

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 sn 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

G7 2023 SUMMIT

19 - 21 MAY

HIROSHIMA, JAPAN

Summit Perspectives: Upholding the international order based on the rule of law; Strengthening engagement with the global South.

THE GROUP OF SEVEN 2023 HIROSHIMA SUMMIT

Dear Co-worker,

The Cycle of Conferences is placing a focus, beginning today, on the G7 2023 Summit taking place in Hiroshima, Japan, from 19 to 21 May. The G7 Hiroshima Summit 2023 is part of Japan's G7 Presidency, with more than 10 Ministerial Meetings taking place throughout the year in different locations across the country, reflecting a depth of coordination and dialogue between governments in the seven countries plus the European Council and

European Commission. This event comes at a time when international relations are at a historic turning point and undergoing the most significant geopolitical crisis since 1945. The international community of **all** governments and peoples is facing a host of challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, global economy, regional affairs, economic security, and global issues like climate change, global health, and development, and, most notably a resurgence of the arms race and the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The world has faced the threat of nuclear war on multiple occasions, and the taboo against the use of nuclear weapons seems to be eroding among nuclear-weapon states. Against the present backdrop however, the summit presents an opportunity for leaders of the 7 countries plus EU to renew their commitments to the principles of disarmament, non-proliferation, and the establishment of policies of No First Use during times of armed conflict. The G7 summit offers an opportunity for leaders to reframe their thinking towards a "common security" paradigm, which prioritizes the needs and rights of all countries as well as the common fight against climate change and responses to the pandemic.

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. Challenges and crises in international relations reflect challenges and crises in the spiritual life.

The spiritual meaning of peace extends beyond the absence of conflict and violence. It encompasses the values of compassion, mutual respect, and harmlessness that are central to many religious and philosophical traditions. In this sense, peace is not simply the absence of war, but a positive state of harmony and well-being in which individuals and communities can flourish. The pursuit of peace, then, is not only a strictly political or strategic goal, but a spiritual one as well.

Peace can be grounded in the recognition of the interdependence and interconnectedness of all beings. The suffering of one is the suffering of all, and the well-being of one is the well-being of all. This recognition leads to the cultivation of empathy and compassion, and the acknowledgment of inherent dignity and worth of every person, every culture and every nation, urging one to work towards justice and equality. From this perspective, the pursuit of peace is intimately tied to the pursuit of social and economic justice, the protection of human rights, and the promotion of sustainable development.

Ultimately, we are invited to transcend the narrow confines of self-interest and to embrace a vision of the world in which all beings can thrive, by committing to building relationships of trust, respect, and cooperation. Achieving this vision requires the cultivation of the virtues of love, compassion, and harmlessness, to confront the root causes of conflict and violence. In this way, realised peace may offer a powerful framework in which to approach other major challenges faced by humanity and further our progress towards a more just, healthy and joyous world.

You may find additional material on the Cycle of Conferences initiative, the G7 Hiroshima Summit, and the Problems of Humanity by clicking on the following links:

World Goodwill - Cycle of Conferences

G7 2023 Hiroshima Summit

Problems of Humanity [online] [book]

VISUALIZATION

- 1. Link up with the souls of all fellow servers who are meditating on the G7 Hiroshima Summit.
- 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 Summit. 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:

"So peace will come again on earth, but a peace unlike aught known before. Then will the will-to-good flower forth as understanding, and understanding blossom as goodwill in men".*

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 Summit.
- 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 G7 Hiroshima Summit.

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^{*} Alice Bailey, The Reappearance of the Christ 14 [online] [book]