

Not-Two Is Peace

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My communication in *Not-Two Is Peace* is a direct address to humankind as a whole, because of the now profoundly changed situation of humankind — a situation that is not really being acknowledged and understood to be the case. In the present time, the social, political, economic, and religious domains of the human sphere are all characterized by a kind of "fundamentalism of the old days", a kind of "retro world" — and this is creating a disaster, because humankind has not shifted in its understanding to account for the real situation that now exists. The current situation is one in which the prior unity of humankind is self-evident — but that prior unity is not being acted upon. Instead, people are still hoisting the old "flags" and looking for "victory".

When human beings were rather independent (or disconnected) from one another and living in tribal groups — isolated by geography, and not so much face-to-face — national States and all kinds of "tribalism" (religious, social, economic, and political) could represent a positive human and ecological influence, each within its own domain. However, in the present time, such "tribalism" can no longer function positively. In the present time, "tribalism" is producing disaster.

National States came into being through the chaotic process of the unfolding of history, in a time when humankind as a whole was not yet interconnected. In that historical situation, the Earth itself, as a natural domain, provided the only "grid" of interconnectedness. The Earth carried on its own natural processes — but, the more human beings became globally connected, the more they interrupted the natural Earth-process. As a result, there are many things happening to the Earth that are the direct result of human intervention. In previous epochs of history, human beings did not intervene in the natural Earth-process to such a degree. Thus, the natural Earth-process, which once held everything together in a kind of order (or unity), is

now globally interrupted — along with the entire process of life altogether. Therefore, the Earth is no longer holding things together.

Furthermore, the totality of humankind is now face-to-face. All the different "tribal" arrangements that became national States are playing off one another. Therefore, a new "method" of establishing order is needed, based on the interconnectedness of humankind. There is potential virtue in the fact that all of humankind is now interconnected-but only if humankind can function cooperatively, and in a disposition of tolerance, rather than in the disposition of exclusion and the will-to-dominate.

A rightly functioning and truly all-inclusive Global Cooperative Forum, based upon the working-principle of the prior unity of all of humankind, will make the face-to-face meeting of humankind as a whole into a positive means of political and social order.* Without such a Global Cooperative Forum, there is only going to be more and more "tribal" warfare, creating more and more of a global catastrophe — not only in the historical terms of human disorder, but even in the natural terms of undermining the order of the Earth-process. Indeed, both natural chaos and historical chaos are already happening.

Therefore, there needs to be a new "method" of human politics and social existence, based on the fact that humankind is entirely face-to-face now. All of humankind is interconnected, but that interconnection is tending to be negative — embroiled in (even deliberately generated) conflict, and involved in efforts to expand and control.

There must now be a "method" of establishing order which is based on the interconnectedness of humankind as a whole, and which also assumes responsibility for the right serving of (and for right participation in) the natural order. Only by this means can the disastrous effects of the human exploitation of Earth be brought to an end. There must be a functioning unity of humankind as a whole — dealing with the political, social, and economic order worldwide, as well as with the natural order worldwide.

National States are simply "zones" within this totality — "zones" that should be entirely cooperative. National States are among the kinds of structures (already in place) that have come about through the accidents of history, at a time when humankind was not interconnected as a whole. In the current situation, these inherited structures have become subject to all kinds of power-games and power-struggles all over the world. These structures, in their present form, are not to be merely ignored — but they must become accountable and responsible within a total global order of humankind.

The necessary right and true Global Cooperative Order is not a totalitarian order — that, of course, would not be positive. However, a totalitarian order is exactly what could come about through the disposition of conflict that is now ruling the world, with all the players cloaking themselves in their associations with national States.

In actuality, the situation of humankind has gone through a progressive but dramatic change over the last few centuries-and especially in the last century. Now humankind is already interconnected and already face-to-face. Therefore, the Earth must become a sphere of "priorly united" nations. There must be a Global Cooperative Forum based on prior unity, on principles that have to do with the unified totality of humankind, and the unified totality that is the Earth-domain itself. This is absolutely imperative — because the current disorder and threat to humankind and the Earth is a result of not taking into account the fact that humankind is now an interconnected unity that is face-to-face. That face-to-face situation is currently associated with all kinds of conflict — between different ideologies, different cultural histories, different religious associations, and so forth.

Therefore, as a result of many centuries of change in the human world, an entirely new and different kind of order is required — politically, and (also) environmentally. This is an entirely new situation, that has fully come into being only recently — most especially in the twentieth century (and particularly in the final decades of the twentieth century), and now in the twenty-first century.

The continuation of the "old ways" of doing things, and the persistence in the old habits of mind and life, is producing the current "neighborhood-wars" — as if it were possible to "play it" as in the old days, and expect that, somehow or other, things will work out politically. The "old ways" are no longer applicable. "Tribal" associations — whether religious, national, or racial — no longer have relevance in the now-interconnected state of humankind.

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Humankind must wake up. Humanity is now one — and there truly is only one "boat". Everybody is face-to-face now, and the chaotic results of humankind's dis-united and separative (and, altogether, ego-like) activities are, in fact, undermining the natural order on which everybody was able to depend until the last two hundred years, before human intervention started seriously changing the natural Earth-situation itself.

Ego is ruling — but ego has always ruled. The problem is that, now, ego is ruling in a totally different kind of situation, in which ego has the power to destroy not only humankind as a whole, but even the natural order of the Earth-world.

To imagine that a separate absolute Deity is in charge of the current chaos and suffering in the human world and in the Earth-world is to indulge in ignorance. Human beings themselves have intervened. Whatever the origins of the Earth-world are altogether, the natural domain is now being interfered with by human beings, in this time in which humankind has a total effect on the natural world. Therefore, humankind must not merely appeal to a parent-like Deity to change the situation. The "God" That Is Reality Itself expects and requires humankind to change its own act.

Human beings are causing negative events in both the natural world and the political world-because human beings are still mentally indulging in "tribalism", while (in actuality) they are globally face-to-face and in "one boat". The ancient "tribal" mode of human culture — in which human beings live in units that are, effectively, collective forms of egoity, living in conflict with one

another — is what must stop.

It is not merely that, suddenly, there are negative happenings in the world. There have always been negative happenings in the world. What is new is that the world is now in a different condition from anything that has existed previously. There is now a new situation for humankind — indeed, a new situation for all of Earthkind, and for the Earth itself. This new condition, wherein humankind exists as a totality in which all are interconnected, must be acknowledged and acted upon.

This new situation requires a profound transformation of human consciousness and human activity. Thus, my communication in *Not-Two Is Peace* is not simply a response to current events, in the sense of the "daily news" of the moment. I am addressing the altogether-new situation that exists for humankind and for the Earth itself — a situation that requires a new kind of politics, a new kind of global human order.

In this new global human order, principles representing the totality of humankind, and the Earth as a whole, must become the means whereby human living is conducted all over the Earth. This will require a kind of global "revolution" — but the root-cause of the "revolution" has already happened. The "revolution" that has already happened is the fact that everybody has already come together, face-to-face, and that the totality of everybody is everywhere affecting the Earth. Therefore, it is imperative that human consciousness catch up, and notice what has happened — and choose what must change.

The terrible problems that are occurring politically and naturally in the world today are the result of pattern-driven human unconsciousness. Human beings are continuing mechanically, trying to repeat modes of effort, even modes of thinking, that were workable — up to a point — in the past, but that are no longer workable now. A new kind of human consciousness is required — based on the working-presumption of prior unity, and on an understanding of the indivisibly single world in which everyone is living. This involves not only the notion that there is such a single world, but it requires grasping the necessity for

cooperation, and the necessity to function on the basis of an understanding that the Earth is a single system, and humankind (likewise) is a single whole. Humankind must not be forced to function under some kind of totalitarian singleness. Rather, humankind must function cooperatively — in the sense that everyone is living together on Earth, and functioning through a mechanism of global principles that are benign and right and true.

Not-Two Is Peace is about the new "method" that must be brought to the already existing new global situation. That is the situation to which I have given utterance. The current situation is the result of human unconsciousness, of trying to function automatically on the basis of methods and patterns which applied in the past, but which no longer apply in the present. If the "old" methods are brought to bear in the current situation, they create chaos — human disorder and suffering, as well as chaos in the natural domain.

There is undeniable and inescapable proof in the every day of "daily news" that human beings are everywhere carrying on their activities in a manner that is not productive, and not workable. Humankind must, itself (and as a whole), become truly and rightly globalized. There must be the establishment of principles which serve the potential well-being of humankind as a whole, and which ensure that the Earth-domain itself is able to function soundly. Thus, a different "method" of human relatedness is required: the non-"tribal", or non-fragmented, "method", in which the working-presumption is prior unity.