

Letter to World Citizens

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New Year, New World

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As 1994 relentlessly approaches, my thoughts turn toward a New Year's message appropriate to you, my fellow World Citizens. But how does one encapsulate our complex world at the end of 1993 and then extrapolate that analysis into a coherent message for the future — all in 500 words? Or a million? Why even try?

I think it is because all of us have a compulsion to understand how things relate, to put what we know in some rational order. The world's complexity demands simplification, clarification. All that data must somehow be turned into information useful to our well-being. It's certainly a formidable challenge.

Throughout the year, many of you write to our World Government recounting horrendous problems you face in war zones or refugee camps. The letters sometimes have been hand-carried by friends to places where they can be safely mailed. You desperately seek help, turning to the World Government as a last resort.

The World Service Authority then issues you global documents representing and confirming your human rights, which have been violated. WSA's legal department sends strongly but politely worded registered letters to the state leaders whose lower-level officials, often arbitrarily, are committing the violations. Our letters occasionally bring the desired results, but often our claim of global sovereignty, despite its moral and legitimate underpinnings, is ridiculed by state bureaucrats who often fear the loss of their power over us.

(Witness, for instance, in this issue, page 16, the reply of the U.S. State Department to my Oct. 26 letter, published in the Nov. 1993 World Citizen News, regarding the claim by consular officials in various U.S. embassies that the WSA passport is "fraudulent." The issue was unaddressed by this non-response.)

The good news, however, despite the catastrophes we all learn about daily or, unfortunately, experience directly, is that we, world citizens, are still on the right, global track.

The word "global" is current everywhere. It has replaced "national" — which has become synonymous with breakdown, destruction and corruption — as the dynamic 20th century fact. The World Syntegrity Project is the latest strategy confirming the global reality of sovereign world citizens and sovereign humanity.

The bad news is the pervasive, insidious nationalistic conditioning perpetrated on the general public by national leaders supported by the entire hierarchical bureaucracy of the nation-state. Alvin and Heidi Toffler termed such myopia "second wave" politics in their book, "Third Wave." In their new book, "War and Anti-War," they identify three general levels of society: agricultural, technical and the exponentially-expanding communications society, which represents the "third wave."

While the so-called First World becomes ever-more closely linked via computers, the mainly agricultural Third World continues its mortal game in the false name of "security." But war itself has gone or is going "third wave," the Tofflers claim, with defense departments promoting "smart bombs" utilizing complex software so as to bring killing to a finer art than the "second wave" massacres we have grown accustomed to.

Counterbalancing and neutralizing "third wave" warmaking is our common world citizenship!

In my 1991 Letter to World Citizens (WCN V, No. 6) eight days into the Gulf War, in which "smart bombs" were tested, I wrote that "World Citizens ... are not 'against' war

nor 'for' peace. Just as light does not know darkness but is self-contained, we ARE peace. We have exercised our inalienable right to choose that civic status which effectively and legally eliminates the scourge of war and confirms the conditions of peace: the human social contract.

Indeed, we are already the new world order!"

You see, the difference between this age and ages past is that one- world is no longer a dream; it is reality. Humanity is no longer a myth; it is a living being!

As I write, TV news and front pages of the world are showing our home planet as it appears from the space shuttle Endeavor. The sharpened glimpse of our universe, which should soon be available to us earthlings as a result of the Hubble telescope repairs, should serve to expose and challenge artificial frontiers and divisive attitudes at ground level. From infinite space, neither humanity nor its civilization exist ... only Earth itself.

Therefore, may 1994 — only six short years to the millennium — bring you ever closer to that glorious realization of harmonious unity, both inwardly and outwardly, even to the beckoning space "world" which contains all.
