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The Word - and words

Through modern means of communication humanity has been brought together across all divides; we can see each other and hear each other's voices from throughout the world. Through human ingenuity all borders have been transcended; neither personal nor national boundaries, loud arguments nor finger pointing can prevent us from seeing the entire world steeped in pain and disarray. Every moment of each day cascades of information and news bytes about local state of affairs are encircling the planet, followed by showers of expert commentaries and reactions from the general public. The increasing complexity of societal upheaval and malfunction as well as environmental degradation gives rise to much concern and uncertainty, as well as a sense of the urgency for change.

More in depth, detailed and continuously updated, information on the many pressing issues of today is also available to all. So are the accounts of the rises and falls of past civilisations which may cast some light on root-causes to the challenges of today that shall have to be met and overcome in preparation for moving forward. We are reminded that, like all physical forms, civilisations too follow the cycle of seasons; they grow, peak and then decline - leaving their seeds for future sowings.

The invaluable treasures of the vision, wisdom and experience from our past can also be easily accessed. The words of prophets and philosophers; the

creations of visionary artists and builders, and even personal accounts of the tests and trials of daily life in the past, can guide and inspire in us a growing sense of purpose and direction.

The dictionary defines a "word" as a 'single unit of language which has meaning and is used with others to form sentences'. It seems however that- spoken loudly and used excessively for effect and power of persuasion - words can lose much of their substance and meaning.

According to the Teachings, 'the Word' (or Song) was 'with God', and: 'Things are that which the Word makes them in naming them'. By means of words the human being is enabled to translate 'the Word that was with God', into its own language and give form and shape to 'things' within its particular sphere of creativity, thus moulding a world and environment in accordance with personal interpretation, wishes and desires. Humanity, the apprentice, is now faced with a world in deep pain, disorder and distress, reflecting the trials and errors on the road to learning.

However the borderless electronic communication is reminding us of the essential oneness of Life within all continuous expressions. Much knowledge and some comprehension has been gained and we, the inventors and mechanics, shall need not only to repair but also learn to heal all that which has been scattered, wounded

and wasted throughout our planetary environment. For this we need to listen to the Song within our own being; the sound of the Word which is with God – breathing life into form making all things new.

The section entitled ‘The Two Paths’, recorded by H.P. Blavatsky in “The Voice of the Silence”, advises us that we shall need to ‘... learn to discern the real from the false, the ever-fleeting from the everlasting’. It speaks of the difference between the head-learning and heart-wisdom, urging that we allow the Heart to be the Guide. In Heart-light the true purpose of each little unit of livingness within every planetary kingdom will be recognised and enabled to develop – in time and space - the fullness of its being. The creator of sentences, which contain the essence of the Word, building the living Bridge from here to there.

Gita Brooke September 2016

“Reflections on 2022 and Thoughts for 2023”

The times they are a'changin' is a song for our times. Humanity has one foot in Pisces; the other foot in Aquarius. When we look back on this bell curve moment in evolution, we can imagine seeing clearly that 2022 represented the intense and specific timing of ‘letting go’; the realization of an all-systems breakdown – all-systems breakthrough as every sector of society responded to the call of the New Era.

Around the world, individuals, groups, networks, came together with intentional focused collaboration on behalf of the good of the whole. There would be no fixing of the old. In fact, in 2023, just two years prior to 2025, unitive consciousness became a common theme, as so many were speaking of interconnectedness, the veil of separation dissolving, and the fact of our oneness. Thus, humanity realized that living in co-measurement was the way onward, upward and *through*; the focus in all sectors became one of decisions made on behalf of the common good; and conscious shared loving stewardship became a way of life on the beautiful planet Earth that humanity calls home.

Dot Maver

Reflections

"It's a helpful reflection to stand in the present and reflect upon the year gone by and to look as well towards the year ahead. The world today is in the midst of a difficult transition period and the challenges and the resultant tension has been mounting for a number of years. In such situations it is not really possible to differentiate between one year and the next until the challenging cycle is completed and clearly we haven't yet reached that point. It might be safe to speculate that we should begin to see some major and hopefully positive readjustments as we move towards the end of this decade. Between now and then we're tasked with stemming the divisions through the power of the soul and its healing energy.

Outer challenges both those in our personal lives as well as those within the collective create opportunities that bring that which was hidden to the surface where it can be seen and then resolved. Then, instead of the challenge resulting in a contraction of one's essential self, it becomes the vehicle for an opening and an expansion – the letting in of light. So what I hope for myself and for the collective during the year ahead is that the strength that has been cornered over the past years can only increase so that individually and collectively there will be a growing ability to see and act with greater clarity of purpose."

Kathy Newburn

Our Choices in 2023!

We can consider our experiences in 2022 and personally identify what we consider the good, bad, and ugly.

2023 is a pretty clean canvas for our conscious creations and the following brief story can help us prepare for our choices.

An old grandfather was teaching his grandson about life:

"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil—he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."

He continued, "The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf will win?"

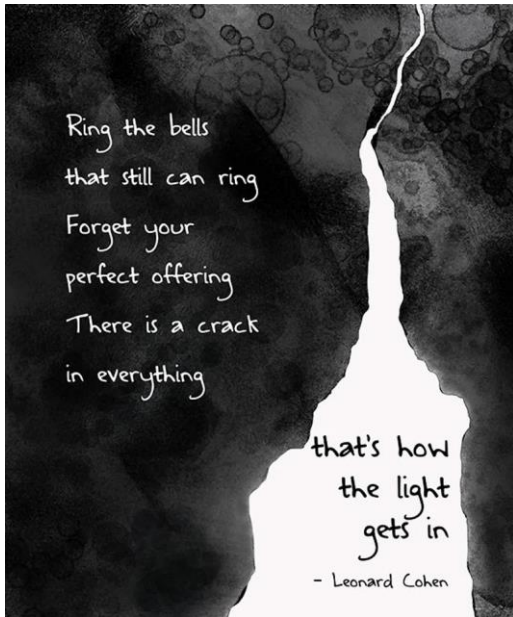
The grandfather simply replied, "The one you feed."

Let us be conscious of the wolf we feed, and when and why we do so.

David Wick

* A Crack of Light and the Promise of a New Day *

- For music-loving readers, click links below to songs that accompany this message.



As 2022 fades in this Season of Light, I sense a surprising “crack” break through the spell of world darkness. In fact, for the first time since the 2016 U.S. election, I end this year with a glimmer of hope from that little “crack.” For as Leonard Cohen reminds us: “There is a crack in everything; *that’s how the light gets in!*”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8-BT6y_wYg

Recently there has been a flicker of “political” light in the darkness that has engulfed the U.S. since 2016, which culminated in the violent attack on our Capital - *that sacred beacon of light housing our precious “democratic experiment.”* Which for all its imperfections has (*slowly* through the rule of law per the U.S. Constitution) sought justice to save our democracy for “*a more perfect union.*”

The ageless wisdom says that after the darkest night of the soul the light breaks through. Darkness and injustice have prevailed so long I was truly *losing my religion* - *i.e.* my core faith that light can really overcome darkness. Yet

restoring my faith now are signs being sent of light breaking through in ways I feared would never happen. For example, just TODAY I await the results of the January 6 Committee’s long investigation!

Recent “political” forces are finally blowing winds of change with the promise of a new day coming. Only time will tell whether these new “political” currents will be corrective action. Yet since energy follows thought, believing this to be so is a constructive way to start 2023. **Because we know that democratic forms of government are essential for the culture of peace to manifest!** Thus, by saving our U.S. democracy through the rule of law, a shift in critical mass consciousness may finally herald in peace - a true lasting PEACE ON EARTH. The kind of “peace” espoused during this Season of Light by all faith traditions since the beginning of time -- but never achieved. So may we have hope in the light descending on earth now, recognizing that 2022 really does end with the Promise of a New Day (as sung by Paula Abdul).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5p82Zf6utHQ>.

Let Light and Love and Power Fulfil the Plan on Earth.

Anne Creter, *Peace Through Unity UN*
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Seeds of Peace 03 – Hope

Hope is our lifeblood, the core of our survival, the seed of dreams and the energy of change. We are gifted with hope to find our spiritual connection in the sacred hoop of all life. All are

invited. The door of the circle is open to enter---white, black, yellow, red, brown, young, old, rich, poor, straight, lgbtq, city, country, abused, abuser, oppressed, oppressor. I once saw a wild hawk and a domestic kitten sitting on a fence rail together on the Seneca Reservation in Western New York. The hawk was being released after being injured. It showed how all can peacefully coexist. We can mend the hoop, that has been injured in many ways, creating a new hoop, a circle of all people, with respect for all of and upon earth.

Mother Earth is giving strong warnings through larger floods, quakes, droughts, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes and other events, warning of the damage we've done to the earth and ourselves. It is not mystical. The earth is ill from our poisons. When we are ill, we expel the virus in nasty ways. Earth is doing the same. We have drilled into her core and stripped away protective soil, trees and other foliage. We have seriously polluted her air, soil and water that sustains all life.

One who has excluded from ill-taught prejudicial fears can be open to inclusion for all. One who has been excluded can open to forgiveness. One of greed can open to sharing. One of poverty can open to having need fulfilled without greed. All the paths to the sacred hoop are open. There is hope each will choose to follow the path into the circle of all. *Hope is present. Hope is here.* Its dreams can only awaken by willing choice. *Each of us has choice to open or close our hearts to*

the family of all. No matter where we stand, there are four primary directions to choose. We each have responsibility of which path we choose.

Keep the HOPE. Fan the flame of HOPE from its embers to become a bright light of energy. Follow the path to its center. Awaken the HOPE to become reality.

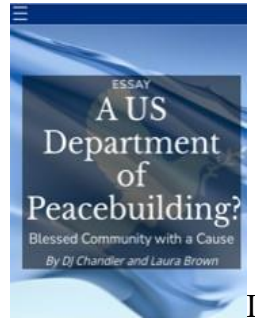
Share and others learn sharing. Care and others learn caring. Be peaceful and others learn peace. Be compassionate and others learn compassion. Be inclusive and others learn to include. Be loving and others learn to love.

*Extract from SEEDS OF PEACE
Writings of peaceful living for sharing
with all.*

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A KOSMOS QUARTERLY ESSAY -
- "Blessed Community With a
Cause!"

*~ Advocating for a U.S. Department of
Peacebuilding with the U.S. Peace
Alliance. ~*



I want to share an inspiring essay written by two of my beloved Peace Alliance coworkers (DJ Chandler & Laura Brown) published in the Summer/Fall 2022 Kosmos Quarterly Journal of Global Transformation. Its quarterly theme was about Blessed Community.

As newcomers to the blessed community of the U.S. Peace Alliance, it tells of how these two peacebuilder professionals shared parallel serendipitous stories during the pandemic, of the connection and hope each found in discovering this organization. And getting actively involved with its signature advocacy for the bill in Congress to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peacebuilding. Their new leadership has been quite impactful.

Reading this essay was a gift to me because (as one who has been active in the Peace Alliance in various capacities since it began almost 20 years ago) I needed to be reminded of what a unique Beloved Community I am

blessed to still be part of.

([peacealliance.org](https://www.peacealliance.org))

https://www.kosmosjournal.org/kj_article/a-us-department_of_peacebuilding/

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Human Rights Day 2022

Whanganui celebrated with songs of peace and unity

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10, 1948; since then, this annual Human Rights Day has been celebrated around the world to remind us all of the importance of the things that unify us and protect the rights we all take for granted. Coincidentally, 10 December 2022 is also the 110th birthday of the late Anthony Brooke, co-founder of Peace through Unity.

The UDHR is a milestone document which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

To celebrate this important day, Peace Through Unity held a special soirée, “Peace Songs”, featuring renowned local

musicians Hamish Jellyman, Elise Goodge and Elizabeth de Vegt, at Te Rangi, home of the late Anthony and Gita Brooke, in Whanganui.



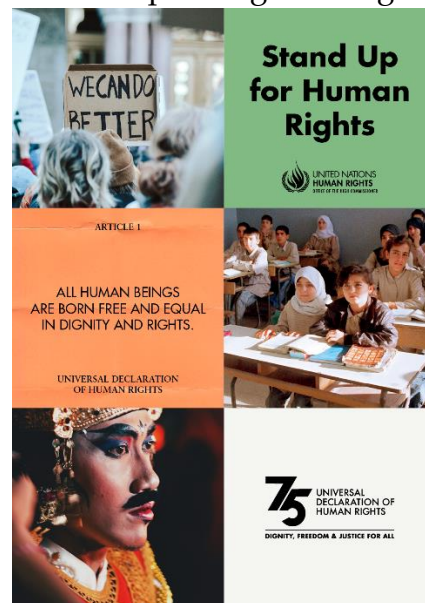
From left: Elizabeth de Vegt, Hamish Jellyman & Elise Goodge performed at Te Rangi

The dynamic trio performed two sets of repertoires based around the theme of peace and unity, including original and iconic songs that celebrate the occasion. All three musicians sang and played various instruments, including piano, guitar and taonga puoro. The event was well attended by the local community, despite heavy rain at times during the day. The occasion also provided the community with an opportunity to learn about the works of Peace Through Unity and the journey of Anthony and Gita.



A crowd gathered at the veranda of Te Rangi for the soirée

In 2023, the world will commemorate the 75th anniversary of UDHR. As we celebrate this milestone for human rights, it is critical that we, the people of the world, rekindle the spirit, impulse and vitality that led to the UDHR 75 years ago and rejuvenate a worldwide consensus on human rights – one that unifies us all at a time that is needed urgently to come together to confront our most pressing challenges.



*UN Human Rights has launched a year-long campaign to showcase **the UDHR** by focusing on its legacy, relevance and activism*

This anniversary also coincides with the 30th anniversary of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, which paved the way for the establishment of UN Human Rights: two landmarks on the path to larger human dignity.

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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.**