

SHARING THE WORLD'S RESOURCES WILL END TERRORISM

A Spiritual Perspective

Terrorism exists in the midst of hunger, poverty, desperation and despair — in the Middle East and throughout the world.

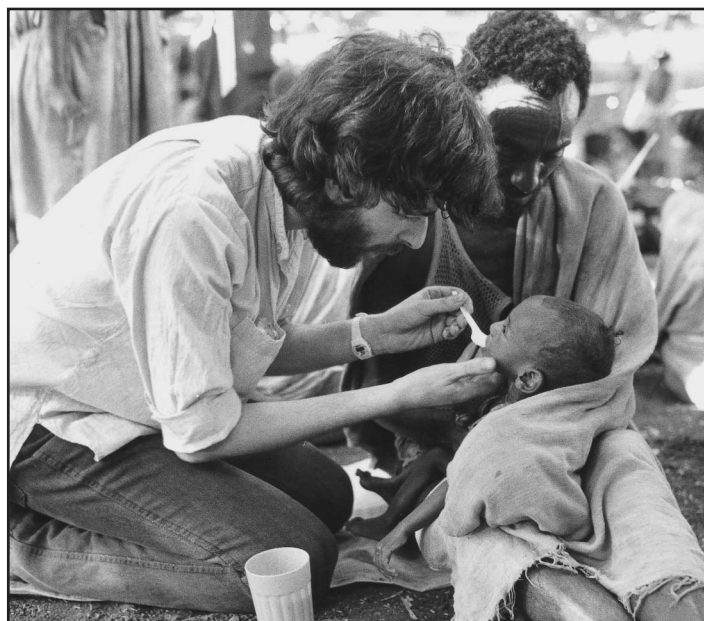
Sharing the world's food and resources more equally is the way to justice and peace.

More than 80% of the world's food and resources is used and wasted by only 20% of the world's population — mainly those in the developed world. This inequality forms the basis of terrorism, environmental degradation, crime, and social unrest. The greed of a few has placed the entire planet at risk.

Living together as one human family

Humanity is one family, and the earth's food, raw materials, energy, and technological resources belong to everyone equally, not just to those individuals who can afford to buy these resources, and those nations who control the global economy.

For the survival of present and future generations, we must call for a just redistribution of the world's resources, so that all may have the basic necessities of life: food, shelter, health care and education.



"The only war worth fighting is the war on poverty."
— Jan Tinbergen, Nobel Prize-winning economist

We are not alone in our efforts

Throughout history, especially at times of crisis, great spiritual teachers have emerged to show humanity the next step forward. We know some of these teachers as Moses, Krishna, Buddha, Christ, and Mohammed. According to futurist Benjamin Creme, a group of such spiritual teachers is living now in the modern world. Maitreya, the World Teacher, and his group of wise teachers, are here, not as religious leaders, but to inspire all people, religious and non-religious alike, to create a civilization based on sharing, justice, and peace.

"Take your brother's need as the measure for your action and solve the problems of the world."
— Maitreya

Questions asked of futurist Benjamin Creme

Q: Since the power in the world remains with the rich and the powerful, is it up to the rest of us to wait until they change their mind?

A. No; we will wait forever for that to happen. Few rich and powerful people will give up their power or riches unless they have to. The mechanics of the change is a world stock market crash. This stock market crash will end the present distorted and unjust economic structures.

Q. Is Maitreya going to inspire us to action, such as with sharing, based on an experience he will give us of our oneness? Otherwise, will humanity be motivated to share?

A. The answer to that is yes and no. Maitreya is not going to force anyone to share, but he is going to talk about the necessity of sharing as the only way to produce a rational economic system which will create justice. It is the injustice of the present system which is bringing it to its knees. It is ending because the age which brought it into being has ended. It is a decaying, corrupt, crystallized form which does good to a few and to the many a great deal of harm. Of course it also does harm to the few to whom it seems to be doing good. It is poisoning, dividing, and threatening the world, so it has to go. All of this will be spelled out by Maitreya. If that does not inspire us with the idea of sharing, then nothing will.

Maitreya will also release his energy - the Christ Principle - in tremendous potency. As Maitreya himself has said: 'It will be as if I embrace the world. People will feel it even physically.' If that energy flowing through us, plus the words of Maitreya analyzing the economic situation and the harm which it is doing to planetary life, do not motivate us to share, then nothing else will.

If it does not motivate humanity, then we will not learn to share and we will destroy the world. We have it in our own hands.

Q. Is it really possible to "fight terrorism"?

A. Yes, of course, it is possible to try. Is it possible to end or destroy terrorism? — that is another question. We must look for the cause or causes of terrorism. If we are honest, we will see that there are several causes, most important of which is the grave injustice felt by millions in the developing world. Twelve hundred million people — a fifth of the world's population — live on US\$2 a day. Millions more have nothing and starve. The US, Europe, Japan and a few others dominate the global economy. This causes enormous resentment which is focused today by international terrorism. It is for this reason that the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the White House were chosen on September 11, 2001 as symbols of this Western domination. We must change our economic and foreign policies to end terrorism. We must learn to share.

Q. (1) What would be the best way for politicians and diplomats to tackle the Middle East situation?

(2) Do you think that the Israeli-Palestinian problem is the cause and key to the present world crisis?

A. (1) By re-establishing discussions between the Palestinians and the Israelis. The US must use its influence to bring this about on a totally fair basis. (2) It is one of the key factors producing tension. Equally important are the extreme differences in living standards, East and West, and the American hegemony as the only superpower.