



The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity
Steadfastly Leading the Human Family towards the Ways of Peace and Progress
September (Virgo Solar Festival) 2013

We can only remind you about the law, but free will must choose its way.

[Supemundane I](#), par. 229, Agni Yoga Society, NY

It is humanity which determines its own destiny. Disciples point the way, indicate the vision, set a needed example and emphasise the ancient landmarks.

[Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II](#), p. 68

Many observers regard the international community's divisions and immobility as a failure of the responsibility to protect. But this critique misses the mark. The concept itself is not to blame. Its scope is clear, encompassing the four crimes. And its intent is noble: to protect people....Notwithstanding [the wide range of protection measures undertaken]...our collective failure to prevent atrocity crimes in Syria over the past two and a half years will remain a heavy burden on the standing of the United Nations and its Member States.

[Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, General Assembly, Informal Interactive Dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention, 11 September 2013](#)
[Webcast Video](#) and [Text](#) of the Remarks

Dear Friends,

At this time of writing this monthly newsletter, along with many in the world, we too are transfixed and horrified by the unfolding human crisis, with Syria at its epicenter. The nightmarish atrocities that have left 100,000 people dead and millions displaced truly are a stain on our collective conscience, as described by Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in his [report of the United Nations work in 2013](#).

As he points out within that report, “the costs of war are measured not only in lives lost but in economies and infrastructures shattered, previous historical sites ruined, fragile social bonds sundered and an entire region destabilized with potentially lasting consequences.”

The horror of Syria in 2013, the complexity of the issues involved and the stark realization that over the last two and one-half years, the world community has been stymied by this escalating crisis, caused one reporter in *The New York Times* to refer to Syria as today’s “world capital of human suffering.”

On 22 August 2011, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic was given the mandate to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Commission was also tasked with establishing the facts and circumstances that may amount to such violations and of the crimes perpetrated and, where possible, to identify those responsible with a view of ensuring that perpetrators of violations, including those that may constitute crimes against humanity, are held accountable.

The summary report presented at the 24th session of the Human Rights Council this past Wednesday (September 11), offers a chilling account of gross violations of human rights, war crimes of torture, hostage-taking, murder, execution without due process, rape and attacking protected objects and pillage.

Having conducted 258 interviews, the report describes the Syrian Arab Republic as a battlefield, with its cities and towns suffering relentless shelling and sieges. Massacres, the report states, “are perpetrated with impunity,” and the result is an untold number of Syrians having disappeared.

Providing devastating details of attacks on many cities in Syria, including unconscionable attacks on hospitals, health-care facilities and schools, the report provides testimony indicating that the perpetrators of these violations and crimes, on all sides, acted in defiance of international law. “They do not fear accountability,” states the report, which calls a “referral to justice, imperative.”

Opening the Human Rights Council’s 24th Session in Geneva on 10 September, Navi Pillay, the High Commissioner for Human Rights chastised the international community for being “late, very late” in acting to stop the violence in Syria. She said, “This is no time for powerful states to continue to disagree on the way forward....or for geopolitical interests to override the legal and moral obligation to save lives by bringing this conflict to an end.” Ms. Pillay also repeated the exclamations of many: “The use of chemical weapons has long been identified as one of the gravest crimes that can be committed!”

Both Ms. Pillay and the Commission of Inquiry report emphasize the need for a political solution, outlined and listed within the reports' "recommendations".

Although this crisis has been addressed in various UN meetings and UN bodies since its inception, the recent threat of U.S. military action seems to have opened new possibilities for a political solution within the UN Security Council. As of the writing of this newsletter, cautious hope has been expressed by world leaders and in the halls of the UN.

As the spiritual community strives to bring healing and solution to what has been an intractable and lethal impasse, it is helpful to consider the underlying causes of these recent crimes against humanity—crimes that, given humanity's pledge to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war," are the shame of humanity.

We are reminded in the Intermediate Teachings of the Ageless Wisdom as presented by the Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul within the books authored by Alice A. Bailey that "war is, factually, a great explosion of energies and forces, generated on the inner planes where the esotericist ought to be working (but is seldom to be found), and finding its dire and catastrophic expression upon the physical plane." (*Education in the New Age*, p. 63)

The Tibetan Master continues,

"When the inner, esoteric and predisposing causes of war are discovered through esoteric research, then war and wars will come to an end." He adds, "this is in the nature of truly esoteric work, but is scorned by present day esotericists who regard themselves as spiritually superior to such affairs and—in their ivory tower—concentrate on their own development, plus a little philosophy." (*Education in the New Age*, pp. 63-64).

Along these same lines, in the second volume of *Supermundane*, the Agni Yoga wisdom succinctly reminds us, "Until the vices that obstruct peace are eradicated, true peace will not be possible." (par. 319) And, in the book, *AUM*, he asks, "Can the inhabitants of Earth sleep in peace while somewhere human dignity is abased to a beastlike condition? Can people boast of enlightenment when they know that full rights do not exist?" (par. 418)

The peace that must be sought is a peace based on right human relations; a peace that is the natural *outcome* and expression of a Soul-infused humanity. To further clarify, we know that when the disciple/initiate is striving towards Soul integration, he/she experiences one crisis after another. Obstacles upon obstacles present themselves and all that which does not resonate to the higher spiritual energies of the Soul wreaks havoc in the personal life.

It is towards this progressive peace that humanity is today moving. It is a peace that is the *effect* of spiritual understanding and right human relations. It is a peace based not on the emotional wish life, but one that is the result of Soul response; a peace that is the result of the Will-to-Good, which establishes a new rhythm and frequency, as it uplifts the quality of all life.

Just as the Soul creates a great tension in the individual life when it is awakened and begins to radiate its powerful energies into the individual life, so it is for the center humanity who is preparing for a transformation of consciousness. If humanity, can accept, realize and assimilate the spiritual energies attempting to enter the daily life, proactively engage in the purification and redemption of age-old habits that no longer serve the Common Good, then truly, humanity will be able to experience a life of peace and progress such as has hitherto never been possible on this planet.

Adding another and related layer of understanding to the current Syrian crisis, the Ageless Wisdom explains that two ancient and inherited ideas have both enthralled and imprisoned humanity. These are (1) aggression for the sake of possession and (2) authority of one individual, group or church over others. Clearly obvious in the current situation, these ancient ideas—which must become relics of the past, are fueled by selfish ambition and a violently imposed aggressive and authoritarian rule.

Countering these regressive forces are the enlightened forces of spiritual purpose embodied in the will to protect the rights of others, to end aggression and its consequent fear, and to throw the weight of their combined influence on to the side of human freedom and right relations within humanity and among the various kingdoms of Life. These progressive forces embodying the principles of goodwill, sharing, cooperation and responsibility stand for progress, unity and wholeness.

It is these beneficent forces that the founders of the United Nations sought to advance when they called for the abandonment of the use of force; the creation of a permanent system of general security and a world-wide collaboration to promote improved living standards for all people everywhere.

It is at this juncture that the work of the spiritually awakened becomes pivotal, essential and critical. Spiritually awakened servers of the race can inspire and catalyze those within the family of nations who recognize their shared values and shared responsibilities for the welfare of the planet, thus awakening into fuller activity an aspect of human nature which is always present but which has hitherto been subordinated to selfish or ambitious ends.

We are informed that when the "little wills" of the world's leading intellectuals, of those who serve the public in some capacity or other, and those above all who are working in some connection with the United Nations, become strengthened, stimulated and focussed on goodwill, then, the union of the two energies of Love-Wisdom and of spiri-

tual Will can bring about the needed changes in the planetary life. That is, “the present world crisis could be shortened if the spiritually minded people lived up to their inner belief and knowledge.” (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 325)

This month we are aided in our work of planetary redemption by the sign of Virgo and its attendant energies. The esoteric wisdom tells us that the note which embodies the truth as to the mission of Virgo most accurately is “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Here, “Christ” refers to the energy of the soul, the energy of Love-Wisdom.

In Virgo, the purpose for which form life exists begins to be realised and the desire for personality satisfaction begins to change and the desire of man for interior recognition of the indwelling Christ principle, the Soul, begins to assume increasing control until the inner spiritual reality is eventually released from the thralldom of matter and becomes manifest in its own true nature in the world. (*Esoteric Astrology*, pp. 259-260)

“Virgo symbolises depths, darkness, quiet and warmth; it is the valley of deep experience wherein secrets are discovered and eventually ‘brought to light’; it is the place of slow, gentle and yet powerful crises and periodic developments which take place in the dark and yet which lead to light.” Virgo, we are told, “stands for the ‘womb of time’ wherein God’s plan (the mystery and the secret of the ages) is slowly matured and—with pain and discomfort and through struggle and conflict—brought into manifestation at the end of the appointed time.” (*Esoteric Astrology*, p. 260)

Will you join us in this healing, meditative planetary work as we ponder the esoteric keynote for this sign of Virgo: “I am the Mother and the Child, I God, I matter am” as it relates to The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity?

Because of the renovations that are part of the UN Capital Master Plan, 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. Please inquire if you have questions.

This month’s meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18 from Noon until 1:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time on the day before the exact day of the Virgo Solar Festival, which occurs at 7:13 a.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Registration is required and accessible via the following web page link:
Wednesday, September 18/Virgo -
<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/464281303>

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, which we encourage you to also use weekly, every Friday, is available upon request.

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.

Once again, we also call your attention to the *Diamond Light* newsletter that now includes the posting of an accompanying Letter to the readers of the newsletter.

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 working with and circulating these videos is welcome and deeply appreciated.

We will look forward to your participation and contributions in the upcoming Webinar (in English). Please see below for registration for the remaining meetings in 2013. You will also find a selected list of important events at the UN during this month of September.

In loving and shared planetary service,

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Registration Links for 2013 Monthly UN Meditation Meetings via Webinar

All meetings will begin promptly at noon (12:00 p.m.) and end at 1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Registration for each meeting is required. We look forward to your participation and contributions.

Wednesday, September 18/Virgo :

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/464281303>

Friday, October 18/Libra:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/259580079>

Friday, November 15/Scorpio:

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

Monday, December 16/Sagittarius:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/910875447>

Selected Important Events at the United Nations during the Month of September:

General Assembly: High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, Friday, September 06, 2013

Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United States President John F. Kennedy's Historic Last Speech at the United Nations, Thursday, 12 September 2013

Opening of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Tuesday, 17 September 2013 (Live Webcast)

General Debate of the General Assembly, 24 September - 4 October (Live Webcast)

Video: The United Nations General Assembly; It's Your General Assembly

High-level meeting, General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament, Thursday, 26 September 2013

(Live Webcast)

General Assembly Special Event: Towards Achieving the Millennium Development Goals, 25 September 2013 (Live Webcast)