



The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity
Forging the New Civilization and Culture
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Within the United Nations is the germ and the seed of a great international and meditating, reflective group—a group of thinking and informed men and women in whose hands lies the destiny of humanity...Their point of meditative focus is the intuitional or buddhic plane.

The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul in *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, p. 220

On this road from conflict and emotion to reconciliation in this final hymn of praise, Beethoven [in his Ninth Symphony] has given us a confession and a credo which we, who work within and for this Organization, may well make our own. We take part in the continuous fight between conflicting interests and ideologies which so far has marked the history of mankind, but we may never lose our faith that the first movements one day will be followed by the fourth movement. In that faith we strive to bring order and purity into chaos and anarchy. Inspired by that faith we try to impose the laws of the human mind and of the integrity of the human will on the dramatic evolution in which we are all engaged and in which we all carry our responsibility.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld Remarks at his last
United Nations Day concert in the UN General Assembly, 24 October 1960

Dear Friends,

The esoteric wisdom has eternally held out a vision of enlightened laws and precepts superseding the practices of the current times of any age. It is explained that the flawed present, with its rampant suffering and injustice, is but a reflection of the

maya, glamour and illusion blinding humanity and binding it to the lower levels of consciousness, wherein pain provides the impetus for that upward struggle through dark and unredeemed matter. As the above United Nations Day keynote quote indicates, as participants in a shared and dramatic evolution, each of us are called upon to strive towards harmony and purity in order to overcome the existing chaos and conflict.

It is from the Mount of Vision, so-called, that spiritual seekers become aware of that harmonious beauty, glory and reasoned justice that lies just beyond the horizon, wherein human beings can begin to grasp the next evolutionary peak of attainment as they realize those higher precepts and enlightened cosmic laws, which when practiced, would transform the daily life.

When sincere striving, due diligence and the capacity of the spiritual worker to stand firm in suffering have yielded the requisite compassion, clarity and understanding, the awakening seeker begins to recognize that humanity is not living an uncharted life; that there is a Loving Plan and motivating spiritual Purpose behind the often seeming madness of the daily life. Recognition comes of the Hierarchy of fiery Guardians of Light Who eternally stand behind humanity, urging them towards the Light Supernal and thus, urging the planetary life forward.

Whereas in the Middle Ages of history, and earlier, it was the churches and the schools of philosophy which provided the major avenues of expression for the spiritual life, today the attention has shifted into the fields of world-wide education and the engendering of an enlightened public opinion and in those activities related to good governance.

People everywhere are today awakening to the fact that spirituality must be expressed in the day-to-day life and that the objective forms of the daily life must be transformed and transfigured in order to allow for that spiritual expression.

Being the universal meeting place of the nation states of the world and also the home of “we, the peoples,” through this meditation initiative and in these monthly e-newsletters, we have sought to bring awareness of the transcendent spiritual purpose that guides the “little wills of men”—and indeed, stands behind and inspires the “spiritual work of the United Nations and the liberation of humanity.”

Every year on the occasion of United Nations Day (October 24th), along with countless others, we pause to recollect the origins of the United Nations and the cosmic spiritual impulse standing behind its creation. For this occasion, this year, the UN

Department of Public Information (DPI) produced a [short video animation](#) (1:41) in the six languages of the United Nations, featuring images and messages depicting how daily, the UN tackles global challenges.

We have often featured the inspired poem, *[The Song of the Seraph of San Francisco](#)*, written by Mary Esther Crump during the organizational meetings of the United Nations which convened in San Francisco, California in 1945 and brought attention to her recognition of the UN as part of a cosmic plan implemented on behalf of the “Family of Man.”

In this current newsletter, we also wish to feature and ask you to meditatively reflect on the full text of the very last [UN Day talk](#) given by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld on 24 October 1960, eleven months before his plane crashed over Ndola on 17 September 1961. On that particular UN Day, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was played in its entirety in the General Assembly. Clicking on the photograph accompanying the [text of that talk](#), will bring up several other historical photos, and if you scroll to the bottom of the web page, you will be able to listen to an extract of Mr. Hammarskjöld’s address delivered in his own voice.

As he explains,

When the Ninth Symphony opens, we enter a drama full of harsh conflict and dark threats. But the composer leads us on, and in the beginning of the last movement we hear again the various themes repeated, now as a bridge toward a final synthesis. A moment of silence and a new theme is introduced—the theme of reconciliation and joy in reconciliation. A human voice is raised in rejection of all that has preceded and we enter the dreamt kingdom of peace. New voices join the first and mix in a jubilant assertion of life and all that it gives us when we meet it, joined in faith and human solidarity.

Ever symbolizing the directional pull towards the “final synthesis” which alone can yield the longed for “joy in reconciliation,” is the silent but evocative [Foucault pendulum](#) strategically placed outside of the UN Meditation Room and suspended from the ceiling of the General Assembly Lobby, outside of the General Assembly Hall. This [Pendulum](#), a gift from the Netherlands to the United Nations in 1955, gives visual proof of the rotation of the Earth. It serves as a striking reminder of the relationship existing between the United Nations in which it is housed, and our planet Earth to Polaris, the directional star, also known as the "[north star](#)," aligned with the Earth's axis of rotation.

Within the esoteric wisdom, Polaris, "the Star of Direction," governs that highest realm of consciousness on Planet Earth known as Shamballa—the place of Divine Purpose and "the place of serene determination and of poised quiescent will," as the *Old Commentary* expresses it. (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 314)

All of this is to say that if spiritually aligned, and realizing its Soul-inspired objective to practice right relations on a planetary scale, the United Nations can be responsive to Divine Purpose. As the UN astrological chart indicates, because the United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945, the United Nations' sun sign is Scorpio and thus, the esoteric keynote for this sign is especially significant to its work: "Warrior I am, and from the battle I [the Soul] emerge triumphant."

Esoteric Astrology informs us that the sign of Scorpio in our current stage of evolution governs the Path of Discipleship and influences the turning point in the life of the individual and of humanity. As a result of the many tests, which the energies of this sign evoke, the individual and humanity as a whole reach a turning point through which the problems of the tests can only be solved by the use of the reasoning mind, under the inspiration of the Soul's directional will and purpose. These tests, pains and difficulties portend the birth of the new era wherein old identifications yield to a focus on higher, subtler and more spiritual identifications; wherein the urge towards liberation and the desire to tread the Path of Return—of spirituality, are triumphant.

But because of its free will, humanity, as ever, must choose its own direction.

In the insightful words of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, will we embrace the joy of peace and reconciliation; or, will we insist on war, conflict and chaotic retribution? Will humanity and the United Nations turn towards the northern star of spiritual Purpose or will we stay mired in the flawed present, with its rampant suffering and injustice?

Will you join in meditation to support the triumph of the Soul and provide energy to the spiritual purpose that seeks to "guide the little wills of men"?

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 Friday, November 15th from Noon until 1:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern Standard Time on the first day of preparation for the Scorpio Solar Festival, which this month falls on Sunday, November 17th at 10:16 a.m.

Please register at the following webpage:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/659100519>

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, not only this Friday, but weekly, every Friday.

You are invited to ponder the quote of the month, which is posted on the first of every month, accompanied by a 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). Registration is required for each of the two remaining meetings in 2013, which begin promptly at Noon and end at 1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Standard Time:

Friday, November 15/Scorpio - <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/659100519>

Monday, Dec. 16/Sagittarius - <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/910875447>

In the Joy of shared planetary service,

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