



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

Working for the Liberation of Humanity within the United Nations

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The tests and difficulties and pains of this era are symptoms or indications of the "entering into manifestation" of the new civilisation and culture. They portend the birth of the new era for which the entire world waits.

The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul in [Esoteric Astrology](#) by Alice A. Bailey

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS [ARE] DETERMINED to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Preamble to the [Charter of the United Nations](#)

Dear Friends,

On October 24, 1945—the day that today is observed as United Nations Day, *The New York Times* featured a picture of President Harry S. Truman signing the *United Nations Charter*. On the following Day, the *Times* quoted the then, U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes who referred to the *Charter* as “part of the law of nations.” He also said that October 24th was “a memorable day for the peace-loving peoples of all nations,” but he also warned that peace depended upon the will of the peoples for peace rather than upon documents.

Many of the same tensions and conflicts which existed in 1945 are unfortunately yet with us today and many there are to denigrate the work of this organization for not having yet lived up to the objectives specified within its Charter.

Looking at the situation from the deeper perspective of the esoteric wisdom, we realize that the existence of the United Nations is a pinnacle of Light and Hope in humanity's violent history. It exists in defiance of the ancient and inherited ideas which have controlled humanity for centuries and which yet threaten to inflict destruction and anarchy.

These dark and regressive ideas include aggression for the sake of possession and the authority of one individual, group, church or nation forcefully dominating others. Universal and ancient selfishness, materialism, individual, group and national pride—all have fueled a sense of separateness and the penchant for aggressive and selfish domination.

Although these ancient and inherited ideas have been challenged throughout history and are today being challenged by an increasingly growing number of selfless and dedicated planetary servers within the many leadership positions at the United Nations, they are yet proving intractably powerful.

On the one hand, we have those individuals and groups who are working for the Common Good, seeking and striving to implement spiritual values and to actualize the objectives of the United Nations; on the other hand, we have those who oppose the Forces of Light, bringing chaos and conflict into our world—most notably in recent times into the world economy and the world's religions, evoking the hatred, anger and terrorism of the day.

The result of these dueling forces is the external chaos that is extant everywhere.

The first result of all the constant turmoil has been to shift the focus of human attention on to the mental plane and thereby nearer to the sources of light and love.

“We come together at a critical moment,” said Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on November 3rd at the International Labour Organization's (ILO) 2011 Labour Summit in Cannes, France. “To get out of this mess, we need a revolution in our thinking.”

One such revolutionary idea that has been gaining momentum over the years is the adoption of basic income security for everyone on the planet. This idea was given greater viability when on 27 October, the ILO released a report, Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization, which outlines the conclusions and recommendations of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group chaired by Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women and convened by the ILO with the collaboration of the World Health Organization (WHO).

A social protection floor ensures that no one lives below a certain income level and everyone has access to essential public services, such as water, sanitation, health and education.

The esoteric wisdom affirms the fact that the Kingdom of God must function on Earth; it must be externalized and it need not be some distant point of wishful thinking, but should condition man's daily life and control all his planning for the future. (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 339)

Dag Hammarskjöld famously echoed this idea in his description of the shaft of light striking the “shimmering surface of solid rock” within his dedication of the UN Meditation

Room: “in the middle of the room we see a symbol of how, daily, the light of the skies gives life to the earth on which we stand, a symbol to many of us of how the light of the spirit gives life to matter.”

It is an eternal law that man cannot be redeemed by a power external to himself—a truth avowed by the Lord Buddha who taught that it is a privilege to be born as a human being because it offers the rare opportunity of liberation through one’s own decisive effort, through a “turning-about in the deepest seat of consciousness,” as the Lankavatara Sutra puts it.

Thus, these newsletters highlight the fact that each monthly solar festival meditation provides humanity the opportunity to direct itself towards a more inclusive and deeper understanding of the Spiritual Way.

During these monthly Solar Festival periods the full strength of the energies conditioning the qualifying sign pour into our planetary life. Each sign of the zodiac represents a key quality, or qualities necessary for the evolution of humanity. Thus, the twelve zodiacal signs constitute a revelation of divinity, fostering the cultivation of divine characteristics and their development in humankind. They represent a means of bringing about relationship among the spiritual realms of consciousness, elucidating the relationship of the Whole to the part and of the part to the Whole.

For example, this month’s sign of Scorpio brings in the quality of triumph through struggle. Its esoteric keynote is “Warrior I am and from the battle I [the Soul] emerge triumphant.”

It may here be helpful to recollect that Scorpio presents humanity with “points of crisis” and “moments of reorientation.” The keynotes of this sign are test, trial and triumph. When the multiple tests are met and successfully resolved, the result is twofold: the establishing of right relations with the soul and also with the environment. It is in this sign that the prodigal son comes to himself, and having eaten of the husks of life and having exhausted the resources of worldly desire and ambition, he says: “I will arise and go to my Father.” In Scorpio, it is the revelation of the vision of liberation and service that matters above all else.

It was under the sign of Scorpio, the United Nation’s own sun sign, that the redesigned UN Meditation Room was opened and dedicated on November 11, 1957.

Will you gather your thoughts—either in person or subjectively within this meditation room to participate in this month’s Scorpio Solar Festival meditation meeting to help bring about the liberation of humanity into a more evolved, spiritual way of life?

As in past months, the meeting will take place at Noon on Thursday, November 10th. 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.

The meditation is based on the six-fold progression of divine love. If you need a copy, 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 the same day as the meditation meeting, Thursday, November 10th at 3:16 p.m. and two days after (right release and distribution of the spiritual energy contacted in service to humanity and the planet).

For further information, see the on-line flyer on Solar Festival Meditations. The last remaining meditation meeting date for 2011, posted on this web page, will take place next month on Friday, December 9th.

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.

In loving planetary service,

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