

WORLD GOODWILL

The Cycle of Conferences

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Dear Co-workers,

The group focus on the G20 summit has now concluded and our focus is back on The Middle East Peace Process and Earth Stewardship.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP

At the centre of the visualization on Earth Stewardship is the recognition that right now, during this first decade of the new millennium, human relations with the Earth are clarifying. People of goodwill all over the world are talking (in families, schools, religions, work-place etc) about their concern for the well being of the planet. This ferment in the mind and emotions, with its accompanying awakening of the will in a significant percentage who are moved to action, provides the human context, the environment, within which our visualization work takes place. How important it is that we never forget the evolutionary significance of human beings awakening in relatively large numbers to this new sense of relationship with the earth.

Of course, the challenges ahead are huge and the mass consciousness has still a way to go to become sufficiently concerned about the earth to make the personal sacrifices required to meet them. Nevertheless, at the most outer level a vague recognition is emerging in popular thinking that human activity has poisoned the environment to such a degree that even the climate is affected. A growing number of people are also sharing a sense of goodwill towards the natural world and would like to do some small things to help clean it up. But at a more potent level there are the individuals and networks that, each in their own way, are actively engaged in creating this new relationship. All who are part of the Cycle of Conferences project will know individuals and groups in their local community that are working (giving time, money, skills) to end damaging impacts on the natural world and to pioneer responsible ways of living.

Beyond this there are the deep thinkers and intuitives, including those who, from different spiritual backgrounds, meditate on the human-earth relationship. Among the deep thinkers there are writers, artists, scholars, scientists whose work shapes and informs the activist networks. And in centres of governance, at the local, national, regional and international level there is intelligent, creative energy (debating, planning, negotiating, dialoguing, legislating) being used to restructure human affairs in such a way as to positively adjust our relations with the earth. This will, of course, often be tainted by those motivated by self-interest and self-gain, but the general picture is one of moving forward. A recent example of this was the international water forum in Istanbul where a consensus was signed on the urgent measures required regarding the management of water in the world.

Awareness of the negative impact of the intense pressure humanity is exerting on the earth is one of the driving forces in the emerging thought form of solution. On another level, is the sense of universality and growing awareness of the interdependencies of life that is awakening in people of goodwill. They are, for the first time, seeing life whole and feeling themselves to be a part of a system of inter locking relationships. In spirituality and religion the ethical sense is being shaped by this wholeness paradigm – feeling a kinship with ALL of Life including the unseen dimensions of soul and spirit.

The revelation of Oneness leads a human being (and a human community) to want to express that Oneness in all areas of relationship. This is an intrinsic part of the revelation. As the desire to express Oneness matures through time and through response to challenges and crises, it becomes a will to act in harmony with the Oneness vision.

Awareness of what Martin Luther King famously called, *an inescapable network of mutuality*, sympathetically aligned with a rejection of economic habits and consumer addictions is creating, clarifying and deepening the emergent thought form on earth stewardship.

The visualization works with these transformations occurring in consciousness, seeing them in terms of the awakening will – using images of seeds of will planted in the collective mind and heart and of living streams of will energy. Imagine the human reorientation towards an earth stewardship way of thinking – where there is a widespread wish to act as steward – act in a way that expresses a sense of concern for and care about the well-being of the earth, its creatures and plants, its soils, minerals and geological integrity.

Politics provides a stage where we can observe the story of the awakening and shaping of the will to be responsible earth stewards – and the international political environment, especially now with negotiations towards the Post-Kyoto Copenhagen conference on Climate Change in December, is a climactic scene in this drama. Whatever the outcome, in terms of the political agreements reached on carbon output goals, cap and trade systems, sustainable development financing, and a Green New Deal – we can visualize the will to take care of the Earth deepening and maturing.

The visualization on Earth Stewardship invites reflection on humanity's destiny and divine responsibility as *intelligent loving intermediary between the higher states of planetary consciousness and the sub-human kingdoms*. As a species we tend to be so pre-occupied either with our own issues, or with our relationship with the intangible withness of our lives, the sensed Presence of divinity. The seed thought suggests we ponder a culture and civilization centred less in its own human development and 'progress' and more in its balancing, mediating role in relations between the Presence and the plants, animals and minerals of Earth. Over time, a growing human awareness of higher states of planetary consciousness will, naturally, provoke changes in perspective on the natural world in its entirety. Principles of Universal Responsibility accompany any move into a higher consciousness – synthesis view. A global civilization centred on such a Principle will harmonize itself around the evolutionary processes observed in nature – understanding the processes with a measure of wisdom. Communities will be 'touched', 'moved' and inspired by Life and the unique qualities of different species of plant and animal.

There is something else too. As more human beings engage in relationship with higher levels of consciousness they will radiate something of the essence of these states of being. The psychic environment created by humanity will be affected – and the creatures, plants, minerals and soils of the Earth will surely notice the change. Writing in *Resurgence Journal*, Indian artist Shakti Maira described the desertification of *aesthetic delight* in the popular consumer driven culture, and asked if the joyless aridity in human consciousness might not have a depressive effect on the aesthetic delight of plants and animals. In considering the increasing number of conferences being held around the planet on themes of earth stewardship it is as well to ponder the impact that a more universal, intuitive and divinely rich way of thinking would have, not just on the way we act towards the natural world, but on the energies we radiate into these worlds. We are headed towards a future time when the human radiations will carry a spiritual force into the Earth. Responsible stewardship will be one of the expressions of these radiations.

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