

A HUMAN MANIFESTO

Human life on our planet is in jeopardy.

It is in jeopardy from war that could pulverize the human habitat. It is in jeopardy from preparations for war that destroy or diminish the prospects of decent existence.

It is in jeopardy because of the denial of human rights.

It is in jeopardy because the air is being fouled and the waters and soil are being poisoned.

It is in jeopardy because of the uncontrolled increase in population.

If these dangers are to be removed and if human development is to be assured, we the peoples of this planet must accept obligations to each other and to the generations of human beings to come.

We have the obligation to free our world of war by creating an enduring basis for world-wide peace.

We have the obligation to safeguard the delicate balances of the natural environment and to develop the world's resources for the human good.

We have the obligation to create a world order in which we neither have to kill or be killed.

In order to carry out these obligations, we the people of this world assert our primary allegiance to each other in the human family. We declare our individual citizenship in the world community and our support for a United Nations capable of governing our planet in the common human interest.

This world is held in trust by the people who inhabit it. We have the responsibility to care for it, shape it, nurture it.

Life in the universe is precious. It must be protected, respected, cherished.

We pledge our energies and resources of spirit to the preservation of the human habitat and to the infinite possibilities of human betterment in our time.

I am prepared this day to declare myself a citizen of the world, and to invite everyone everywhere to embrace this broader vision of our interdependent world, our common quest for justice in our times and ultimately for peace on earth - Theodore Hesburgh

PLEDGE OF PLANETARY CITIZENSHIP

I recognize my membership in the human community.

I recognize my allegiance to humanity while I reaffirm my allegiances to my own community, state and nation.

As a member of the planetary family of humanity, the good of the world community is my first concern.

THEREFORE:

I will work to end divisions and wars among people;

I will work for realization of human rights - civil and political; economic, social and cultural - for all people;

I will work to bring the actions of nations into conformity with the needs of the world community;

I will work for the strengthening and improvement of the United Nations;

- to give the United Nations the authority to act on behalf of the common will of humanity;

- to curb the excesses of nations;

and to meet the common global dangers and needs of the human family.

WHAT ARE PLANETARY INITIATIVES

Vision, Goals, Underlying Motivations and Values

Integral to the work of new age world servers is the responsibility of insuring we reflect on the purpose of what we do, and that in turn the results are a reflection of that comprehension. It is incumbent on us to build within the physical manifestations of The Work the highest expression of our aspirations for unity and synthesis.

Just as the individual seeks to refine their physical, mental, and emotional vehicles to better express the divinity within and purify the ego so that it does not cloud our sight or hinder our service, so must the group. As we cleanse our personalities of glamour and clean the lenses of intuitive insight of illusion in order to be a better channel of light to carry out our service, so must the group.

The higher and lower self of the group is the collective sum total of its members as the initiative is the sum of its groups. This is the deepest dimension to the means-end dichotomy. It is the significance of the axiom: the medium is the message. The highest physical manifestation we can envision and build will be dependent on the instruments we fashion- ourselves and our groups. We will accomplish our goals to the extent the dichotomy of means-ends is bridged. Then and only then, will we synergistically combine our energies to facilitate geometric unfoldment and growth of the 'Age of Transformation' forms for service.

The work we are 'called' to necessitates the connection of heart and mind so that right human relations will guide all we do. Without this connection the ego will enter and our vision will be locked in static reality not a dynamic, evolving, truth. This is when an idea becomes frozen as an ideal; when a crystallization becomes a crystal ossified in time.

To be successful we must realize that it is not OUR work we are carrying out. We are instruments carrying out 'The Work', building a vehicle for others to carry out 'The Work'. We are not to become another group competing with other groups to provide global input. The Planetary Initiative is a channel for other people and their groups to express at the community, regional, national and international level their aspirations for - "One World, One Humanity, One Destiny". Similar to the United Nations we are not the leadership of that process but organizers. We are facilitating the development of not just a new coalition but a new structure that assists others express their critiques, resolutions and proposals for "the world we choose".

It is imperative that we keep our egos from blocking our personal insight, our collective vision, and obstructing the flow of "Light" through the group and its work. Learning how to do this is as much apart of the work as is the success of that work. With experimentation, oneness, clarity of sight, our unselfish service will not find the appropriate forms, rather they will find us. As we learn what prayers, meditations, man trams, intoning the Ones name (OM), silences, etc. help us align ourselves and the group spiritually will become increasingly attuned with the One and in harmony with the "Plan" and our Work.

Through this alignment with the One Humanity our experimentation with consensus,

cooperation, rotating leadership, along with desire for competence and efficiency will flower in qualitative and quantitative productivity. Though the need is great, the demands on our time great, and pressures for fruition strong, we must "hurry up and slow down for there is no time to loose".

This balancing of process and product will be another marker in our success for while our hearts are learning to be open our accomplishments must be as evident as is the 'calling'. We must operate with oneness of a child and the efficiency of a seasoned UN leader, or humanistic industrialist. Our values, principles, missions statement need to be written, our goals need to be defined, objectives clarified, timeliness outlined, Project coordinators responsibilities detailed, job descriptions written for facilitators, "members" duties enumerated. The best of inspired dreams can founder on the rocks of incompetence, for no wind blows well for a ship with out a course and a crew without skills.

Our work is more than seeing justice and reconciliation, even more than seeing healing at all levels, it is the desire of harmony that brings unity, and eventually synthesis.

We are apart of the process of - invocation and evocation - aligning ourselves with the one destiny, being channels for that light, sending it out to the one humanity, while helping ground it to build the one world which we choose.