

## *General Comments*

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The Cycle of Conferences work has been especially useful and now there is the Visualisation on UN Reform too. The value of these is that we are learning to do the work of the ashram. While few, if any of us, are yet able to bring the Eye of Shiva into our meditations, this work provides some kind of introduction to the development of the powers which we shall eventually be able to use. Moreover, it provides the thoughtform for the kind of consciousness which makes that development possible.

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I would suggest that the Cycle of Conferences work indicates a definite trend towards integration. Here we have a subjectively connected group of individuals working energetically in a detached, altruistic manner to support important changes in consciousness. This mode of integration is somewhat novel. As we have for the first time a world-wide group of subjective servers whose efforts are integrated with the efforts of political/policy leaders focused on the needs of compromised sectors of humanity.

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I think it is important to note that civil society is now a very significant player - far more so than at any other time. So nowadays the UN mix involves the politics of each national government trying to balance forces of national sovereignty/pride/legitimate competitiveness against the need for global co-operation and harmonisation in such diverse fields as environment, health, security, trade etc. PLUS each national government and the international community of governments and big business having to constantly respond to the pressure from citizens groups representing different shades of opinion. 'Aquarian' groups driven by the vision of One World in Right Relations (Unity in Diversity) represent a very powerful force that governments cannot ignore - if they totally ignore them they may risk losing their next election. This provides a wonderful mix of forces in human consciousness - and out of this mix the global discussion on UN reform provides a great opportunity for the collective consciousness to grow in depth of understanding and to move forward what is achievable in terms of right relations within the confines of time and space. Another thought is that the 'Aquarian' New Group workers are to be found in every 'sector' i.e.: public servants (UN / national government / local government); politicians from a variety of shades of opinion; business & corporate; popular movements; religion; the arts etc. We tend to think of the New Group only in terms of social or environmental activists instead of people with some specific values at the core of their thinking.

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