

# 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 HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

10 - 19 JULY

UN HQ, NEW YORK, USA

Theme: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.

#### THE UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Dear Co-worker,

The Cycle of Conferences is placing a focus, beginning today, on the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development taking place in New York, USA, from 10 to 19 July. The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is a central platform established to review and follow up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. It serves as a crucial forum for governments, civil society organizations, and other

stakeholders to come together and discuss progress, challenges, and policy recommendations.

HLPF's 2023 theme reflects the urgent need to address the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic while simultaneously advancing sustainable development goals. The forum will review progress on Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 & 17: clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure, sustainable cities and communities, and partnerships for the Goals.

Additionally, the HLPF will facilitate voluntary national reviews (VNRs) by 40 countries, which will present their progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda. These reviews provide an opportunity for countries to share their experiences, successes, and challenges in sustainable development. The discussions, policy guidance, and outcomes of the HLPF will contribute to the mid-term review of SDG implementation and set the stage for the 2023 SDG Summit, which will take place under the auspices of the General Assembly in September.

#### 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.

Sustainability is deeply intertwined with the understanding that all forms of life, including human systems of relationship which encompass economics and governance, have their own cycle of usefulness. From a spiritual perspective, it is essential to recognize that sustainability requires the transformation and change of systems that inhibit evolution, and the path to right relations.

Our human systems and practices need to reflect the spiritual circle of life, just as nature follows a cycle of birth, growth, decay, and rebirth. By embracing the wisdom of this cycle, we can honour the new understanding of the interconnectedness of all beings and embrace the natural rhythm of renewal and regeneration. This means acknowledging when theories or practices have outlived their usefulness and become detrimental to the greater good, since outdated forms or systems likely require additional energy to sustain and/or "pollute" more. Excess energy must be diverted to support the outdated system instead of being directed to more creative and innovative endeavours.

By holding on to outdated forms or systems, we inadvertently rob ourselves of the opportunity to invest our energy in patterns of relationship that are more in line with our new understanding of the oneness of life and of the freedom that flows from this understanding. Our ability to address pressing challenges is hindered and restricted, creativity stifled, and the development of forward-thinking solutions inhibited. To ensure a sustainable future, there is a need to acknowledge the strain that outdated systems place on our collective resources. By letting go of what no longer serves us, we free up valuable energy that can be channelled into creating a more sustainable and prosperous world for all.

You may find additional material on the Cycle of Conferences initiative, the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and the Problems of Humanity by clicking on the following links:

World Goodwill - Cycle of Conferences

UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Problems of Humanity [online] [book]

## VISUALIZATION

- 1. Link up with the souls of all fellow servers who are meditating on the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
- 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 Forum. 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:

The firm establishment of right human relations is already a determined part of divine purpose and nothing can arrest its eventual appearance. That appearance can, however, be hastened by right and selfless action\*

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 Forum.
- 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 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

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<sup>\*</sup> Alice Bailey, Problems of Humanity 31 [online] [book]