters, the organization, reporting and the posting of transcripts of the public meetings held in and around the United Nations and all the other work, depicted within our website and in our YouTube channel of any benefit and service; if you have found that our work has touched you, informed your life in any way, and provided a modicum of needed planetary service, we ask you to more actively participate in this work and we also ask you to be generous in your response to this request for your financial and subjective support as we move into a new cycle. Information about how to make secure, tax-deductible contributions either via credit card or via postal mail can be found here.

In the absence of these monthly newsletters, we invite you and encourage you to avail yourselves of the following resources and activities:

1. Visit and re-read the archived UN newsletters (in English) (in Spanish);
2. Read and ponder the transcripts of the public meetings held within and around the United Nations;

3. Search out the many articles, papers and materials in the United Nations section of the Aquarian Age Community website, including the section on The Spiritual Foundation of the United Nations and The United Nations and the Four Freedoms;

4. Subscribe to receive free e-mail alerts on subjects of interest to you from the UN News Service and UN Wire;

5. View and participate in the various UN meetings via webcast, many of which are interactive and welcome viewer comments and questions;

6. Inform yourself about the work of the United Nations and its many activities all around the world by visiting the UN website, “Welcome to the UN; It’s Your World,” which provides a portal to our world—in the six official languages of the UN;

7. Participate in the monthly Webinar meditation meetings and in using the weekly meditation (every Friday) on “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity.” (Inquire about the weekly meditation and click here to register for the December 16th Webinar.)

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the 20th anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights, which took place from 14-25 June 1993, in Vienna, Austria.

The Universal Declaration was adopted without a single dissenting vote, under the inspired leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt who, before the vote, accurately stated, “We stand today at the threshold of a great event both in the life of the United Nations and in the life of mankind.” The World Conference in Vienna crystallized the principle that human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated. It committed States to the promotion and protection of all human rights for all people, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems.

Now, in keeping with the theme and energies of the Sagittarius Solar Festival, with which we are working this month, it is time to envision and marshal the necessary political will, financial resources and treaty body reforms that will make this holistic vision of human rights a reality for all.

Under the influence of the sign of Sagittarius and its attending energies, human ambition can be transformed into spiritual aspiration. When this stage in the evolution of a human being is attained, the arrow of aspiration reappears as the “returning arrow of the intuition,” providing deeper insights and a clearer understanding about how the envisioned goal may be achieved.
Under the influence of this sign, the disciple has the opportunity to finally “direct his steps into another way of life and with ardour firm” to find him/herself moving forward on that long, evolutionary journey upon which each individual must sooner or later embark.

Will you join in meditation as we ponder the esoteric keynote of Sagittarius and its meaning to the spiritual work of the United Nations and the liberation of humanity? The esoteric keynote of this sign: “I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another.”

Because of the renovations that are part of the UN Capital Master Plan, since June of this year, 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.

This month’s meeting will be held on Monday, December 16th from Noon until 1:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern Standard Time on the second day of preparation for the Sagittarius Solar Festival, which falls on Tuesday, December 17th at 4:28 a.m. U.S. Eastern Standard Time.

Please register at the following webpage: https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/659100519

As usual, the first half hour will include a brief introduction, a guided group meditation, using the meditation outline, “The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity” 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 weekly, every Friday.

The new Diamond Light will be posted later in the month. For those who may be interested, you may wish to refer to the index of past newsletters (in English). At this time of the year, you might find of special interest the issue on “Growing the Light on Planet Earth in the Age of Aquarius” (in English).

You are invited to ponder the quote of the month, which is posted on the first of every month, accompanied by a stunning photograph of the cosmic landscape in which we live and move and have our being.

Thank you for working with the videos in the Aquarian Age Community YouTube channel as well as with the video under the heading of Reconciliation and the Healing of the Nations. Your continued support and help in circulating these videos is welcome and deeply appreciated.
We look forward to your participation in the upcoming Webinar (in English) on Monday, 16 December at Noon, U.S. Eastern Standard Time:
https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/910875447

The first Webinar Meditation Meeting of the New Year will take place on Wednesday, 15 January 2014 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST when we will observe the Capricorn Solar Festival. Please register here:
https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/442281303

All subsequent meetings for 2014 will be posted here by the end of December:
http://www.aquaac.org/un/medmtgs.html#dates

We appreciate and are deeply grateful for your interest and participation in this work and all the support many of you have given over the years. The Agni Yoga wisdom tells us that “supreme above the flames of other offerings is the fire of gratitude” (Agni Yoga, 83). If that is the case, our flames burn brightly: allow us to offer a humble, heartfelt and fiery “thank you.”

We leave you with what we hope will be an inspiring thought from Supermundane I:

We can affirm that each one's successful approaches to Us over the course of centuries bears results. We know how to be grateful; this quality of gratitude is indispensable in Our Abode. Each affirmation of Brotherhood brings its good harvest. All assistance to Our Work is appreciated, and each well-intentioned mention of the Brotherhood is remembered. In Our Ashrams records of such good deeds are kept. We like to record each kind smile, and Our disciples know how to rejoice at each kind word about the Brotherhood. No one can forcibly teach such radiant joy. No one can order gratitude. Only a broadened consciousness can indicate where more good can be done. (33)

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas, Light- and Love-filled Holidays, and a Joyous and Propitious New Year which will bring the best that is yet to be!

In the Joy of shared planetary service,

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