

Cycle of Conferences

EARTH STEWARDSHIP

Comments from Co-workers

For many years I was involved in the International Water Association, a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the better management of the world's fresh (non-marine) waters and the protection/improvement of freshwater quality. The organisation was welcoming to members from any part of the world and, provided any member had the commitment and ability, they would exercise leadership roles within the Association. It was/is very much an organisation of genuine good international brotherhood/fellowship. This, plus the fact of its mission being aligned with ecosystem/environmental protection makes it, in my view, a powerful force for the good. Thus, it offers a model type of organisation, founded on open, welcoming genuine international fellowship and dedicated to a cause which, although clearly aligned with the members' professional interests, stands above their selfish (expressed in the broadest sense) personal interests. There are many such organisations in the world today which form a key part of civil society, usually working quietly away in the background and doing vast amounts of good work. In my experience of the IWA and other comparable organisations, there is a great deal of divine and spiritual love which flows through and energises such organisations, making them valuable components in a world striving to achieve the objectives set out in the keynote above. (Seed thought in Earth Stewardship visualisation).

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Humanity needs to accept its responsibility in channelling the love and light and life from higher states of planetary consciousness to the lower kingdoms of nature via:

- 1) Regularly attuning in meditation to the higher states of planetary consciousness then channelling the love and light to the lower kingdoms of nature.
- 2) Accepting and acknowledging (a) our guardianship and (b) we are the initiators of the lower kingdoms of nature.
- 3) Through our blessing and initiation of the lower kingdoms of nature so will we receive and expand in our love and light and life from the higher planetary levels of consciousness.

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I am working with a group of companies in Holland - many CEOs are involved and we are working on the interplay of 'the field' as shown in the work of Lynne McTaggart, and sustainability through the corporations. We intend to be a collection of 1000 companies by this time next year who are working toward sustainability.

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I think that the environmental crisis in the world today is pushing individuals everywhere towards a universal Oneness. For example the fact that pollutants in China can affect citizens in Spain, the fact that I can contribute towards the conservation of whales in another part of the world is making

people realize the Oneness existing between all Creation and the planet is being seen more and more as a holistic Being.

The fourth kingdom in nature has the responsibility to fuse and unite the characteristics of all kingdoms within itself to form a prototype of a spiritual planetary Saviour. Equilibrium is produced in this kingdom where the mind is the unique feature, which distinguishes it. Hence the responsibility and hence the need for action. Global warming especially is moving people to unite in a selfless cry to save this Garment of God and their Mother Earth-and they are doing so for future generations also showing the consciousness of responsible continuity on planet Earth.

Humanity is the active agent for dynamism on Earth. It has always determined the environment-it has established control over the lower three kingdoms. This is part of the Plan and something also hinted in the book of Genesis. This leads to a point of tension and crises. There cannot be more limitless and selfish control over the environment-something also shown in the quest for material happiness by the average human citizen. The Law of Cause and Effect is starting to dawn in the consciousness of humanity and actions implemented by Love are being commonly taken.

The Earth's Stewardship era which we are living now will push the Aquarian Age further and the seventh ray will be anchored more. The emphasis on compassion, service and goodwill-so characteristic of the coming era must be manifested in order to avoid the destruction of the planet. This is a prerequisite in order to establish certain trends which will continue to develop under the Aquarius sign.

The maintaining of a habitable Earth with its biodiversity is an act of service for future incarnations in physical bodies which must achieve their goal. On Earth we see how the Imminence of God can take various forms which adapt magnificently to the struggles of life.

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The idea of universality. Globalisation, unity is very much alive in our times. People are aspiring to build an outer world that reflects their inner sense of wholeness. The emphasis of inter-relatedness, interdependence of life is emerging in ecology, politics, religions, psychology, science and all other disciplines. "The world becoming a small village" is sensed, experienced by many especially through the Internet. People are coming closer together sharing information, ideas, thoughts, responsibilities to save the planet, protect and find new ways to better life in general.

Information is a key factor in the drive towards universality enabling the collective mind of humanity to be more synthesised as an achieved goal. But before, humanity's thinking must be integrated toward right mental direction. Outstanding examples are the numerous summits, conferences and all seminars around the world about a variety of topics such as global warming, protection of animals, plants species and also global peace movements, right human relationship groups and watchdog movements. The purpose of such events is to create partnership for development, cooperation with different sectors and groupings, exchange for constructive outcome. This is always a demonstration of the "fire of the mind" firing the world with the spirit of relationship.

Science has the task of observing nature in its true sense through intellectual struggle; it strives to bring the unknown into the realm of the known. There is a constant progressive development towards a certain goal which the developing intuition may apprehend but which the intellect can never fully grasp. Becoming aware of the psychic side of ecology gives valuable proof of the extraordinary complexity of interactions that build all units of life together into one network of relationship.

Holistic medicine is another way through which humanity is developing a sense of universality as it treats the body as a whole, as an integrated system not a collection of isolated parts. Herbs are regarded as partnerships, as co-operators, as a natural way to work with the body to heal diseases and maintain good health. The word "healing" has its root in the Greek "holos" the same that has given us "whole" or "holistic" and in all holistic medicine, individuality and responsibility are crucial factors which emphasise the uniqueness of the individual as part of a greater whole that develops a sense of respect, responsibility and service.

Many scientific studies point the finger upon our devastated soil, and experts agree, "we are starving at the cellular level". The alarming fact is that there are fruits, vegetables and grains now being raised on millions of acres of land that no longer contain enough of certain minerals and they are starving us. This is a state of affairs that continues to worsen every day. Numerous scientists and the professional health sector believe that there is a relationship between these deficiencies and conditions such as disabilities, addictions, food allergies, depression, degenerative diseases and the weakening of our immune- systems. It is crucial that we feed our soil if we are to successfully survive and to find the Magic that is missing. Many people came to the conclusion that whole foods and herbs provide the best source of energy necessary in assisting our bodies to maintain optimum health. The vitalising principle in whole food and herbal nutrition has the inherent ability to self-correct.

Yet all such knowledge, surveys, studies given by science and ecologists are not enough to transform values and attitudes. That's why the world is so divided as it is today. Universality enhances not only the good but also the bad and we have to face the danger, to stay united under the Law of group endeavour. Education is the key factor where knowledge about wholeness becomes an effective tool for transformation, but only when it is fused with the vision of the ethic of wholeness. When this happens the powerful energy of goodwill can act as a releasing energy that can change and transform the very structure of civilisation and culture. Hence the growing dialogue between science, religions and the esoteric traditions.

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GLOBAL PEACE BUILDING: A CHALLENGE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF GOODWILL AND PEOPLE OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY.

Our Earth Stewardship invites people with understanding of Biodiversity to unite in Global Peace Building, which will elevate us nearer to God, as we are building the Paradise on Earth.

Mans inhumanity to man is a global problem that has to be overcome on the way to developing global communities and international organizations. The United Nations must be supported through the united efforts of men and women of Goodwill in collaboration with people of religious diversity.

For true Earth Stewardship and Leadership, we must have a clear understanding that we are all of the same source, and all going back to this same source. Let those that have chances to lead, guide and inspire to unite the world, and promote the spirit of oneness. Let those without chances to lead, be inspired and await their chances to manifest it. True leaders are those who inspire others to learn and develop and create opportunities for them to do so. Through the contribution of ideas in the spirit of group unity, we are capable of solving the problem of Earth Stewardship, since it is our Divine challenge to build global peace on Earth.

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The key ideas present in this explanation of Earth Stewardship are: ways and means, universality, and the role of humanity as a loving intermediary (called ‘Mediation’ in the table below). These three ideas need to work out at three levels: spiritual, social and individual. Spiritual action deals with ideas. Social action deals with ideals working out at group level. Individual action puts ideals into personal practice.

<u>Influence</u>	<u>Ways/means</u>	<u>Universality</u>	<u>Mediation</u>
Spiritual	A	B	C
Social	D	E	F
Individual	G	H	I

Briefly we might note the associations:

- A (The relation between the Spiritual influence and Ways/Means): the need for human understanding that humanity must actively manage its own planet.
- B (The relation between Spiritual influence and Universality): the understanding of the One Life in many forms in various kingdoms.
- C (The relation between Spiritual influence and the loving intermediary role): the recognition of the need for the divine circulatory flow of energy.
- D (The Social influence on Ways/Means): the various forms taken in the environmentalist movement (measures against global warming, water conservation, anti-pollution action, etc.).
- E (The relation between the Social influence and Universality): enabling environmentalist movements to achieve a global practice.
- F (The relation between the Social influence and the loving intermediary role): association with movements promoting human involvement with the lower kingdoms: BBC Television ‘Springwatch’, vegetarianism, conservation of animals, etc.
- G (The relation between the Individual influence and Ways/Means): personal involvement in environmentalist movements such as those mentioned.
- H (The relation between Individual influence and Universality): the acceptance of individual responsibility for environmental change. Learning to think and meditate in terms of universality.
- I (The relation between Individual influence and the loving intermediary role): involvement in care of domestic animals, the care of soil and plants in one’s own garden or farm.

In view of the importance of the spiritual influence, we might conclude the key function at the present time is that performed by the group able to meditate on and transmit energies in respect of *Union through identification with the whole*.

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Seeing life symbolically is something with which I have always been familiar and recent events concerning extremes of weather patterns – too much rain in some areas and lack of it in other parts

of the world, suggests a system in disarray and in need of adjustment before stability can be restored. Current weather patterns are suggestive to me of imbalance and of systems in opposition rather than as should be the case in harmony with each other. I take the view that the quality of consciousness determines the reality created. We can identify how people locked in extreme views at personality level, will give birth to a physical environment which also is unsustainable to the intended expression of the whole. The latter is, I think the point to which humanity should currently be turning its intention. Until such a time that the whole is re-recognised as being greater than the personalised experience of the part, it may be that the current path to destruction is a necessity in order to urge the shifts in conscious perception that can give birth to a holy (Holistic) world view and recognition of the essential need for each to serve that view rather than individual need.

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Group consciousness is the part played by the soul in the three worlds; through it the quality of wholeness is released into the world of form awakening humanity to its destiny as planetary steward. Group consciousness is then the triumphant state of the human soul.

The past is represented by crystallized patterns of behaviour. Observing these old, outmoded patterns is aiding the work of the new group of world servers as it helps to clarify the situation and make the choices clearer. Deception is overcome where that which is deliberately held onto which is detrimental to the whole is seen and the vibrancy of the will-to-good eventually triumphs through the simple adherence to the spiritual principles that are the foundation and life-thread of the ascending civilization.

The revelation of the hierarchical structure of life is the great releasing factor. In the breaking of the bonds of mans incarceration lies the foothold of ascent. Right relations follow as the 'state of peace'.

The importance of group consciousness in time and space is that it relates the light of Spirit to the light of matter and makes the work of the Hierarchy possible, i.e., it is a creative process that forms a vehicle for that inclusive idea whose time has come.

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One of the most powerful influences to have brought the concept of earth stewardship to the attention of much of the world population is the potential for global warming to significantly affect all life on earth. It has done so in a very direct and compelling manner. It has brought home to a significant proportion of the world's population that our planetary system is a totally integrated system. Nowhere is entirely separate from anywhere else. Changes to the earth's climate, changes induced by global warming, will affect every square millimetre of the planet and will have an impact on all aspects of human as well as nonhuman life.

Perhaps one of the most important recognitions to arise from the scientific study of global warming is that it is the direct result of human activity. Science clearly demonstrates, through the work of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (in spite of what some naysayers may claim) that human induced global warming is a fact. Consequently, the recognition of the consequences of our collective human activity is placed squarely on the mental level. The mental recognition of the problem (and its causes) confronts humanity with the need to collectively and consciously exercise mental discrimination, to make a definite collective choice about its way forward. It is a choice humanity must make as a whole, and it is a choice which will affect all life on earth, not just humanity.

The potential usefulness of our work of building a thoughtform of earth stewardship seeded by ‘will energy’ is that it can, on the mental level, provide a resource for, and feed directly into, the considerations of those who have the difficult task of formulating the collective human response to the global warming problem. Hence the importance of the quality of our thought and the care with which we contribute to the thoughtform.

Whether or not the correct collective choices will be made remains to be seen. The choices made will probably be guided largely by self-interest rather than any concept of responsibility to other kingdoms of nature. Nonetheless, the recognition of this problem as global in scope and requiring changes to humanity’s collective and individual behaviour if it is to be successfully addressed, indicates that the seed of the concept of earth stewardship has been planted in the collective consciousness, even if imperfectly and as yet limited to the physical plane.

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With all the changes in the environment that have been occurring for the past few years, it has certainly brought about a cleansing process that can lead to shifts in consciousness. I read in the news that people who were affected by such significant weather disasters as, tornadoes, hurricanes, drought, flooding, and so forth have reported that it draws them closer to their spirituality and gives them a deeper appreciation and openness to the wonders of the unseen world of forces. People have reported that the action of God or Mother Nature is a reflection of a divine purpose or Plan. People who experienced these drastic acts of Mother Nature suffered crises in their lives such as – losing family and friends, losing their homes and possessions, or having to experience and witness such an ordeal – have been going through the process of healing and trying to reconstruct their lives again.

These types of experiences certainly change the inner life of many people. These natural disasters can draw people closer whether it is family, neighbors, or strangers because it brings out the compassion, support, and universal love towards one another, and it certainly transcends separative behavior and selfishness into universal brotherhood. Ordinary human instinct can be transmuted to a higher level of understanding, and it draws closeness and interconnection to other people that would be considered a pathway towards oneness and unity. These environmental disasters that we have seen in recent months have helped to elevate and change mass consciousness, not only among those who were affected, but also many others. When there is a change in consciousness through the shifts in values, beliefs, etc., then there is a change in behavior. And when there is a change in behavior, then the masses are able to further align and cooperate with the higher nature and the Plan. And this would certainly make it easier for the new group of world servers to work with humanity, when the mass consciousness does respond to the changing times and become impressed with the next steps in the Plan.

In addition, when there are major changes in weather conditions that affect the physical realm, it helps to clear the atmosphere or the etheric realm at various levels. It purifies and washes away or eliminates what is not needed or what is hindering progress so humanity is able to receive the impressions that will enable them towards the next step in understanding and assimilating the greater good. What is that understanding? That higher understanding can be interpreted as a more refined understanding of spiritual values, the realization of the interconnectedness and the unity of humanity, the expression of the Soul of humanity through compassion, and universal love and brotherhood. These are all expressions of right human relations through good will, which is a growing trend and becoming more integrated into human consciousness.

The effects of the weather changes (global warming), as well as the added push to create more awareness of the environment has made consumers demand more energy efficient cars and products, and has scientists and corporations scrambling to develop and research newer ways of taking care of

the environment, as well as developing solutions to alleviate the growing environment issues. As a result of these trends, certainly more funding has been directed toward environmental projects and programs dealing with pollution, improving the eco-system, and campaigning towards environmental awareness. Since this is the phase of impact on public consciousness, it is the task of the new group of world servers to help to bring more awareness, education, and focus into humanity so there can be right action toward further progress. The Live Earth Event was certainly a precipitation and a result of the inner work going on, but what is needed more is not only the publicity, but the actual experiences of environmental disaster – it has to hit home for many people in order for them to experience it for themselves, which will lead them to take action. People have stated that what drew them to the Live Earth concert was not really about the environment, but it was about the entertainment. There have been a lot of publicity about the environment, and it's within the consciousness of the masses with slogans like "Save the Environment" – but what does it mean to save the environment? There needs to be more push so people can actually experience how the environment plays such a tremendous role and affects their lives.

If we can tilt the Earth a few degrees off its gravitational center to create a mass panic that would really help wake people up – just kidding!

The impact on the environment has not only drawn people and communities closer from an emotional and spiritual standpoint, but in places like Africa where desertification has been occurring for several years, it has forced groups of people to physically move to other regions (due to livelihood and survival reasons). This forced migration of people because of environmental changes provides an opportunity for further integration where demarcation within groups or tribal communities has been part of the culture and tradition. Often this forced integration creates conflict and tension, but eventually, we witness groups of communities and cultures slowly coalescing and becoming more infused with each other particularly in under developed countries. Therefore, even though the impact of the environment has caused severe damage to areas in some countries, it has helped to increase the level of integration and brought about crises or opportunities that are needed for further progress and change.

I have certainly enjoyed observing the events and changes taking place at various levels and how it has been affecting humanity either at subtle or subjective levels, as well as at the physical level. These environment changes have certainly added more meaning and purpose in people's lives. It has also given people a deeper respect and appreciation for the planet, and has brought more light and love into the atmosphere wherein we can work.

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There is every indication that humanity is awakening to its "destined task" and responsibilities for healing and caring for the Earth. The pulsating nucleus of light is indeed touching the minds of those in positions of influence and enlightening councils and conferences.

Around the world, hundreds of companies, large and small, are finding innovative ways to save energy, and as a result, they are prospering. Cities in 36 states are going "green" by using energy efficient lighting, alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles, offering incentives for workers to use public transport or carpools, and have laws encouraging "green buildings".

Markets for renewable power and renewable transportation fuels are exploding around the world. Eco-marketing is becoming socially responsible and raising awareness of the climate crisis around the world.

Undoubtedly, former Vice-President Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* has fuelled consumer interest in the environment as well.

To stave off criticism that wind farms clutter the countryside, engineers are inventing a whole new technology for harvesting wind: electricity generators that fly. Toronto, Canada is pioneering the idea that instead of using electricity to power air conditioning, they are converting to hydrothermal cooling using cold water from Lake Ontario.

So, in one way or another, humanity is responding to the energy of Will, and environmental ideas to fulfil our responsibilities towards the Earth are proliferating at every level of society.

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For centuries nature has been reflecting back to mankind our selfish tendencies through natural catastrophes, drastic climatic changes, and global upheavals. We have been taught a lot about "crisis and tension" in the esoteric teachings of Alice Bailey and DK, and we have been told that collective humanity and the planet Earth are again reaching another major point of tension and crisis called INITIATION.

In our present day, as we look at the current natural catastrophes, we can clearly see how these are symbolically indicative of the initiation humanity is on the threshold of taking, the second initiation. Most of the catastrophes happening are dealing with the elements of water and fire. Water symbolizes the astral emotional plane which is associated with the second initiation. We see this manifesting through numerous floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, etc., happening today. Fire symbolizes the spiritual plane and purification, and is associated with the higher initiations, and we see the numerous wild fires, volcanic eruptions, and (although human made) terrorist bombings, etc, taking place. When you have the blending of both elements of water and fire, you have the creation of steam or fog, which is representative of maya, glamour and illusion which humanity is entrenched in and blinded by. And today we also have the development of one of the worst planetary problems threatening humanity called "global warming". It is an important "wake-up" call!

When we think of Earth as being the planetary body, consciousness and life/energy of Sanat Kumara, and how the four kingdoms of life and nature to be found within it are symbolically representing organs within that planetary body, maybe we can begin to understand what the term "relationship" really means. If we stop for a moment and consider the organs and components within a physical human body and the close relationship those "parts" have to the whole and perfect functioning of that body, then perhaps we might begin to understand how this may be symbolic of the relationship between the four kingdoms on earth and the inter-relationship of all four to the whole and perfect functioning of the planet. It is, indeed, a symbiotic relationship of matter and energy. We are not just connected to the earth; we are an indivisible part of it. It is an important wake-up call about relationship!

I believe the word relationship will take on a new expanded definition in the New Age as mankind continues to understand and work at the concept of right human relations. I also believe that the reappearance of the Christ will teach us the true meaning behind right human relations through His radiation of love, experience and wisdom. As the term relationship takes on a broader spiritual meaning within mankind and the spiritual laws of Cause and Effect and Oneness become firmly rooted in our consciousness, then we will see drastic measures taken to change our selfish tendencies that have up to now exploited the three lower kingdoms, and in turn, ourselves. As humanity continues to understand and build the relationship between soul and personality, and between communities and nations, we will continue to solve global problems and heal the planet. This

understanding must begin to unfold in humanity first because we are responsible for the evolution of the three lower kingdoms.

For disciples and initiates who are already working toward this understanding of relationship in group work perhaps we could take it one step further and begin to learn how to work more closely with the Devas (angelic evolution) who are already working so closely with the spiritual Hierarchy in the realm of nature. They know how to work, only too well, with the four elements of this planet—earth, water, air and fire—and have much to teach us.

Through learning, we could harmonize the elements within ourselves first, and help dissipate the veils of maya, glamour and illusion, and in turn, begin to harmonize the elements of the earth. By working with the devas we could learn to manifest a reflection of harmony and beauty in the world instead of a reflection of catastrophe and disaster. We could bring all into balance, including global warming and the three sub-human kingdoms. Through building relationship among us all we can develop universality and help each other take initiation and evolve.

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