

**Compilation of comments on world events by Benjamin Creme in the year 2006  
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Q. It is said that the White House is worried about the shift to the left in Latin America; why?

A. The US, for all its 'modernism', is politically very right-wing: fanatically devoted to capitalism, private enterprise, market forces, and so on, and naturally worries about any individual or organized shift to the 'left' by the South American countries which the US sees as its 'sphere of influence'. So much is this the case that its hostile relations with Cuba and its 'regime changes' in Chile and elsewhere are illustrations of how far the US will go to keep South American governments, however dictatorial and corrupt, under control. Now the people of the South, for example in Venezuela and Bolivia, are rising and demanding fair play. The White House is naturally worried. Watch for the pressure on them to begin.

Q. Does the US administration fear people power – both within the USA and in Latin America?

A. Yes, but the US administration is not alone in fearing the power of the people. More and more, all governments are becoming aware of this added threat to their dominion. They will try to curb it in every way they dare, but they cannot stop the greatest power on earth from rising and fulfilling its destiny.

Q. Recently Lebanon has seen the assassinations of Rafik Hariri, Samir Kassir, George Hawi and Gebran Tueni. And the attempted assassinations of Mai Chidaic and Elias Murr; do you believe that the CIA was involved directly or indirectly with all of these incidents? If so, what do they hope to gain?

A. Not in all of them but in the assassination of Rafik Hariri, Gebran Tueni, and the attempted assassination of Mai Chidaic and Elias Murr. They will seek, as they have done in the killing of Rafik Hariri, to put the blame for these killings and attempted killings on the Syrians. All of this is part of the pressure being exerted on Syria to 'toe the line' in relation to helping the 'insurgency in Iraq'. To the US Syria is one of the 'Triangle of Evil' with Iran and North Korea.

Q. Were any of these assassinations carried out with the approval, connivance or knowledge of the upper echelons of the Syrian administration?

A. No.

Q. Share International seems to give a lot of attention to problem areas in the world, like the Middle East and to issues such as Palestine and Israel; why do you give so much print space to these stories?

A. Because the resolution of the conflicts taking place there are essential for world peace.

Q. Given the disappointing outcome of the G8 summit in 2005, despite all the efforts of activists, celebrities and ordinary people, do you think people will lose heart and stop demonstrating? Should they go on marching and demonstrating? Do you think it would

be more effective if activists, NGOs and celebrities appealed to the public rather than to politicians so as to achieve their goals of cancelling debt, fair trade, ending poverty and so on?

A. No, it is governments who have to make the agreements leading to change. It seems that the time is not yet ripe. It is essential that the activists continue to organize demonstrations and marches. More and more 'the voice of the people' must be invoked and given a platform on which to make its demands known to governments: for peace, for justice, freedom and sharing.

Q. After the inspiring events during the Orange Revolution last year some people now are disappointed about the President of Ukraine Viktor Yushenko. Could you say something about the perspectives of Ukraine?

A. There is all the difference in the world between leading and inspiring an idealistic grouping of people and implementing practically the hopes and ideals of these people. In office, Mr Yushenko is finding it far harder to fulfil the hopes of so many. They should not rely on one, not very practical, man. They need to elect a team of practical idealists and work together for the good of all.

Q. Any possibility that George Bush will be impeached?

A. What does he have to do to get impeached, he has tried everything?

Q. What would you personally like to see happen in the world in 2006?

A. The end of war. The end of hunger. The Emergence of Maitreya.

Q. I have read some of your criticisms of the developed world in regard to world hunger. Besides writing to my Congressman, which from experience does practically no good, what else can I, just one man, do?

A. Keep writing and marching and demonstrating that you are a man of feeling and heart. You are one man but there are millions like you in the world.

Q. Isn't a big cause of hunger in developing nations the fact that the governments themselves are corrupt? The US gives aid to poor countries in Africa, but nothing seems to change there.

A. It is true that governments are often corrupt. But we cannot therefore withhold food from the starving. The true answer, of course, is a global sharing of resources, which is inevitable and will eventually come.

March 2006

Q. In the Jan/Feb 2006 issue of Share International Benjamin Creme answered a question about the USA's uneasiness about the rise of people power and populist leaders in Latin America. As part of his answer Mr Creme said: "Now the people of the South, for example in Venezuela and Bolivia, are rising and demanding fair play. The White House is naturally worried. Watch for the pressure on them to begin." I had hardly finished reading this when I heard Donald Rumsfeld comparing Hugo Chavez to Hitler: "We've got Chavez in Venezuela with a lot of oil money. He's a person who was elected legally,

just as Adolph Hitler was elected legally, and then consolidated power, and now is, of course, working closely with Fidel Castro and Mr Morales [in Bolivia] and others. It concerns me.”

(1) Is this the kind of pressure Mr Creme meant? (2) Do the American people see through this libellous propaganda? (3) Chavez claims the US is trying to oust him – is this true?

A. (1) Yes, the beginning. (2) Some of them, no doubt, yes. Enough of them, no. (3) Yes.

Q. A 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Indonesia on 21 January 2006. Was this a natural event?

A. Yes.

April 2006

Q. President Ahmadinejad of Iran seems not to care whether he stirs up crises in the world. (1) Apart from being rather extreme is he unstable? (2) Or is it true that he does not fear a catastrophic war since he believes it will bring (in an Armageddon-like scenario) us all that much closer and more rapidly to Paradise?

A. (1) No. (2) No.

Q. The EU backs proposals for a new UN Human Rights Council to replace the UN Human Rights Commission. The new Council would be required to review on a periodic basis the human rights records of all countries, beginning with its members. The USA is against replacing the existing Human Rights Commission. US Ambassador to the UN, John Bolton, says it's unacceptable. The Human Rights Conference, always held in March each year, has not yet been announced for 2006. (1) What would be best for the human rights? (2) Why is the US against a self-vetting council?

A. (1) The new Council would have sharper teeth. (2) Guantanamo Bay and torture prisons abroad, for example, are areas that the US do not want to be too closely scrutinized.

May 2006

Q. Can the Master say how many people marched for peace in (1) London on 18 March 2006, and (2) worldwide on 18-19 March 2006?

A. (1) 80,000. (2) 2.5 million.

Q. (1) Can bird-flu be transmitted from birds to humans? (2) Is a pandemic of bird-flu likely? (3) Will a vaccine against bird-flu in humans be found?

(1) No, not now. If it mutates, then it might. Bird-flu has affected a certain number of people, mainly in countries where people have handled infected birds, but it is not directly transferable. (2) Not very likely, but possible. (3) Yes, most likely, but it cannot be made unless and until the virus mutates.

June 2006

Q. Is it true that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had a ‘consultation’ with the 12th Imam of Shiism before he made his announcement in April 2006 that Iran had joined the ranks of nations capable of mass producing uranium for nuclear energy? Did the Iranian President actually meet with Maitreya? If so, what was Maitreya’s advice to President Ahmadinejad?

A. No. But during his talk at the United Nations in New York on 14 September 2005 he was seen by members of his group to be ‘enveloped in light’. My information is that this was a blessing from Maitreya.

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Q. Given that global warming will not stop immediately even if the 200-year supply of oil-bearing sands in Canada (figure from BBC News) and even larger supplies of coal are never burned, should we anticipate a meltdown of polar ice over the next several centuries that will make many coastal areas uninhabitable?

A. Steps will be taken to lessen that risk.

July 2006

Q. Was the large-scale and very public anti-terrorist operation in London on 3 June 2006 in response to a genuine threat or was it largely for propaganda purposes?

A. It was not done for propaganda purposes but neither was it a genuine threat. The police of course have to react to every bit of so-called ‘intelligence’ they receive, from whatever source, but in this case they do seem to have overreacted badly!

Q. In 2004, Shankaracharya of Kanchi (South India) was arrested and charged with murder. To protest against his arrest, Muslims and Hindus were united in marching. Some Hindu monks say there is fear of ‘trial by media’. (1) Behind the case of Shankaracharya’s arrest, are there any politicians’ conspiracies to get their own benefits using police force, as with the case of Swami Premananda? (2) And furthermore, behind this sequence of plots against spiritual persons is there the force of the so-called Black Lodge? (3) Are the targets mainly Hindu spiritual leaders, because Maitreya is now teaching in Hindu temples in London?

A. (1) Yes. (2) No. (3) No. The attacks on spiritual leaders in India come from secular, right-wing groups who believe they are creating a ‘modern’ India no longer being influenced by ‘superstition and religious corruption’, which, they believe, has held India back in the past.

September 2006

Q. What kind of future do you see for America within the next couple of decades?

A. If enough people accept quickly the changes that Maitreya will be calling for, we can transform life in America and the rest of the world very soon. Once the idea of sharing, and justice engages the imagination, when people see the simple common sense of sharing, creating justice and therefore peace as the only way to create peace and an end of terrorism and war, then millions will join the ranks around Maitreya.

You have no idea how eloquent Maitreya is, how simple and knowledgeable, with a mind which is razor sharp and can illumine every problem. His love and wisdom are endless, the love of God and the wisdom of all the ages. His ability to enter into the hearts of all and release His energy of love is the sword which He wields to change the world. The Sword of Cleavage is the energy of Love.

As people respond to this energy the world will be divided – those who are clamouring for change along the lines Maitreya is advocating, and those who are fearful and looking to the past, who see Him as the Antichrist, are fearful and do not know what to do. They will stand aside and watch the events, and so lose the opportunity presented, for the first time in history, to take part in the transformation of the world. It is up to each individual, from where he or she stands, to assert their divinity.

Maitreya is speaking about sharing, justice, freedom and about right relationship. They are all divine principles. Freedom, justice and right relationship are at the basis of life and make for correct relationship between peoples and between nation and nation.

It is competition that leads to war and prevents right human relationship from evolving.

The creation of correct human relationship is the next step forward in our evolution.

When you have that you have the beginning of true divine life. The first step into sharing, says Maitreya, is the first step into your divinity. What could be simpler or truer?

Q. Is a third world war imminent — what with the conflict in the Middle East?

A. No, it is not. If we were in a situation which was so ‘hot’ – it is very ‘hot’ at present – that World War Three was inevitable, Maitreya would intervene.

It is better that He does not have to intervene because it would infringe human free will. But if it were necessary, He would intervene. In that case, He would be restricted in what He can give to humanity for quite some time, until our karma allowed Him to give what He can give. If He used that karmic gift, as it were, to prevent a third world war, it would hinder Him from doing things that He otherwise would do.

The Masters, with a broader vision, know that eventually things will clarify and peace will be established. They know, as Maitreya says, that the end is known from the beginning. Have no fear. That does not mean sit still and do nothing. That is the point. You have to be inspired to act. He says: “Nothing happens by itself. Man must act and implement his will.” People, full of idealism, think that if you can envisage something, it already exists; that if you know that God is perfect, then the world is perfect. You cannot shut your eyes to all the ills in the world. It is foolish. It is not adult. Be adult and face the ills of the world and do something about them. You have to act to implement your will. If you want peace, justice, sharing and right relationship, you have to do it. Make it known that you want it. Elect the right people to get it. Act. Become active. Otherwise, you live in the clouds.

This is a time like none other in history. It will not be repeated. The Hierarchy of Masters is returning to the world for the first time in 98,000 years. You have the opportunity to work for Them, to make easier the work of Maitreya, to light the way, to make known to the world that He is here. Don’t wait till Maitreya comes out in the open. Tell everybody who will listen that He is here, what His plans are, what His priorities are – right relationship, sharing, justice, peace – these are the priorities. Looking after the planet is a number one priority. You have to make these your own, not just listen to someone like me.

We all have to become involved and to tell the world what is happening in the world, that this is the most amazing time, there has never been a time in the history of the world like this time. To be alive at this time is an extraordinary blessing.

With all the pain and the suffering in the world the opportunity for humanity is immense.

Q. Who won the election in Mexico?

A. Strangely enough, it was an almost completely free and fair election, unlike the last two elections in the United States – the last one being the most corrupt, I think, that has ever taken place in a modern state.

You must make sure that you do not have another election like that. Do not stand for it. The voting machines were pre-programmed to change every fifth vote for Kerry into one for Bush. Those elections were completely false. Ohio was won by Kerry, although he lost it. Florida was won by Kerry, so was New Mexico. The result would have been completely different but for the corruption. There was a massive vote against Bush but also a strong vote for him. But Kerry won the election and was denied it, just as in the previous election Al Gore won the election and was denied it. The world would be a completely different place had either Gore or Kerry become President. You might have had Maitreya out in the open now.

Q. British media has been dominated with reports of the alleged terror alert at UK airports on 10 August 2006. Some commentators have expressed doubts as to whether the threat was genuine because the timing seemed to be suspiciously advantageous to the UK and US governments. Was it a genuine threat?

A. Yes.

Q. Please could your Master say how many people marched for peace on 5 August 2006 in (1) London, (2) the world?

A. (1) About 24,000. (2) 446,000.

Q. In Iraq there are approximately 1,000 Iraqi casualties a month, partly due to the ethnic conflict between the Sunnis and Shiites. There are even cases of Sunnis and Shiites being, essentially, driven out of the other group's neighbourhood. Is Iraq on the brink of civil war or are they already at that point for all intents and purposes?

A. They are on the brink of civil war. This state may not necessarily develop into total war engaging the whole country. Much effort is being made to try to avoid that calamity. The present situation could continue for quite some time.

Q. In July 2006 torrential storms affected much of the East coast of the USA. In Washington DC, the storm caused the US Department of Justice and other major federal buildings to be closed and a 100-year-old elm tree on the White House lawn to fall. The tree is featured prominently on the back of the \$20 bill. (1) Were the storms due to karma? (2) If so, was this a karmic reaction for America's actions in Iraq, or for something else?

A. (1) Yes. (2) America's actions in Iraq.

Q. What was the intention behind North Korea's recent test of a missile?

A. One was an act of bravado and defiance of the international community, especially of the United States' attempts to pressurize North Korea into giving up its nuclear ambitions.

At the same time it was to show what North Korea had to give up if a large enough basket of help (such as had been offered Iran in similar circumstances) was forthcoming. There may also have been an element of simple pride in achievement of such a missile.

Q. On 27 May 2006 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake occurred that killed (a present estimate of) 2,700 people and injured thousands more. The epicentre was close to Mount Merapi, a volcano that has been showing signs of activity lately. (1) Were the earthquake or volcanic activity karmic occurrences and, if so, for what exactly? (2) Is the earthquake directly related to the volcano's activity? (3) Will there be more activity at Mount Merapi due to the earthquake?

A. (1) No, it was the result of the natural build-up of tension in the still active volcanic area. (2) Yes. (3) Yes, or more earthquake activity due to the volcanic tension.

October 2006

Q. According to a report in UK newspaper, The Independent, on 4 September 2006, doctors in Gaza have found what they call "unexplained injuries" on the dead and wounded in Gaza, such as burns down to the bone and ruptured internal organs without "obvious signs of shrapnel wounds". The doctors suspect these injuries were inflicted by "non-conventional weapons" used by the Israeli army in the recent military operations that took the lives of 200 Palestinians. Can you say if the Israeli army did indeed use non-conventional weapons and, if so, what type of weapons they were. I suppose if the weapons used were unconventional, they must be illegal – if such a term is even meaningful in the context of atrocious acts like warfare and state terrorism.

A. Yes, the Israeli army was 'experimenting', testing new heat-producing shells and missiles.

November 2006

Q. (1) Which country or countries attacked the World Trade Center (WTC) and the Pentagon in 2001? (2) What is the truth about the conspiracy theories?

A. (1) No country but a group from several countries attacked the WTC and Pentagon. (2) There is no truth in them.

Q. Is an American war against Iran more likely now than a year ago?

A. No, I do not think so. America has more than enough on her plate with Iraq and Afghanistan.

Q. A study, produced by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore and published online by the Lancet (one of the world's leading medical journals), claims that the number of deaths in Iraq is more than 10 times greater than previously estimated. It is said the death toll in Iraq following the US-led invasion has

topped 655,000 – one in 40 of the entire population. The US and UK reject the Lancet's findings. Could your Master please say what the real death toll is as of October 2006?

A. The number of deaths in Iraq, as of October 2006, is around 800,000.

Q. What is the solution to Afghanistan and Iraq? The withdrawal of US and UK forces is becoming more popular among activists and some politicians.

A. America (with Britain) has started something (a chaos) that they have to resolve. If they withdraw their troops from either (especially Iraq) the situation there would become even more chaotic.

Q. War in Lebanon ended when the international community co-operated to make an international peace force. Was this an example of using Aquarian energies?

A. Not exactly. When the Masters want to stop a war – and, of course, They want to stop all wars, although some wars must run their course – They don't send energy. Instead, They withdraw energy from the crisis.

People have the idea of sending energies to problem areas in the world to try to help.

They could be doing the wrong thing. The Masters stop the war by withdrawing energy from the situation and the war ends from lack of energy.

The Israelis thought their invasion would be a walkover. Hezbollah, they thought, was a small group of fanatics with a few out-of-date weapons. They found instead that Hezbollah is part of Lebanon, part of the people and the government and an important part of the society of Lebanon. They were well trained, well equipped and well organized, and could not be pushed around. So Israel wanted to pull out as soon as possible. Israel brought all its modern equipment and arms (given to it by the USA) to bear against Hezbollah but found they could make little or no headway and so there was stalemate.

Israel was given a month by the Americans (and the British Prime Minister, not the British people) to crush Hezbollah. The result was a defeat for Israel and they had to retreat and agree to bring in a United Nations Force.

There will never be peace in the world until there is peace in the Middle East and there will never be peace in the Middle East until the Palestinians have a true, viable homeland, already presented to them as the West Bank by the late King Hussein of Jordan at the request of Maitreya.

December 2006

Q. How fair were the recent US elections, which saw the Democratic Party return to power in Congress?

A. About 35 per cent were fair, which means that had they been nearer 100 per cent fair it would have been a landslide victory for the Democrats.

Q. Were the electronic voting machines tampered with, as in the 2004 US elections, to give advantage to the Republicans, but just not enough for them to win?

A. Some of them, yes, but less than in the previous election. The other methods, intimidation, etc, were well in evidence.

Q. Does President Bush know of the full corruption in his voting system?

A. No. He leaves these details to his staff.

Q. Why would the man who is posing as Saddam Hussein go on so long with the lie? He is putting himself through much grief, for what?

A. The outrageous and sinister truth is that the poor man who has just been sentenced to hanging no longer realizes that he is not Saddam Hussein but a look-a-like cousin. For a year in the hands of the CIA he has been systematically brain-washed by chemicals and hypnosis to forget his own identity and assume that of Saddam Hussein, President of Iraq. These methods have been used by many of the Intelligence agencies in the world for very many years, especially for transforming and using captured spies. It was for this process to be carried out that this stand-in for Saddam Hussein disappeared from public view, after his capture, for so long.

Q. Australia is suffering from severe drought conditions. Is this due to global warming, or is it just part of Australia's natural climate? Does it come from any karmic causes, eg Australia's treatment of asylum seekers or involvement in the Iraq war?

A. It is the result of all of these causes combined.