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## GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING: GRACING THE MELODY OF LIFE

**T**HE DISCIPLINE OF GRATITUDE is surely one that all people can recall from even the earliest age, for parents the world over are known to instruct their children to say "Thank you" for gifts and favours received. Indeed, the parent-child interaction that sounds something like, "What do you say? – Thank you!", is perhaps a universal experience. Gratitude, the feeling of thankful appreciation for benefits received, is an expression of the soul, the spark of divinity within each person. To offer gratitude is, in reality, to recognise that inner spark of divinity in our fellow human being and affirm its presence within oneself.

Ceremonial expressions of thanks have played a role in the human race since ancient times. The Stone Age hunter of southern India reportedly prayed, "Our mother, by your kindness we have found. Without it we receive nothing. We offer you many thanks." Equally ancient is the African tribal prayer, "The year has come around again, great Lord of our land – never can we thank you for your good deeds and all your blessings." Before Columbus, the Native American said, "The plant has its nourishment from the earth and its limbs go up this way, in praise of its Maker...like the limbs of a tree." Clearly, contemporary feasts of Thanksgiving have their roots in ancient times, for the qualities of gratitude and thankfulness are ageless expressions of the soul of humanity.

Expressions of thanks and gratitude are also evident in the many religious traditions of the world: "Our Creator...shall

continue to dwell above the sky, and that is where those on the earth will end their thanksgiving." (Native American); "A noble person is thankful and mindful of the favours he receives from others." (Buddhist); "It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, His steadfast love endures forever." (Judaism); "Grateful Praise is alone due to God, the Lord and Nourisher of the worlds." (Islam). So deep a part of the human psyche is the urge to give thanks that many great minds have voiced their thoughts on the subject: "O Lord that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness." (Shakespeare); "To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kind that will stand behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude." (Albert Schweitzer).

The philosophers of the Ageless Wisdom have ever taught that "all is energy" and Einstein's famous equation,  $E=mc^2$ , lends scientific credence. How does this theory apply to the expression of gratitude? What takes place with respect to patterns of energy when one expresses gratitude? Isn't the first step one of a forward movement in consciousness? The words, "Let us give thanks," imply a forwarding, initiating quality of consciousness which leads one to give to another an expression of thanks. In this respect, gratitude can be recognised as an energy of liberation,

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liberating the force of goodwill. Giving thanks is also a healing act – healing in its original sense of *making whole* – because gratitude re-connects us with the wider whole of which each of us is a tiny but significant aspect.

Interestingly, evidence that the healing power of gratitude is widely recognised is found by virtue of the Latin name assigned to a genus of plants of the figwort family, “*Gratiola officinalis*”. Commonly known as *hedge hyssop*, its healing properties are well known and it is often used in medicine. A further exploration of the etymology of the word “gratitude” quickly leads one to the related word, “grace”, from the Latin, “*gratia*”, meaning favour, esteem, kindness. Most people can probably recall special moments when they felt the uplifting and deeply reassuring energy of grace. Whether induced through interaction with a revered individual, a deeply loved friend or relation, by witnessing indescribably beautiful scenery, or perhaps through hearing a sublime passage of music, experiencing the touch of grace is another of life’s universally shared moments. In music, a “grace note” is one added for creative embellishment and the phrase “to grace a melody” describes its role. Yet this phrase carries a deeper meaning that is applicable to qualities such as gratitude and thankfulness which do indeed grace the melody of life.

In recognition of the grace given and received through ceremonies of gratitude and thanksgiving, eight governments have declared official Thanksgiving Days: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Korea, Liberia, Switzerland, and the United States, one of the older official celebrations. Tradition holds that the American Thanksgiving celebration dates to a harvest feast jointly celebrated in 1621 by Pilgrims and Native Americans. According to historical sources, the Pilgrims never repeated the “first thanksgiving”, for to these devoutly religious

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people a day of thanksgiving was primarily a day of prayer and fasting. Nevertheless, the 1621 feast has become a model for the Thanksgiving celebration in the United States although it wasn’t until 1789 that George Washington proclaimed November 26

as a national day of “thanksgiving and prayer”. The annual thanksgiving tradition lapsed for many years until Abraham Lincoln resumed the tradition in 1863. Numerous other nations, cultures and religions observe customs of thanks. Indeed, some authorities link the American Thanksgiving with the ancient Jewish observance of Sukkot in the fall, which expresses thanks to God for the bounty of the earth. England’s “Harvest Home” has developed out of ancient traditions since about 1843. And in the Low Countries a special time of gratitude

has developed since World War II on New Year’s Eve.

In 1973, The Center for World Thanksgiving in Texas began an international focus on thanksgiving as a universal human experience, and since 1977 has worked to manifest the idea initiated by Dr. Robert Muller, former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, to declare the year 2000 the International Year of Thanksgiving. With help from the nation of Argentina, as well as from many religious leaders throughout the world, the proposal was formally presented to the United Nations General Assembly in 1997 where it was unanimously approved.

In a world with so many contentious issues, the healing grace of gratitude and thanksgiving is one truth about which all may agree and from that point of agreement, move forward in a spirit of goodwill.

General Footnote:

The many facts and background information about thanksgiving traditions are from the literature and website of the Center for World Thanksgiving. See Transition Activities for more information.

**GOODWILL IS.....**both the mother of gratitude and its child. No heart can be uplifted in thanks, except it be imbued with goodwill. And no true thanksgiving can fail to awaken goodwill.

## The Great Invocation: Service in a Changing World

The Great Invocation is a world prayer which has been in use for over 55 years and is now translated into almost 70 languages. Its extraordinary appeal seems to lie in the fact that it speaks to a universal spiritual urge in every human soul: for Light to illumine the way forward; for Love to bridge differences and create the human unity essential for the reappearance of the World Teacher, known to Christians as the Christ; for Purpose to guide human wills in their plans and goals; and for the working out of the divine Plan on earth.

Regardless of race, culture, religion, or social status, these hopes are universal to all human beings of goodwill, even as the Great Invocation makes its appeal according to the spiritual comprehension of the individual. Some people use the Invocation as a prayer to God Transcendent: God, the Father, the cause of all creation yet above and apart from it. Others work with the Great Invocation as a meditation exercise, employing visualisation techniques to plumb the deeper implications behind the words – words which encompass seven basic thoughtforms or concepts. Through this approach God immanent – the fragment of divinity within the human soul – is recognised. And there is still another level on which the Great Invocation is used – that of the spiritual Hierarchy, Those Who have mastered the world of human life and Who now stand behind human affairs and stimulate human evolution through the responsiveness of those servers who are committed to world betterment.

### Right relationships

Regardless of one's level of spiritual attainment, the Great Invocation is a technique for producing integration and right relationships – among individuals, groups and nations. It is, therefore, a powerful means of service rendered impersonally and therefore free of any individual bias or limited perspective. At a time of planetary upheaval, of dramatic change and shifting alliances, yet also a period of hope rich with opportunity, the Great Invocation is a means of strengthening the energies of Light, Love and Power as they pour into the world, directing them into areas of discord, fear, misunderstanding and separation, where they can stimulate new patterns of thought and relationship.

One reason for the potency of the Great Invocation is that it stimulates that which is highest and best in every human being. Rather than attacking the evil in the world, it seeks to mobilise human goodness in

the urge to goodwill, sharing, and the establishment of a true peace.

These are the conditions necessary for the reappearance of the World Teacher, known to Christians as the Christ and to Buddhists as the Bodhisattva and as the Maitreya, and expected by Moslems as the Imam Mahdi. Perhaps one indication that humanity is making strides towards those goals is the increasing sensitivity to inclusiveness in language. Yet, ironically, it may be this very sensitivity to "the new terminology" of human relationships that makes some servers hesitant to distribute the Great Invocation in its original wording as widely as they would like. Two areas in which controversy has reigned and impeded the distribution of the Great Invocation are the references to "men" and to "Christ" in the original wording.

### Distribution

When the Great Invocation was first given out, in English, the Tibetan teacher Djwhal Khul, who worked with Alice Bailey, said "I beg you to shoulder the responsibility of distributing the Invocation on as large a scale as possible and in every country." Elsewhere he wrote, "Every possible effort must be made by the workers in every country...to help spread the use of the Invocation in their own language and with the wording that will make it acceptable." "I have so worded and rendered the Invocation," he said, "that the Christian world, through its churches, may not find it impossible to use," yet he also reaffirmed that the Invocation is intended for use "by true believers in all lands (Christian and non-Christian) who address themselves to the Christ, no matter by what name they recognise Him," for the belief in a Coming One, an avatar, to embody divinity in human form is central to a number of the religions of the world.

Therefore, the Great Invocation in its original wording is available from World Goodwill in card form suitable for mass distribution. The adapted wording given below is also available in card form, but only in English from World Goodwill's London and New York headquarters. The initiative to present this adapted version in other languages is still under review. All co-workers who wish to cooperate in publicising the Great Invocation, which is said to be our chief means of preparing for the reappearance of the World Teacher, are invited to write to World Goodwill for free copies for distribution.

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## THE GREAT INVOCATION (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.

### Gratitude: The Adamant of Existence

*"It is important to understand the quality of gratitude. It is the adamant of existence."*

Aum

The United Nations has declared the year 2000 as the International Year of Thanksgiving. On December 13, 1999, Theo-Ben Gurirab of Namibia, President of the UN General Assembly, in his address at the "Thanksgiving Year" ceremony, called upon the human family to unite in compassion and thanksgiving at the start of the new millennium. In this year of Thanksgiving we have a unique opportunity to focus upon the spiritual power behind the energy of gratitude and to call all peoples to the table of world love, sharing and understanding. It is imperative that all those who long for the establishment of the culture of peace on earth should seek a deeper understanding of this fundamental purifying and empowering quality.

Perhaps the most widely known Festival of Thanksgiving is celebrated in North America, which began more than three hundred years ago as a harvest holiday. Its roots, however, can be traced far back into human history. According to research conducted by

the Center for World Thanksgiving, many countries in Asia, such as Japan, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka have long held celebrations in gratitude for the annual rice harvest. In both Africa and in South America, a significant number of native tribal cultures have historically practised gratitude rituals, while in Europe, the harvest thanksgiving is observed in both Protestant and Catholic Churches. All the major world religions, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism, have prayers and rituals related to gratitude and thanksgiving. The value and traditions of Thanksgiving are clearly evident within the religious and cultural fabric of the world. Given its broad recognition, one may be inclined to ask what the spiritual power behind this universal energy is, and what examples we can identify of this energy playing out on the stage of world events.

The energy of gratitude has existed since the dawn of time. Being energy, gratitude or thanksgiving can be seen manifesting not just within the human



kingdom but throughout the natural world. In the writings of Alice Bailey, gratitude is spoken of as being deeply *scientific* in nature, and as being related to the Law of Cause and Effect. This is perhaps most clearly seen manifesting in the subhuman kingdoms. In the vegetable kingdom can we not say that a plant expresses gratitude for care and feeding, for sunlight and soil and water, by blooming, growing and bearing fruit? The beauty and fragrance of a flower are its way of expressing thanks for the gift of life. The cause (nourishment) ultimately results in the gratuitous effect, (the unfoldment of beauty) which is life itself. Hence gratitude's closeness and connection with the Law of Cause and Effect and one reason why it can be proclaimed the "adamant of existence."

In the animal kingdom, gratitude manifests as loyalty. If considered closely, all loyalty is an expression of gratitude on one level or another, for "gratitude is the sister of loyalty."<sup>1</sup> For domesticated animals, loyalty is the highest expression of gratitude for the care, comfort, feeding and safekeeping provided by their owners.

### **Consciously directing energy**

Within the human kingdom all of these manifestations of thanksgiving appear as well. Life, growth and loyalty can be seen manifesting on all levels of human interaction as the result of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual support. Within the human kingdom, owing to the proximity of the soul, we can also add gratitude's power to heal, to purify, and to strengthen. Before we examine these higher expressions of gratitude, however, it is important to recall that all energy is impersonal and can be used for good or ill depending upon the intentions and motivation of the one who sends it forth. Humanity, unlike the subhuman kingdoms, has the power to consciously control the direction of energy. Therefore, it is important to remember that, in relation to the human kingdom, every expression of gratitude, even the most sincere, is not necessarily of a spiritual nature. All of us can recall some example in our experience where there occurred an expression of gratitude in reference to the failure or misfortune of another individual or group. People may secretly give thanks for the demise of another, particularly if the misfortune results in a perceived gain or promotion, economic or otherwise, for themselves. History provides countless examples of selfish and evil expressions of gratitude where armies and nations bent on territorial conquest, rape and plunder routinely gave thanks for the success of their campaign.

Spiritual gratitude is expressed in response to the selfless acts and sacrifice of others. All war monuments and memorials are expressions of national gratitude for the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in support of a cause. All monuments to individuals or groups can be said to be expressions of gratitude for the embodiment of the ideal for which they stood. Is it any wonder that statues of national leaders in some countries are often destroyed when the people reject the ideals they embodied? It simply means that the citizens of that nation no longer appreciate the ideal which they represent, and no longer want to experience the effects of that ideal in their daily lives. As a result they often choose to remove the symbol of that ideal as well.

### **Gratitude and sharing**

In addition to monuments, the naming of all cities, schools, corporations, programmes, streets and buildings can be considered expressions of gratitude for either physical, emotional, intellectual, moral or economic support. In the twentieth century, we have witnessed an increasing number of organisations and individuals of great wealth form foundations as a means of expressing gratitude for the abundance of wealth they had received. Within the past fifty years, we have seen a veritable explosion in the number of charitable foundations which have been established. In the United States alone, there are over 50,000 charitable foundations established to support a wide array of causes. Those organisations exemplify one of the basic and fundamental manifestations of spiritual gratitude in response to prosperity, that being sharing. If we visualise the traditional thanksgiving scene where the family has gathered in thankfulness for the bounty of the harvest, we see the spontaneous and natural sharing of the gift of abundance which has been bestowed. Gratitude spiritually expressed results in sharing, and it will be in the gathering of the human race around the table of economic prosperity to share in the abundance of the world harvest that world peace will be found. In *Discipleship in the New Age* Vol. II it is said that the current cycle is one of "growth through sharing", in which all people can play a part, whether through simple economic sharing or through sharing skills and talents in serving others. Therefore peace will be the result of understanding and sharing and not the origin of it. True peace will not occur until all the peoples of the world are invited to gather at the world table in thanksgiving for the planetary harvest.

Although we live in an age of great economic disparity, the principle of sharing is slowly gaining

momentum within the hearts and minds of people everywhere. There is a growing interest in the subject of gratitude and numerous examples exist in the world today of the growing spirit of thanksgiving. A search of the Internet easily identifies close to a half a million references to gratitude. Numerous books have been written on the subject of thanksgiving and the power it has to transform lives. Thanksgiving and gratitude are also the theme of lectures and sermons everywhere. For those who are dealing with the challenges of substance abuse, gratitude has long been seen as a vital tool in recovery. Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous routinely hold gratitude meetings to focus on the gifts we have been given rather than bemoaning what we do not have for "ingratitude constitutes sinking into darkness."<sup>2</sup> Increasingly we can find public expressions of gratitude from one community to another. One such example is a letter of thanks from the mayor of the city of Posoltega, Nicaragua in February 1999, to the citizens of their sister city Bloomington, Indiana USA, thanking them for their generosity in the form of food, medicine and money donated in the wake of the natural disaster resulting from Hurricane Mitch. An extract from the letter reads, "We thank you for all that you have done in material as well as spiritual terms. It has been good to know that we can count on all of you.... and with God's help and with yours we will continue forward. Your hearts are very large, thank you Bloomington."

In another example of international thanksgiving, a special exhibit opened in February of 1999 at the Texas Memorial Museum which commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the French Gratitude train. In 1947, the American people sent seven hundred boxcars of supplies as a way of sharing the post-war prosperity in the United States with Italy and France. The supplies arrived just in time for the winter holidays. As a gesture of thanks, a French railway worker suggested they return this kindness by collecting items representative of France and send them to the United States. Response to the suggestion was so overwhelming that they filled not one but forty-nine boxcars filled with gifts of gratitude and sent them to America, one eventually for each state in the union. Items such as a trumpet, sheet music, toys, a sabre, and even a wedding dress are now on display at the museum.

In the summer of 1998 a number of devastating

wildfires ravaged northern and central Florida. Grateful residents found ways both large and small to express gratitude to the 30,000 in state and more than 5,000 out of state professional and volunteer firefighters who fought to contain the blazes. From free food to free admission to Florida's famed amusement parks, expressions of thanks were everywhere. Walt Disney World in Orlando offered free admission for each firefighter's family to visit, as did Sea World in Orlando and Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay. The giveaway would cost more than four million dollars if everyone took advantage of the offer. "We wanted to thank them for what they've done," said Vic Abbey, general manager of Sea World.

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In 1981, the Center for World Thanksgiving at Thanksgiving Square in Dallas, Texas was formally established. The Center was founded to assist all nations and peoples in celebrating the joy of thanksgiving as we enter the new millennium. Since its inception, the Center has sponsored forums and conferences for world leaders, scholars and philosophers to explore the meaning and value of thanksgiving and gratitude in our individual and corporate lives. The Center annually hosts a Convocation of World Thanksgiving, a gathering of representatives of the five major religions to seek ways to demonstrate the healing power of gratitude to all the nations and peoples of the world. The Center also promotes an annual "Declaration of World Thanksgiving," which has been signed by such renowned world leaders as Pope John Paul, Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, distinguished Talmudic scholar; Sir John Templeton, founder of the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion; Dr Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Islamic scholar; Robert Muller, chancellor, United Nations University for Peace; author and former hostage Terry Anderson, and many more. They also provide academic research on the subject of thanksgiving in a number of languages and have contributed their support to the United Nations 50th Anniversary Commission and the International Olympic Committee.

Gratitude is a powerful spiritual energy. Gratitude for abundance and prosperity bring with it the propensity for sharing. We strengthen others with expressions of gratitude. "Gratitude only exalts, purifies; it attracts new energies."<sup>3</sup> All genuine demonstrations of gratitude are rooted in love and conveyed through the heart. Gratitude is associated with contentment and understanding. Spiritual gratitude

requires identification with the goodness, truth and beauty behind all we see and recognition of the law which says each will be given what they need, nothing more; nothing less.

The Twentieth Century was a time of great pain and suffering. As we enter the new millennium we should do so with a heightened awareness of the power of gratitude, visualising the gathering of the human family around the table of world prosperity. The United Nations has proclaimed the year 2000 as the International Year of Thanksgiving, because

true spiritual gratitude is an essential ingredient in establishing a culture of world peace. Part of our contribution in building the thoughtform of solution is to express gratitude daily in our individual and corporate lives. Cicero once said, "Gratitude is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all others." Thankfulness is life itself; it is "the adamant of existence."

1. *Hierarchy* p.105. Agni Yoga Society, New York, 1931

2. *Aum* p.78. Agni Yoga Society, New York, 1936

3. *Op. cit.* p.222.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF GOODWILL

### ***We, the people of goodwill, convinced:***

*...that there is potential for good in every human being*

*...that the human family can live together in right relations and at peace*

*...that right relationship between peoples and nations and between humanity and the earth is the key to world peace and progress*

*...that practical goodwill is the key to right relationships*

### ***Recognising that:***

*...the only way to guarantee a future of peace and progress for the whole human race is for enough men and women of goodwill to accept responsibility for the establishing of right relations, and to work actively with the principles of unity and goodwill*

### ***Affirm our intention:***

*...to practice goodwill in all our relationships, in all daily affairs and in our attitudes and actions towards those of other nations, ethnic groups, religions and social backgrounds, and towards the earth*

*...to support and co-operate with those in positions of influence and responsibility who use goodwill and reason, instead of force and coercion*

*...to encourage, publicise and work for an attitude of practical goodwill in local, national and international groups and institutions.*

Copies of *An Affirmation of Goodwill* are available from World Goodwill

## 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.

**The Center for World Thanksgiving** at Thanks-Giving Square is dedicated to revitalising the ancient spirit of thanksgiving. Their work stems from the belief that of all the profound gestures of the human heart, thanksgiving is the most communal and the most basic. Its presence creates a universal bond that transcends differences throughout the world. It has sponsored many forums and conferences at various locations around the world where leading philosophers, scholars, and religious leaders explore the meaning and importance of thanksgiving and gratitude in the human experience. In the belief that such expressions are more than mere sentiment, the Center supports academic research in the United States and other countries and publishes a variety of material on thanksgiving in English, German and Arabic. They were instrumental in having the year 2000 declared "The International Year of Thanksgiving" by the United Nations General Assembly. Thanksgiving Square features a Chapel of Thanksgiving, a Hall of Thanksgiving that tells of grateful lives everywhere, a Great Bell and Court of All Nations and a Ring of Thanks. For information about other ongoing projects, contact: The Center for World Thanksgiving at Thanks-Giving Square, Post Office Box 131770, Dallas, TX 75313-1770, USA. Tel: +1-214-969-1977 or +1-888-305-1205 (toll free); Fax: +1-214-754-0152; Email: [info@thanksgiving.org](mailto:info@thanksgiving.org); Web: [www.thanksgiving.org](http://www.thanksgiving.org)

**London – Pathways to the Future.** In this stimulating and thoughtful book, John Jopling reflects upon ways in which London as a world city can move towards a development path which is truly sustainable. The importance of considering these issues should not be underestimated, for London, and other major cities like it, draw very heavily on global resources, and contribute significantly to climate change through carbon dioxide emissions. Jopling considers both the specific changes which London would need to implement, and the sorts of institutional arrangements required for these changes. A wide range of issues, such as food policy, public transport, waste, political power, culture and biodiversity are discussed, and positive suggestions put forward. The author encourages readers to find ways of participating in possible solutions, and provides information on groups already active in this field, along with a bibliography and list of useful periodicals. The advent of a new governance structure for London, with a directly elected Mayor and Assembly, is seen as a valuable opportunity to move forward on a sustainable pathway, provided that a new, inclusive politics emerges. Although focused on London, this book would provide helpful pointers for others throughout the world who are attempting to think through these challenging issues of urban reform. John Jopling, *London – Pathways to the Future*, 2000. Published by the Sustainable

London Trust, 7 Chamberlain Street, London NW1 8XB.

**Cultural and Spiritual Values of Biodiversity.** In this monumental work, which is a complementary contribution to the Global Biodiversity Assessment, dozens of contributors from across the globe illustrate how the Western scientific concept of "biodiversity" is often insufficient to fully capture the richness of cultural and spiritual relationships existing between humans and the natural world. Among the subjects discussed are: the links between nature, society, culture and language; the roles of indigenous peoples in conserving biological diversity; the importance of traditional ecological knowledge in a wide range of habitats – forests, marine ecosystems, traditional agriculture; the ethical and religious concerns which inform philosophical and political debates about the values of life, nature and culture; and the issue of how the ability of peoples to exercise traditional rights to land is necessary for successful conservation work. Adorned with beautiful designs, richly illustrated by case studies, and enlivened by poems and folklore, this wonderful book should prove a valuable source of ideas and inspiration to all who love nature and respect the wisdom of indigenous peoples. Darrell Addison Posey (ed.), *Cultural and Spiritual Values of Biodiversity*. Intermediate Technology Publications (on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme), London, 1999.

## HELPING TO BUILD RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS

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