

# CYCLE OF CONFERENCES

Today, in the planning now going forward in connection with the various international conferences and councils of which you all know, the spiritual effort (for the first time in human history) is to bring all of them, as *functioning groups*, under the direct impact of the energy which motivates and actuates that place where the Will of God is known and the purposes of divinity are defined and projected. This means that each of the coming world conferences (and there will necessarily be many) will have a greater and far more extensive effect than would otherwise be the case; it means, however, that the risks involved and the clash of minds will also be far greater. This is a point which you should bear in mind as you study and read reports of these various conferences.

Forget not that divine energy must make its impact upon human minds; these minds are the only available instrument—in their aggregated effect—through which the Will of God can express itself; they are necessarily responsive to the stimulating and energising results of that impact, and this will evoke results suited to the type of mind affected. Response will be compatible with the quality and the intention of those minds. Where goodwill is present, and where there is unselfish intention and a broad point of view, those qualities will be strengthened and endowed with potency; where selfishness rules, where isolationism and separativeness are present, and where there is the intention to gain individual and national ends instead of those international purposes which will profit all humanity, those qualities will equally gain in strength.

Alice Bailey, The Externalisation of the Hierarchy 447

### **UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE**

22 - 24 MARCH

NEW YORK, USA

Theme: Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Sustainable Development', 2018–2028

#### THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

Dear Co-worker,

The Cycle of Conferences is placing a focus, beginning today, on the UN 2023 Water Conference taking place in New York, USA, from 22 to 24 March.

The UN has long been involved in efforts to address global water challenges but in 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a specific goal (SDG 6) to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all." In 2018, the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, resulted in the Brasilia Declaration, which pushed for the achievement of SDG 6. The upcoming conference will call for a bold Water Action Agenda to improve progress towards water-related goals and targets. Despite the fact that water is crucial for the success of most SDGs, the advancement of SDG6 has been alarmingly off track. In the hope of speeding up developments, this conference, hosted by the governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands, will feature among others five multi-stakeholder interactive dialogues touching upon the role of water in relation to: a) health b) sustainable development c) climate, resilience and environment d) cooperation and e) the Water Action Decade.

The Water Action Agenda (WAA) consists of three key building blocks: commitment to action, sustained and scalable implementation, and follow-up and review processes. The aim is to enable replication and scaling up of what works and bring successful solutions to a global scale. The WAA will also feature game changers identified by stakeholders, which can transform the way we think, plan, and implement policies to become more resilient to water, climate, food, and energy crises. Ultimately, the goal is to enhance cooperation across actors, sectors, and scales, and promote sustainable development in general.

#### FACILITATING THE EXPRESSION OF SPIRITUAL QUALITIES

The Cycle of Conferences initiative aims to encourage group reflection on the vital issues taken up by global conferences, and in that manner, make possible the enrichment of the thought-reservoir of potential solutions to each of humanity's major problems.

Water holds great spiritual significance in many cultures and religions and through the ages. Overall, the emphasis is on its power to purify, heal, and renew both the physical and spiritual aspects of life. In Christianity, water is used in baptism representing the cleansing of sin and the beginning of a new life in Christ. In Hinduism, the Ganges River is considered sacred and is believed to wash away sins and purify the soul. In Native American traditions, water is seen as a powerful force that can heal and restore natural and individual balance. Across many spiritual traditions, water is also associated with emotions and the flow of energy, representing the ebb and flow of life and the cycles of nature.

Water is a dynamic and constantly changing element that can be calm and peaceful, or wild and powerful, like a raging river or a stormy sea. These different aspects are often seen as symbolic of the different emotions and energies that we experience throughout our lives. In Chinese philosophy, the concept of "Qi" or "life force energy" is believed to flow through the body much like a river, and this flow can be disrupted or blocked by emotional or physical imbalances. Water is often used in traditional Chinese medicine to balance the flow of Qi and restore harmony to the body and mind.

Overall, water's association with emotion and the flow of energy speaks rather eloquently of the subjective factors at work behind the present crisis in humanity's relations with water, indicating the overstimulated state of the emotional and desire nature. As the waters of desire in which the human race is currently immersed are brought to a new state of balance, so can we expect to see the emergence of a new and healthy relationship with the planetary water supplies.

You may find additional material on the Cycle of Conferences initiative, the UN Water Conference, and the Problems of Humanity by clicking on the following links:

World Goodwill - Cycle of Conferences

**UN 2023 Water Conference** 

<u>UN 2023 Water Conference Virtual Side Events</u>

World Water Day 2023

Problems of Humanity [online] [book]

## VISUALIZATION

- Link up with the souls of all fellow servers who are meditating on the UN Water Conference.
- 2. Visualise a tide of lighted energy pouring down from the "Centre where the Will of God" is known and pouring into the centre Humanity. Imagine the whole group sounding the affirmation of the Will together:

In the centre of the will of God I stand.

Naught shall deflect my will from His.

I implement that will by love.

I turn towards the field of service.

I, the Triangle divine, work out that will

Within the square and serve my fellowmen.

- 3. Using the creative imagination, project a lighted seed of 'will energy' into the heart of the thoughtform under construction in connection with the Conference. See myriad streams of 'living will energy' connected to it by co-workers around the world.
- 4. Reflect for a few minutes on the seed thought:

"Fear, expectancy and the climaxing desire for material possession must be substituted by peace, assurance and right aspiration achieved from mental levels. When these three words are understood and experienced in the life of everyday, they will bring about the right 'condition of the waters'."\*

See the essence of any ideas and reflections adding to the potency of the group thoughtform.

- 5. Visualise the pulsating nucleus of light at the heart of the thoughtform being fanned into a flame by the group gaze and see its radiation touching the consciousness of all participants at the Conference.
- 6. Quietly sound the Great Invocation, imaginatively hearing it being chanted by the worldwide group. As you do so, visualise the outpouring of Light and Love and Power through the five planetary inlets (London/ Darjeeling/ New York/ Geneva/ Tokyo), irradiating and enlightening the proceedings of the UN Water Conference.

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<sup>\*</sup> Paraphrased from Alice Bailey, A Treatise on White Magic 161-162 [online] [book]