

Letter To World Citizens

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Thinking back to former New Year messages, I cannot remember a time more crisis-ridden yet somehow encouraging than now. Years ago someone told me that we lived in the "prophetic years" and that the sages and gurus of the past would have given anything to live now. For now was the "Age of Global Choice." It has become almost a truism ever since the bomb exploded over Hiroshima that humanity itself was at a "crossroads." Buckminster Fuller put it succinctly: Utopia or Oblivion.

A mystic in New Zealand some years ago gave me a book, Cosmic Revelation, "channeled" by Ann Valentin and Virginia Essene of Santa Clara, California. One sentence in the Dedication struck me forcibly: "Because of those like you, **humanity will bond** in spiritual power and purpose, and will make preservation of all life and peace on Earth a final accomplishment." (I add the emphasis).

"Humanity will bond." That's a new and powerful thought. Surely to be part of that process is transcendent, even hallowed. Coupled with our lead article in this issue about "higher coherence," and the Women's World Congress account, with upcoming congresses, meetings and conventions of all types coming in 1992, with world citizenship becoming more known and applied, that total bonding process is more than theory but pragmatic reality. It is happening all around and through us .

In my new book, Passport To Freedom, I recount in the first chapter how Guru Nataraja talked to me about "loving humanity." It was a strange idea at the time. But now, at 70, witnessing the turmoil and strife everywhere, the artificial divisions, notions, and identities we assume blindly, and yet contrarily, the loving care given to a newborn and our common response to suffering, I can feel, sometimes vaguely, sometimes overwhelmingly, the underlying humanity in each of us, the "bonding" already there waiting for release and fulfilment. It is a heady experience, eminently uplifting.

On a more mundane level, our crusade for the implementation of human rights must gather renewed power in 1992. Our individual claim to human rights is as legitimate as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights itself. It is also a personal responsibility, both locally and globally.

I attended a lecture on "The Future of Human Rights" at St. Michael's college in Colchester, Vt. last week given by an eminent Jesuit priest from a Catholic University in Washington, D.C. While he mentioned the United Nations, NGO's, and "transnational actors," as major components in the human rights future, he never mentioned humans themselves as *the* essential factor in that future. Nor did he mention that human rights had to be protected by human or world law. And when during the question period I asked him about humanity's rights, for instance, the right to survive, he replied that the very idea seemed preposterous and even "dangerous."

In short, question so-called authorities as to who can claim human rights if not the humans concerned. My new book treats this subject at length.

With the unification of Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent Republics, the proliferation of new states and generally a rapidly changing political profile throughout the world community, constitution-making will dominate many legal minds in the coming years. Our own constitutional process, outlined in past WCNs, awaits the manual from Coordinator Stafford Beer setting forth the modus vivendi for his "Syntegrity" (replacing "Tensegrity") process. The launch for the series of World Government Constitutional Conventions will begin in early 1993 according to present plans.

On to 2000!

To all World Citizens, may you have a joyous holiday and a New Year of peace, well-being and freedom.