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PREFACE

This booklet contains selected inspirational messages and excerpts from lectures which Sri Chinmoy has offered to the United Nations community during the last twenty years.

Sri Chinmoy was invited to give the first of his many talks on the spiritual role of the United Nations in November of 1968. Since April of 1970, he has conducted twice-weekly peace meditations for delegates and staff as leader of the Peace Meditation Association.

The members of the Peace Meditation Association offer their deepest gratitude to Sri Chinmoy for his most exemplary and untiring self-offering to humanity through his dedicated service to the United Nations community. May the colossal hope for peace and humanity's progress, as expressed by the vision-luminary in Sri Chinmoy, become a fruitful promise-reality.

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THE MESSAGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The outer message of the United Nations is peace. The inner message of the United Nations is love. The inmost message of the United Nations is oneness. Peace we feel. Love we become. Oneness we manifest.

The United Nations has a mind, a heart and a soul. Its mind tries to offer flowing peace. Its heart tries to offer glowing love. Its soul tries to offer fulfilling oneness. In the near future, a day will dawn when the message of the United Nations will be absorbing to the child, elevating to the common man, thought-provoking to the highly educated and inspiring to the seeker.

Each delegate is a force. Each representative is a force. Each nation is a force. The source of this force is a particular will. This will can be either the divine will or the human will. The human will wants to be with the world and in the world only on one condition: that it will be able to gain supremacy over others and maintain this supremacy. The divine will wants to be in the world, with the world and for the world without expecting anything from the world. The human will, at most, tolerates the world. The divine will constantly wants to liberate and fulfil the world. The human will wants to control and lead the world. The divine will wants to transform, glorify and immortalise the world. The human will in us needs the soul's expanding and illumining purity. The divine will in us wants the Goal's blossoming divinity.

The League of Nations was a dream-seed. The United Nations is a reality-plant. The aspiring and serving life of man's universal oneness will be the eternity-tree.

The goal of the United Nations lies not only in thinking together, but in thinking alike. Each individual has every right to love his nation; but he must also dedicate himself in order to immortalise his nation's relationships, inner and outer, with the rest of mankind, so that all can run together for the universal good of humanity.

All nations together can build a temple. All nations together can make a shrine. All nations together can worship a Deity. At the entrance of the temple, the divine protection shall smile. Upon the shrine in the temple, the supreme illumination shall smile. Within the heart of the Deity, the Absolute Perfection shall smile.

At the United Nations, what I feel is an inner voyage. In its inner voyage the United Nations has to brave many temptations and setbacks. As we all know, defeats and failures are mere stepping stones in our onward march to perfection. At the end of its voyage, there is every possibility that the United Nations will be the last word in human perfection. And then the United Nations can easily bloom in excellence and stand at the pinnacle of divine enlightenment.



Today's United Nations

Was yesterday's perfecting Vision.

Tomorrow's United Nations

Is today's fulfilling Realisation.

Unity is not oneness. A bud is not a flower.

Unity is the temple. Oneness is the shrine.

The absence of unity is imminent confusion.

The absence of oneness is the ultimate destruction.

The presence of unity is the immediate end

Of human imperfection and limitation.

The presence of oneness is the glorious beginning

Of man's perfect Perfection.

—*Inauguration Meditation*

14 April 1970



Peace is based on love: love for humanity and love for God. Peace is also founded on non-attachment. No thirst for gain, no fear of loss: lo, peace is yours.

Peace is also based on renunciation: not the renunciation of worldly possessions, but of limitations and ignorance. And that peace is the true peace which is not affected by the roaring of the world, outer or inner.



The United Nations is not a thing to appreciate, admire or adore. Rather, it is the way, the way of oneness, that leads us to the Supreme Oneness.



It is only through inner peace that we can have true outer freedom.



The inner heart of the United Nations is flooded with peace. The outer heart of the United Nations is trying to spread peace all over the world.



The United Nations sings one song: the song that says it is love-power that will conquer the world. No other power can conquer the world.



IS A SPIRITUAL ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS PRACTICAL?

The United Nations is playing a most important role in seeking to establish world harmony, world peace, world oneness, world divinity, world perfection and God-satisfaction.

The outer world says that the United Nations is not strong enough, but the inner world has something else to say. The inner world says that the real capacity of the United Nations is its willingness and its inner cry.

The United Nations is crying for world peace; and this very act of crying is its real capacity. The way of oneness that cries to lead us to the ultimate destination; this is the United Nations. The cry itself is its capacity and this capacity is of supreme importance.

True, this capacity cannot or does not meet with satisfaction-reality all at once. I have the capacity to run, let us say, but I am not at the destination. I have just left the starting point; my goal is still ahead. Capacity does not mean immediate success or immediate victory. Capacity is continuous movement that eventually leads us to our destined goal. Right now the United Nations is a cry, a movement, a forward march, a forward adventure.

A runner is running. Just because the runner has not reached the goal, this does not mean that the runner will fail. There is an appointed hour and at that appointed hour, which is God's choice hour, the inner dream—the real dream—of the United Nations will be transformed into reality. That dream is God's necessity to bring about world

peace. This is the inner necessity of the soul of the United Nations and also its God-ordained responsibility.

The world may notice a yawning gulf between the principles of the United Nations and the realities of the world. But the world must remember that in the transformation of principles into realities, time is a great factor. The world is old, and it has old ideas, old idiosyncracies, old propensities. The United Nations is young, very young.

If we say that the United Nations is the result of the twentieth century awakening, then we are mistaken. The United Nations is the outgrowth of the inner awakening of human beings from time immemorial.

We expect everything from the United Nations-child, but we forget that the child has to grow. If we nourish the child, encourage the child and appreciate him for what he already has offered, only then will the progress of the child be satisfactory.



*The United Nations Charter and
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

The Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are the true manifestations of humanity's spiritual values and inner oneness. In these lofty principles we find a divine code of ethics for our time and times to come.

With the guiding light that shines through the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the world is destined to

attain harmony and peace, for inside the United Nations vision, reality looms large. The fulfilment of the United Nations ideals is an inevitability, but that hour will dawn only when humanity wholeheartedly and unreservedly accepts the message of the United Nations soul.



A spiritual goal for the United Nations: Is it practical? Without the least possible hesitation I venture to say that it is highly practical. It is not only practical, but also practicable. Something more: it is inevitable. We have to know what the spiritual goal for the United Nations is. Its goal is to become ultimately the saviour of the world's imperfection, the liberator of the world's destruction and the fulfiller of the world's aspiration.

My heart tells me that the United Nations has a divine ideal. My soul tells me that this ideal is going to be transformed into the supreme reality. Soulful concern is the essence of the United Nations ideal. Fruitful patience is the substance of the United Nations ideal. Supernal fulfilment will be the essence of the United Nations reality. Sempiternal perfection will be the substance of the United Nations reality. What is reality? Reality is the inseparable oneness of Infinity's smile and Eternity's cry.



To be sure, peace is not the sole monopoly of Heaven. Our earth is extremely fertile. Here on earth we can grow peace in measureless measure.



In our conscious awareness, in our conscious seeing of God's Presence, in our conscious feeling of inseparable oneness with Him, we shall establish here on earth, here and nowhere else, the Kingdom of Light, Truth, Peace and Delight.



Spirituality is the fount of world peace.
Spirituality is the fulfilment
Of all responsibilities.



THE UNITED NATIONS: A NUCLEUS OF WORLDWIDE SPIRITUALITY

It is not only possible, but inevitable, that the United Nations will one day be a nucleus of worldwide spirituality. The symbol, the truth, the light that the United Nations embodies is bound to cover the length and breadth of the world. The United Nations that we see—the body and form—may not last. But the reality that is behind the United Nations, the dreams that each dedicated individual member has—not in his mind, but in his soul—have to fulfil themselves. It may take fifty, two hundred, or four hundred years, but the dreams must eventually be fulfilled even if the outer form, the structure, does not remain the same. But the essential thing is the soul's full blossoming into perfection, the expansion of 'United Nations' into 'Oneness-World'.

Previously there was the League of Nations; now we see the United Nations. A few things are changed and modified for the better. The League of Nations was Woodrow Wilson's dream. It no longer exists. Instead, it has blossomed into another dream, a greater dream. The United Nations is also a dream. And this dream will also eventually take a better and more fulfilling form. At that time it will be Oneness-World.

A League of Nations is like a cluster of flowers. A United Nations arranges the flowers harmoniously. When we have a Oneness-World, at that time we will not see several individual flowers; we will see all as one whole.

This outer form may not last, but there will always be another way of approaching the reality. And that reality is bound to dawn. It will dawn and we will have Oneness-World. This is God's Dream, God's Vision of Perfection. The Kingdom of Heaven that we talk about, that we have heard about, is Oneness-World, nothing else. Oneness-World must dawn. And even Oneness-World is not the ultimate thing in God's Vision. In God's Vision, oneness need not and cannot be total perfection. In oneness there should be constant aspiration to transcend. There may be twenty members of a family and they may become one. But if there is no aspiration to grow higher, to grow deeper, to grow better, then that is not perfection. Even when oneness is established, we can't say that that is the end of the game. No, inside oneness there should be a continuous aspiration to go beyond, beyond, beyond. God's Vision is always a self-transcending Reality, so after oneness we still have the message of continuous transcendence, which is real perfection.

First there was the League of Nations. Now we see the United Nations. From the United Nations we shall see Oneness-World, and inside Oneness-World we shall see the song of self-transcendence, world transcendence, universal transcendence. And inside that transcendence we shall see perfection, which is satisfaction.



There is only one religion and one truth: man. All peoples can unite to raise an inner temple where all nations can worship the highest ideals and principles of man. And within this temple of man shall shine the benevolent Smile of God.

We are the most fortunate people on earth, for God has chosen us to be His instruments to serve Him in mankind.

The United Nations is not a mere building, but a place of worship, a place where all human beings can worship and pray to God. This place is a living shrine for the Supreme.



Today's United Nations sees the nations as its true friends. Tomorrow's United Nations will see the nations as its real sisters and brothers.

Today's United Nations offers hopeful and soulful advice to mankind. Tomorrow's United Nations will offer fruitful and fulfilling peace to mankind.

Today's United Nations feels truth, light and delight in its loving heart. Tomorrow's United Nations will manifest truth, light and delight with its all-embracing soul.



Each nation right now needs peace. We all need peace. To have peace, what we need is the right path, the path divine.

The inner heart of the United Nations is a colossal hope. The inner existence of the United Nations is a fulfilling reality.

The heart of the United Nations has peace. The body of the United Nations is for peace. The mind of the United Nations seeks peace. The vital of the United Nations needs peace.



The Soul-Love of the United Nations

The soul-love of the United Nations teaches us three most important things: patience, expansion and oneness. Patience is not peace. But patience eventually shows us the way to peace, world peace. Expansion is not an act of self-aggrandisement. But expansion can easily be a life-offering and love-building reality. Oneness does not indicate a lack of opportunity for revealing and manifesting individual uniqueness. Oneness is like the essence and fragrance of a lotus. It does not prevent each petal of the lotus from revealing and manifesting its own uniqueness.

In order to know the soul-love of the United Nations, we have to choose to be free, and we have to be free to choose. When we are within the confines of history, we have to choose to be free. When we are in the sky of evolving spirituality, we have to be free to choose. Soul-love is free will. Soul-love is free choice. When a nation's free will chooses self-giving, its free choice expedites God-becoming. In self-giving and God-becoming is the confluence of the outer lustre of the United Nations and the inner effulgence of the United Nations. This confluence will, without fail, be a glorious vision for both mortals and immortals.

From the spiritual point of view, the soul-love of the United Nations will always remain resourceful in all problematical situations, untiring in the discharge of its national and international duties, sagacious in its pursuit of inner knowledge and inner wealth, and spontaneous in its willingness to add to the peace, love and joy of searching and ascending humanity.

To unite all countries and all men: this is the ultimate goal of the United Nations. To see all human hearts and minds striving for one highest cause: what else is true spirituality if not this? Spirituality is the union of all human aspirations for a better and more illumining life in a world of harmony and oneness.



God has infinite children,
But the name of His fondest child is Peace.



Peace is the perfection of one's mind
And the divinisation of one's thoughts.



As there is only one religion, even so there is
only one song.
This song is man.



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THE DIVINE MISSION

At the United Nations there are many missions representing different countries. To me each mission is like a river flowing into the ocean, and the ocean is the United Nations. Each mission is a flowing river entering into the ocean with hope, with eagerness and with a willingness to become part and parcel of the ocean. At the United Nations the divine mission flows not only in the ocean but also through each of the rivers. The divine mission of Light exists not only in the infinite Vast, but also in the tiniest drop of consciousness. In the perfection and fulfilment of the divine mission in the Infinite, and in the perfection and fulfilment of the divine mission in the finite, the supreme Satisfaction will dawn.

In each of the rivers the supreme Satisfaction has to dawn, for it is the constant flow of the rivers entering into the ocean that makes the ocean a living reality. And when the ocean flows back into the rivers, it offers them its abundant inner wealth so they can fulfil themselves through it.

The mission of God in each permanent mission to the United Nations is as important as it is in the United Nations itself. The United Nations is the entire body and each mission is like a limb. The body is perfect only when all the limbs are perfect. If one limb remains imperfect, the body remains imperfect.

When we are really great we care for the small, for the poor, for the invalid. The mission of the great is to become one with those who are less great than they, and to lift them up to a higher standard through self-giving. The mission of those who are not yet great is to feel that the great ones

are only the more evolved extensions of their own
aspiring consciousness.



Man's goal is peace.
Peace feeds him, his life inner and outer.



Two infinite extremes: war and peace.
War the destroyer of blooming worlds.
Peace the devourer of roaring wars.



Ask your mind to be clever.
What your mind needs is peace,
And this peace it can get
Only from one place:
 The heart of oneness
 And nowhere else.



WHAT IS THE UNITED NATIONS REALLY DOING FOR HUMANITY?

What is the United Nations really doing for humanity? The United Nations is humanity's colossal hope. The United Nations is Divinity's lofty promise. Hope needs assurance from Heaven's soul. Promise needs receptivity from earth's heart.

Let us take the United Nations as a human being. Naturally, this human being has a body, a vital, a mind, a heart and a soul. The body of the United Nations is trying to serve humanity. The vital of the United Nations is trying to energise humanity. The heart of the United Nations is crying to love humanity. Finally, the soul of the United Nations is flying to embrace humanity.

The United Nations as a whole wants to offer peace. Peace and the United Nations are inseparable. Now what is peace? Peace does not mean the absence of war. Outwardly two countries may not wage war, but if they inwardly treasure aggressive thoughts, hostile thoughts, that is as good as war. Peace means the presence of harmony, love, satisfaction and oneness. Peace means a flood of love in the world family. Peace means the unity of the universal heart and the oneness of the universal soul.

To me, the United Nations is great. Why? Because it has high principles. To me, the United Nations is good. Why? Because it leaves no stone unturned to transform these principles into living realities. To me, the United Nations is divine. Why? Because it is the fond child of the Supreme, dedicated to promoting world peace.

Slowly and steadily the soul of the United Nations is offering its light to the body of the United Nations, which is the world, so that it can reach the height of the lofty vision seen when it was started. This vision cannot and will not always remain a vision, because inside the vision itself is reality. We can see the face of reality in four hundred years or in one hundred years or in fifty years or in ten years, depending on what the world sees and feels in the heart of the United Nations on the strength of its identification. And this identification can be achieved only if we live inside the soul.

Peace, freedom, progress, perfection—these are the four rungs of the cosmic ladder which the United Nations has perfectly housed in the unseen recesses of its heart. Peace we achieve when we do not expect anything from the world, but only give, give and give unconditionally what we have and what we are. Freedom we achieve only when we live in the soul's light. If we live in the light of the soul, if we can swim in the light of the soul's sea, immediately we grow into and achieve the true inner freedom. Progress we achieve by our self-expansion. How do we expand ourselves? We expand ourselves only by offering our inner concern, which comes directly from the very depths of our heart. Perfection we achieve only when we see the One in the many and the many in the One.

If we want to know what the United Nations is really doing for humanity, each one of us has to ask himself or herself the same question, for each of us represents humanity. Are we really seeing the bright side of the United Nations? Are we sincerely working for the fulfilment of the vision

of the United Nations? Are we wholeheartedly trying to become one with the struggles of the United Nations? Are we deeply concerned about the United Nations and its role in the world community? If we can answer all these questions in the affirmative, then the soul of the United Nations is bound to reveal to us what it has already done for mankind, what it is doing for mankind and what it will be doing for mankind. What has it done? It has brought down the message of promise from the highest Heaven. What is it doing? It is proclaiming this promise to the length and breadth of the world. What will it be doing? It will be manifesting this promise not only in and through the seekers of truth, light and perfection, but also in those who deliberately deny the potentialities, the capacities and the soul-realities of the United Nations.

The United Nations has a big heart. Irrespective of human attainment, irrespective of human assessment, it will offer its nectar-drink to each human being on earth. Its soul's offering will be felt first in the soul's world, the inner world. Then it will be seen in the outer world. Finally, it will be accepted wholeheartedly by the entire world.



*The United Nations:
An Instrument of Human Unification*

The United Nations has progressed to the point where it has much to give in every aspect of human endeavour. Humanity must needs follow its illumining and continuous guidance. Humanity must needs have faith in the United Nations dedication and service.

The time will come when the inner eye of the world will unmistakably show blind humanity the greatness and goodness of the United Nations. The blind world will then receive illumination-vision from the United Nations, the unsatisfied world will receive satisfaction-peace and the aspiring world will receive the answer to its heart's soulful cry. At that time, the world will sing the gratitude-song for what the United Nations is offering to it. Again, the gratitude-song must echo in the hearts of each member of the United Nations for what the world is doing for the Organisation. In the gratitude-song of the United Nations and in the gratitude-song of the world will be heard the soulful song of oneness-expansion.



The outer role of the United Nations is a colossal hope. The inner role of the United Nations is a generous assurance. The supreme role of the United Nations is a prosperous satisfaction.

Hope is a growing plant. Assurance is a blossoming tree. Satisfaction is a delicious fruit.

At the present stage, the United Nations is a growing plant. Is it not absurd for us to expect the United Nations to solve the overwhelming problems of centuries? Let the child-plant grow and glow, smile and cry. Then there shall come a time when this tiny plant will grow into a huge tree, with countless leaves, sleepless flowers and spotless fruits—sheltering, inspiring and nourishing all those who desperately need its protection-shelter, rejuvenation-inspiration and satisfaction-nourishment.



In this world we see that some people just talk, others talk and then act, others talk and act simultaneously, and still others only act and then let others talk for them. Finally, there is a type of person who just acts for the sake of divine action. This is the supreme category. Without the least possible hesitation, I would like to say that the United Nations belongs to this category.

The world is blind; it needs God-Vision. And the United Nations has God-Vision in abundant measure. The world is weak; it needs soul-power. And the United Nations has soul-power in abundant measure. The world is suffering; it needs heart-consolation. And the United Nations has heart-consolation in abundant measure.



The United Nations is the seed. World union is the fruit. Both are equally important; both are of supreme importance. God-Vision embodies the seed. God-Reality reveals the fruit.

The United Nations is the morning. World union is the day. When the heart of the morning is flooded with inner light, divine light, the Light of God, then it is not only possible but almost certain that the entire day will be flooded with light.



The United Nations is the chosen instrument of God. To be a chosen instrument of God means to be a divine messenger carrying the banner of God's inner Vision and outer Manifestation. One day the world will not only treasure and cherish the soul of the United Nations, but also claim the

soul of the United Nations as its very own with enormous pride, for this soul is all-loving, all-nourishing and all-fulfilling.



It is not in vain or without any purpose that the United Nations has come into existence. God's Vision has to be manifested here on earth. The suffering nations need a place for appreciation. Here in the United Nations we see the message of fulfilment. Now it is up to the world. The world, the sleeping, unaspiring, unawakened world, is not yet receiving the light of the United Nations. There are many things that the world could get from the dedication of the United Nations; but if the world is not receptive, it is not the fault of the United Nations. God is all Compassion; He is all-giving; but if we don't want to receive His Light the way he wants to offer it, that is not His fault. The heart of the United Nations is dedication; the soul of the United Nations is concern; the body of the United Nations is for the illumining expansion of human consciousness.



There are a number of things that the United Nations can teach us how to share, but the four principal things are: the message of trust, the message of concern, the message of unity in diversity and, finally, the message of universal peace.



The General Assembly

The General Assembly is a family gathering of a very special family. Unlike most families, this family knows what to say, what to do and what to become. It knows how to love, how to serve and how to fulfil. What to say? The members of this family say that they wish to live together forever. What to do? They try to understand one another; they try to share with one another their teeming ideas and glowing ideals. What to become? They try to become a cry; they try to become a hope; they try to become a promise; they try to become a smile—a cry that elevates them, a hope that feeds them, a promise that reveals them, a smile that immortalises them. How to love? They try to love with their illumining souls. How to serve? They try to serve with their searching minds and their striving vitals. How to fulfil? They try to fulfil by steering God's Dream-Boat toward the Golden Shore.

The General Assembly signifies interdependence. It represents a song of the community of nations, a song of group-souls. While singing this song, these souls will climb high, higher, highest until they one day reach the transcendental Vision of world union. While singing this song, these souls will march far, farther, farthest until they one day reach the transcendental Reality of universal peace.



The power that declares "united in the heart's world we stand; divided in the mind's world we fall," can easily solve world problems.



Each dedicated action of the United Nations is not only an experiment of man but an experience of God in the world and for the world. Truth to tell, the United Nations aspiration for brotherhood and peace is divinely indispensable in the eternal march of world evolution. What could be greater than the hope that the heart and soul of this world family offer mankind? The all-seeing hope and vision of the United Nations will lead humanity to the highest peace, light and bliss for the manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.



Nation-Flowers

Each nation is a petal of a flower, an inner rose, an inner lotus. If one petal is ruined, then the entire flower loses its beauty; and when a flower loses its beauty, it loses everything. Each nation is like a note in a song. If one note is not properly sung, then the entire song is ruined.

Each nation has the capacity to fulfil all nations through self-giving, and this self-giving is nothing other than God-becoming. Here at the United Nations, each nation shall offer its illumining capacities and fulfilling qualities to all the other nations. Together all nations will walk, together all nations will run, together all nations will fly and dive toward the same goal, the goal of everlasting Reality. When we reach and become the everlasting Reality, we shall see that we have transformed the animal in us and immortalised the divine in us.



Each nation is unique in its own way. Each nation has achieved something special, at least for itself. When a nation is ready to feel that other nations are an extension of its own being, when a nation becomes aware that all nations belong to one family, one source, and have one common goal, then that particular nation can easily teach or share its lofty achievements. Each nation knows inwardly that satisfaction and perfection lie only in self-giving, not in displaying its grandiose achievements or in hoarding its capacities.



The United Nations is a group of pilgrims on a journey. As the pilgrims walk along the path of light toward the same destination, they feel mutual appreciation. From appreciation they go one step ahead to love. From appreciation comes love and from love comes oneness. Oneness is the perfection of man in God and the satisfaction of God in man. He who is a true member of the United Nations treasures a shared life in a shared world.



As the United Nations is indispensable to the world community, so also is each individual nation a necessary part of this world organisation. We can view each nation as a unique branch of the world-tree. Each branch is needed to complete the fulness-beauty of the all-spreading tree, and each branch offers special protection and a special oneness-fruit to aspiring mankind. Similarly, each individual world seeker and world server is needed in the United Nations striving for universal peace and progress.



Each nation has the strength and will power of the Absolute. Each nation has the golden opportunity in the inner world to offer to the outer world a living hope and a living promise.



The nation that soulfully cries for inner development and devotedly cries for outer growth can alone be in the vanguard of the teeming nations. Why does a nation fail? A nation fails because it does not want the sustaining Truth to be on its side. When does a nation fall? A nation falls when it deliberately and vehemently resists the idea of being on the side of Truth. How can a nation succeed? A nation can succeed by following the Truth within and without. The very pursuit of Truth can make the existence of a nation free, meaningful, purposeful and fruitful. Now, how can a nation flourish? A nation can flourish when it sees no difference between the Creator and the creation. A nation can flourish when it loves the world, not for what the world will give in return, but for the sake of love. Selfless love, true love, never ends, never fails. Love is its own immediate reward.



The Individual World-Server

The dedication-life of each individual in the United Nations boat is of utmost importance. As the Secretaries-General of the United Nations serve the world, we can also do the same, according to our capacity. Our capacities—however limited—and our prayerful inner devotion to

humanity are our solid support that we can offer inwardly and outwardly to the United Nations boat and its supreme Pilots.

When we offer our devotion to the United Nations, we can do so on the physical, mental, psychic and spiritual levels. Each type of devoted service is of paramount importance, and each international civil servant offers a special dedication to the inner and outer United Nations. Each human being holds the key to the progress and success of the United Nations. Indeed, each of us, and the service that each of us renders on all planes, is the key to the fulfilment of the glorious role and goal of the United Nations in mankind and for mankind.



Let us not ask the United Nations what it has done. Let us not even ask ourselves what we have done. But let us only ask ourselves whether we are of the United Nations and for the United Nations. If we say we are of the United Nations, then our source is peace, infinite peace. And if we say we are for the United Nations, then our manifestation is bliss on earth. So if we know what we are and what we stand for, then the United Nations becomes for us the answer to world suffering, world darkness and world ignorance.

The inner vision of the United Nations is the gift supreme. This vision the world can deny for ten, twenty, thirty, forty, one hundred years. But a day will dawn when the vision of the United Nations will save the world. And when the reality of the United Nations starts bearing fruit, then the breath of Immortality will be a living reality on earth.



There are many ways to serve the United Nations: with the physical body, the physical mind, the inner heart and the soul's good will.



All those who are working for the United Nations are serving the United Nations individually and collectively according to their capacities. But if we want to increase this capacity, either in the physical world, the vital world, the mental world or the psychic world, then we all have to feel that we are students, that we are children.

The United Nations is at once the body and the soul of God's unique Vision. Those of us who serve the body and the soul of God's Vision will be blessed divinely, supremely, unreservedly and infinitely—but only when we feel the necessity of seeing in ourselves a child's heart, feeling in ourselves a child's life. The dreamer in us is a child. He dreams of God's infinite Peace, Light and Bliss. And today's dream-life of his will tomorrow grow into reality-experience and reality-satisfaction.



Inner poverty is disharmony and restlessness; inner plenitude is peace, harmony and love. For the lover of the United Nations and world union, the watchword must needs always be peace. Peace is found in self-giving and in our recognition of others' good and divine qualities. The more we see the divine qualities in others, the sooner we will establish world peace.



The more we feel the necessity of simplicity, sincerity and purity, the more we become perfect instruments—not only of the nations that we represent, but also of the Almighty, whom we represent here on earth. Let us become simple. Let us become sincere. Let us become pure. If we can become simple, sincere and pure, then not only will the dreams that we treasure for our own countries soon be fulfilled, but also all the dreams that the Almighty has for His own Manifestation will be manifested in and through us.



Each nation represents humanity's hope, humanity's promise and humanity's progress.



Light received, peace achieved, truth revealed, delight manifested—then nothing remains undone.



“O Body of the World” has been translated into the official languages of the United Nations: French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese. The song was premiered on 13 September 1985 at the Jharna-Kala Gallery before delegates and distinguished guests at a reception hosted by H.E. Natarajan Krishnan, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, in honour of the opening of the 40th General Assembly.

O Body of the World

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O bo-dy of the world, O soul of the world,

In you the si-lence-nest of cos--mic

one-ness rest.

Yours is the nec-tar - role to end

earth's som-bre dole.

O-ur sculs de-si-re to flow

in your du-ty's vi-sion -

glow.