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Lessons learned from covid: Hope and Healing

A pandemic, by its very nature, is going to affect most people around the world to a greater or lesser extent in almost all aspects of daily life. In some countries the virus has directly affected tens of thousands of citizens, from a mild reaction, to death. This in turn means further indirect effects on family and the economy.

Political and government reaction to Covid 19 has been another difference; from an almost casual dismissal as nothing out of the ordinary, to the complete shut down of a country's borders. But the virus does not respect any official policy action which, at best will offer only some measure of containment. In any case, what was considered normal economic life has been disrupted and is only now slowly being restored.

However, what is 'normal', and will it ever be as it was pre-Covid?

Covid has brought a recognition of the oneness of humanity and reinforced the need for world unity to solve our global problems.

The accelerating materialistic consumerism juggernaut has been slowed in its tracks. This is our opportunity to take a serious look at the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from an individual point of view. What can we do to improve the environment in which all living organisms survive? Can we heal divisions and bring hope to our fellow citizens? Can we overcome our selfish approach to living and aim for the UN Charter aspiration of living together as good neighbours? None of these questions has an easy answer, nor is there one solution to suit all.

In some parts of the world, lifestyle has been affected little - where the money-rich are buying their way to comfort and even to increased wealth. However, in other places the picture is dire indeed - with not only health services being under great pressure, but also food supply being seriously disrupted. On top of this, the accelerating effects of climate change on weather patterns have further exacerbated food shortages. In several developed countries systems of food exchanges or hubs are being created to ensure that food waste is curtailed. It is ironic indeed that some communities are not consciously aware of the level of their food waste, while their fellow citizens are food deprived. There is hope indeed that this increase in conscious awareness will be one benefit of Covid.

In the same vein, a return to some level of food self-sufficiency is happening. Growing your own vegetables and/or fruit is possible even when living in a city high rise; even better, is the return to co-operative food production. This will have an added improvement in health and well-being by reducing the dependency on highly processed food which is currently consumed. As old structures based solely on profitability for the few continue to break down, it is the communities, the neighbours - you and I - who make a difference and provide not only the safety net, but also the template for the future. Together through unity we build the culture of peace ~ a culture based on the Heart.

In a time of unease and uncertainty, whether that be of health, income or the effects of inequality, the level of fear in the general population grows. But fear can be dissolved and replaced by love. It's simple if we listen carefully to each other - and it is up to each one of us. For example: the kindness and compassion shown by healthcare workers world-wide, by neighbours known and unknown who selflessly volunteer to help those in need. This provides another huge opportunity to bring about change at an individual level: by becoming aware of the words we use - even in everyday conversation. What we say cannot be unsaid! The advice of our grandparents to make only positive comments or keep quiet, may need to be recalled. But concentrating on positive speech is not enough: the written word needs to be treated the same way. The 'news' media are able to add to the positive change, but not before seriously considering the effect of their content. How many 'good news' stories have you read recently? It is possible to reduce fear and insecurity by considering what is said in both print and digital social media. The opportunity is here for emphasising improved health and well-being. By accepting this challenge, the benefits will continue to show promise, and profit, not just to the few but to the many. Closer attention can be paid to our young people and indigenous communities who are reminding us of the importance of spiritual connections.

Will any of the above opportunities to change be easy? Absolutely not. However does that mean they should be ignored? Again, absolutely not. Each and every one of us is able to take advantage of all the opportunities post-Covid to improve life: of ourselves, our families, our communities, our country and, in aggregate, the world as a whole. By living as good neighbours, exercising right relationships coming from the heart, we can not only survive, but improve our world.

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“World unity week” 2021 and my peace seed of change



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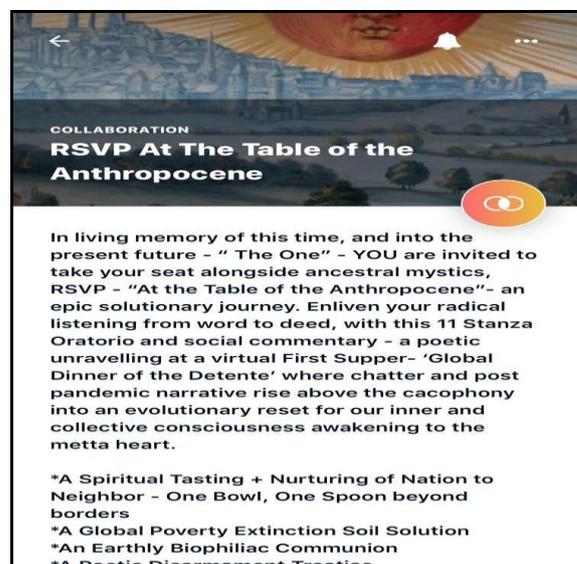
While Mother Earth surges in violence, I ponder “Lessons Learned from Covid-19: Hope and Healing” as the 2nd **World Unity Week** (WUW) global ONENESS fest goes on now around the world. Thousands of change-makers, global organizations, amazing activists, thought-leaders, musicians, artists and people of the heart have gathered virtually once again for this **2021 free WUW extravaganza**. Including Vandana Shiva, Jane Goodall, Deepak Chopra, Paul

Hawken, Marianne Williamson and lots more! Last year when WUW first began, during the height of the pandemic, I found healing and hope from such an inspiring, unifying way of bringing the world together in light of all the darkness that prevailed upon the planet then. This year I have been tuning-in when I can and on Friday have the chance to plant seeds about the timely **culture of peace / infrastructures for peace** work that we do.

Visit WUW's website worldunityweek.org and Facebook page as **most events are being recorded** for those who missed it live! Here is how the week is being described:

There is a place, a beautiful, interactive world where we are actively growing a new story for humanity and a more sustainable, peaceful, just, and united earth. It's called ONE World, co-created for World UNITY Week. In the midst of our changing and challenging times, we have an unprecedented opportunity to unite as a global community in purposeful and creative action. World UNITY Week is a celebration of this transformative potential, and you are invited. It is 8 days of live conversation, music and creative inspiration in this ground-breaking intertwined online and physical world gathering. World UNITY Week is seeding new ground and culture in a collective, virtual garden of experiences, at the intersection of science, spirituality, and technology. What seeds of change are you ready to plant and nurture? What are the intentions you will bring to this convergence of visionaries and hearts?

My seed of change is about creating governmental departments, ministries and other 'infrastructures for peace' to build the culture of peace. I get to plant this intention in WUW's virtual garden at Georgina Galanis's Friday RSVP at the Table of the Anthropocene event. Georgina and I are *Global Movement for the Culture of Peace* coworkers. Her event focuses on the epic 11 stanza social commentary poem she wrote in pandemic isolation, inviting the world to gather at her 'Anthropocene' table being set for a global dinner of détente ... where a new post pandemic narrative rises above the cacophony ... for a culture of peace culinary experience to occur.



Following is my RSVP to Georgina's invitation (to be shared by video then):

Georgina, I accept with pleasure your kind invitation to sit at the 'Anthropocene' table ... *now that I know what 'Anthropocene' is!* **Anthropocene is the new geological era we are living in where the increasing 'power' of humanity affects and alters earth's systems in ways not sustainable to life.** Manmade violence perpetrated on our planet impedes the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace from progressing. Since I am a Culture of Peace and Department of Peace Advocate, I appreciate speaking my 'peace' here. My 'piece' pertains to a phrase in Stanza 5 of your epic poem: (entire poem to become available later):

"Awaken from this destructive slumber. Breathe, breathe in to the broken heart of the world. Exhale out, bliss towards the dawning of the light, the world's rebirth. Anne insists ... When Resolution i4Peace prevails in every nation, this war on peace ends here. A diplomatic death and a new democracy begins when the funds are shifted. Do it now!"

Do WHAT now you ask? *Establish governmental "i4Peace" or infrastructures for peace in this new Anthropocene era to build the global architecture to activate an enduring culture of peace for the survival of the planet!* Infrastructures for peace are dynamic architectural networks of interdependent structures, mechanisms and resources which through dialogue and skillful conflict resolution, contribute to peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

Governmental I4P -- **such as departments and ministries** -- powerfully address UN Sustainable Development Goal # 16 on PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS.

Departments and ministries for peace embody the 8 domains of action enshrined in the landmark, norm-setting **United Nations Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace Resolution 53/243**. See UN Culture of Peace Resolution: <https://www.crric.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CoP-Boolet-20th-Anniversary-Edition-1999-2019.pdf> .

Departments and ministries for peace **make nonviolence an organizing principle of national priority and focus** -- *mandating the knowledge, skills and resources necessary for violence prevention and reduction that builds the culture of peace.* The U.S. constitution's preamble (co-written by founding father Thomas Jefferson) decrees that **the basic duty of government is to ensure peace and justice for a healthy, free nation.** When the constitution as written, a debate ensued about whether there should be an Office of Peace to counter-balance the Office of War. The old paradigm mindset of 'peace through strength' has always prevailed. But the evolution of the science of nonviolence and peace studies in the last 50 years demonstrates that its opposite - the 'strength through peace' mindset -- has actually proven to be the better way to reduce violence. As the old Quaker quote says, *"There is no way to peace - peace IS the way."*

Yet this wisdom (**which strengthens institutions**) is not reflected in most governments today. A famous Thomas Jefferson quote -- which he wrote in 1862 in his old age -- conveys why, in our Anthropocene era, this new 'peacebuilding' unit of government is imperative in all nations:

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times." And my friends - that is JUST what Departments of Peace do!

In keeping with the new, evidence-based science of nonviolence in these times, the **Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace (GAMIP)** has been working to enable **passage of a UN Infrastructures for Peace Resolution in the General Assembly urging all member states to create departments and ministries and other infrastructures for peace to 'institutionalize' peacebuilding**. This is because departments and ministries are the missing architecture necessary to support and build the culture of peace in these turbulent, transitional post covid Anthropocene times that are ripe for positive change -- if we choose it.

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And then it became personal

"I want to get in the car, now!" Irene said with a worried look on her face. Knowing something was wrong, we did just that.

I had noticed a man and a woman walk by just as Irene said these words. "Did you see what that man did?" she asked me.

I replied that I did not, but Irene exclaimed that he gave her "the look" and she felt the need of a protective barrier, inside the car. We were parked at a gas and food stop along I-5 between Eugene and Roseburg. This took place 10 days ago.

Irene and I have been together for 21 years, and racism has been a topic of discussion, and at times tension. However, this is the first time with me that she has taken defensive and protective action like this.

"The look" she experienced was the glare of a white male toward her, a woman of Asian heritage, which carried messages of disrespect, hatred, you don't belong here, I may hurt you.

When I learned of this aggressive act, I was furious. The expression of my anger was met with Irene's looking in my eyes and saying, "We are not going to confront this, I am a target. I know that would invite greater hostility and could be dangerous."

We talked further, and I knew she was right. We got back onto I-5 and drove toward Ashland.

I have recently been upset and disturbed when seeing news accounts of hate-filled attacks on Asian women that are horrific, damaging, and can be deadly. Images of childish elementary schoolyard bullying comes to mind when unprovoked rage strikes out against someone seen as different. That is horrible to see anywhere, and I also think with concern about my two nieces who are also of Asian descent. But with this aggressive act toward Irene, it became personal. Who the hell do you think you are to illicit such fear and anxiety like this?

Racism has no boundaries. Two weeks ago, the Ashland Tidings published an editorial that said in part, "Although we all like to think our cozy and welcoming communities are too evolved for there to be much racism nowadays, such is not the case." It said further, "As always, on a 'hearts and minds' level, it is up to each good person to stand up for those who need our help. Speak out when we see or hear racial bigotry. Reach out to members of racial and ethnic minorities in our communities. Patronize their businesses when it makes sense to do so. And, at a minimum, treat others the way you want to be treated yourself."

I have found that racism and prejudice not only live on the streets in my communities, but it also lives within me. I have had uncomfortable conversations and painful revelations due to my thinking and actions with Irene. I am a white male of privilege, and I have grown up in an American culture that has racism and prejudice interwoven in the fabric of daily life. So much of the messaging is subtle and invisible, but the undeniable imprinting is made.

Acknowledging the racism, bias and prejudice in my own life takes courage, compassion, and accountability. Acknowledging it in my home, my community and in other people takes the same. This is essential to create communities of inclusivity, well-being and equality – communities we want to live in.

It pained me to read articles about racial discrimination in the lives of Irene Kai, Belinda Brown, Amy Peterson and Gina Duquenne, wonderful people of BIPOC identity in our community and important contributors to our well-being. Walking in their shoes hurts.

I find the journey of life to be very challenging and I believe our job here is to continue to experience and grow from the many lessons before each and every one of us. Inclusivity and valuing differences are major ones, millennia old. Said succinctly, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This also becomes, very personal.

David Wick, April 19, 2021. David Wick is executive director and co-founder of the Ashland Culture of Peace Commission and the Rotary E-Club of World Peace, president-elect 2021-2022.

Lessons my mother taught me

Life brings us many lessons in many ways. Is one of them, "...I can learn more and grow?"

Being a fourth-generation Japanese American has been and continues to be an interesting journey.

I grew up in Hawaii, where the vast majority of my friends were just like me — Asian American. Sure, I had friends who were Caucasian, Hispanic or Black — Hawaii is a melting pot where you can meet people of all races — but I grew up around a lot of people who looked like me.

My mother made sure that I understood what Japanese American experience meant — what resilience means, what internment means, what sacrifice means, what defending a country that didn't want you means.

I've always been proud of who I am, and proud of the people who came before me. From a young age, I understood who I was, where my family came from, what they sacrificed, what hardships they endured. I'd like to believe that I have an understanding of what racism is, what prejudice is.

My father joined the foreign service when I was 17, and my sister was 13. We always knew there was more out there than our small part of the world, and our world became even larger.

Right after I graduated from high school, my family moved to a small town in The Netherlands called Noordwijkerhout. That fall, my sister started her high school career at the American School of The Hague, and I got on an airplane and flew back to the United States to a town I had never been to before — Ashland — to begin my college career.

Life has never been the same since. Moving to Europe changed everything for my family. Going home meant going to Europe. My summer jobs were at the American embassy. I learned so much more than I ever thought I would. The world was my classroom.

Right before I graduated from college with a master's degree, my parents moved again. This time, they went to South Africa. The world is a big place with a myriad of different looks, beliefs and cultures, but learning about apartheid, seeing what it was like, meeting people who lived it, that changed my life and opened my eyes even more.

I lived in Africa for a year after college, it gave me a chance to slow down and think about what it was I really wanted to do and where I wanted to be. Though I loved being in Africa and will always treasure my time there and the people I met, I knew it wasn't the place for me to stay.

I moved back to Ashland and worked several different kinds of jobs – character building, I think it's called. I found my home at Paddington Station, and have been there for 14 years. I met some of the best friends I have because of working at Paddington. More importantly, I met my husband, Jason, here.

When we got married, I hyphenated my name. After everything I had seen and done, I knew it was important that my name reflected the way I looked and the person I am – not a "new person" because I chose to marry a Caucasian. When my children were born, I explained that it was important that their names reflected who they were too. Yes, they are Eurasian, or "hapa" as we say in Hawaii, and their names needed to reflect that.

Now, I am a mother myself. All the lessons, the knowledge, the history I learned as a child, I need to pass on to my own. All the worries and fears my parents had are mine now, but in a different way because of where I am and the times we are living in.

Am I worried about their experience in school, here in this very Caucasian area? Yes, I am.

Am I worried about how they will be treated, because of the way they look? Yes, I am.

Do I look at the world around us, with the hate and prejudice, and wonder if they will be OK? Yes, I do.

Am I overly cautious when we are out? Yes, I am.

Will I let this fear control me, control my children's upbringing? No, I will not.

These experiences shaped me to understand that I am always learning about the world around me. I'm not perfect, I have so much to learn about our changing society. Most importantly, I know that my experience – my family's experience – is different from everyone else's, and I can learn more and grow.

Stefanie Nagata-McNeal, May 17, 2021

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The Global Inequity of Vaccines

The G7 summit, held in Cornwall, UK, saw the landmark agreement by the G7 global leaders who committed to share at least 870 million Covid-19 vaccination doses in 2021 and 2022. They aim to deliver at least half within 2021. These vaccinations will primarily be delivered through Covax, a global initiative partnered with UNICEF and co-led by Gavi, CEPI and the WHO working for worldwide “equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.” This is just the latest commitment by global actors to support

“global equitable access” to vaccinations. Prior to the commencement of the G7 summit, American President Biden announced plans to donate 80 million vaccine doses by the end of June while British Prime Minister Boris Johnson committed to the donation of 100 million surplus coronavirus vaccine doses by the end of next year. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) with the World Bank and the World Trade Organization (WTO) announced a \$50 billion initiative to support vaccination delivery in developing countries. According to a tracker by Bridge Consulting (Beijing), China has already donated approximately 23 million doses globally.

These recent announcements were met warmly, coming after months of criticism at the evident global inequality in vaccine availability. As both trends and experts attest, “vaccines have been proven to prevent cases and deaths”. Bolstered by the success of countries with high vaccination rates in controlling covid such as in Israel, vaccines are widely seen as not only the crucial key to saving lives but also as a means to finally end the global pandemic. Many countries have begun rolling out mass vaccination programs, aggressively pushing to inoculate their population as quickly as possible. As vaccines have become more widely available and as the rate of population vaccinated climbs, the situation in many of the hardest hit places such as in the US and Europe have been steadily improving and people have been regaining many long-awaited liberties.

While the situation has become more hopeful in some places, in other parts of the world, the situation remains dire given vaccine accessibility. A single glance at the [NYTimes “Coronavirus Vaccinations Around the World” tracker](#) paints a stark divide between developed and developing countries; the global vaccine inequality is irrefutable. According to the World Health Organization, less than one percent of all vaccines administered so far have gone to low-income countries. The New York Times concurs, claiming that only 0.3% of doses have been administered in low-income countries. While the US and the UK are on track to meet their goals of fully vaccinating 70% of the population by the end of June and offering a vaccine to all adults by the end of July respectively, a significant number of countries will not. At least nine out of ten countries in Africa are set to miss their critical vaccination goals. Some countries such as South Sudan and the Congo have yet to even begin mass vaccination campaigns. Due to the unavailability, vaccines are seen by many in the Global South as a “mirage or a privilege for the developed world”.

The stark effects of this disparity can be seen clearly. Without the same wide availability of vaccines, the situation in many areas of the Global South has become much worse. In recent months, health services in India and Brazil have been overwhelmed and stretched to their breaking point. A third wave is predicted to hit the African continent. In a recent interview, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO Regional Director for Africa said, “the threat of a third wave in Africa is real and rising... it’s crucial that we swiftly get vaccines into the arms of Africans at high risk of falling seriously ill and dying of COVID-19.”

Vaccine equity is imperative. UN Human Rights Experts have stated that “everyone has a right to have access to a vaccine for COVID-19 that is safe, effective, timely and based on the application of the best scientific development.” The UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has declared that “unequal access to vaccines for least developed and developing countries is discriminatory”. The accessibility of vaccines has a very material cost; it is a matter of life or death for thousands, possibly millions of lives. As Dr Moeti says, dose sharing is “do or die”. In addition, it exponentially exacerbates global inequality. As noted by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the pandemic has already spotlighted growing inequalities. The more extended the crisis, the more development decreases and economic distress deepens for the most vulnerable. The same [UN human rights experts](#) explain that “billions of people in the Global South are being left behind”. The pandemic has already severely stalled and even undermined progress towards the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals. The longer the crisis continues, the more challenging their realization becomes.

Global solidarity for the most vulnerable is imperative. During his speech announcing the US’ vaccine donation, President Biden stated, “this is about our responsibility, our humanitarian obligation to save as many lives as we can”. While morally wrong, vaccine inequity also has grave consequences and high costs for everyone. The threat posed by coronavirus mutations holds extreme risk for the world. As acknowledged in an open letter from UNICEF signed by a plethora of celebrities, including David Beckham, Whoopi Goldberg and Billie Eilish, “the pandemic will not be over anywhere until it is over everywhere, and that means getting vaccines to every country, as quickly and equitably as possible”.

Currently, roughly 20% of the global population has received at least one dose. Sharing COVID-19 vaccines is a significant and urgent task. There is tremendous work to be done before the goal of vaccinating a minimum of 80% of the adult population is realized. Vaccine inequity is a product and reflection of the vast global inequalities that persist. Initiatives such as the ones COVAX led by UN actors and commitments from the US, UK, China and the G7 to donate doses are huge steps in the right direction to combating these continuing inequities.

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Human Rights Are Our Lifeline
United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres*

Excellencies, our [Human Rights Call to Action](#) is a comprehensive framework to advance our most important work – from sustainable development to climate action, from protecting fundamental freedoms to gender equality, the preservation of civic space and ensuring that digital technology is a force for good. Today, I come before you with a sense of urgency to do even more to bring our Human Rights Call

to Action to life. I want to focus on two areas where the imperative for action is great – and the scale of the challenge looms large. First, the blight of *racism, discrimination and xenophobia*. And, second, the most pervasive human rights violation of all: *gender inequality*. These evils are fed by two of the deepest wells of injustice in our world: the legacy of centuries of colonialism; and the persistence, across the millennia, of patriarchy. The linkages between *racism* and *gender inequality* are also unmistakable. Some of the worst impacts of both are in the overlaps and intersections of discrimination suffered by women from racial and ethnic minority groups.

The Blight of Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia: Stoking the fires of racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bigotry, violence against some minority Christian communities, homophobia, xenophobia and misogyny is nothing new. It has just become more overt, easier to achieve, and globalized. When we allow the denigration of any one of us, we set the precedent for the demonization of all of us. Excellencies, the rot of racism eats away at institutions, social structures and everyday life – sometimes invisibly and insidiously. I welcome the new awakening in the global fight for racial justice, a surge of resistance against being reduced or ignored – often led by women and young people. As they have highlighted, we have a long way to go.

I commend the Human Rights Council decision to report on systemic racism, accountability and redress, and responses to peaceful anti-racism protests – and look forward to concrete action. We must also step up the fight against resurgent neo-Nazism, white supremacy and racially and ethnically motivated terrorism. The danger of these hate-driven movements is growing by the day. Let us call them what they are: White supremacy and neo-Nazi movements are more than domestic terror threats. They are becoming a transnational threat...Today, these extremist movements represent the number one internal security threat in several countries.

We need global coordinated action to defeat this grave and growing danger. Excellencies, we must also place a special focus on safeguarding the rights of minority communities, many of whom are under threat around the world. Minority communities are part of the richness of our cultural and social fabric. Just as biodiversity is fundamental to human well-being, the diversity of communities is fundamental to humanity. Yet we see not only forms of discrimination but also policies of assimilation that seek to wipe out the cultural and religious identity of minority communities. When a minority community's culture, language or faith are under attack, all of us are diminished. When authorities cast suspicion on entire groups under the guise of security, all of us are threatened.

Gender Inequality: Excellencies, No human rights scourge is more prevalent than gender inequality. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated entrenched discrimination against women and girls. The crisis has a woman's face. Most essential frontline workers are women – many from racially and ethnically marginalized groups and at the bottom of the economic ladder. Most of the increased burden of care in the home is taken on by women. Violence against

women and girls in all forms has skyrocketed, from online abuse to domestic violence, trafficking, sexual exploitation and child marriage. Women have suffered higher job losses and been pushed into poverty in greater numbers. This is on top of already fragile socio-economic conditions due to lower incomes, the wage gap, and a lifetime of less access to opportunities, resources and protections. None of this happened by accident. It is the result of generations of exclusion. It comes down to a question of power.

A male-dominated world and a male-dominated culture will yield male-dominated results. At the same time, the COVID-19 response has highlighted the power and effectiveness of women's leadership. The lives of women are perhaps one of the most accurate barometers of the health of society as a whole. How a society treats half its own population is a significant indicator of how it will treat others. Our rights are inextricably bound....Realizing this right will benefit all of us. The opportunity of man-made problems – and I choose these words deliberately – is that they have human-led solutions. But these solutions can only be found through shared leadership and decision-making and the right to equal participation.

Excellencies, every corner of the globe is suffering from the sickness of violations of human rights....With the pandemic shining a spotlight on human rights, recovery gives us an opportunity to generate momentum for transformation. Now is the time to reset. To reshape. To rebuild. To recover better, guided by human rights and human dignity for all.

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THE GREAT INVOCATION

From the point of Light within the Mind of God

Let light stream forth into human minds.

Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God

Let love stream forth into human hearts.

May the Coming One return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known

Let purpose guide all little human wills -

The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the human race

Let the Plan of Love and Light work out

And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the plan on Earth.