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HARMONY WITH THE EARTH

THIS YEAR, two major United Nations conferences are set to examine the issue of development from two angles: first, in Monterrey, the intensely practical matter of how development is to be financed; and second, in Johannesburg, the wider question of how development can be made sustainable – in other words, how it can be brought into harmony with the natural cycles and systems of the Earth. The UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, has already indicated that the conclusions from Monterrey ought to feed into the work of Johannesburg¹. The results from Monterrey, called *The Monterrey Consensus*², have just been agreed upon by governments; and in this document, the need for development to be sustainable is explicitly recognised.

Some have warned that it may soon become too late to repair the damage we have done to nature; and although science can give no definitive answers, the forecasts are becoming increasingly gloomy, as for example the US National Academy of Science's December 2001 report, warning of the possibility of large and abrupt climate change. So it may be that humanity is indeed reaching the end of a cycle of opportunity to address these challenges. If the chance to act is not seized now, then serious consequences may follow.

The World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg is therefore a timely occasion for collective reflection on the progress of "sustainable development" so far. Concerns have been expressed that there is still no widespread acceptance of what this concept means on a global

scale³. An essential part of re-vitalising sustainable development is a return to the original vision. While there is a growing call for the full implementation of the broad agenda agreed at the previous Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, this demand for action must not obscure the vision of sustainability. Immediate action is certainly needed; but action unguided by vision can too easily go astray.

At least three different levels of values should be involved in the vision of sustainable development. At the first or outermost level are the intelligent calculations made by scientists and economists regarding human survival. At the second level are the compassionate concerns for human justice and equity voiced by all involved in the development and human rights movements. The third and innermost level, the fountainhead of the vision, reaches beyond the interests of humanity to encompass all life. This is the level at which the unity of creation and the subtle interdependence of all creatures is sensed. It is the level to which religions testify, although a person need not be formally religious to recognise it. It is supported by an understanding of ecology. It can be termed the spiritual level. There is an urgent need to integrate these different levels of value so that the policies and programmes that may flow from Johannesburg honour all three dimensions: of the human mind, heart and spirit.

An often forgotten fact about human development is that it does not necessarily imply a continually increasing production

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of physical goods and services. It's true, for example, that buildings and textbooks are needed to provide the basis for educating people: but human potential is a subtle and subjective matter, and it is from the relationships we create among facts and ideas that knowledge, wisdom and culture emerge. An increasing number of people are advocating a culture that is "simple in means, rich in ends", and which deliberately includes not just humans but all other creatures⁴. There can be little doubt that such an approach is needed, especially in those countries that already follow a pattern of intensive production and consumption.

The statistics are compelling: a recent study estimates that if every person in the world consumed as much as the average person in the high-income countries of the West, we would need three more Earths to sustain us⁵. So the goal of sustainable development *cannot* be a continuation and expansion of such intensive exploiting of natural systems. Instead, we must learn how to extend our sympathetic understanding of, and cooperation with, these systems of stone, water, air, micro-organisms, plants and animals. The cultures of indigenous peoples have much to teach us in this, although our learning should not be a slavish

copying, but a combination of ancient wisdom with modern knowledge. By learning not to make such violent and excessive demands on the beings that share the Earth with us, we can arrive at a path of development that is healthy, sane and sustainable – for all peoples in the present, and for future generations.

1. "From Doha to Johannesburg by way of Monterrey: how to achieve, and sustain, development in the 21st century", London, 25 February 2002. Lecture by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Available on the internet at www.joburgsummit2002.com/NewsMedia/25_02_2002.asp
2. Available through national United Nations Information Centres, or from www.un.org/esa/ffd/DocumentsIndex.htm
3. See for example Chapter 3, *The Future is Now*, published by the International Institute for Environment and Development, 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DD, UK; Tel: +44-(0)20-7388-2117; Fax: +44-(0)-7388-2826; Email: info@iied.org; Web: www.iied.org
4. Magazines such as *Resurgence* (Web: www.resurgence.org; Subscriptions address: Rocksea Farmhouse, St Mabyn, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL30 3BR, UK; Tel/Fax: +44-(0)1208-841824; Email: subs.resurge@virgin.net) and *Yes! A Journal of Positive Futures* (Web: www.futurenet.org; Subscriptions address: PO Box 10818, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-0818, USA; Fax: +1-206/842-5208) illustrate this trend.
5. Wackernagel, Mathis et al. (1997) *Ecological Footprints of Nations*, available on the internet at www.ecouncil.ac.cr/rio/focus/report/english/footprint/

SPIRITUALISING THE NEW MEDIA

During this period of world crisis, the subjective cry of humanity for spiritual direction and a positive vision of international unity is ringing loud in the collective consciousness. Times of crisis bring with them a shattering of old, crystallised patterns of thought and a rent in the veils of illusion and glamour is opening up through which the opportunity to step forward into an era of greater synthesis and harmony is silently beckoning. The time is ripe for the presentation of the idea of a Hierarchy of guiding lives who have transcended the strictly human condition and await humanity's cooperation to usher in a new era of peace and fraternity.

The pain and suffering that the whole of humanity is undergoing, either directly, or through identification with the powerful images that the rapid communication system relays instantaneously throughout the world, is awakening the sense of responsibility and the tantalising vision of one, united human family. Millions of people are currently speaking of an inexplicable sense of expectancy and spiritual renaissance within themselves and others. World Goodwill is therefore placing a special focus on this awakening and invites the cooperation of all who love humanity and seek to serve the Plan of love and light to help spread this message of hope.

For the growing number of people who are striving to

build right human relationships in the world today, new technology presents a challenge: how to convey spiritual teachings in a modern way to receptive minds. While the ultimate mode of communication is that between the soul and the personality through the technique of meditation, technology can provide a visually dynamic means of expressing contacted ideas and the energy of goodwill.

The quickening intelligence of humanity is reflected in the rapidity of communication and the use of light and sound waves to shower us with information via mobile phones, faxes, television, radio, electronic mail and the Internet. It is important that some of the more profound ideas that World Goodwill presents keep pace with these technological innovations, to counterbalance the over-materialistic bias of contemporary society. Some of the literature that World Goodwill offers can use images to provide a bridge to more detailed exploration of subjective realities.

Recently, World Goodwill has devised a series of e-pamphlets which our readers and co-workers are encouraged to read and pass on to others. As links to e-pamphlets can be sent via e-mail, they present a wonderful opportunity for spreading some of the more profound concepts contained in the Alice Bailey teachings. These documents combine contemporary

language with beautiful images, to enhance their impact and assist the introduction of spiritual ideas and principles to people of goodwill. The present e-pamphlets are: A Time of Expectancy, The Hierarchy of Light, A Spiritual Renaissance, The Great Invocation, Meditation Today, The Wesak Festival, and World Invocation Day; and further ones will be posted soon. To access these items, go to www.lucistrust.org/epamphlets/index.shtml A facility for sending a link to friends is available on each e-pamphlet, and we would warmly encourage the use of this new means of distributing spiritual ideas to the general public.

A further development on our website is the introduction of an e-flet® – a unique and imaginative method of communication. Music, voice-over, animation and embedded text introduce the basic concepts of

World Goodwill's work. The text can be easily printed out and a link to the main website is included as well as an order form to request literature. To access this virus-free method of communication, go to www.worldgoodwill.org/tv/ From within the e-flet, there is also the opportunity to notify friends who you think would like to know more about our work.

The e-flet has been designed to tie in with a 30 second television commercial which is being aired on WIN TV in Queensland, Australia for a year, beginning 13 March 2002. And with the help of a co-worker who initially presented the opportunity to us, we also hope to have the advert shown in all the other areas of Australia that the network covers. We hope our Australian readers will be able to view this commercial and bring it to the attention of others.

GOODWILL IS...the key to living in harmony with the Earth.

APPROACHING THE ESSENCE OF THE DIVINE

Every year, World Goodwill holds an annual seminar in its three headquarters to reflect on themes of importance to the evolution of human consciousness and the meeting of contemporary challenges. This year, the theme was *Approaching the Essence of the Divine: Prayer, Invocation, Meditation*. The following is a selection of quotes from some of those who spoke.

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The Lucis Trust is convinced of the importance of a regular group approach to the divine dimensions of being. This is why, for many decades, it has held monthly meditation meetings. These meetings are not intended to help the individual to meditate better; their sole purpose is to uplift the consciousness of humanity everywhere. This is not unlike the work in prayer and meditation for all beings that monks and nuns have undertaken for thousands of years. These meditation meetings are a form of subjective service to humanity accessible to the busy person in the modern world. This, then, is an approach to the Divine through meditation.

What about an approach through prayer? Many of you will know that World Goodwill distributes the Great Invocation, a prayer that can be used by people of any faith or of no formal religion, because it expresses certain truths central to all approaches to Divinity. It has so far been translated into seventy languages, and we are constantly seeking ways to give it a wider distribution, as we feel that its universal approach is the way forward for a humanity that is more and more conscious of the unity within its diversity. Once a year we put a special focus on this prayer on World Invocation Day, which takes place on the Festival of Humanity, one month after the great Buddhist and Hindu Festival of Wesak, which the Lucis Trust also celebrates in its meditation cycle. Groups linked with our work around the world publicise World Invocation Day in various ways, encouraging religious groups, schools, non-governmental organisations and others to incorporate the Great Invocation into their prayers or meditations on that day...

I've already mentioned the Festivals of Humanity and

Wesak as two of those that the Lucis Trust celebrates. The other major Festival we celebrate is Easter, which occurs one month before Wesak. Hence we recognise two major religious festivals, one of the West, and one of the East. This is in line with our understanding that spiritual and religious practice will in future be synthetic. In doing this, we also celebrate the achievement of two of the greatest Sons of God, Christ and Buddha. Then there is the Festival of Humanity, also known as the Festival of Goodwill, in which the oneness of humanity as it seeks contact with Divinity is explicitly recognised. So in three consecutive months in the spring and early summer of the northern hemisphere, we seek through prayer and meditation to invoke spiritual energies. This can be regarded as the high point of the spiritual year. Another way to think of it is through a model that may be familiar to the experienced meditators among you, namely that of meditation as consisting of a higher and a lower interlude. The higher interlude of the year, during these three Festivals, is the time when the highest spiritual inspiration is possible. The lower interlude, which occurs in the three months around autumn and early winter, is a time when there is the greatest opportunity to ground this inspiration in forms that will best serve humanity and all living creatures. This is the main reason why we hold our seminar at this time.

Rev. Peter Dewey

...there is an inner teaching, what we call the esoteric side of religion. Esoteric means hidden, not elitist, it means hidden. It's available if you search for it and make the effort. If you don't make the effort to search for it, it protects itself and it's not available. It's only available if you want to experience it and to use it with the whole

of your being, body, mind and soul, not just use it for a mental exercise or as one would use a book.

And so the esoteric side is always there and always has been, and we're moving into this new consciousness now. We're all striving, looking for something new and leaving behind the old, and this is right and correct – respecting the old but moving on – never criticising the old, but moving on. The new wine needs new wine skins, so we need to go forward in that way. Just think for a moment, "What do I really believe about the source of all?" "What do I really believe, not what I write on a piece of paper, but in the very heart of my being?" In sincerity what do you really believe? What is it? Because you need to find out and then you're free to grow.

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The whole science of invocation and evocation is based on the fact that everything in the universe is in constant motion, and, because energy follows thought, it means that every time we think, we create motion of some kind on the inner planes. It's an inspiring thought that every time we meditate we are causing spiritual motion and raising not only ourselves, but the whole of creation up towards the light a little, and similarly drawing the kingdom of God down to earth – not a lot in the overall scheme of things maybe, but every little act of redemption has significant ramifications, a knock-on effect. A lone voice in the mountains can cause an avalanche – a pure thought of light and love can change our environment, perhaps more than we realise.

William Bloom

...if we manage to have goodwill and alignment with purpose, if we are mindfully aware of our environment, kind to ourselves and are emanating benevolence into our environment, then we lead a life that's of service and of enlightenment and of invocation. Sometimes it is easy, sometimes it is difficult. Just because it is difficult sometimes does not mean you are getting it wrong, it just means that you are human and you've hit some turbulent waters...

At those moments when it is really difficult and you can keep your kindness, you can keep your goodwill – those moments of friction are when you are doing the real work of alchemy and redemption, when you hold your centre and your alignment when it feels bad; in a slightly Buddhist language it's when you recognise it's not the event of feeling bad that matters, it is your attitude to it. At those moments you just go, "oops, it feels bad at the moment, but that's just the way it is, because I have got my karma and group karma, and the karma of humanity as a whole."

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...if we learn to work correctly with the power of invocation we expect results; we give up working in a nebulous, vague or mystical manner for we realise we are participating in a kind of scientific process – one that is achieved by the carrying forward of a certain set of

procedures. It is not hopeful, rather it is wilful...

As in prayer, invocation generally uses words to facilitate the contacting of higher energies, and the words can become as "stepping stones" to certain levels of abstract thought. During this phase of work the consciousness is focussed in as high a state as possible while undertaking a dual activity – attempting to come to a deeper understanding of the words and the results to be achieved by them and then a sending forth of the words which results in a downpouring of will energy. We're told that these "Words of Power", such as the OM and the Great Invocation, must "go forth from the soul, backed by or 'occultly propelled forth' by the dynamic will aspect, and carried outwards as an integrated thoughtform upon a stream of living, illumined mental substance..."

For invocative work to be effective it has to be brought down from the mental plane, where it can easily be frozen and must circulate freely on all three levels in the three worlds. It's said that goodwill becomes active in expression and tangible upon the physical plane. Therefore, for our invocative work to be effective we have to parallel its use with some form of active outer service work.

Angela Lemaire

...I think works of creation must as it were go beyond their human conceptions, so that in the end the true image, even if without form, emerges. Form, anyway, comes later. What is the nature of that original image – that first-born image?

A way to realise that vision is, I believe, through compassion. This is the Way of the Heart – the Heart not as sentiment, but as the organ or sense, of synthesis. Compassion commonly means to suffer with. I think it is also an affirmation. I think it is a way of looking at the world, of invoking powers beyond the self. You can look at every living being on planet Earth, whether they are suffering or not, and be filled with compassion, for you are as they, and they are as you. You can look at all our works here in this world with utter compassion. You can look at all of nature, the very pulse-beat of creation, with compassion, for the wilderness, the trees, the stones, like us, are working out something of awe here in this world.

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For so long, prayer and meditation have been seen as the exclusive privilege of the world of religion, and there is a particular joy and sense of freedom in realising that all fields of creative endeavour open up the doors to inner knowing. Acts of true creativity are all initiated by the one spiritual fire, breathing life into form, and placing a flame there to shape and sustain it until it has served its purpose. Then the outer structure falls away as the flame escapes back to its fiery origin only to reappear periodically in new guises as it moves along the path of consciousness. Indeed, we are fire itself – and an ancient mantram beautifully describes the spiritualised

human being as "a point of sacrificial fire focused within the fiery will of God".

If you would like copies of the full written transcript of the London Seminar, please contact us. Tapes are also available.

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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.

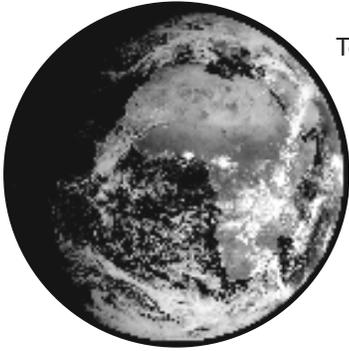
Heart and Soul of Learning. This international conference is for the professional in teaching, recognising that whatever the subject, teaching becomes instrumental in the teacher's own learning and development. The focus is upon the inner drive of learning and the strengthening of interconnectedness to develop insight and wisdom. 'The Sparkling Gang', an informal group of facilitators, share their latest discoveries in learning. The conference format offers a choice of workshops and the space to develop spontaneous exchange and group interaction. Workshops are experiential and include the following topics: Empowering Learning Environments; Different Sorts of Intelligence; Enhancing Self-Esteem; Brain-based Learning; Heart-based Teaching and Research; Neuro-Linguistic Programming; Right/Left Brain-integration Activities in the Classroom; The Learning Body; Commitment to Inner Connectedness; Living Values in Education and Soul Development. The forthcoming conference in The Netherlands is inspired by the professional conferences of SEAL – the Society for Effective & Affective Learning (UK based), Shapers of Education, Envisioning New Learning (World Peace-Inner Peace) and the Soul in Education/Spirit of Learning week in Findhorn, Scotland. Informal recreational activities are available including a guided nature walk, t'ai chi, body-brain-balancing, painting, voicework and dance in the early morning and late afternoon. The three day conference will be held at the Woudschoten Conference Centre, Zeist, The Netherlands from May 31 to June 2. For brochure, prices and further details apply to: FEMI for Annelies Verloop, Torenlaan 15, 3742 CR Baarn, The Netherlands; Fax: +31-35-548-84-12; Email: a.verloop@hrgroep.com; Web: www.shapersofeducation.org/hsl/

World Civil Society Forum, Geneva 14-19 July 2002. The Forum was launched in May 2000, at the time of the Millennium Forum in New York, which recalled the will of the United Nations to associate with and work more closely with civil society. The Forum aims to facilitate and strengthen international cooperation among all kinds of civil society organisations (especially those working with developing countries and indigenous peoples), with the UN system, including its specialised agencies, as well as other international organisations. Training sessions will be provided before The Forum with priority given to delegates from developing countries. The Forum agenda includes: Thematic working groups, workshops and discussion sessions, discussion about the establishment of a permanent forum to strengthen the cooperation between civil society and international organisations and there will

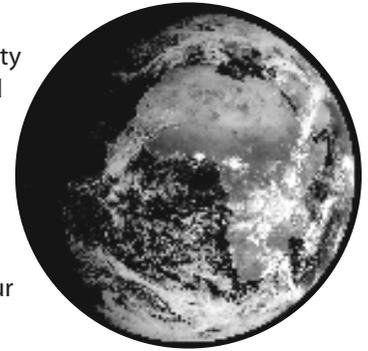
also be visits, public round tables, cultural activities, etc. Issues for the Thematic working groups will include: civil society cooperation with the UN and other international organisations; health promotion; environment, trade and sustainable development; information society; indigenous peoples, women and development; human rights and humanitarian law; the right of peoples to self-determination and the prevention of conflicts; civil society-private sector; peace and disarmament; human development; as well as education, media, globalisation, refugees, racism etc. The Internet will provide a platform for continued cooperation beyond the Forum. Running in parallel with the main Forum will be The Youth Forum on 13 July and the World Civil Society Village, 15-20, July. Further information from: World Civil Society Forum, Chemin William-Rappard 31, 1293 Bellevue, Switzerland. Tel: +41-(0)22-959-88-55; Fax + 41-(0)22-959-88-51; Email: forum@mandint.org; Web: www.worldcivilsociety.org

Living Spirit – New Dimensions in Work and Learning – The First International Conference on Organisational Spirituality takes place 22–24 July 2002 at the University of Surrey, Guildford, England. The purpose of this conference, which is organised by the Human Potential Research Group within the School of Educational Studies, and the School of Management Studies for the Service Sector, is concerned with the application of spiritual dimensions in work and learning and will appeal to organisational and business leaders, consultants, change agents, academics and people interested in spirituality. The focus of the conference will be on four major themes: spirituality in the workplace and in education; transpersonal realities in the world of work and learning; integration of esoteric spiritual practices and the New Age movement with traditional practices of worship, working and learning; future roles of leadership, motivation and management from the ethical and spiritual perspective. Delegates will be able to attend workshops, learn of new ideas from keynote speakers, presenters and participants, and review some of the challenges in successfully applying spiritual concepts, strategies and techniques in organisations. Speakers will include, Anita Roddick, founder of the Body Shop, Richard Barrett, fellow of the World Business Academy and former Values Co-ordinator at the World Bank, and John Heron, international facilitator in personal, social and spiritual development. For details, contact: Daniela Warr, Conference Secretary, School of Educational Studies University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5XH, UK; Tel: +44-(0)1483-689760 Fax: +44-(0)1483-686191; Email: d.warr@surrey.ac.uk; Web: www.hprg.org/livingspirit/

World Invocation Day 2002



To build a more just, interdependent and caring global society what humanity needs above all, is more light, love and spiritual will. On **Sunday 26th May 2002**, people of goodwill from all parts of the world, and from different religious and spiritual backgrounds unite in invoking these higher energies by using the Great Invocation. Will you join in this healing work by including the Great Invocation in your thoughts, your prayers or your meditations on World Invocation Day?



THE GREAT INVOCATION

(adapted version)

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

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 the hearts of men.
May Christ return to 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 the little wills of men –
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

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

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.

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

Card copies for distribution are available in a number of languages. The Great Invocation is currently translated into approximately 70 languages (see our website at www.worldgoodwill.org for a selection of translations). Offers to help in both these areas are always appreciated.

HELPING TO BUILD RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS

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