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## **In the November 2021 *Share International***

When young people's voices challenge the world's leaders and their words echo so closely those of Maitreya, the World Teacher, surely our hearts must be touched? When religious leaders of every denomination join with scientists, surely our common sense must nudge us out of complacency? When the UN Secretary-General warns that "humanity faces a stark and urgent choice: a breakdown or a breakthrough", surely it is time to wake up and pay heed?

Read these calls to reason in some of this month's articles.

Quite extraordinarily, although it was written in 2005, "The beginning of the new time" by Benjamin Creme's Master reads as if it were an exposé of the Pandora Papers. He describes the vested interests which keep our world locked into systemic injustice: "At the moment, 80 per cent of the world's wealth is owned by a small number of families and institutions. Much of that wealth is static, invested in estates, ships, gold, jewels and works of art, benefiting thereby but few."

He goes on to describe how Maitreya will "raise the consciousness of men and help them to understand the reasons for their plight. He will show that such imbalance is insupportable in a world so interdependent and facing so many perilous problems."

In this month's articles we hear the many voices calling for change, urging us to take action and we read of another fearless young person who listened to her 'voices' – Joan of Arc. What an amazing life, impelled by faith and a *total* lack of fear. In many countries now, we see freedom of expression and the right to demonstrate and to make our voices heard being curtailed; Graham Peebles examines how the media is faring as repression grows. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to two journalists to underscore that a free and factual media is essential in a democracy. Another voice urging us to wake up to how far out of balance our planet is can be heard in Pauline Welch's "No hiding place from climate change".

In his inimitable style, Benjamin Creme provided expansive and insightful answers to interview questions, and again, it's as if he too were talking about today's world.

This collection of articles and reports represents *Share International's* unique voice as we near the end of 2021, when the idea of sharing is being heard and seen to be taking hold in the minds of many.