

THE WORLD TEACHER

AND THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE



Since the dawn of civilization, humanity has always had guides and teachers to show the way forward in times of great difficulty. Today, as the world grapples with deepening crises on every front, a group of such teachers stands ready to offer their wise counsel. Soon the head of this group, Maitreya – the World Teacher for this age – will emerge into full public awareness. Maitreya and his group, the Masters of Wisdom, will offer practical solutions to our most pressing global problems and point the way into a Golden Age of justice and peace.

In this article British author Benjamin Creme provides a glimpse of the brilliant future awaiting humanity if we follow the Teachers' counsel and make the choice for sharing, justice and cooperation. More information will be found in the three volumes of Maitreya's Mission, also by Benjamin Creme.

We are about to witness profound changes in all our institutions and structures – political and economic; religious and social; scientific, educational and cultural. These changes will take place as humanity grasps, stage by stage, its essential Oneness, and adopts the measures necessary to implement that Oneness. The first human priority is the saving of the millions now starving to death in the developing nations. To alleviate their plight a crash programme of aid on a world scale will be needed. No effort should be spared to ease the distress now being suffered in some of the poorest areas. There is nothing more urgent or important to do in the world today. All else must follow this primary human necessity.

Sharing: the first step



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The solution is obvious: sharing the resources of this plentiful world is the essential first step into right relationship. The World Teacher will make this clear and inspire humanity to act towards this end. His call for sharing and justice as the only way to true peace (and therefore to the continuance of the race and the saving of the world) is essentially a call for the establishment of right human relations. This will require the renunciation of the manifestly wrong relationships in the world today: the competition and greed, individually, nationally and internationally; the hatred and violence, worldwide and potent as never before; the separativeness and exclusiveness, the fanatical adherence to one's own ideals; all the bitterness and distrust which has brought us to the edge of self-destruction.

Economic changes

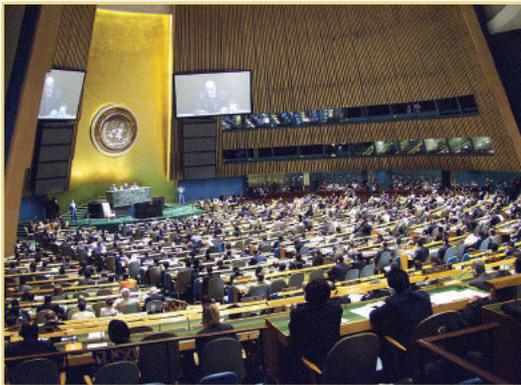
The World Teacher calls for the acceptance of the principle of sharing through the redistribution of the world's resources among nations – the food, raw materials, energy and technological expertise, largely usurped (and wasted) today by the developed nations.

When we have accepted the principle of sharing (which principle will be forced on the governments by world public opinion) each country will be asked to make over, in trust for the world, that which it has in excess of its needs. Every country will be invited to make an inventory of its assets and needs. Fed into computers, these statistics will provide a United Nations Agency – set up for this purpose – with the information on which to base a plan for the rational redistribution of the world's resources. In this way a better balance between the developed and underdeveloped world can be achieved. It has been estimated that the redistribution programme will take two to three years to implement. The plans and blueprints for this scheme, drawn up by highly evolved individuals – economists, financiers and industrialists of great achievement – have long been in existence, awaiting only the demand of humanity for their implementation. A sophisticated form of barter will replace the present economic systems.



There is no doubt that there will be opposition from those more privileged members of society who will see, in the changes which must take place, a loss of their traditional status and power; but the need for change will become so overwhelmingly obvious that they will find themselves increasingly powerless to halt the momentum.

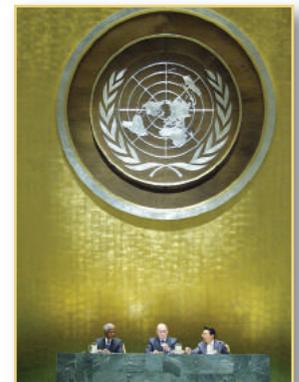
Political systems



For several years, in five major centres (New York, Geneva, London, Darjeeling and Tokyo) groups have been trained by a Master of Wisdom in the precise legislation which will change our present chaotic political, economic and social structures along more rational (and more spiritual) lines. With the minimum of cleavage, the minimum disruption of the existing social fabric, far-reaching changes can be expected over the coming years. The democratic system will still hold, and will be seen to be right and effective when it is for the first time directed truly to the common good. The participation of all sections of society in the construction of the new social order will ensure the speedy adoption of the measures necessary for its implementation.

Role of the United Nations

The key to a more harmonious political climate is the acceptance of the principle of sharing. Both the democratic and the communistic systems are in process of transition, and as they evolve they will become less mutually exclusive than they now appear to be. Greater world harmony will result. The United Nations Assembly will come into its own as the international legislative body. The work of the UN Assembly is inhibited today by the lack of support given to it by the major powers, in particular the US and Russia, and by the existence of the Security Council with its power of veto. The Security Council has outlived its usefulness and now must make way for the more broadly based voice of the UN Assembly to be heard. The UN is the blueprint for a future world federation of independent states. It is not part of the Divine Plan that the nations should live under one political system. Democracy and communism are each the expression, more or less distorted, of a divine idea. In their eventual perfect expression, each will give to the world a model of social organization suited to different people in different circumstances. Unity in diversity may be said to be the keynote of future political groupings.



New approaches to work

Already, profound changes are taking place in the industrialized world with the advent of micro-technology. More and more, machines, ever more sophisticated, will take over the means of production. Today's problems of unemployment will become the problems of leisure. Education for the right and fullest use of leisure will be of paramount importance.

Eventually, all the artifacts of our civilization will be made by machines, thus freeing man for the exploration of his true nature and purpose. In time, these machines will be made by an act of man's creative will; we have, as yet, scarcely touched the surface of the potential of the human mind.

The immediate need is to transform work processes to free from mechanical drudgery the countless millions who now know no other meaning in their daily work: *"Let me take you into a world where no man lacks; where no two days are alike; where the joy of Brotherhood manifests through all men."* (Message from Maitreya, No. 3).



Health and healing

The advent of Maitreya and the emergence of the Masters of Wisdom will bring an enormous sense of relief and reduction of tension in the world. The gain in physical and emotional well-being will be considerable. Much of the physical disease in the world today has a psychic cause: the strains, the tensions and fears inherent in our divided society and world. Given true hope for the future, the general health of humanity will improve.

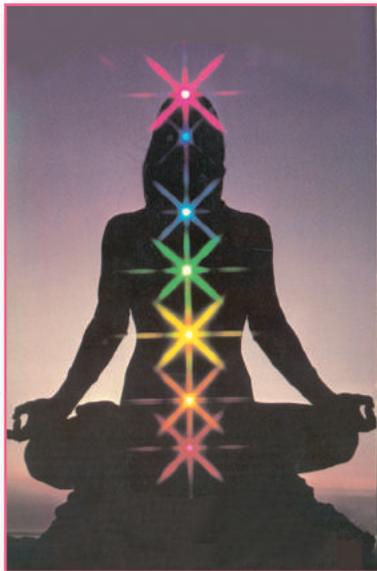


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Quite apart from this, new approaches to discovering the causes of disease will be made. The existence of the etheric planes of matter, i.e., matter finer in substance than gas, and normally invisible, has long been postulated and accepted by esotericists as axiomatic. This is the next aspect of matter due for investigation by our exoteric scientists. Kirlian photography and the work of Wilhelm Reich have already pointed the way. It will be realized that the health of the physical body depends entirely on the etheric 'double' or 'counterpart-body'. The force centres (or 'chakras' as they are called in the East), which focus the etheric flow, have their counterparts on the dense physical plane in the major and minor glands of the endocrine system. We are just beginning to understand how important to our well-being is the correct, interrelated functioning of the endocrine system. This in turn is dependent on the proper functioning of the vital etheric body which sustains it.

The alternative, so-called fringe medicines of today (they are really very old indeed) will take their places beside the more orthodox methods. Teams of doctors and healers of various disciplines will work together, bringing their particular insights and gifts for the greater benefit of the patient. The Masters are, without exception, adept in the esoteric healing arts, exemplified so dramatically by the Christ in Palestine. Their inspiration and guidance will quicken the pace of experiment and discovery and lead to results undreamt of today.

There is, parallel to the human, another great evolution, the Angelic (or Deva, as it is known in the Orient), which has much to give and teach humanity in connection with disease and its cure. In the not too distant future, very real contacts will be made between the two evolutions, which will result in a great expansion of man's awareness of his true nature and of his place in the scheme of things. This whole subject is so deeply esoteric and abstruse that only the briefest mention of it can be made here.

Certain diseases, like syphilis, tuberculosis and cancer, are endemic in humanity and unbelievably old. It will take a long time to rid the world entirely of these scourges, but eventually it will be done. And, in the meantime, enormous strides will be made in their control and in the amelioration of their effects, as is already the case with tuberculosis. The universal adoption of cremation as the only hygienic method of restoration to the earth of the body after death will speed this process. For countless ages, through burial, diseases of the physical body have been absorbed into the earth to be reabsorbed in vegetable and animal tissue. This has occurred for so long that the earth itself is contaminated.

Death and dying

One of the most profound changes that will take place will be in our approach to death. Man will lose his fear of death. Humanity will come to accept and understand the law of rebirth; that the death of the body is but the transition to a new and freer state; that the soul in its long journey in incarnation takes vehicle after vehicle through which to reflect itself on the physical plane. Death will lose its terror. When the body is old and depleted in strength, death will be cheerfully sought as the doorway to renewal and further experience.

Law of Cause and Effect

The Teacher will affirm the slow, gradual evolution of man through the process of reincarnation or the Law of Rebirth, and through his understanding of this Law and its relation to the Law of Cause and Effect (called in the East, the Law of Karma) will come the sure basis for the establishment of right human relations. We will come to understand that our thoughts and actions from moment to moment set in motion causes, whose effects make our lives what they are, for good or ill. So we will see the need for harmlessness in relation to others, a harmlessness based on the will to good, expressing itself as goodwill.

The Teacher will proclaim the truth that the 'Kingdom of God' exists on earth, and has always existed, in the fact of the Spiritual Hierarchy of Masters. Humanity will be taught the great science of invocation, which will take the place of worship and prayer as we know it today, and the Ancient Mysteries will be restored. Man will come to know himself as the Divine Being that he is.



The spiritual basis of life

All people, eventually – even those not engaged in the religious field – will share the sense of a spiritual basis to life. They will endeavor, in whatever field of human activity they may be engaged – whether political, scientific, educational or artistic – to give expression to this sensed inner truth, and will build a culture and civilization which will directly reflect their experience that God, Nature and man are One. Then revelation will follow revelation until we will find ourselves in possession of that knowledge

which will open for us the secrets of life itself and will allow us to become conscious creators and co-workers with God. This will be possible when man's will and God's Will are one and the same. A creative interplay between God and man can then take place, and the true nature and purpose behind the human evolution will become apparent.

The Divine Science

This will lead to the creation of the Divine Science known only to the Masters of Wisdom. One day, through man himself, this science will become the instrument whereby the forces of the universe can be harnessed and utilized in the service of the Divine Plan, to further the evolution of all kingdoms in nature. Under the guidance of the Hierarchy of Masters, man will find himself able to control forces and energies of which today he is totally unaware, and of which today he is totally at the mercy. He will be able to transcend time and distance by the power of his thought and to create modes of travel so silent and apparently motionless that fatigue will disappear. Through the power of sound he will build his artifacts and control his environment.

Naturally, all this depends on our ability to surrender our little separate will and bring it into line with the Divine Will and Purpose. It is to this end that Maitreya and the Masters will work. Theirs is the task so to lead and guide that we willingly, gladly, make this surrender ourselves, in the light of our own soul's vision of the scope and majesty of the Plan.

One life, one humanity

A new era of peace and goodwill is dawning in the world. Nothing can now prevent the inauguration of this era of tranquility and equilibrium. The cosmic forces released into the world by the World Teacher are definitely making themselves manifest on the physical plane, and will continue to do so in ever mounting potency. These forces will lead to results which at the moment seem to be impossible of achievement. More and more, these energies will condition the ways of our thinking and feeling, and will lead eventually to that desired state of fusion and synthesis which will be the keynote of the Aquarian age. Then we will recognize the fact for so long hidden and unmanifested: that humanity is One, part of One Life. •



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