

## **SEVEN TASKS**

To be carried out for the  
COMMON GOOD

In the process of spiritualization inside and outside the United Nations through the practice of mutual respect, mutual gratitude, inclusiveness and non-discrimination in daily life

### **TOWARDS A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS, A NEW HUMAN BEING, A NEW WORLD**

Based upon justice for all and human rights protected by enforceable international law

These thoughts on seven among the many tasks which face humanity on the way to a world culture and civilisation more in harmony with universal laws stem mainly from our work at the United Nations in Geneva, which brings us into contact with the many efforts being done by various groups and organisations to help solve today's world problems, and the obstacles that prevent them from being successful. This choice of seven tasks does not imply that they are the only ones, or that they are the most important ones. Cleaning up the environment, changing our attitude to health and healing, moving science beyond pure materialism may be just as important, among many others. In our view, however, these seven tasks are exemplary of the work that needs to be done today to establish right human relations within our human family. We offer our thoughts on the subject with the hope that they might help clarify some of the underlying causes of world problems and be of use to all who, throughout the world, are working to alleviate them.

### **To transform LABELLING into Right Human Relations and Humaneness**

In nearly all walks of life today we can find the labelling of people as Christians, Jews, Muslims, Catholics, Communists, Democrats, Americans, Europeans, Asians and so on. There is a widespread tendency for people to see themselves first as defined by these labels and thus separated from others, forgetting that they are FIRST of all HUMAN BEINGS facing the same tasks and problems in their families, with their health, in their working places and in their different religious groups and political parties.

As long as human beings perceive themselves in separative "labels", they understand their labels as a means to gain a particular status in life; labels thus feed competition, the sense of superiority and an exclusive behaviour: separativeness. All these aspects of glamour and illusion have a strong impact in our world society today and create many problems. Certain groups, including intellectuals, often think that they are better than others because they have a better academic-intellectual education, that they know better what others need, forgetting that simplicity is a very essential aspect for deeper understanding and spiritual unfoldment.

All these tendencies of separativeness, complicated by rampant injustice, impede the worldwide development of RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS. Our different cultures and lifestyles are our common wealth; we can learn from each other and be enriched in our common striving for the COMMON GOOD in a spirit of MUTUAL GRATITUDE and MUTUAL RESPECT for all. Our different approaches to what we call TRUTH or HAPPINESS should never be a cause for fighting or wars.

We all have only to accept that we are all primarily HUMAN BEINGS with common needs and aspirations and that a better world can only be developed if we practice constructive cooperation in **all** life circumstances, if we learn to enjoy our differences of approach to a higher life standard, if we totally forget all kinds of competition and help each other instead to reach our individual and collective goals for the COMMON GOOD. It is in our hands to create a NEW WORLD CIVILIZATION and a NEW WORLD CULTURE OF PEACE by sharing our knowledge and our world resources for the social and spiritual unfoldment of ALL. The practical implementation of the formula “All for one and one for all” is the key that could guarantee the Common Good, well-being and happiness worldwide.

### **To transform the MONETARY SYSTEM into a human-friendly and just global instrument**

Originally, money was a neutral medium of exchange of services and goods. Money itself is a neutral energy, which is why it can be exchanged for goods and services. It should circulate freely to all places where it is needed for exchange. That was and is the basic pure concept of money. Only as much money needs to circulate as is necessary for the exchange of the services and goods produced by humans and nature.

The conversion of money into a ‘product’ in itself which can be traded on capital markets and the interest rate system have led to the misuse of a neutral and just means of exchange. This is the root of all global economic problems like speculation, corruption and wars, inflation, unemployment and poverty for millions of humans on our planet. With the corrupt interest rate system, the wealthy ‘make’ money out of money instead of earning money by supplying services or goods. They do not work in the interest of a just social system, they ‘work’ only for themselves and create artificial poverty and misery for millions of people worldwide in spite of the richness of our planetary resources. With their investments in their own selfish interest, they determine and control which industries will grow and in what kind of jobs people will work, whether they like it or not, or whether their work contributes to create a just social system. So we live under the dictate of a small group of people who control the corrupt global monetary system in their own interests. The best examples are the wars started to gain access to and control of world resources in other countries.

Cooperative enterprises, land for the people and free circulation of money, not the present process of “privatisation”, will provide an infrastructure of justice and security in which people can work and develop in a healthy and sound way. Speculation is ‘income’ without labour – without any responsibility for a just monetary system and an equitable global structure which upholds human dignity. Many groups work hard today to open people’s eyes to the kind of slavery imposed on them and to spread information on a free and clean monetary system. The media could play an important role in this urgent process.

### **To rewrite truthfully the HISTORY of all nations**

Honoré de Balzac expressed it in scathing words: “History is of two kinds – there is the official history taught in schools, a lying compilation ... and there is the secret history which deals with the real causes of events – a scandalous chronicle”.

Until now, history was written or dictated in nearly every country by the winners of conflicts and wars. The losers were always the evil ones and the winners the good ones. The losers of confrontations had no voice. Internationally well respected historians have often been put into prison for daring to write the history of their own countries as they experienced it. Is it not

time for all nations to openly admit their past wrongdoings and by so doing eliminate the aggravation caused by the posturing of superiority and finger-pointing?

History needs therefore to be rewritten, so that present and future generations see clearly and understand properly WHAT really happened in the past. They will then be able to build on common ground Right Human Relations based on eternal values such as love of truth, mutual respect, mutual gratitude, personal responsibility, constructive cooperation and justice. Noble efforts, humaneness and integrity will characterize the future leaders of humanity, not preoccupation with military power.

Here is a good example from recent history. When Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in the former USSR in 1986, one of his first acts for the COMMON GOOD was to invite the 50 best historians from Russia to rewrite the history of the country correctly and truthfully. Very interesting details came to light and Germany was exonerated of several war crimes which had in fact been committed by the Russian forces.

The rehabilitation of all nations plays a vital role for a common future of peace and dignity based on mutual respect and universal truth. In a new world culture and civilization, we can only live in harmony when justice and lawfulness is the common ground for negotiations and good, harmonious human relations. Justice has to be the platform on which a new Heaven and a new Earth will be built. We have to start NOW – all people with COMMON SENSE are invited to become bridge builders into the Aquarian Age of Right Human Relations based on a sense of Justice, Universality and enlightened Oneness.

### **To develop COOPERATION among religions and beliefs in a spirit of mutual respect and gratitude**

All present world religions and spiritual beliefs have **one** and the same source:

#### **THE LOVE OF THE CREATOR**

If it is true, as stated by many world religions, that God is love and that the human being was made in the image of God, then why have the institutional religions been fighting each other for thousands of years? Is it perhaps because they have lost touch with the essence of the divine messages brought to humanity by highly developed sages throughout the ages?

How can one religion be better than another one, when all come from one and the same source? It seems that this fact is obscured by a worldwide misty glamour which finds expression in a sense of superiority, separateness and conflicts at the cost of the world's populations.

In a deeper sense, the world religions represent a sequence of spiritual steps. Every religion presented the eternal values in a form which was the most appropriate for humanity at the time. But there is no standstill, evolution continues to go ahead and old forms of religion need to be transformed into new instruments for spiritual training. Our days are no exception. We are at the threshold of a new world religion which includes all the previous values at the same time as it suits the new life qualities which are emerging, such as global awareness and global consciousness, which include all of humanity composed of human beings made in the image of the ONE Creator. Why then fight each other, if we are all brothers and sisters? The illusion of separateness, which causes us to see each other as enemies, has to be recognised and

eliminated. What the suffering humankind really needs are spiritual leaders with heart qualities, not intellectual religious rulers who seek only their own prestige and power. In more than 20 world religions, the so-called GOLDEN RULE can be found:

### **TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WISH TO BE TREATED**

If the majority of humanity lived from now on according to that rule, tomorrow the world would be totally changed. Brotherhood would materialise overnight. Let us start as soon as we read these lines to practice the Golden Rule in our daily lives and to spread this simple message to all our friends and colleagues so that they also can start to live as intelligent human beings who care for and respect each other. The planet is rich enough to give us a secure and healthy stewardship, even during our own life span already, on this wonderful planet, if exploitation is stopped. Mahatma Gandhi said: “There is enough for everybody’s need, but not for everybody’s greed.” Our daily blessing to all that surrounds us should be: “We wish happiness to all beings”.

### **To DISARM drastically to set money free for peaceful and intelligent education and social development, including health services, food, clean water and shelter for all**

The challenge for ending starvation and human misery and for social and dignified social development today demands the channelling of the money necessary to materialise for everyone the proposals laid down in the Universal Declaration for Human Rights. In the interest of a very small minority, too much money is used for ‘security’ – for what and for whom? About one trillion dollars are spent annually only for military service. Peace can only be secured by preparing for peace, not by preparing for war. It is clear to most people which nations are investing exorbitant amounts of money into increasingly sophisticated weapons. However, there does not seem to be sufficient comprehension by people that it is their money (paid in taxes) being used for weapons rather than for desperately needed health and social programmes (e.g. housing, education, etc). One may well ask why such a tragic phenomenon continues in so many nations? Today we live all together in a global village and therefore every war is a civil war. We all share spaceship Earth.

Too many lies are told to the people about security. We are kept in a constant atmosphere of fear, day and night expecting terrorist attacks. Terrorism also provides a profitable business for weapon production. Besides, it has led to an ever increasing control of all citizens by the State, telling them how to live, what to consume, how to educate their children and how to cure their physical and psychological disturbances. Humanity today is intelligent enough to find solutions for our transnational challenges on the platform of the United Nations. All that is needed is a good police force to protect people from criminals. It would be much better help for populations in tense situations to get psychological advice from well trained specialists whose sole priority is the well-being of the people. Today, however, diverse ways and means are used to keep the populations under the pressure of fear. People need to start to understand how they are manipulated, unfortunately also by their own governments, by the media, by big corporations and the military industry. In the Middle Ages, during the Thirty Years’ War in Europe, people finally found a solution: “God helps those who help themselves”, which tells us that humans are divine creatures and have the will power to change their lives for the better by keeping an attitude of mutual respect and right human relations based upon an unshakeable infrastructure of justice for all. Where there is a will, there is a way. The following formula summarises it all:

TAKING CHARGE OF OUR OWN LIVES FREES US FROM THE NEED TO BLAME  
OTHERS

**To use GLOBAL RESOURCES for the social and spiritual development of  
all**

The Masters of Wisdom on planet Earth tell us: the resources found in the different parts of our planet belong to the people living in those areas. The different resources then need to be exchanged and distributed among the different populations to promote their social and spiritual development. It is absolutely not in conformity with the natural and cosmic laws for corporations and governments to take these rights away from the people in their own egocentric interests. Still worse it is to use this wealth to produce arms and to fight against the rightful owners. The media could play a powerful role in creating an awakened enlightened public opinion comprising responsible citizens of the one Humanity. To date tragically this is not the case as generally the content of the media seems to be not only violent and superficial, but destructive to the consciousness of people – including children. We may indeed ask why this rather widespread plague goes on unchecked...

What we see today is a flagrant violation of the cosmic Plan for planet Earth. It leads to all the results which we know so well today: war, poverty, unemployment, human traffic, prostitution, disease, hunger and criminality.

Most international laws are not respected, while the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights still await their implementation. Humanity sorely needs to replace present imperialistic rulers by enlightened spiritual leaders of noble character.

**To establish a UN SECURITY COUNCIL comprising only member States  
with no military forces**

In the year 2005, about 20 of the 191 member States of the United Nations have no military forces. In our critical times, extra honour should be rendered to these nations, which give the example that forces other than military exist, such as good neighbourly relations, which can replace the expansionist imperialistic ambitions of certain nations. Good relations are much cheaper to implement than any military solution. Once again, money would be freed for the well-being of the people and not used against them in the form of aggression, occupation or oppression.

At present the five permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations – the USA, China, the UK, France and Russia – are the main producers of all kind of weapons, both conventional and ABC (atomic, biological, chemical). Many of the other Security Council members without ‘veto rights’ are also big armament producers. It is logical that when a product is produced, the producer will also want to sell and to use it. Thus the “war and terrorism market” on planet Earth creates constant competition to get products on the market. Our monetary system, based on speculation and not on social values, contributes to overproduction. All weapons are produced with the tax money of people in all countries. It is a shame that we all finance with our taxes death and destruction for the profits of powerful industrial military complexes which represent a minority of humanity. Besides, the people who work in these factories must be discontent, because they know that from a global

perspective and as members of one global family they give their life force and intelligence for the destruction of life. There is such a treasure of resources, knowledge, cultures, languages and landscapes. Does such a heritage not imply also an implicit responsibility to share it for the Common Good, in the spirit of the formula:

“ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL”

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