

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.

Alice Bailey, The Externalisation of the Hierarchy 447

UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE (COP 15)

7 – 19 DECEMBER

MONTREAL, CANADA

Theme:

Ecological civilization – Building a shared future for all life on earth.

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Dear Co-worker,

The Cycle of Conferences is placing a focus, beginning today, on the United Nations Biodiversity Conference taking place under the Chinese presidency but for health reasons, in Montreal, Canada, from 7 to 19 December.

This Biodiversity Conference comes as the second session of an effort to establish a new global deal for nature, which opened with the 2021 meeting in Kunming, China¹. Such an agreement would facilitate the attainment of the long-term objective to "live in harmony with nature" by 2050². This conference will continue working under the same theme, An Ecological Civilization – Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth, with an aim to address the failure to meet the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity targets – determined in 2010 to safeguard the world's plants and animals³. Despite the less-than-optimal response to the 2010 targets, the

¹ China Dialogue, <u>Kunming COP15</u>: big challenges remain after first session

² Convention on Biological Diversity, <u>Living in Harmony with Nature</u>

³ UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, <u>Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 – Summary for Policymakers.</u>

latest Global Biodiversity Outlook makes clear that creating an ecological, sustainable future for people and nature remains possible.

Following Kunming, the financing of initiatives to preserve biodiversity emerged as a central issue of disagreement between governments that slows down implementation and prevents resources and action from being fairly allocated across geographical regions. Still, the recent agreement to establish a "loss and damage" fund for the financing of vulnerable countries affected by climate disasters⁴, in November's *UN Climate Change Conference* is a decisive step in the right direction as it practically acknowledges the shared global responsibility for the current environmental crisis regardless of where it may "hit" harder. Despite the turbulent background on which the *Biodiversity Conference* is set to occur, it is seen as an opportunity to reaffirm trust between the global north and south in joint action for the resolution of one of humanity's major problems.

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 enrich the thought-reservoir of potential solutions to humanity's problems.

Biodiversity is closely linked to climate change as the declining diversity of flora and fauna species is disturbing the balance within ecosystems, contributing further to changes in climate. When the planet and all life upon it is examined as an evolving organism, the ongoing biodiversity challenge becomes an "inner" circumstance stemming from the interaction between different parts of the planetary whole.

Biodiversity loss reflects the shifting relationship between humanity and the animal, plant, and mineral kingdoms⁵. At present, humanity is conclusively acknowledged as "a force for planetary change" with a profound responsibility to the other kingdoms in nature. Regardless of whether the declining biodiversity reflects a change in the dominant type of influencing energy⁷, humanity still has the responsibility to contribute to the right development of the natural kingdoms⁸ and refrain from jeopardising the suitability of the planetary environment for human, animal, and plant habitation⁹.

You may find additional material on the Cycle of Conferences initiative, the UN Biodiversity Conference, the Problems of Humanity and the relationship between the human and animal kingdoms at the following links:

⁴ UN Climate Change, <u>COP27 Reaches Breakthrough Agreement on New "Loss and Damage" Fund for Vulnerable Countries</u>

⁵ Alice Bailey, Esoteric Psychology I 256 [book] [online]

⁶ Michelle Lim, Biodiversity 2050: Can the Convention on Biological Diversity Deliver a World Living in Harmony with Nature?, Yearbook of International Environmental Law, Volume 30, Issue 1, 2019, Pages 79–101, https://doi.org/10.1093/yiel/yvaa079

⁷ Alice Bailey, Esoteric Psychology II 253 [book] [online]

⁸ Alice Bailey, Esoteric Psychology I 254 [book] [online]

⁹ Will Steffen et al, '<u>The Trajectory of the Anthropocene: The Great Acceleration'</u> (2015) 2 Anthropocene Review 81

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<u>UN Biodiversity Conference – UN website</u>

Problems of Humanity [online] [book]

The Animal Kingdom: A Spiritual Perspective [book]

VISUALIZATION

- 1. Link up with the souls of all fellow servers who are meditating on the UN Biodiversity 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:

"In the New Age, the five Kingdoms in Nature will begin to function as one creative whole." *

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 Biodiversity Conference.

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^{*} Paraphrased from Alice Bailey, The Reappearance of the Christ 78 [book] [online]