

Letter to World Citizens

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Higher Coherence' Coming Faster Than You Think

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I met Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic, on March 12, 1991, at the presidential palace in Prague and presented him with an honorary World Passport. Havel told me that his father had translated Emery Reves' *Anatomy of Peace* into Czech when he, Vaclav, was 16, so he was very familiar with both the concept and necessity of world government.

A few weeks earlier, before the full U.S. Congress, Havel evoked the image of the ancient Rajarishis of India, the philosopher-kings who ruled with wisdom as well as power. By daring, in that nationalist setting, to refer to Lincoln's "*family of man*," the Czech leader caused the jaded politicians to stand and cheer. He ended his speech with a quote from the Declaration of Independence, the very passage to which I refer when trying to convince skeptical U.S. citizens that world government is essential to the protection of human rights: "...governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Havel then joined 36 other leaders in Stockholm on April 22, 1991, in a call for "world governance" (WCN Vol. 5, No. 8). After scoring the United Nations for its impotence, their report urged "world leaders..(to) act determinedly to build *a new system* for peace and security, on both a global and regional scale." (Emphasis added.)

Regular readers of this column are already familiar with my insistence that, in legal fact, *we* are the true world leaders — if indeed citizenship means more than serfdom or subjection. National leaders, after all, can give only lip service to world government. They cannot create it. Only we can...as we link up dynamically with our common humanity.

Many of you have also, I hope, begun to appreciate that the World Syntegrity Project is the democratic and global vehicle leading to "a new system" through which your personal sovereignty can be expressed on the vital issue of world governance.

In this edition of World Citizen News, we carry acknowledgements of the first results of the World Syntegrity Project from eight more national leaders, among them President Havel. Please note Havel's urgent appeal "to continue the intellectual journey and the incorporation of a large number of world views." As your Statements of Importance increase in volume and content, as their collation reveals our collective will in greater detail, and as World Government evolves in concert with that expressed will, a "breakthrough to a higher coherence" — as Nobel Laureate Ilya Prigogine termed it — will miraculously occur before our eyes and those of our children.

In the meantime, the human "nervous system" of communications aids our sovereign project.

With so much data now available, our minds are being constantly challenged to link it all together into a coherent whole. But like gushing water, it keeps seeking to drown us in bits — or bytes. Are our brains capable of coping with the challenge? Who can merge all that data so it does actually become useful information? And what is the implication when the stream is literally worldwide and coming at us from all directions?

Marshall MacCluhan wrote, "the medium is the message." But the media are now everywhere; so the message, too, is ubiquitous. We are also everywhere. That "we" is all of us together: humanity.

From an informational standpoint, this reality effectively eliminates each and every division, especially nationalism and religion. If the African in the remote rainforest or desert can access the same information as the Park Avenue socialite; if Jews, Christians, Muslims,

blacks, whites, yellows, men and women can also access the same data, are they not informationally equal? With worldwide data bases, such as TogetherNet (See p. 20), making information available literally to everyone with a computer and modem, the human “nervous system” is evolving exponentially.

In the March 24 New York Times, for instance, I read that Bill Gates, chief executive of Microsoft and the second-wealthiest person in the U.S., along with Craig McCaw, head of McCaw Cellular Communications, plans to build a \$9 billion communication system using 840 small satellites stationed about 400 miles above earth. The purpose is to “transport information ranging from ordinary telephone calls to high-resolution computerized medical images and two-way video conferences to and from virtually any spot on the planet.”

And the latest popular metaphor for one world communications came during the Academy Awards telecast when hostess Whoopi Goldberg looked straight into the camera and noted that she was actually talking to over two billion people. The global village is REAL! And NOW! And so is humanity!