

GOD IS NOT SILENT



The Principle
Behind the
World Peace
Prayer
Movement



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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND HUMANITY

“If there were no disease, no poverty, and no struggle, what a pleasant place this world would be.” I think that just about everyone must feel this way. And when it comes to people who have come in close contact with disease, poverty, or incessant struggles, either in their own lives or in the lives of others, they, especially, would surely wish even more ardently for a world free from those unhappy conditions.

And so, since ages past, saints and wise people have become guides for human society because they deeply wished to free this world, and the world after death, from all illness, poverty, anguish, and infirmities of aging. Others, motivated by a deep spirit of love, have wished to help diminish human sufferings by working in fields such as science and medicine, or by devoting themselves to various social endeavors.

On the other hand, there are also people who feel that disease and poverty are personal matters, and that only large disputes like wars should concern the nation or humanity as a whole. I contend, however, that disease and poverty are not just personal matters. Their causes can also stem from the influence of a large mass of people, be it the society, the nation, or the entire world population. And for precisely that reason, the power to remedy them also resides with a large mass of people.

Our present life entails closely-knit relationships between the individual, the nation, and humanity. In this sense, an individual is not just a mere individual anymore, but is one participant in a large group. That is why people with a deeply loving nature continue to dedicate their lives to humanity by working at the individual level and through various groups. Whether their services are offered through religion, science, or politics, all of them share the same spirit of humanitarian love.

In past eras, the people of the world never felt as closely linked together as we do today. With the development of television, we can see and hear about events in other countries right away, without leaving our own country. Airplanes have shortened our travel time immensely. In ways like these, the gaps in time and space between countries have become so small that we feel as though the conditions in other lands are our very own.

This drawing together of the world has both good and bad sides. The speedy exchange of culture and civilization

is something worth encouraging. But the radioactivity resulting from nuclear weapon tests in other countries can instantly produce effects in our own country. Contagious or infectious diseases in other countries are immediately seen as menaces to our own. Even the domestic events in other countries have a subtle influence on our own country's economic and political conditions.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE ALSO LINKED

Just as the water of the oceans links the continents, the world's people are completely linked together via the air and also in the world of thought vibrations.

People can readily understand that the water of the oceans is joined together, or that the sky is one entity, but a question may arise as to the meaning of 'thought vibrations being linked to each other.'

Why do we need to know about thought vibrations? I suggest that knowing about thought vibrations is highly important for the development of world peace.

Many people have a sense of how sound, radio, and light waves function through the media of television, radio, and telephones, enabling us to hear each other's voices and see images of people in other places. Thought vibrations travel according to the same scientific principle that underlies these processes. A thought vibration is a wave of spiritual, cosmic essences¹ more subtle than radio, light, or sound waves.

This has been made quite clear to us through the principles of cosmic science,² which we have been researching for some years now. But as cosmic essences have not yet become general knowledge, I would like you to simply think of a thought vibration as a wave finer than radio, sound, or light waves.

The various kinds of thought waves generated by humanity cover the earth, forming infinite layers, like waves of air. Among those vibrations, some are filled with strife, some with envy, some with the anguish of illness or poverty, and some with resentment or anger. At the same time, others are not dark or impure, but filled with brightly shining love and good intentions. These are the vibrations of bright light itself.

When electric energy flows, it turns into a current of electricity, making it possible to start a motor. In the same way, the energy of thought waves can activate a person's physical body. Each swirl of thought vibrations has its own kind of energy. This energy works on the physical body, and causes the person to act in a way that corresponds with those thought waves.

If a thought vibration is dark and impure, filled with strife and envy, the person being controlled by it will act in a corresponding way. And if it is a bright light vibration of love and good will, it will result in an action of love.

When we see it with our physical eyes or touch it with our physical hands, a human being's physical body seems to be solid, with a certain shape. It appears that nothing enters the body from the outside except through the mouth, the

pores, and so on. But in fact, various invisible elements are constantly entering from the outside.

Through our eyes and ears, vibrations enter in the form of images, letters, words, or sounds, permeating the body everywhere. In the same way, thought vibrations, which are finer than light waves, directly permeate the brain and every part of the nervous system.

All the various thought vibrations emitted by the whole of humanity, from all social strata and all walks of life, are constantly merging with matching kinds of thought vibrations. Just imagine one person, or one group of people, having its own swirl of thought vibrations, and similar kinds of thought vibrations from all sectors of humanity being drawn to that swirl and merging with it. If that person or group has thoughts of resentment, or anger, or struggle, or lust, the spinning motion of those thought vibrations is intensified by the same kinds of vibrations joining it from all across humanity. This makes it almost impossible for the person or the group to free itself from that spinning whirlpool.

HOW DID WE LOSE THE SPIRIT OF LOVE?

Although a person may once in a while feel the spirit of love, or have kindhearted thoughts, those good thoughts can be swept away if the whirlpools of dark thought vibrations (struggle and grudges) surrounding the person are too violent. Then, that individual or group will once again begin to emit dark thoughts.

This is similar to the situation of a boy who has joined a violent gang or terrorist organization. Even if he realizes that what they are doing is wrong, and tries to leave the group, he finds himself unable to leave when faced with threats from the other members. Once a vicious circle is set in motion, it is not so easy to put a stop to it or extract oneself from it.

Consider, for example, the military situation of each country. The idea has been set in motion that peace can be maintained only through a balance of military power. In order to achieve military superiority, each side thinks it has to keep expanding its military power, and make military spending its number one priority.

This kind of vicious circle produces people who constantly fear the outbreak of war, and cannot live even one day in peace. This is the most miserable situation for the world to be in. It is a situation where people are manipulated by dark, distrustful thoughts. If all of the world leaders are in this mental state, world peace will be totally out of reach.

Where can we find the spirit of humanitarian love within the notion of suppressing others with increased military force? When they hold on to this kind of idea, which discriminates between the 'self' and 'others,' people can never put the original human spirit of love into practice. I say this because 'the original human spirit of humanitarian love' essentially means that all human beings are originally one within the all-encompassing divine life of the universe.

The reason for this lack of humanitarian love is that the thought vibrations covering this world of humanity are filled

with strife, grudges, and hatred. Although human beings are originally lives that issue from one divine source, and are free from any thought of evil or unhappiness, almost everyone on Earth has forgotten this. When they forgot it, they distanced themselves from the bright light vibration of their divine source. And because their consciousness had drifted to a place where bright light vibrations were sparse, they began to lose sight of the truth, and built a world mingling good with evil, like the world we see today.

As the bright light vibrations became sparse, people's thoughts gradually turned dark and gloomy. This led to distrustful feelings, strife, jealousy, and hatred. And now, as a result, we have come to face the Earth's greatest crisis.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THOUGHT VIBRATIONS

What can be done to overcome this crisis? What methods should we choose? Would it be best to endlessly continue expanding our military capabilities to maintain a balance of power? If we do that, humanity will never be free from the terror of war. Even worse, a world war might really break out someday.

Human beings tend to feel that once they have built something, they want to use it, or that once they have strengthened their power, they want to try it out. And it is not inconceivable that at some point, by some chance, someone might press the button for activating nuclear weapons.

Here, I would like to ask all of you to carefully think over the importance of thought vibrations, which are the key issue here. Unless our thought vibrations are completely purified, there can be absolutely no way for this world to attain peace. And unless peace prevails on earth, there can be no peace for the individual, either. I say this because, even if one's illness has been cured, or even if one has temporarily escaped from poverty, that alone does not mean that one has found peace. It is a short-term peace, not a peace that lasts forever.

I have sought and asked for a method through which individual serenity and complete peace on earth can be linked together and achieved at the same time. What emerged as a result is the prayer, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*.

Although physically, each person appears to be separate from others, in the world of thought vibrations we are all linked together, interrelating with and influencing one another. These links exist not only among parents, children, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends—they exist among all the people who share similar thought vibrations. An individual's thought vibrations circulate round the earth in the space of an instant, reaching everyone who has an affinity for them.

Let me explain this point a bit further. Sound and light waves, transmitted via radio or television, are constantly flowing through the air. But unless you switch on the equipment to start the electric current, and adjust the dials to receive the various sound or light waves, no sound will be heard and no images will be projected. Human thought

vibrations are exactly the same. While the vibrations we have emitted are travelling round the earth, the thought vibrations of all humanity are flowing toward us at the same time. We tune in to them with our own consciousness. When I say 'consciousness' here, I do not mean only the surface consciousness, which we normally call "consciousness." I am also talking about the hidden consciousness called the 'subconscious.'

SIMULTANEOUSLY UPLIFTING THE INDIVIDUAL AND HUMANITY

The thought vibrations of all humanity are circulating all around us, but only those we are 'dialing' or 'tuning in to' will determine the course of our own lives. In other words, if the thoughts you emit are waves of hatred and struggle, those vibrations will influence many people in the world who have thoughts of hatred and struggle. On the other hand, if your thoughts are bright light waves of love and good will, they will influence many people who have thought vibrations of love and good will. On top of that, because all human beings consist essentially of light, everyone in this world will be unconsciously purified by the flow of your brightly shining thoughts.

When you think about this principle, you can see that even the smallest thought activity cannot be neglected. Its effects will surely come back to the individual, while at the same time influencing humanity in general.

Because I am thoroughly aware of this truth, I can clearly state that we will never have peace on Earth until both humanity and the individual are simultaneously uplifted and set free from dark thought vibrations. Unless we address the subject of each individual's thinking, and of what kind of thinking would be most beneficial, it is out of the question to talk about world peace or how we dislike war. If we dislike war, then before anything else we have to consciously strive to keep turning our own thoughts to peace and harmony.

There are some political and social groups that shout out their opposition to war and clamor for world peace, calling their movement a 'struggle' or a 'fight.' There have also been some misdirected religious groups that devote all their energy to reinforcing their authority, while at the same time trampling on the harmonious spirit which is the law of great nature itself. Far from being 'peace movements,' these kinds of activities are nothing more than manifestations of dark thought vibrations.

To attain peace for humanity and also for the individual, dark thought vibrations such as hatred, jealousy, and a thirst for power have to be purified by waves of great, bright light.

BRIGHTENING OUR MINDS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

To make a better future for oneself as an individual, one must practice letting go of unwelcome thoughts and attitudes. In saying "unwelcome thoughts and attitudes," I am

referring to thoughts and attitudes which are disagreeable and unharmonious, such as thinking about being ill, thinking about being poor, or harboring feelings like resentment, envy, and fear. Thoughts and attitudes like these disrupt your mental and physical harmony, and also the harmony of Earth. What can you do to free your mind from these unwanted thoughts and attitudes?

The key is to turn your thoughts in a bright and happy direction. How can you do this? The method I propose is to think of all the bad conditions and events taking place within us and around us as the vanishing reverberations of mistaken thoughts from a past consciousness. After that, the next step is to newly think of the bright situation that you wish for, and to keep on creating more and more bright new thoughts. However, we do not have enough time to think of every little detail of each situation that we wish for. In view of this, I suggest that you make up your mind to assertively throw all your thoughts into the prayer, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*, since world peace is the most fundamental issue for you and for humanity as a whole. At the same time, I would also suggest that you keep wishing for your own divinely given missions to be accomplished. Then, each time they come to mind, try to fling all of your complaints about your present situation, as well as your dissatisfaction with your own personality and habits, straight into the prayer for world peace. Just keep reminding yourself that those old thoughts and feelings are being transformed through the bright vibrations of the prayer, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*.

As you continue to do this, before you know it your thought vibrations will turn into bright, harmonious ones, and you will begin to have a peaceful feeling. Consequently, your daily life will gradually become brighter and happier. This only stands to reason, since, unconsciously, you had been creating your own future circumstances with the thought vibrations which you had emitted. So, once you have changed them into the bright, expansive vibrations of world peace prayers, it is only natural for a proportionately bright, expansive, and peaceful situation to come about. This spontaneously happens through the laws of nature.

Why is it that more and more people are awakening to the need to pray for world peace? It is because, deep within their minds, their spiritual selves know that the time has come for this world to either achieve harmony or face destruction. Their inner selves know that their world peace prayers connect them with the tremendous power of countless celestial beings who are tirelessly working to guide this planet away from destruction. If you attune your thoughts to this prayer, the immense light of this large spiritual body will radiate through all planes of your being, whether spiritual, subconscious, or physical. And it will, of course, also brighten your surroundings with its light waves.

This present world, as well as the world after death, is composed of two elements. One is thought waves, and the other is light vibrations from our divine source. If a person's thought waves match with the light vibrations from our

divine source, the person's attitude is bound to be brightened. And if one's attitude is brightened, it naturally follows that one's surroundings will also be brightened.

If even one individual is brightened, it will instantly produce an influence upon all of humanity, and the dark thought waves of this world will be purified to the very same extent.

PURIFYING THOUGHT WAVES IS THE MAIN PRINCIPLE

The main principle behind the world peace prayer movement is to purify thought waves. A growing number of people are now putting this principle into practice. I feel sure that unless humanity's thought waves are purified, we will never be able to attain world peace.

We can easily see that it is wrong to oppose others out of greed for material things or a thirst for power. But when people oppose each other over differing ideas, each of their ideas seems to have a reasonable basis, so it does not strike people as wrong to form groups with people who share their ideas, and to stand in opposition to groups having other ideas. Consequently, in spite of the reasonable philosophies held by all sides, people end up emitting divisive thought waves which split the world into several parts.

The same can be said about religious groups. If you become rigidly attached to the doctrines of your own religious group, it can lead to unharmonious relationships with other

religions. Even though the doctrines themselves are not particularly bad, this discordant attitude goes against the fundamental divine spirit of infinite love and all-encompassing harmony.

The principle behind the world peace prayer movement is for people to set aside their differences for the time being and fully immerse all their thoughts and circumstances in the vibrations of perfect harmony which are the divine mind itself. Although each individual or each country may have worthwhile ideas and methods of their own, I feel that it is important to focus the thoughts of as many individuals and as many countries as possible on world peace, since world peace is the one, large-scale goal of humanity. Our first priority is to prevent the earth from falling apart completely. If we are to accomplish this, secondary details will have to be set aside for a later time.

When each individual keeps sending out the petty desires of their own egos, they as individuals, and the nation as a whole, become enveloped in swirls of dark thought waves, which can only lead to collapse. Likewise, if feelings of anger and hatred crop up during an exchange of views on justice, with each party insisting that it is in the right, or that its own country has justice on its side, their sense of justice has already departed from the harmony of the divine mind.

World leaders need to give careful consideration to this point. What is the good of debating over justice if this world

perishes? The interests of one's own country, as well as the interests of humanity, will cease to exist.

To respect human life does not simply mean to avoid hurting people's feelings directly. It means to refresh and enliven other people's lives. Now is the time for all people and nations to work together actively, following the impetus of their inner, divine mind. In this way, each individual and each nation will be able to vivaciously accomplish their own role in bringing about world peace.

To this end, I would like to stress again the importance of prayer for world peace.

May peace prevail on Earth.

May peace be in our homes and countries.

May our missions be accomplished.

Before doing anything else, we need to pause for a while and focus the whole world's attention on a prayer that draws out the spirit of perfect peace on Earth. After that, each country and each individual can talk about profits and losses.

Every person, whatever country or ethnic group they may belong to, ought to feel a great sense of responsibility for preventing the outbreak of World War III. No one in the world wishes for that, as it would inevitably bring the Earth's existence to an end.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS MEMBERS OF HUMANITY

To fulfill this great responsibility, let us make up our minds to set aside our own self-oriented desires and ambitions for a later time. After all, where can we go to satisfy our ambitions if the Earth perishes?

And if you think that, as one person, whatever you might do will have no influence on humanity, you are making a serious mistake. There has never been a time when each person's thought activity has been as important as it is today. Depending on just one person's thoughts, humanity could veer toward either complete peace or destruction. You can choose whether your thoughts will emit bright waves of love and sincerity, or dark waves of egoistic desires.

Since ancient times, it has been said that the essence of spiritual faith is not to be caught up in good or in evil, and that the world's present situation came about because the divine will allowed it to come about, as one step in a process toward manifesting the divine mind, and that there is nothing to add and nothing to take away, and to accept everything as it is. I am taking this teaching one step further. Through prayer for world peace, let a great divine concept for a peaceful world be perfectly manifested as soon as possible, with the smallest possible amount of suffering. This is the desire of the inner soul of each human being. Through my own existence, I am putting this teaching into practice and am letting more and more people know about it.

As part of the harmonious movement of the great universe, this prayer, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*, has emerged at this precise time and place. Through the activity of this prayer, the dark vibrations surrounding humanity will gradually be purified and transformed into waves of bright light. I would like to ask each one of you to contemplate this truth well, and to let your life flow forward in tune with the movement of the world peace prayer.

Notes:

1. The study of cosmic science has revealed the existence of "cosmic essences" which are the essential components of the universe, and at the same time the essential consciousness of a human being. They are described as "miniatures of the universe," containing unlimited love, unlimited wisdom, unlimited creativity, unlimited potential, unlimited life-power and unlimited intuition. Refer to *Genes and Cosmic Essences* by Kazuo Murakami and Masami Saionji.
2. The study of cosmic science was initiated by Masahisa Goi and is now conducted under the direction of his successor, Masami Saionji.