



World Goodwill

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A regular bulletin highlighting the energy of goodwill in world affairs

HERALDS OF GOODWILL

IN THIS ISSUE, the focus is on news which reveals the distinctive note of goodwill. This type of news shows that Humanity, in spite of its many challenges, can move towards a better and more inclusive future. The approach of the mainstream media might lead us to conclude that the only events that matter are either violent conflicts of some kind, or concern the personal lives of the rich and famous; and that what is most interesting in both cases is what is going wrong. And while there may occasionally gleam forth from this turbulent sea a brief sign of the importance of reconciliation, of the triumph of the human soul over adversity, this gleam is all too swiftly hidden by the onrush of new controversies or "sensations". So there is a great need for news organisations which focus on a positive, creative approach to human problems.

Why is this kind of news important? It is not to create a facile optimism that isn't based in reality. Nor is it only so we can feel relief from the depressing fare offered by most news sources. This goodwill news offers us a sense of the true potential of Humanity, of its ceaseless creativity in the face of obstacles. It renews our faith in the unconquerable nature of the spirit. It puts us in touch with universal values of justice, truth and beauty. It lifts us out of the narrow confines of our own selfish desires, and helps us to focus on the needs of others. It gives us fresh ideas for our own service, and encourages us to do more, and to do it better. And, viewed as a whole, goodwill news from many different

fields of service can begin to give us a sense of the true meaning and purpose of planetary events and processes. In other words, such news can begin to reveal the faint outlines of the evolutionary Plan held within the Divine Mind, a Plan with which Humanity is intended to cooperate.

It is, above all, news that concerns world service, in both idea and action. World service and the United Nations will be discussed in our next issue. And in the issue after that, we will be looking more closely at the idea and ideal of group service to the world, a thought that has been extended to the point where all who are engaged in world service are seen as forming one great group in consciousness, the new group of world servers. But for now, let's note that every individual who resonates with the ideal of world service, and who sets out, either alone or together with others, to do something in their surroundings, becomes by that act an agent of goodwill, and an apt subject for those who convey goodwill news.

The act of conveying goodwill news is a service in itself. The publications and organisations we are profiling in this issue are, needless to say, only a fraction of the many that exist. Each one offers its own unique perspective on the world, and the vast challenges that Humanity still faces: and each one includes approaches to solving one or other aspect of these challenges. So in their sum total, while they may not include every significant act of world service, they do present - in broad outline - an agenda for renewing the world.

In this issue

**SPREADING THE
GOOD NEWS**

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We hope that our readers are already familiar with some of the publications in this issue, and that they are encouraged to make the acquaintance of others. We can all benefit from the widening of our horizons,

for in doing so we open both mind and heart to the needs of Humanity, and can play our part in meeting those needs.

GOODWILL IS...the reality behind every "good news" headline.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Shift: At the Frontiers of Consciousness was formerly known as *IONS Noetic Sciences Review*. The magazine's goal is to communicate "...the Institute's mission of exploring ways of knowing and being that open us to transformations in our beliefs, values, and actions. *Shift* articles engage, challenge, and inspire both scientific and lay readers to expand perceptions of what is real and what is possible".

The March-May 2005 issue of *Shift* focuses on the various aspects of creativity. IONS' Senior Scientist, Dean Adin, Ph.D., wrote an article on the fact that creative people have a greater tendency to believe in the paranormal ("Creative or Defective?"). After conducting research to test hypotheses regarding predictors of belief in the paranormal/transpersonal experiences, Dr. Adin suggests that "...maybe the reason that creative people report higher levels of belief in the paranormal is that they see things that others don't." This idea is supported by a study of *latent inhibition* conducted in 2003 by psychologists at Harvard University and at the University of Toronto. Dr. Adin describes latent inhibition as "...an important perceptual function in our brains. It allows us to talk on a phone, sip coffee, and drive a car on a busy highway, all at the same time and without a second thought..." He concludes by saying that: "People who believe in the transpersonal are not necessarily ignorant, mentally deficient, or deprived. They just see farther into the depths of the world than 'normal' people do..."

IONS membership includes a subscription to *Shift* magazine as well as event discounts and opportunities to participate in community group activities. An additional fee is required for regular memberships outside the U.S. or Canada. SHIFT, Institute of Noetic Sciences, 101 San Antonio Road, Petaluma, CA 94952 USA. Tel: +1-877-769-4667; Web: www.noetic.org.

What is Enlightenment? (*WIE*) describes itself as "not just a spiritual magazine." Instead *WIE* seeks to provide "...a new perspective to politics, business, science, the arts, and the environment." Additionally, "...*WIE* is about finding new ways to think: new answers to the difficult questions that are the challenge of our moment in history. Those answers, we strongly believe, can only be found by looking freshly at the emerging reality around us,

without relying on older solutions that were sufficient for simpler problems."

In the Nov.'04-Feb.'05 issue, *WIE* explored the meaning of spirituality in the 21st century. Featured articles included the making of a movie based on James Redfield's book, *The Celestine Prophecy*, exploration of the mystical traditions of the Jewish Kabbalah and a pilgrimage to the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions in Barcelona. Additionally, this issue continued the series of interviews with the noted philosopher, Ken Wilber. In the seventh series dialogue, *WIE* founder Andrew Cohen and Ken Wilber seek answers to: "How does significant change occur? Must the old and familiar be completely rejected for a new possibility to be born?"

What is Enlightenment? is published quarterly. What Is Enlightenment?, PO Box 9010, Maple Shade, NJ 08052-9710 USA. Tel: +1-888-837-7739 (USA); +44-(0)20-7288-7000 (UK); Web: www.wie.org

For a Change is published by Initiatives of Change, formerly known as Moral Re-Armament. It was also known as the Oxford Group prior to World War II. Initiatives of Change considers itself "an international movement," that is active in 60 countries. Its goal is to work "...for moral and spiritual renewal in all areas of life." *Initiatives of Change* was started by Frank Buchman, an American Lutheran minister of Swiss descent, who believed that world change must start with individuals.

For a Change magazine projects its parent company's mission by focusing on "...how to make it (change) happen and how to live it..." Specifically, *For a Change* believes "...that what happens inside people has an effect on the world around them. At the heart of global change lies change in the human heart. We draw our material from a wide range of sources... We give a voice to people all over the world who are making a difference. We invite our readers to join them. Your stories are our stories." Feature articles cover history, relationships and community. *For a Change* "...seeks to close the circle between faith and action, action and faith." It is designed for people who seek to make a difference in the lives of others and in their local communities. Featured articles give personal and local perspectives of national and

international issues. A recent issue (Dec/Jan '05) included an historical review of the mid-20th century U. S. civil rights movement along with personal reflections written by a former segregationist. *For a Change's* NewsDesk reported that in Sydney Australia, over 1,500 people participated in community meetings aimed at initiating dialogues between Christians and Muslims.

Sister publications include *Changer* (French) and *Caux-Information* (German). *For a Change* is published six times a year. For a Change, FAC Subscriptions, 2 The Orchard, Acomb, Hexham, NE46 4SZ. Tel: +44- (0)1434-603687; Web: www.forachange.co.uk

Yes! Magazine. "The Positive Futures Network (PFN) and its publication *YES!* magazine start with the belief that we need deep change if we are to avoid the breakdown of society and the natural world. Our hope lies in the fact that millions of people around the world are creating the needed changes in their homes, communities, work places, and nations...We spotlight the creative work occurring in the U.S. and around the world, and encourage everyone, young and old, and from all communities, to be part of a powerful process of change."

In 2001, *Utne Reader* cited *Yes!* as "...the best alternative publication for social and cultural coverage."

Yes! uses a theme for each issue with the intention of providing ideas and practical approaches to social concerns. The Winter 2005 issue focused on healing and resistance (e.g., grassroots resistance resulting from the 2004 presidential election of George Bush; healing efforts directed at U. S. veterans returning home from the Iraq War).

Yes! Magazine is published quarterly. Yes! Magazine, Positive Futures Network, P.O. Box 10818, Bainbridge Island, WA. 98110-0818 USA. Tel: +1-800/937-4451; Web: www.yesmagazine.org

The Washington Spectator. This publication is a newsletter published by Public Concern Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan corporation. *The Washington Spectator's* objectives are to provide its readers with "behind-the-scenes insight into significant news that is ignored by the corporate media.... scour the big dailies, the newsweeklies, the foreign press, and specialist magazines to pull together vital information on major issues of the day, and strip it of the distortions of the spin controllers." The editors and their experts analyze the actions of those in the Federal and State branches of government as well as the actions of those in the financial sector.

The February 1, 2005 issue of *The Washington Spectator* provided insights regarding the need for greater honesty in news coverage. For example: "The website www.factcheck.org ...cites a study by the non-partisan

American Academy of Actuaries that says unquestioning news reports quoting the president's warning that Social Security is 'going bust' are likely to mislead the public into believing that the system 'is in far worse financial condition than is actually indicated.' We don't see enough of that kind of honesty in the press."

The Washington Spectator is published biweekly. The Washington Spectator, P.O. Box 20065, New York, NY 10011 USA. Tel: +1-212-741-2365; Web: www.washingtonspectator.com

Ode. The publishers of *Ode* recall that: "The founders ...dreamed of making an international magazine that could be read in various languages. Which is why they opted for a title that means the same thing in many languages: 'ode' is a song of praise. And the magazine is an ode to new thoughts and courageous visions that put familiar issues in a new perspective."

Ode's focus is on the "other stories" that are not always reported in mainstream news. Stories about justice, respect and equality "...that bridge the gap between thinking and doing, between rage and hope, and the painful gap between the rich and poor."

The January/February 2005 issue of *Ode* includes a major article on the need to hold corporations liable for misdeeds: "The Idea of the Year – Take away corporations' privilege to offer shareholders limited financial liability." The article suggests that traditional laws that protect corporations and their shareholders work against the interests of society when wrongdoing occurs. Specifically, "...as long as limited liability for shareholders remains the law, corporations will never fully embrace social responsibility...The transformation of the business community can begin only if the rules of business law are changed to include responsibilities for companies that go beyond ensuring profits for shareholders."

Another article (Who Owes Whom?) explains the concept of *ecological debt*: "...certain countries are getting richer because of damage to the environment and the social structure of other countries and it's high time those other countries were compensated." The article suggests that industrial countries should pay developing countries for ecological damage due to removal of natural resources (e.g., trees, oil, and minerals) and the dumping of hazardous waste.

Ode is a monthly magazine published in English, Dutch and Portuguese. Ode International Publishers B.V., P.O. Box 2402, 3000 CK Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +1-866-218-0400; +1-212-741-2365; Web: www.odemagazine.com

Kosmos Magazine. In June 2004, the Journal, *Spirituality & Reality: New Perspectives on Global Issues* was renamed *Kosmos: An Integral Approach to Global Awakening*. Its

mission is to be "...a leading edge international forum for birthing emergent planetary culture and civilization."

This magazine covers such topics as global governance in business, cultural values in the media, global spirituality, global activists and artists "who speak to the soul of humanity." Leading writers from each of these fields contribute articles to *Kosmos*. The Winter 2004 issue features an article by Dr. Jean Houston, founder of the Mystery School and co-founder of the Foundation for Mind Research, among her many accomplishments. Dr. Houston's article focuses on leadership, "The Social Artist – Leadership for the 21st century," in which she states: "Too many of the problems in societies today stem from leadership that is ill prepared to deal with the chaos and complexity of today's world where too much is happening too quickly." She goes on to discuss "...the art and science of transformation leadership, leadership that is one of the mysteries of the human as he or she lives a life of alignment, refinement and contact to the divine purposes and patterns of evolutionary possibilities." *Kosmos* is published semi-annually. *Kosmos Journal*, PO Box 2102, Lenox, MA 01240 USA. Web: www.kosmosjournal.org

Tikkun was launched in 1986 by the Institute for Labor and Mental Health "...as a way to educate the public about America's spiritual crisis and to pose a cure... In part, our goal has been to reshape American political and economic institutions according to a new bottom line of love and caring" called the Politics of Meaning.

In addition to these goals, *Tikkun* has a dual focus "...as the liberal alternative to the voices of Jewish conservatism and spiritual deadness in the Jewish world and as the spiritual alternative to the voices of materialism and selfishness in Western society. *Tikkun* provides a space for both affiliated and non-affiliated Jews who seek to renew their Judaism, and a space for Jews and non-Jews alike to shape a politics out of spiritual values."

Virtually every issue of *Tikkun* explores some aspect of the Israeli-Palestinian problem, always striving for a balanced, humane and inclusive point of view. That such a stance is not universally satisfactory is evident from the responses of readers' letters to the editor, but a lively, thoughtful debate is entertained. The views of *Tikkun* readers as well as those of the writers are expressed with forthrightness but free of separativeness and the bitter hatreds that too often cloud this issue. Rabbi Lerner and his staff are to be commended for their courageous attempts to bridge perhaps the most divisive issue of our time.

Tikkun is published bimonthly. *Tikkun Magazine*, Tikkun, 2342 Shattuck Avenue, #1200 Berkeley, CA 94704 USA. Tel:+1-510-644-1200; Web: www.tikkun.org

Orion Magazine. The Orion Society is a non-profit, membership organization. Its mission is "...to inform, inspire, and engage individuals and grassroots organizations in becoming a significant cultural force for healing nature and community." Membership dues include the cost of subscription to *Orion Magazine*.

Orion Magazine attempts "...to reconnect human culture with the natural world, blending scientific thinking with the arts, engaging the heart and mind, and striving to make clear what we all have in common..." Therefore, Orion presents works of poetry as well as articles about ecological issues.

The January/ February 2005 issue of Orion features an article by paleoclimatologist Peter deMenocal, who explores the exceptional risks associated with ignoring global warming. Using paleoclimate evidence and archeological data, deMenocal compares the societal impact of short duration droughts (e.g., the Dust Bowl of the 1930s) with megaduration droughts (10+ years). He believes that a megaduration drought led to the demise of the urbanized Mayan civilization. The collapse of the Mayans has implications for today's complex, urban societies because "...With global warming comes greater probabilities of 'climate surprises' – unexpected climate changes such as megadroughts, which would seriously challenge our ability to adapt..."

Orion Magazine is published bimonthly. The Orion Society, 187 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230 USA. Tel:+1-888/909-6568; Web: www.oriononline.org

The InterDependent (Published by the United Nations Association of the United States of America and the Business Council for the United Nations – UNA-USA/BCUN New York, NY)

The UNA-USA/BCUN describes itself as the "...largest grassroots foreign policy organization, with significant corporate outreach; leading center of policy research on the UN and global issues and supporter of the work of the UN ..." The organization has over 175 chapters and close to 20,000 members. Its 2005-2007 Strategic Plan includes the following Mission Statement: "To educate, mobilize and inspire Americans to support the principle and vital work of the United Nations, to strengthen the United Nations system, and to press for constructive United States leadership in that system."

The InterDependent is offered free to UNA-USA members. Membership is open to the public. The magazine provides highlights of USNA-USA activities and newsworthy articles pertaining to the UN. The cover story for the Winter 2004 issue, "The World Before Them," consists of interviews with leading UN development leaders Mark Malloch Brown, Jeffrey Sachs, and Paul Applegarth, and their thoughts about the goals that grew out of the Millennium Summit in 2000, specifically

“...to combat global poverty and reduce economic inequality through eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).”

UNA-USA membership includes quarterly issues of *The InterDependent* magazine as well as “monthly luncheon briefings with Ambassadors, top U.N. officials and CEOs; participation in U.N. inter-governmental conferences and BCUN roundtables; research, education and advice on strategic partnerships for business in the public sector; opportunities to meet and host U.N. Ambassadors from major emerging markets and industrialized nations in cities throughout the U.S. as part of our Ambassadors Across America Program.” The InterDependent, United Nations Association of the United States of America, 801 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10017 USA. Tel: +1-212-907-1300; Web: www.unausa.org

UN Chronicle (Published by the Outreach Division of the United Nations Department of Public Information.) This magazine covers a cross-section of UN activities and interests (e.g., human rights, the environment, education, development, disarmament, health). Each issue leads off with a copy of a recent address given by the Secretary General. In the September-November 2004 issue, the Chronicle provided Kofi Annan’s address at the 59th session of the General Assembly – “The Rule of Law Remains Elusive.” During this address, the Secretary General said: “...Throughout the world, the victims of violence and injustice are waiting; waiting for us to keep our word. They notice when laws that should protect them are not applied. I believe we can restore and extend the rule of law throughout the world. But, ultimately, that will depend on the hold that the law has on our consciences. This Organization was founded in the ashes of a war that brought untold sorrow to mankind. Today we must look again into our collective conscience and ask ourselves whether we are doing enough...”

The UN Chronicle is published quarterly in English and French. Editions in Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish are also available. UN Chronicle, United Nations Publications, Dept. 1036, P.O. Box 361, Birmingham, AL 35201-0361 USA. US or Canada: Tel: +1-800-633-4931; All other subscribers: +1-205-995-1567; Web: www.un.org/chronicle or www.un.org/french/pubs/chronique

Reporters of Hope is an association encouraging journalism as a whole to boldly investigate the other dimension of reality: initiatives, victories over fate, stubborn commitments, ignored progress, peace procedures, and long-term reconciliation, without encouraging facile optimism. Journalism often favours only one aspect of reality, whereas nothing is all black, and reality is made of different shades of light. The worst intermingles with the best, everywhere and forever. An excessive focus on darkness is a type of lie by omission, and this lie

is then hard to correct. On the other hand, excessive optimism may sound ridiculous. Positive information publicizes practical solutions and initiatives which address our current problems.

Reporters of Hope highlights the media’s role in current issues, namely:

- discovery and analysis of problems
- promotion of practical steps.

Courses of action:

Promoting positive information:

A Reporter of Hope Award is awarded by the French Foundation every year. The next evening performance takes place in spring 2005 at UNESCO. A Festival follows the next day where the public is invited to see the video reports nominated for the award, a panel with the author and the initiators of the idea, allowing the public to reflect on how to duplicate the process in their families, jobs, cities and countries.

Communicating:

The association edits a yearly magazine, available as of November 2004, grouping a series of articles previously published in different French newspapers on a variety of topics such as: economics, science-health-environment, culture-society, peace-humanitarian.

Provoking thought:

This is accomplished through workshops which reflect on positive information issues and promote positive values as incentives for economics and society. As of December 2004, journalists representing different enterprises will meet 2-3 times a year to share concerns, solutions and unite their skills on practical projects.

Facilitating:

In 2006, the association will have a database available to journalists where they will be able to find themes, portraits and reports. The aim is to become a positive information agency to be used by professionals and media. Association Reporters d’Espoirs, Tour Albert premier, 65-69 av de Colmar, 92507 Rueil Malmaison. Tel: +33-1-58-86-51-11; Email: contact@reportersdespoirs.org; Web: www.positive-network.org

Scientific Borders is an association whose members believe science should not be the prerogative of an elite. It has been exploring scientific borders for more than 20 years, keeping the general public informed on the state of being and becoming of the planet through a variety of investigations and events. The monthly editions explore society’s problems and challenges via an array of subjects (bioethics, technosciences, ecology, health-hazards, interdependent economy, fair-trade, etc.)

Readers can share their opinions and participate directly by writing their own articles. *Scientific Borders* is a monthly magazine whose aim is to follow, understand, anticipate and dream our world.

A yearly Festival is organised, with conferences, panels and discussions for those reflecting and working on a better world. This year's 21st edition was held in Marseille from February 2 to 5, 2005 and its topic was: *Let's anticipate the world*.

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Positive News emerged as a quarterly international alternative newspaper in 1993 under the direction of Shauna Crockett-Burrows. It aims to report on the people and events that are creating a more positive future for the world and its peoples.

With a circulation in excess of 75,000 copies worldwide and read by over 300,000 people, Positive News continues to expand. The paper networks by giving away thousands of copies of Positive News. The paper can also be obtained by annual subscription. Subscribers receive a free copy of 'Living Lightly', a full-colour 36-page magazine with each issue of the paper. Recent themes have included topics as diverse as: 'A Declaration of World Solidarity' launched by the Club of Budapest, following the devastating effect of the tsunami in south-east Asia, to reporting on the acceptance speech of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai in Oslo. Positive News actively reports on issues that contribute to "a new world organised on the principles of democracy and social justice; respect for diversity and the earth's natural resources; and a new definition of power."

Positive News Publishing Ltd (PNPL), a not-for-profit company located in the UK, publishes the UK edition of the newspaper. PNPL also supports several overseas editions around the world including the USA, Spain and shortly Hong Kong. The first online German edition appeared in September of last year.

In 1999, Positive News launched a website (www.positivenews.org.uk) "to provide regular up-to-date news stories, photos, views and analysis in a lively format, with the immediacy that you would expect of an online newspaper." The site also provides a series of audio programmes that can be listened to on suitably equipped computers. Positive News Publishing Ltd., Bicton Enterprise Centre, Clun, Shropshire, SY7 8NF, UK. Tel: +44-(0)1588-640022; Fax: +44-(0)1588-640033; Email: office@positivenews.org.uk

Resurgence founded in 1966 and edited, for over 30 years, by Satish Kumar, is a bi-monthly magazine bringing

its readers' news and views on topics such as, ecology, development, education, health, science, politics, art, culture and spirituality. Resurgence has been described as "...the leading international forum for ecological and spiritual thinking" whose ethos focuses on an environmentally and spiritually sustainable future. Resurgence presents challenging ideas about the emerging new paradigm, for example, the theory and practice of right living, permaculture, community supported agriculture, local economics, ecological building, sacred architecture, art in the environment, small schools and deep ecology. Feature and regular articles promote the kind of thinking that advocates "science with a soul"; and contributors include: holistic visionaries like the Dalai Lama, Wendell Berry, Theodore Roszak, and Terry Tempest Williams; environmental theorists such as Wolfgang Sachs, Hazel Henderson, and Amory Lovins; scientists like Fritjof Capra, Brian Goodwin and James Lovelock; activists like Vandana Shiva, George Monbiot and Jonathon Porritt; and poets and artists who explore nature, spirit and imagination such as David Whyte, Andy Goldsworthy and Margaret Neve. There are also book reviews and letters to the editors. Resurgence, Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon EX39 6EE, UK. Email: info@resurgence.org; Web: www.resurgence.org

Caduceus is a quarterly independent journal, which began publication in 1987. Its focus is on health and healing and its articles "open doors" between healing, ecology, science and spirituality by the exploration of such topics as holistic medicine, spiritual evolution, the environment, and personal growth. The caduceus is described as "the symbol of the staff and twining serpents, which symbolizes transformation and evolution. Found in many cultures and ages across the world, in the West it is used by most scientific and natural healing professions, and might represent a bridge between them". Recent articles, which give an indication of the character of the magazine, include the following small sample: Ervin Laszlo who writes about the unity of the cosmos, the biosphere and ourselves in *Amazing Coherence*; Steve Nation writes about *Fuel for the Heart* – remembering the UN workers killed in Iraq; an interview with Philip Pullman on *The Source of Creativity* – revealing his thoughts on the creative process, the collective unconscious, the spiritual and more; Jonathan Stedall with an article on the *Park Attwood Clinic* – a sanctuary of anthroposophical medicine in the UK; poems by Anne-Marie Schimmel, a profound scholar and prolific writer on Islamic studies and mysticism; *Sunbathing and Vitamin D*, by Simon Best; *Tithing and the Tao of Money*, by Nick Kettles; and *Are We All Connected*, by Roger Taylor. There are also regular columns, book reviews, and news and events. There is an on-line version of Caduceus which includes both current and archive material. Caduceus, 38 Russell Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV31 1HE. Email: caduceus@caduceus.info; Web: www.caduceus.info

Good News Agency carries positive and constructive news from all over the world relating to voluntary work, the work of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and institutions engaged in improving the quality of life – news that doesn't "burn out" in the space of a day. It is published in English on one Friday and in Italian the next and it is distributed free of charge through the Internet to over 3,700 editorial offices of the daily newspapers and periodical magazines and of the radio and television stations in 48 countries, as well as to over 2,500 NGO and service associations.

It is a service of Associazione Culturale dei Triangoli e della Buona Volontà Mondiale, an NGO associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. The Association has been recognized by UNESCO as "an actor of the global movement for a culture of peace" and it has been included as an international organization on the web site www3.unesco.org/iycp/

The Association operates for the development of consciousness through programmes promoting a culture of peace in the 'global village' perspective based on unity

in diversity and on sharing.

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Odyssey Magazine has evolved in its 27 years of existence from a forum for like-minded people interested in alternative therapies and religious practices into a commercially vibrant vehicle offering solutions for holistic living in an ever-faster paced age.

Odyssey describes itself as South Africa's premier self-help magazine, and its aim is to continue offering people routes to their self-empowerment so that they can take full responsibility for themselves in their own lives, on every level – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. *Odyssey*, P O Box 30946, Tokai, 7966, South Africa. Tel: +27-(0)-21-713-0018; Fax +27-(0)-21-715-2809 Email: odysseymagazine@iafrica.com; Web: www.odysseymagazine.co.za

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Throughout the period of transition into a new world of unity, peace and right relations, many groups of people of goodwill are emerging whose activities are characteristic of the new group of world servers.

Non-violence - A Choice, is a Conference, Exhibition, and series of Workshops on 4-10th July 2005 at The Great Hall, Goldsmiths College, University of London, New Cross London SE14 6NW, U.K. Organisers: International Sufi School - Khidmatul Khadim, in collaboration with Gandhi Foundation, The Tibet Office, and members of Bahá'í UK.

Rationale & Description: Current international events provide us each day with a vision of a world corrupted by violence. Wars are raging, worldwide, for many perceived ethical and unethical reasons. They are often extremely bloody and claim to hail from different origins - ethnic, religious, economical, political, and so on. Nonetheless, humanity as a whole has been witness to the birth of a select few exceptional human beings, who have embraced alternatives to wreaking violence in their lifetimes. Via these people, one can infer that it is indeed possible for an individual or a nation to cease being caught up in the cycle of violence. Such an effort would be a great testament to the thoughts and actions of these luminous protagonists of the non-violent way.

In the light of this, the proposed conference/exhibition on non-violence will deal with the life and works of the following luminaries: Emir Abdel Kader, Bahá'u'lláh and `Abdu'l-Bahá, Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba, His Holiness The

Dalai Lama, Shirin Ebadi, Sœur Emmanuelle, Mahatma Gandhi, a distinguished figure from Judaism in favour of peace, Martin Luther King Jr, Wangari Maathai, Nelson Mandela, William Penn, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mother Teresa and Jody Williams. Further, it is pertinent to point out that the actions of these people of great peace have been recognized and praised by all, even their fiercest foes.

The conference/exhibition supports the United Nations' initiative, which, in a historically unanimous vote of its General Assembly of the 10th November 1998, has declared the first decade of the 21st century, a "Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2000 - 2010)." For further information: Tel: +44-(0)-20-7252-0430; Email: contact@murid.net; Web: cheikhahmadoubamba-nonviolence.com

HELPING TO BUILD RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS

World Goodwill is an international movement helping to mobilise the energy of goodwill and to build right human relations. It was established in 1932 as a service activity of the Lucis Trust. The Lucis Trust is a registered educational charity in Great Britain. In the USA it is a non-profit tax-exempt educational corporation, and in Switzerland it is registered as a non-profit association. WORLD GOODWILL is recognised by the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organisation and is represented at regular briefing sessions at UN Headquarters. The Lucis Trust is on the Roster of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

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Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men –
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

(adapted version)

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into human minds.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide all little human wills –
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.