The importance of Unity

The Master —, through Benjamin Creme, 12 January 2013

When men look back at this time, they will see it as a time when we displayed, simultaneously, every aspect of our being, both accomplishments and faults. This, of course, is not surprising, for men everywhere stand at various points on the evolutionary ladder but, accepting these natural divisions, which time itself will reduce, there is lacking, still, a unity of approach and an understanding of the needs of all.

Why should this be so? For long ages the teachings of successive religions and the eminence of powerful individuals sustained a certain unity of thought in evolving humanity. There were, of course, many periods of war and dissent but at some level the unifying influence of the great religions was maintained. Today, individuality is so potent, so valued and rewarded, that, despite its manifold achievements, this precious individuality has become man’s greatest danger.

Unity in any real sense is all but vanished, even, or perhaps especially, in the religious field. Few there are who see instinctively, as a matter of course, the essential needs of all men. Therein lies the danger.

The civilising forces of Justice and Freedom, however, are awakening millions to their birthright. Little by little, the minds of men are turning to the needs of all. This, naturally, runs counter to the rousing call of individuality. Hence the present extraordinary tension and chaotic conditions in the world. The problems, political and economic, are basically of a spiritual nature but can be solved only in the political and economic fields. Unity must be sought and manifested. Otherwise the strains imposed by the present conditions would drive men to the most dangerous actions. For this reason Maitreya calls for Unity, an understanding of the needs of all.

Peace is essential but can only be achieved where Justice reigns. Justice, it will be found, needs the calm waters of Trust for its achievement. Sharing alone is Maitreya’s remedy for our ills. Sharing alone will bring men, trusting, to the table where Justice will be achieved and Peace assured.

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Humanity and justice

Humanity has been given a ridiculous choice: you either be free or have justice. If you live in America or Europe, in the main you opt for freedom. Americans in particular love the idea of freedom but there is little justice in America and not much more in Europe. If you lived in the Soviet bloc (which no longer exists as a bloc but the consciousness is still there), you opted for justice but had no freedom. This choice is totally absurd. Both freedom and justice are divine, and divinity is indivisible. You cannot have freedom without justice, or justice without freedom.

You cannot give humanity a choice and say: “If you vote for me, I will give you freedom, forget about the justice,” or: “If you vote for us, we will give you justice, forget about the freedom.” Both are essential because both are part of the human, and therefore divine, nature. They come from the soul. If the soul is manifesting through an individual, that person will want both freedom and justice for everyone. They are essentially the same. They cannot be separated because spirit is not separable. (Benjamin Creme, The Great Approach)
Climate inaction is a clear failure of democracy

“Around the world, 2012 was the year of extreme weather, when we unequivocally learned that the fossil fuel energy that powers our economies is destroying the planet. Accepting this reality is the biggest challenge of the brand new year. Re-engineering our societies and lifestyles to prosper on green alternatives is the penultimate challenge of our generation. There is no more important task for all of us to engage in because climate change affects everything from food to water availability.

A number of scientific analyses have demonstrated we already have the technology to re-engineer our society to thrive on green alternative energy. The newest of these was published recently in the prestigious journal Nature. It plainly states that politics is the real barrier, not technology nor cost. (It is far more likely that last 100,000 hours! But these are something that our society to thrive on green energy must find a way to do it.)

Delay in making the shift to non-fossil fuel energy sources will be very costly. Waiting until 2020 to curb global emissions will cost those who do not act now much more than if they were to cooperate with peaking emissions by 2015, the Nature analysis shows. Serious action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions means 65% of current coal power plants will have to be shut down in the next decade or two, a previous Nature study reported by IPS shows.

Current emission reduction commitments by countries are not nearly enough, likely to result in emissions of about 55Gt in 2020. The fossil fuel industry could transform itself into good corporate citizens through the provision of green services that our societies need. But they have refused to do so over the past 20 years despite making promises to do so.

Survey after survey show the public wants action on climate. And since our children's future is in their children's hands, the evidence is clear that taking serious action on climate is a clear and absolute failure of politics.

The only way this will change, and the only way to get action, is if people take responsibility for the future and march on their capitals demanding action, refusing to leave until there is. To get action we all must act.

Time is short. There are just 24 months to 2015 when emissions need to begin to decline. There are no other options left. Even in the streets. The environmental organisation 350.org is organising one such march on 17 February 2013 in Washington D.C. Dozens more marches are absolutely essential. It is time to act. It is time to march. (Extracts from an article by Stephen Kohn, environment correspondent at IPS. ©IPS)

Human happiness and the environment

Extracts from a speech at the Rio+20 Summit by Uruguay President José ‘Pepe’ Mujica, June 2012.

“What are we thinking? Do we want the model of development and consumption of the rich countries? I ask you this question, because it is a question that should happen to this planet if Indians would have the same proportion of cars per household as Germans? How much oxygen would we have left? Does this planet have enough resources so seven or eight billion can have the same level of consumption and that proportion to as seen in rich societies? It is this level of hyperconsumption that is harming our planet....

“Are we ruling over globalization or is globalization ruling over us? It is possible to speak of solidarity and of ‘being all together’ in an economy based on ruthless competition? Today, most people do not want the forces he has unleashed, but rather, it is these forces that govern man, and life. How far does our fraternity go, and how much is this planet to be happy. Because life is short and it slips away from us. And no material belonging is worth as much as life, and this is the case in this planet.

And this hyper-consumption needs to be generated, making things that have a short useful life, in order to sell a lot. Thus, a light bulb cannot last longer than 1,000 hours. But there are light bulbs that last 100,000 hours! But these cannot be manufactured, because this is the problem is the market, because we have to work and we have to sustain a civilization of ‘use and discard’, and so, we are trapped in a vicious cycle.

These are problems of a political nature, which are showing us that it’s time to start fighting for a different culture.

“...I am not talking about returning to the days of the caveman, or erecting a ‘monument to backwardness’. But we cannot continue like this, indefinitely, being ruled by science and by the market. On the contrary, we have to rule over the market.

“This is why I say, in my humble way of thinking, that the problem we are facing is political. The old thinkers, Epicurus, Seneca and even the Aymara [people] put it this way, a good person is not someone who has little but one who needs infinitely less. And more and more this is a cultural issue....

These things I say are very basic.

Development cannot go against happiness. It has to work in favor of human happiness, of love. It does not govern for itself, but He can change His appearance at will, and can look both hideous and grotesque. The question in mind is, why would a being of light and love wish to look hideous or grotesque? A. (Yes) If you knew of appearances that Maitreya has adopted over the years you would see amazement at the flexibility which He displays. He can look like a young and beautiful woman, a garlanded old man, a toothless jibbering clown, in a huge variety of clothes, sensible or hysterical. He is still a being of “light and love”. He adopts a persona exactly fitted to the occasion and to the hopes – or prejudices – of those who are blessed by His presence.

Q. What do you think of the 7th day Sabbath and why people keep Sunday? A. And my Sabbath, or the Sabbath, is meant to be a day of rest and if people have worked hard they need a rest. I believe that all people need more time for leisure, to find themselves and give of their best, that is from a creative point of view. One of the mistakes of our modern civilization is that so many people today spend most of their working life in conditions of mechanical drudgery. Leisure is an essential part of life.

Q. A recent poll of public opinion in the USA indicates that 80 per cent of people believe that climate change will be a serious problem for their country if nothing is done about it. This is a substantial increase since the last survey in 2009. This figure seems surprisingly high. Would you say it is accurate? A. Yes.

Q. For a better grip on the present ecological crisis would you please address the following? (1) Is the Industrial Revolution the signal period when the environment began its slide or would the die have been cast in the 20th century as is commonly thought? (2) If indeed the world has at best 10 years to stop this inexcusable tragedy, how would we intervene in the case of nuclear weapons being used. A. (Yes) (Yes) 2. Clearly, a lessening of the ‘carbon footprint’ of everyone on the planet.

Q. There are rumours that President Assad of Syria is considering using chemical weapons against the opposition forces. (1) Is there any truth in these rumours? (2) If this were the case, would the Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara, intervene to prevent such an atrocity? A. Yes. I have been told that He would intervene in the case of nuclear weapons being used.

Q. In a recent interview with Benjamin Creme (seen on YouTube), Mr Creme stated that Maitreya is a personification of “One World” for Himself, but He can change His appearance at will, and can look both hideous and grotesque. The question in mind is, why would a being of light and love wish to look hideous or grotesque? A. If you knew of appearances that Maitreya has adopted over the years you would see amazement at the flexibility which He displays. He can look like a young and beautiful woman, a garlanded old man, a toothless jibbering clown, in a huge variety of clothes, sensible or hysterical. He is still a being of “light and love”. He adopts a persona exactly fitted to the occasion and to the hopes – or prejudices – of those who are blessed by His presence.

Benjamin Creme answers

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A. (1) No, earlier, from around the 15th century. The growth in population increased the burning of fossil fuels, so it has been a slow increase from the 15th century. Of course there are several aspects are already all but irreversible but if humanity wakes up and takes seriously the severity of the problem, sufficient progress can be made to mitigate the situation. (3) When the Masters are working openly Their advice will help us to reverse the tide of destruction, but we have to start reversing it ourselves.
Letters to the editor

People power forever!

Dear Editor,

I attended a rally in Albany, New York, on 9 January 2013 against allowing an unconventional method of drilling for natural gas known as ‘fracking’ to occur in New York State. Around 1,500 anti-frackers outnumbered the pro-frackers about twenty to one at the rally. The rally filled a quarter mile long indoor hallway under the state capitol building. The activists were cordoned off on one side so the state employees had a clear view to the people walking by. At one point, a middle-age African American man in a gray sweatshirt with a backpack over one shoulder, walked along the outside of the rope chanting “Ban fracking now!” over and over to the people walking by. At one point, a middle-age African American man in a gray sweatshirt with a backpack over one shoulder, walked along the outside of the rope chanting “Ban fracking now!” over and over to the people walking by. At one point, a middle-age African American man in a gray sweatshirt with a backpack over one

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A.F., Hurleyville, NY, USA. (Benjamin Creme’s Master confirms that the man was the Master Jesus.)

PASSPORT TO HEALTH

Dear Editor,

On Monday 27 August 2012, around 9pm, I had just retrieved my passport from the Immigration Office in Libreville, Gabon. I was waiting for a taxi when a man appeared out of the blue, tall, with a clear skin like the Fulani people, wearing dark glasses, and he started to talk to me.

“Sir, throw away your cigarette, then throw the whole pack and your lighter. Do you think I came to you on my own will? Look around you: so many people, some of them smoke. Why didn’t I go to them? Because I was sent to you. Sexual weakness, hypertension, diabetes, throat cancer, prostatitis, nervousness, this is what awaits you! You stink of tobacco; your teeth are affected. Your wife and children are outraged. From now on, if you feel the urge to smoke, drink a few gulps of plain water and mentally say: ‘In the name of God, I will not smoke.’ After, do a bit of sport (jogging or push-ups). Did you know, Sekou Toure and Lansana Conte never wanted to listen to my advice? These two Guinean heads of state died because of tobacco.”

Since this meeting, I have quit smoking for a week now, a new record for me and I had been smoking continuously for over forty years! Who was this man?

P.C., Port-Gentil, Gabon. (Benjamin Creme’s Master confirms that the man was the Master Jesus.)

Comfort

Dear Editor,

I was alone with my father when he died and several days later I was crying so much my pillow was really wet. I hope so as I’ve recently lost my mother and my husband and I long for another tap.

A.S., Barnsley, South Yorkshire, UK. (Benjamin Creme’s Master confirms that the ‘tap’ was from the Master Jesus.)

Letters to the editor

Maitreya’s miraculous appearances

Share International regularly publishes readers’ letters, which illustrate a huge range of experiences of the presence of Maitreya and the Masters and how they comfort, support and rescue people all over the world.

Maitreya and the Masters appear in different guises, frequently using ‘familiars’, to attract attention and often to hint at something of special significance to the person seeing Them.

Benjamin Creme writes: “Most days of the week bring letters of these extraordinary meetings: funny, sad, solemn, hilarious, caring and deeply touching, they run the gamut of human situations like a series of characters in a play. In these different ways, Maitreya (or a Master) confirms the reality of Their presence - even as only ‘familiars’ - and consoles, teaches and inspires according to need. They should be a source of joy for everyone involved in this work.” (Share International, January/February 2000)

We include a selection of photographs that capture some of Maitreya’s appearances.

(Note: dates in brackets refer to editions of Share International.)

Above: Maitreya, in the guise of a homeless person, playing the flute in a New York library, makes a connection with a previous manifestation through the disciple Krishna, ‘the Flute Player’. (October 1998)

Far left: Maitreya in the guise of a woman begging in Rome, Italy, while her baby balances on her hand. The ‘baby’ was the Master Jesus. (December 2007)

Left: Maitreya in the guise of an Afro-Caribbean man, at a peace march in London’s Hyde Park, on 15 February 2003. Captured on video he says: “Waking up! Waking up! The world belongs to the human race, brother ... Keep your eyes on the prize! And the prize is humanity! For the human race belong to all of us!” (April 2003)

Below: Maitreya in the guise of a child, with the Master Jesus in the guise of a woman, in Haiti. (March 2010)

Maitreya as the ‘Angel in White’ rescues victims of violence in Syria (images taken from online video). (July/August 2012)

A YouTube video (“Imam Mahdi Unexpected Appearance”) shows a glowing figure, filmed in Karbala, Iraq on the night of Ashura, January 2008. Maitreya’s dance-like movements with a sword refer to His coming with the Sword of Cleavage. (April 2009)
Maitreya, as He appeared before thousands outside Nairobi in June 1988. He appears in various forms to different groups and individuals — but always in a form that inspires recognition.

A message of hope for mankind

Benjamin Creme, one of the principal sources of information about the work of the World Teacher, was born in Scotland in 1922. An artist by profession, he lives with his wife and family in London, England. Since his early youth, he has been interested in esoteric philosophy. In 1959, he received his first telepathic message from His Master, a member of the Spiritual Hierarchy, an event which came as a complete surprise to him. Not long afterwards, he was informed that Maitreya would return within 20 years and that he would be given the opportunity to play an active role in this event if he chose to do so.

In 1972, under His Master’s direction, he began a period of arduous and intensive training as a result of which His telepathic contact with His Master became, and remains, continuous and immediate. This relationship has given him access to constant up-to-date information on the progress of the emergence and the total conviction necessary to present that information to a sceptical world.

Over the years his lecture tours have taken him to Western and Eastern Europe, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico and the US.

Creme’s books have been translated and published in numerous languages throughout the world by groups responding to his message. He is also co-editor of Share International, a monthly magazine circulating in 70 countries, extracts from which make up this newspaper, The Emergence Quarterly.

Creme receives no remuneration for this work and makes no claims about his own spiritual status. My task, Creme says, has been to make the initial approach to the public, to help create a climate of hope and expectancy into which Maitreya can emerge without infringing our freewill.

THE EMERGENCE — IN BRIEF

All the great religious posit the idea of a further revelation to be given by a future Teacher. Christians hope for the return of the Christ, Buddhists look for Maitreya Buddha, while Muslims await the Imam Mahdi, Hindus a reincarnation of Krishna, and Jews the Messiah. Esotericists know all these as different names for the same great Being — the Lord Maitreya, the World Teacher, the Head of our planet’s Spiritual Hierarchy — and look for His imminent return now. With Maitreya come humanity’s Elder Brothers, the Masters of Wisdom, enlightened Beings Who have inspired all great human achievements age after age, from behind the scenes.

In July 1977, Maitreya emerged from His centre in the Himalayas, “like a thief in the night”. Since then, He has lived in London as an ordinary man concerned with modern problems — political, economic, social, spiritual, environmental — and as a spokesman in the Pakistani-Indian community. He is not a religious leader, but an educator in the broadest sense, pointing the way out of the present world crisis. According to esoteric teaching, Maitreya manifested Himself 2,000 years ago in Palestine by overshadowing His disciple Jesus — now the Master Jesus.

Maitreya’s spiritual teaching: Maitreya comes to teach humanity “the art of Self-realisation”. The first steps are “honesty of mind, sincerity of spirit and detachment.”

How can you help

Many who hear about Maitreya’s presence in the world ask “How can I help Him?” The most important thing is to share this information about His return with as many people as possible. Perhaps the simplest way to do this is by distributing copies of this newspaper.