

A Letter to World Citizens

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Our World Government is about to come of age!

Guru Nataraja's epic Memorandum herein is its dialectical keystone, that crown of the global arch, its highest point which binds the whole community and without which neither the political "right" or "left" can be related as parts of that Whole for the General Good and the Good of Each.

It defines the Absolute Constant from which law itself evolves to guide us in our social life. It contains the precise unitive formula for the recognition and application of Justice, absolute and supreme, throughout Man's institutions. It is the "pearl of great price," and needed pinch of absolutism which "leavens the whole loaf," the subtle balance-wheel of pure reason applied to world politics which cancels out conflicts. For all students of politics, economics, and social scientists, for all statesmen, politicians, judges, lawyers, indeed all one worlders and lovers of humanity, it is a statement that deserves the most serious study and attention. We will go further. It is the final statement on government in terms of principle. As such, to the extent that present-day leaders conform to it, they will justify their positions of public trust. We here state unequivocally that it constitutes the premise of World Government we head and may be considered the preamble to whatever constitution written or unwritten emerges in its course of evolution.

World Government Functions: As Dr. Natarajan authoritatively states—as have all sages and religious seers before him—the human family is a given, a Reality, a concrete down-to-earth living dynamic Fact demanding all our attention and loyalty. Deny it and we deny our own existence; accept it and accept our own existence, To wake up to this magnificent Fact, that HUMANITY IS ONE, now, today, this minute, as you read this, that WE, THE HUMAN RACE exist, is to be a fully-conscious human being.

Then if it is true that humanity exists as such or *de facto*, it is as true that we all function as part of it, that is, as actual or *de facto* citizens of the one world. Not just those who call themselves "World Citizens" but all two billion, two hundred and fifty million of us humans. Then by the scientifically stated dialectical laws of the Memorandum, we know there cannot be a World Citizen without a World Government just as there cannot be a mother without a child, food without hunger, man without woman, or positive without negative. These terms are counterparts and belong to one another and together make a unity or whole. Happiness or harmony or peace is that transcendent value emerging as a result of this unity and wholeness (holiness). An airplane without sky to fly in is an absurdity as is a book without a reader or a husband without a wife. By the same token an Indian or United States citizen is the counterpart of the Indian or United States government. Do you understand now that the *de facto* existence of 2,250,000,000 World Citizens can only be understood in the light of an actual World Government existing and functioning *right now* for them?

The Absolute Truth: Then how is World Government actually functioning you ask. It is

functioning through a crisscrossing politics, an interdependent world economy, a global communication system, a recognition of and blending of cultures, myriads of humans joining across all frontiers in business, educational, social, cultural, political, scientific, technical and just friendship organizations and all spearheaded by the actual World Government and World Citizenship organizations now spread throughout the one community. Its crown or coordinating instrument is the World Government herein defined.

But then why all the arming and war talk? Why the excessive wealth and excessive poverty among us? Obviously that is due to the peculiar transition phase we are passing through historically where nationalism is suffering its death agonies and creating giant cancers and pain throughout the human body social. It is impossible to explain the threat of nuclear war otherwise, *which is a nationalistic threat toward the whole human race.*

So, dear fellow World Citizen, our World Government, accept it or not, is actually functioning. There is nothing to federate, nothing to unify, nothing to proselytize, no cause to promote, no religion to start, no program to put forth, no plans to make, in fact, not even any thinking to do! *There is but to realize the Absolute Truth of our very situation.* From that giant and awe-inspiring realization will flow the natural or organic and co-operative institutions which alone can serve Man for his personal and communal happiness.

Glory Ahead! If we can but come to this realization, then our innate intelligence will solve this essentially simple problem of sustenance and peace—and science promises us not only the elimination of poverty, but abundance with rational organization of our resources, natural, productive, distributive, and managerial. Who knows what the future holds, both physically and psychologically, for a planet at peace? The open heavens beckon and our own brain beckons, both unexplored territory waiting for bold adventurers. What an era of unprecedented glory and achievement await the human race by simply realizing and implementing its innate unity.

World Government is the key. There is no longer any need to be *for* World Government as are so many so-called one worlders. It functions now and we are all part and parcel of it.

Stateless person vs. the State: In this regard, we now reveal a situation vis-a-vis a particular nation-state in which we are involved personally which will serve as an illustration of the power of the World Government and the impotence of nationalism when confronted by an absolutist World Citizen.

On October 4th next, the six month visa given me by the Indian government expires. We are required by the Foreigner's Act to apply at least two weeks before the expiration date for an extension as an "alien." If after we apply, the Government refuses to extend our visa, we are required to leave India before the date of expiration. Failure to leave makes us liable to prosecution for a contravention of the provision of the Act punishable with imprisonment for five years with a fine and liable to expulsion from India. That we have no national visa for any other country is irrelevant to Indian law.

Deportation Problem: In the case of a stateless person with no papers to enter another country, to where on earth can he be deported? Only the oceans, the skies over them, some barren islands or some parts of the Arctic and Antarctica are countryless. To consider them is absurd, That leaves a country that will agree to take him without papers, But he owes no allegiance to any state. He cannot legally enter another state where he faces the same illegalities—after another six month "grace" period— which face him in the deporting state. Then there is the question of *his* consent. He is under no obligation to enter a country to which he doesn't want to go. Both human rights and just national law itself defends the individual against such coercion.

The state therefore which by law threatens to deport a stateless person against his will with imprisonment as an alternative must collude with another state in actually carrying out the threat i.e., moving him from one state to the other forcibly. This arbitrary collusion between two states is punishable by law if committed by citizens of either state. Further it violates several Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which, most probably, both states are co-signers. Article 9 states that “*No one shall be subject to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile*” while Article 5 says. “*No one shall be subject to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment!*” Deportation itself carries with it a stigma, both moral and physical, which seriously impugns the deportee’s character and activities. Merely to be stateless cannot be considered sufficient cause to so besmirch a man’s reputation. Here is clearly exposed the injustice and folly of at least one segment of national law.

Jailing problems: Let us turn to the other alternative facing the government, that of jailing the stateless person, How valid is such a threat? His “crime” would be “being in the country illegally.” But if he left, or were forced out, he would be in another state illegally also, and though there is not so much difference in jails throughout the world, justice is most certainly not served by trading one jail for another. If on the other hand, the government actually jailed him, which by law is it required to do, what could be the only logical term of his sentence? Since if he is free he is illegal, and to be illegal is a national crime, obviously he must be kept in jail as long as the state exists as an absolute sovereignty. Thus even the sentence of five years is exposed as absurd and merely a threat.

The State Grinds to a Halt: In short, to be stateless vis-a-vis the state is to represent the impossible legal case where the only legal alternatives become absurdities when exposed by the stateless person himself. In this exposure, *it is revealed that the stateless person is actually sovereign rather than the state since his mere existence reduces the whole state legal structure to non-sequitors.*
