

Letter To World Citizens

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A New Year in Space

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Since the next World Citizen News won't appear until February, this letter will be a sort of New Year's message and a greeting to World Citizens everywhere.

What can we World Citizens expect from 1993, the 40th anniversary of the founding of our government?

Recently I received six cassettes, entitled "Space Age," that were produced by Public Media Video in association with the National Academy of Sciences. Imagine my surprise when the first words on the first tape turned out to be from Cosmic Citizen Jean-Luc Picard of "Star Trek." He is inter-galactically famous as the captain of "The Enterprise," flagship of the United Federation of Planets. Against the fiery background of missile launches, this world-renowned space traveler, otherwise known as Patrick Stewart, declares: "The space age was born in a world divided. For superpowers locked in a Cold War that lasted over four decades, rockets became symbols of ideological supremacy."

(He cited Peenemunde, Germany's North Sea space-research base, as the very site where the Space Age began. Ironically, as a B-17 bomber pilot in World War II, I took part in the August 24, 1944, mission that leveled Peenemunde to the ground!)

With the background of the Earth pinioned against a vast starry firmament, a Soviet cosmonaut is then quoted on the video tape as saying, "Obviously the more you travel, the larger your horizons become, and you begin to have a sense that you are not just part of one small territory on the surface of the earth but a member of the entire human family."

One after another, the spacemen (and woman) spoke almost with awe of their holistic experience. For them, national frontiers were obliterated, actually and figuratively. They were all transmuted -- indeed metamorphosized -- by their cosmic experience. They sprouted wings!

The tape then showed U.S. astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts meeting at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate in 1990. Included in this historic gathering were some of the few humans who have beheld our planet as it actually is.

What does all this have to do with you and with earthly constitutions?

Everything.

I wrote last month about space as that which unites us. I talked of how personal inner space and cosmic outer space are in reality one and the same, with the mind serving as the transparent mirror through which they meld and harmonize.

Because you have declared yourself a World Citizen, you are thereby operating in common world "space." Now, constitutions fill social, economic and political "space" -- the area *between* citizens, who require recognition and codes of conduct.

New nations are currently writing new constitutions to fill that common space. But given their interdependence, they must include references to common **world** space. The constitutions mentioned in David Gallup's world law column this month have defined the space separating humans *within* their jurisdiction while referring only obliquely to the space beyond. The Founders of the United States, for instance, filled the common space between both the individual Americans and their separate states. But the Founders failed either to recognize or codify the ubiquitous space between Americans and the citizens of other nations.

Such omissions lead to wars.

Now the common global space is being filled with the sovereign will of individual World Citizens. The created space of the Infosets will allow inner and outer space to meet, thus

transmuting the 30 participants into spacemen and spacewomen viewing both the Planet Earth and its environment in the vast universe. As self-declared World Citizens, our final conclusions, as Statements of Importance, become endorsements of and for positive world law.

President-elect Clinton will soon swear allegiance to a national constitution. But it is only through a constitutional world order that the merit of this legal act can be determined. Presidents Yeltsin, Mitterrand, Hussein, etc., plus all the prime ministers, kings, queens and even dictators are impotent to address global problems of vital concern to each of us and to humanity in its entirety.

As World Citizens, we are the new governors. That is the true and reassuring message for the New Year of 1993 -- as well as for the new millenium that begins seven years hence.
