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THE WILL-TO-GOOD: RETHINKING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



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Today our world faces the convergence of multiple interconnected crises, and a worldwide recognition of the need for fundamental changes to institutions of national and global governance. The will and desire for a more just and moral world demands that the deficit of values and principles which govern our institutions must now be addressed.

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10:00 **Opening and Introduction**

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From Bipolar Conflict to Multipolar Harmony *Vincent Claessens* –
Headquarters Group – World Goodwill – Geneva

10:25



Converging Voices: From Dialogue to Action in Global Cooperation. *Alejandro Bonilla Garcia* studied at Anahuac University of Mexico, Ph.D. in economic policy from the University of Toulouse, France. He joined the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, as Senior Actuary, Senior Social Security Expert. After retiring from the ILO, is currently the President of Greycells, the Association of Former International Officials for Development in Geneva, and Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing. and representative to the United Nations in Geneva of the International Federation on ageing. ifa.ngo

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Surya-world, a Citizen Initiative to Connect Spiritual Traditions and Scientific Modernity in the Service of Global Goodwill. *Stéphane Chollet (India)* is the founder of the international association Surya-World (2008), which brings together several yoga centers around the world. In addition to promoting the practice of yoga and meditation, Surya-World leads projects focused on personal development, ecology and humanitarian aid. Surya-World carries out innovative projects such as setting up conferences with actors from the world of consciousness, meditators, but also psychologists (psychosynthesis) and scientists. It is also involved in voluntary actions around ecology (reforestation for example) and humanitarian, the latest being the convoy and integration of 65 Ukrainian refugees who took refuge in France.

11:05

Break

11:10



Fostering Change in International Relations in order to Leave No One Behind. *Jean Fabre* Former Deputy Director of the UNDP office in Geneva, international consultant and founder of the World Alliance of Cities against Poverty. Member of the scientific committee of the International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy and a resource person within the United Nations Task Force on the SSE. Co-founder of the international NGO “Food and Disarmament International”. In the 1970s he was frequently in Latin America where he collaborated with unions, farmers, indigenous people and human rights and grassroots movements.

11:30 **Round Table Discussion with panellists**

11:55 **Visualisation**

12:00 **Group Discussions in breakout rooms**

(English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Russian and Dutch)

12:50 **Group Meditation–**

Strengthening the Hands of the New Group of World Servers

13:00 **Close of the Seminar**

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

(English)

Dear friends,

Welcome to this World Goodwill 2024 Seminar in Geneva with the theme “*The Will-to-Good – Rethinking International Relationships*”. If you live in Europe or Africa, you can attend the London session this afternoon, and the New York session this evening. Before we begin the seminar itself, allow me to make a few technical remarks.

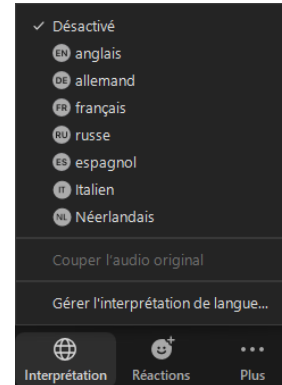
We are pleased to have translations into *English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch* and *Russian*. We do not yet rely on artificial intelligence, even though you may activate the Zoom facilities for that yourself. We rely on human beings, and we are very grateful to our translators, who are all *volunteers*.

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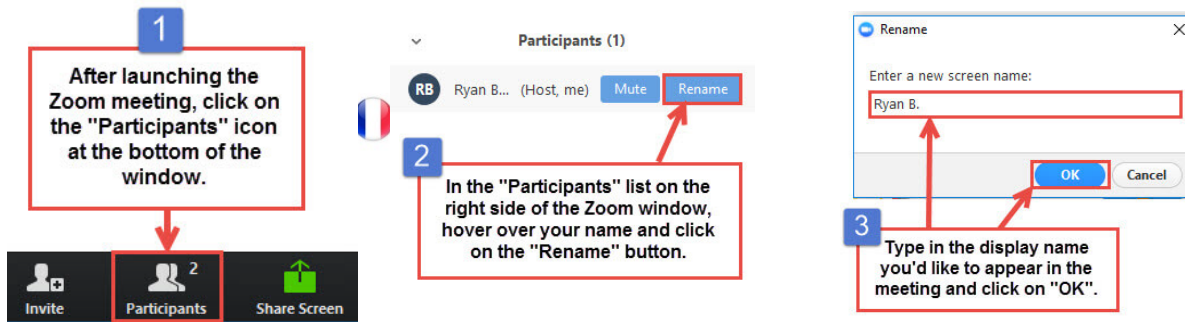
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(Don't worry, we will also put the links into the chat box).
I will now switch into French for some opening remarks.

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(French)

It is a great pleasure for this first session of the World Goodwill Seminar in Geneva, to have 3 of the speakers in person here at the World Goodwill office and one by Zoom.

After this short introduction we will have a talk from Geneva headquarters by Vincent Claessens. We are particularly happy to have *Alejandro Bonilla Garcia* who has a long track in international diplomacy and is now representing the *NGO Committee on Ageing*. He will give a talk on *Converging Voices: From Dialogue to Action in Global Cooperation*. Thereafter *Stéphane Chollet* will talk about: *Surya-world, a citizen initiative to connect spiritual traditions and scientific modernity in the service of global goodwill*. *Stéphane* lives in India and will join us by Zoom. Finally, *Jean Fabre*, also someone with a long track in international diplomacy, will talk about: *Fostering change in international relations in order to leave no one behind*.

Thereafter we will have a short round table discussion with all the speakers in English with simultaneous translation into French, Spanish and Russian. If questions in a non-English language occur, we will translate from one language to another – as we have always done in this multi-cultural and multi-lingual Centre of Geneva. Of course, you can participate by the chat or by raising your hand.

Before we start with our talks, I would like to make us come all together by sounding the Mantram of the New Group of World Servers.

MANTRAM OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

(French)

**May the Power of the one Life
pour through the group of all true servers.
May the Love of the one Soul
characterise the lives of all who seek to aid the Great Ones.
May I fulfil my part in the one Work through
self-forgetfulness, harmlessness, and right speech.**

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THE WILL-TO-GOOD – RETHINKING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

(French)

World Goodwill, Geneva

To start with, allow me to give some food for thought in relation to the theme of this World Goodwill Seminar 2024: *The Will-to-Good – Rethinking International Relationships*. That we are living in a period of transformation, not to say crises, seems obvious to all of us. The relative optimism for a prosperous world in peace of the last few decades of the 20th century (1980-2000) seems shattered and now we are living in a world with more war, multiple crises and challenges.

Of course, the climate crisis is a major one, but also the ongoing disparity between the rich and the poor, just to mention a few. It is no secret that nowadays many people, both young and old, have psychological problems because of the fear for the future. So, yes, we live in a world in a time of transformation. We all want change, change for a better world. The question is: how do we bring this change about?

From a World Goodwill perspective, we might start with the well-known paradigm: *Energy follows thought*. Many people affiliated with World Goodwill certainly try to get in touch with thoughts of the highest quality through meditation. And from there, it is certainly true that energy follows thought. As a scientist, one would say: Energy follows thought is a necessary condition. Is it also a sufficient condition? Looking at the state of affairs in the world, we understand that more is needed. It is a privilege to have several speakers today who will share their perspective, based on their own experience, their views and ideas on how change can be brought about. In Geneva – as well as New York – World Goodwill has the privilege of being in contact with the United Nations. Although mainstream media in general focus on the negative sides of the UN, today we hope to get some insights on what is going on in the kitchen of the UN. I am not saying that the UN is the ideal solution for everything. On the contrary. But do we understand what the UN is about? During a discussion I had a while ago with some colleagues, I brought up the topic of the security council. Then one of them asked: What is the security council? When later in another context, I asked other co-workers or people of goodwill I happen to know: *Do you know what the security council is?* many had to admit that they didn't know. Of course, I know that we live in a world where we are saturated with information – information mostly not of the highest quality, but of the highest numbers (highest numbers of followers, to be clear).

This became clear too, when I discussed with Alejandro Bonilla in preparation of this seminar the topic of elderly or aging people. As I knew Alejandro would go to the Summit of the Future, I asked him to report about his experience, not only in relation to older people but also to youth. Alejandro then shared with me that many younger people have no idea of the historical roots of the society they are living in or of the past of world events. A few days later I was sitting in a train with Jean Fabre to also discuss the preparation of this seminar. And by chance, next to me was a young woman who listened in into our discussion and we asked her: What do you think about world events and the historical roots of society? She admitted that she – and many of her friends – were not interest in those things. What their focus was on is more the events of their direct environment, their day-to-day life and their social media. I remember that Guy Ryder, under-secretary-general for policy at the UN, shared in a meeting before the Summit of the Future – and I quote: the youth I meet on the UN premises, is definitely not the same youth I meet on the streets of Liverpool where I happen to come from.

The Summit of the Future is probably again an event about which you wouldn't have read a lot in the mainstream media. And yet, it was a milestone of international diplomacy. It is perhaps good to note that it was not a 'one of' event: it will have its follow up in not too long a distance in time. Several meetings are planned, for example, for 2026 to discuss implementation in specific areas.

What I have touched upon above are a few events of the world of today. Events that are perhaps surprising or even shocking to some people all around the world. And yet, at the same time there have never been so many people of goodwill in the history of mankind. The level of education is increasing worldwide, even though there are areas where this is not the case. The so-called Agenda 2030 or the Sustainable Development Goals are witness thereof – although I am well aware of the fact that the efforts of accomplishing these SDGs are off track. The issue of gender equality is another example and there are many. It is always a matter of finding the right balance, or on what side of the balance we do want to put our energy. The task of the New Group of World Servers is to spread the energy of goodwill there were the soil is ready. Planting the seeds of goodwill has been, is, and will ever be possible – often more than we think.

With these few thoughts we are now going to listen to our speakers, the first of whom is Vincent Claessens of World Goodwill here in Geneva, who will talk about: *From Bipolar Conflict to Multipolar Harmony*.

FROM BIPOLAR CONFLICT TO MULTIPOLAR HARMONY

(French)

Vincent Claessens, World Goodwill Geneva

The theme that brings us together this year at our Seminar is one of great necessity, even of vital urgency, as current events show us the dangers that hang over international relations: we speak, for example, of a “conflagration of a conflict” involving several nations, some of which possess nuclear weapons. This type of threat to humanity should encourage us to think, rather than allowing ourselves to be conditioned by fear. *To rethink international relationships*, it is always useful to look back to understand how they have evolved.

The last century saw the emergence of nations, with their cultural characteristics, their qualities (i.e. what they can offer the world), their faults and their excesses (e.g. what they have taken by violence from other nations). Exacerbated nationalism led to the world war that demonstrated the worst horrors of which mankind is capable. Out of this shadow emerged a light, that of the United Nations, demonstrating that we are now capable of debating around a table bringing together representatives of all the nations of the world, rather than killing each other on a battlefield.

At the end of the war, two powers emerged on the international scene: the United States and the USSR. This gave rise to a bipolar conflict between these two ideologically opposed blocs. The symbol of this ‘Cold War’ that characterised their relationship came in the form of the Berlin Wall, prompting psychiatrist Carl Jung to say that “Our world is dissociated in a neurotic way, with the Iron Curtain representing the symbolic dividing line.”¹ This conflict, like so many others, is concerned with the relationship of a nation with its *Shadow*, that is to say with the unconscious aspects it does not recognise, but which it projects onto its adversary, thus justifying aggression towards it, backed by moral pretensions and ideological propaganda.

Even if it is customary to demonise the adversary, to exclude him from humanity by classifying him as *barbarian*, it is important to bear in mind the words of the philosopher Hanna Arendt concerning what she called “the banality of evil.” It was when she attended the trial of Adolf Eichmann, a war criminal in the service of Nazism, that she demonstrated a prejudice. In the dock, we thought we would see a barbarian, a furious beast who should disgust us, but it was rather the image of a mediocre little civil servant that emerged during the trial. This is what makes Arendt say that *evil does not reside in the extraordinary, but in the small things, in the routine of everyday committing the most serious crimes*.

The philosopher's point of view provoked controversy, with some accusing her of absolving the Nazis of responsibility for their crimes. In fact, the opposite is true, since by rehabilitating within humanity a criminal who has been accused of barbarism, we make him responsible for his actions (since no animal is responsible for its aggressiveness). Arendt argues that Adolf Eichmann gave up his “power to think” and obeyed only orders, denying the “characteristic human quality” of distinguishing good from evil. This echoes our times, when thought and discrimination seem to have deserted the public space in favour of emotions evoked by sensationalism or narrow-minded opinions that are not based on any factual truth.

Once we accept that light and shadow characterise every nation, as well as every individual, the question arises: *how do we deal with the national shadow?* In recent decades, many nations have acknowledged their wrongdoing and crimes against other peoples, for example for abuses committed during colonisation, or for the enslavement of a minority within the same nation. This acknowledgement, followed by a request for forgiveness, if it is sincere and shared by the population, is a first step towards the integration of the shadow. It is by becoming aware of its aggressive tendencies that a nation can begin the necessary work of transformation that will then guide it to its highest potential. Each nation possesses luminous qualities that can enrich the world, but to access them, humility and sincerity are essential. Moreover, it must also be able to recognise the essential value of other nations in the evolution of the world. It is only under these conditions that a manifest brotherhood is possible.

We have just seen the psychological source of bipolar conflicts between two nations and the work on the shadow that constitutes, we might say, their “internal affairs,” and yet concerns all of humanity as a witness. From there, how can we establish multipolar harmony between all the nations of the world?

Multilateralism is certainly one of the major keys. It is based on consultation, inclusion and solidarity. A clear example of this can be seen in the way the United Nations operates, which makes it the main instrument for resolving global challenges. Multilateralism “involves adherence to a common political project based on the respect of a shared system of norms and values... Its operation is determined by collectively developed rules that ensure sustainable and effective cooperation. In particular, they guarantee all actors the same rights and

1 C.G. Jung, *Man and his symbols*, p.85

obligations by applying themselves continuously (and not on a case-by-case basis, depending on the issue handled). Multilateralism is therefore both a method of cooperation and a form of organisation of the international system.”²

The Charter of the United Nations clearly states that the Organisation is a “centre for harmonising the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends” in order to “take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace”, to “develop friendly relations among nations based upon respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples” and to “achieve international cooperation.”

Although multilateralism has played an important role in international relations since 1945, it is now threatened by the resurgence of nationalism. This is why we must not take it for granted, but ensure that it is defended, because peace and international harmony is a goal we have not yet achieved.

We should not simplistically assume that, because we are not at war, we live in peace. No! There are a multitude of conflicts everywhere: political, ideological, economic, cultural, commercial... They all use the same warlike vocabulary, such as competition, opposition, strategy, target, conquest, campaign, combat, victory... Not to mention the many inner conflicts that torture the mind of the individual in our post-modern era. With this in mind, let us consider that from conflict to harmony, there is a long road full of nuances that requires the awakening of our consciousness and the growth of our understanding.

Speaking of the world's leading nations, Alice Bailey wrote in 1949: “that all are today primarily conditioned by the Law of Cleavages; however, advanced groups in every nation are beginning to respond to the Law of Understanding. This is a law which will eventually emphasise the eternal brotherhood of man and the identity of all souls with the Oversoul...”

The functioning of the Law of Loving Understanding will be greatly facilitated and speeded during the Aquarian Age... It will eventuate later in the development of a world-wide international spirit, in the recognition of one universal faith in God and in humanity also as the major expression of divinity upon the planet and in the transfer of the human consciousness from the world of material things to that of the more purely psychic. This will lead in time and inevitably to the world of spiritual realities.”³

Thus, the opportunity to move from conflict to harmony presents itself before the eyes of humanity; this implies replacing competition with collaboration, the desire for power with goodwill, domination with mutual aid and sharing. Faced with the global challenges that stand before us, we need all our common resources to tackle them.

In September, the *Summit for the Future* was held at the UN. The outcome was a “Pact for the Future.”⁴ This pact proposes to strengthen cooperation between states and give a more representative voice to developing countries, which often feel excluded from global decision-making processes. This overhaul aims to respond to the growing criticism that the current international order is inequitable and ill-suited to resolving today's crises.

The Pact for the Future focuses on three main areas: energy transition, reducing inequalities and strengthening human rights. Faced with the climate emergency, it is imperative to accelerate the transition to renewable energies and the development of clean energy infrastructures, and to support vulnerable countries. The Pact encourages a more equitable redistribution of global resources, with particular emphasis on access to health, education and decent working conditions. In sum, the Pact represents a renewed commitment to the *Sustainable Development Goals* adopted by the United Nations in 2015 and intended to be achieved by 2030.

Faced with the lack of media coverage for this type of major initiative, we also have a responsibility to spread the word about this global project which, in essence, concerns us all. It offers a vision of the future and a common goal to which it is right to commit all our goodwill.

Thank you for your attention.

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² <https://www.un.org/observances/multilateralism-for-peace-day>

³ Alice A. Bailey, *The Destiny of the Nations*, p.47.

⁴ <https://www.un.org/summit-of-the-future/pact-for-the-future>

CONVERGING VOICES: FROM DIALOGUE TO ACTION IN GLOBAL COOPERATION

(English)

Dr. Alejandro Bonilla Garcia, holding Mexican and Swiss nationalities, completed his actuarial studies at Anahuac University of Mexico, followed by a master's in applied mathematics to economics and a Ph.D. in economic policy from the University of Toulouse, France. He joined the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, where he served among others as Senior Actuary, Senior Social Security Expert, Deputy Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Director of the Social Protection Department.

After retiring from the ILO, he served as a Senior Actuarial Consultant at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations in Geneva. Dr. Bonilla García is affiliated with the College of Actuaries of Mexico, the Swiss Actuarial Association, the International Actuarial Association, the Gender Champions Network, the Diplomatic Club of Geneva, and more. He is currently the President of Greycells, the Association of Former International Officials for Development in Geneva, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing and representative to the United Nations in Geneva of the International Federation on ageing.

Alejandro has been present at the Summit of the Future in New York and therefore I asked him to give his impressions about that summit not only from the perspective of aging, but also from the perspective of youth – an important part of the agenda of the Summit.

So, let's hear from Alejandro now.

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SURYA-WORLD, A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE TO CONNECT SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS AND SCIENTIFIC MODERNITY IN THE SERVICE OF GLOBAL GOODWILL

(French)

Stéphane Chollet

INTRODUCTION

I want to begin by thanking Mr Vincent Claessens and Mr Mintze van der Velde of the Lucis Trust for inviting us to come and share our experience today at the World Goodwill Seminar.

Chinese proverb:

“If your plans are for a year, cultivate rice;
for twenty years, cultivate a tree;
for a hundred years, cultivate a child.”

PRESENTATION

Hello. My name is Stéphane Chollet and I'm the founder of the Surya-World association, which now includes several practice centres worldwide.

I've spent over 30 years travelling around India and Asia, meeting sages and their teachings. This spiritual journey through the heart of India and Asia has enabled me to receive authentic traditional teachings. Since then, I've been passing on these practices in a modern, harmonious way, combining various disciplines, such as the Chinese energy arts, yoga, and meditation.

At the same time, I have continued to study the teachings of Alice Bailey, which play an important role in my vision and my field of service today. The Science of Service in Alice Bailey's teachings is a central concept, in which service is presented as a fundamental spiritual principle and a path of personal and collective transformation. Alice Bailey develops a vision in which service is not simply an act of charity or help, but a spiritual science with specific laws and principles. The origin and *raison d'être* of Surya-World are part of this 'Will to Good', to establish together a link between tradition and modernity.

To make this vision a reality, Surya-World is currently involved in innovative projects such as setting up interviews and podcasts on the Internet with key players in the world of consciousness: meditation practitioners, psychologists and scientists. We are also involved in voluntary work on ecology and reforestation. Lastly, we

carry out occasional humanitarian actions, particularly to help disadvantaged people and support victims of natural disasters.

Here is a video to illustrate our vision and mission:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQmrrhtoulw>

DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS OUR FIELD OF SERVICE WITHIN SURYA?

We are building a bridge between spiritual traditions and modernity to respond to our society's growing malaise.

What is the background to this social 'malaise'?

Social malaise and loss of meaning are profound symptoms of a crisis in modern societies. They result from factors such as exacerbated individualism, economic pressure, the loss of traditional points of reference, and the transformations brought about by technology such as social networks and artificial intelligence.

Today, most subjects studied in human and social sciences are related to the sciences of complexity. This includes physics, biology, cognitive sciences, economic and social sciences, etc. In this multi-disciplinary field, computer tools are becoming essential for modelling these complex systems, whether in theoretical physics or climate research. Therefore, the time spent in front of screens has become longer, with more complicated information to process, resulting in increased brain fatigue. We are beginning to better identify the secondary effects on the brain, such as stress, burnout, etc. What's more, the dazzling progress of artificial intelligence is opening up vast opportunities for us while posing a serious challenge to our human intelligence.

The consequences of this stress are manifold, both individually (mental disorders, alienation) and collectively (social disengagement, radicalisation of various kinds). These problems reflect a profound crisis in how individuals perceive themselves in the world, their place in society, and their ability to give meaning to their existence. This is the cause of much of the friction in the world today, with a radicalisation of 'worldviews' that clash instead of coexisting peacefully. This situation can only exacerbate conflicts, the consequences we can see all around us today, between countries, cities and even within our own families.

Today, humans are connected by extremely powerful digital networks and their imaginations are influenced by machines. We are heading towards a world that could be entirely controlled by thinking machines, perhaps more effectively than humans. It is time to understand our own power before we give it up completely. This is what teaching at Surya-world is all about.

TEACHING AT SURYA

At Surya, we implement this therapy using traditional arts such as Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation.

How do we go about it?

By working simultaneously on several levels of the individual as part of a process of personal development, to enable them to find their place in society:

1. Working on the physical body through Ayurveda, Yoga and Chinese energy arts.
2. Work on the emotions by rediscovering a benevolent 'social link' within our studios, in the heart of towns and cities, and by tackling breathing, relaxation and mindfulness practices that are emotionally harmonising.

Once you've acquired this foundation, you'll find the space to 'think' more clearly, particularly about the 'meaning of your life'.

3. Thought training. Everyone's head is now in front of a screen in the information society. In 2015, a study claimed that digital environments had changed our memory, sometimes reducing it to that of a goldfish, or 8 seconds.

The art of concentration and meditation helps us to cope with this information overload, which paralyses our efficiency and ability to step back and think more deeply.

In a way, meditation helps us to 'get our heads out of the digital fishbowl' and rediscover an inner connection with ourselves and, therefore, with others.

4. Once we're back in shape on these 3 levels (physical, emotional, mental), what the Japanese call Ikigai, we can begin to work on our consciousness, gain perspective on our lives, and find our true vocation. This can be achieved through practices such as Roberto Assagioli's psychosynthesis, the study of certain philosophical texts and teachings, meditation retreats in the wilderness, or visits to spiritual traditions.
5. This personal development then culminates in the possibility of engaging in altruistic service. This service is not just an individual path but also a collective one. Service fosters the evolution of groups and communities, helping them to raise their consciousness and contribute to the common good. These individual service actions must be integrated into a broader vision: contributing to humanity's evolution. Goodwill thus becomes a driving force for service groups, working for international cooperation, peace and social progress.

Within Surya, we run various voluntary projects in ecology (such as reforestation), aid for disadvantaged people, and dialogue between science and consciousness.

CREATING A BRIDGE BETWEEN SPIRITUALITY AND SCIENCE

The role of science in spiritual understanding

There is no other way today to meet the challenges of the complexity of our world than to develop a new form of human intelligence. In particular, we need to educate our children to develop new cognitive abilities and creativity to do our best to help them participate in tomorrow's world. Because they will have to face up to the dizzying development of artificial intelligence and the challenges and problems associated with the complexity of the 'world system'.

The dialogue between Science and Consciousness can offer a unified understanding of spirituality by exploring the profound relationships between material reality and subjective experience. This approach combines two apparently opposing modes of knowledge: the objective world of science and the inner world of consciousness. Here's how this dialogue can contribute to a more integrated understanding of spirituality:

- The dialogue between these two fields broadens our understanding of the world by integrating how the individual experiences the material world (science) and himself (consciousness). This union suggests that reality is not limited to what can be observed but includes more subtle levels of consciousness.
- Discoveries in quantum physics, for example, reveal that matter, at its most fundamental level, is made up of interconnected particles of energy. Some scientists and philosophers, such as David Bohm, have pointed out that these discoveries open the way to a new understanding of reality, where matter and consciousness are not separate but form a unified whole. Bohm has proposed a theory of an 'implicate order' in which everything in the universe is interconnected, linking matter and consciousness in an underlying unity. His exchanges with J. Krishnamurti, in particular, illustrate this bridge between science and consciousness and follow on from those of a certain Vivekananda with Nikola Tesla.

Our current approach

We are now working to create the conditions for meetings and dialogue between those who study consciousness and psychologists, doctors and scientists, both in Paris and on the Internet. For example, we have already invited Swami Isa to Paris and Geneva. Since then, he has been in regular contact with leading scientists in the field of quantum physics, particularly those working on the relationship between elementary particles and consciousness.

Consciousness as the Foundation of Reality:

Thinkers like Swami Isa, with I-Theory, suggest that the universe is composed of conscious energy. He argues that consciousness exists in every particle and that no understanding of the world can be complete without recognising this inherent consciousness in matter. This creates a unified vision of spirituality in which consciousness plays a fundamental role in structuring reality.

This vision is also being explored in fields such as neuroscience and transpersonal psychology, which study altered states of consciousness and their influence on our perception of the world and the self. This suggests that consciousness itself could be a bridge to a broader understanding of the spiritual world.

Swami Isa's 'I-theory' on particles focuses on the relationship between matter, energy and consciousness, presenting a unique synthesis of spirituality and modern physics. According to Swami Isa, particles are not just physical entities but manifestations of energy in both the objective (physical) and subjective (spiritual) realms. His theory suggests that every particle in the universe is imbued with consciousness, and understanding the nature of particles requires an awareness of both modalities.

This holistic vision transcends the conventional scientific understanding of particles as mere physical entities by linking them to spiritual consciousness. In summary, Swami Isa's 'I-theory' suggests that particles are expressions of a unified field of energy and consciousness, and to understand them fully, both their physical (objective) and spiritual (subjective) aspects need to be taken into account. This theory challenges the reductionist view of matter and offers a holistic understanding of the universe. I am sharing here a link to a scientific publication on the subject for those who are interested:

<https://www.scirp.org/journal/paperinformation?paperid=90713>

This dialogue between science and consciousness contributes to a unified vision of spirituality by broadening how we understand reality, the human being and his relationship with the universe. By recognising that matter and consciousness are interconnected, this dialogue makes it possible to create a more complete approach to the world, which includes not only the study of physical phenomena, but also the exploration of the inner and spiritual dimensions of existence. This integrated approach can transform how we perceive healing, ethics and our role in the cosmos, paving the way for a new spiritual and scientific understanding paradigm.

CONCLUSION

In the context of wars breaking out all over the world, we need to ask ourselves about the origins of violence, which have their roots in human thought. We are modestly trying to do this together at Surya-World: to take part in the 'global dialogue' now possible via the Internet, between tradition and modernity, or science and spirituality. The aim is to work together towards a better world for all.

Thank you for your attention.

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FOSTERING CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN ORDER TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

(French)

Jean Fabre

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I met Jean Fabre at a meeting of the *Home for Humanity* movement of which Jean is the president for the Geneva branch. So, Jean, you now have the floor...

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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH PANELLISTS

(English)

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VISUALISATION

(Spanish)

- Breathe calmly and align yourself with the soul, the spiritual self.
- Link up, in thought, with all the servants around the world who are working to establish right human relations and right relations between the different kingdoms.
- Visualise the planet with the five Planetary Centres (London, Darjeeling, New York, Geneva and Tokyo). See them as 5 radiating centres.
- Next, see the many capitals of countries around the world, like points of light spread across the 5 continents. Each capital represents the centre of the head in the living organism that is a nation.
- Visualise lines linking the capitals of the world to the five planetary Centres, creating a luminous network of relationships.
- Finally, see the five Centres radiating more strongly and illuminating all the networks, conditioning the capitals of the world in the direction of right relationships.
- As you do this, reflect on the following invocation:

Let the Forces of Light bring illumination to mankind.

Let the Spirit of Peace be spread abroad.

May men and women of goodwill everywhere meet in a spirit of cooperation.

May forgiveness on the part of all men and women be the keynote at this time.

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GROUP DISCUSSION IN LANGUAGE GROUPS

(French)

We are now going to have group discussions in what are called “breakout rooms”. Here you will be with a group of people whose language you share (English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch or Russian).

You will be assigned to a room of your language based on your name, which you have changed beforehand. If you have not yet changed your name to indicate your language preference (as indicated on page 3), please do so now.

During the discussion, we suggest that you:

- Activate your camera (unless you prefer not to).
- Turn on your microphone.

Please designate one person - preferably speaking English in addition to the main language of the group - as a *rapporteur*. There will be no plenary sharing, but we invite you – if you wish, of course – to share the conclusions of your discussions by sending a short summary (preferably in English, but if not in your own language) to: geneva@lucitrust.org. We will share a compilation of all the summaries by e-mail to the participants of this World Goodwill Seminar.

We will have about an hour of group discussion, after which we will all return to the main meeting for our concluding meditation.

To enter a breakout room, you will see a pop-up window with the following question:

“You have been assigned to room:

Room Name”

followed by a button “Join Breakout Room”

To join, please click on this button.

To leave a breakout room:



1. Click Exit Breakout Room.
2. You can leave the breakout room and return to the main meeting session at any time.

When the moderator ends these breakout sessions, you will be notified and given the option of returning to the main room immediately or allowing 60 seconds to elapse.

We invite you to choose one (or maximum two) discussion topics from the following list of themes – of course you may also discuss the main theme of this World Goodwill Seminar:

“The Will-to-Good: Rethinking International Relationships”

1. What does “will-to-good” mean in the context of international relationships?
2. How can education contribute to strengthening the will-to-good in international politics?
What educational approaches could inspire future leaders to make ethical decisions?
3. Do you perceive a growing tendency to World Goodwill and the recognition of interdependence?
Can you provide some examples?

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GROUP MEDITATION: WORLD GOODWILL

(German)

STRENGTHENING THE HANDS OF THE NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS

I. GROUP FUSION

We recognise our place, as a group, within the heart centre of the group of world servers:

**I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs.
May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them.
May the strength which is in me lift and aid them.
May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them.**

II. ALIGNMENT

Mentally extend a line of lighted energy towards the planetary heart centre – the spiritual Hierarchy; to the Christ, the “heart of love” within the spiritual Hierarchy; and towards the planetary head centre – the centre where the will of God is known.

III. HIGHER INTERLUDE

Hold the mind focused for a few moments on the planetary role of the group of world servers mediating between the spiritual Hierarchy and humanity, responding to spiritual impression and meditating the Plan of Light and Love into existence.

IV. MEDITATION Meditate on the seed thought:

***Through the impression and expression of certain great ideas, humanity
must be brought to the understanding of the fundamental ideals which will
govern the new age.
This is the major task of the new group of world servers.***

V. PRECIPITATION

Visualise the precipitation of the will-to-good, essential love, from the centre where the will of God is known, through the spiritual Hierarchy and the Christ, the group of world servers, all people of goodwill everywhere in the world, and finally through the hearts and minds of the whole human family.

VI. LOWER INTERLUDE

Consider the many ways in which the “Power of the one Life” and the “Love of the one Soul” are working out in the world through members of the new group of world servers, so building the “thought form of solution” to world problems.

VII. DISTRIBUTION

As the Great Invocation is sounded, visualise the irradiation of human consciousness with light and love and power:

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into human minds.
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into human hearts.
May the Coming One return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide all little human wills -
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the human race
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth

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