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THE COMING INTERSPIRITUAL AGE



Introducing the **Global Declaration of Interdependence** as a Blueprint for Entering Our New Age of Global Spirituality

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On December 1, 2012, on the occasion of celebrating the planetary "Birth 2012" rite of passage for our human family We inaugurated a Global Town Meeting at Haverford College reaching out to *We the People* calling for a deep dialogue on ***The Emergence of Global Democracy: Our Unfinished American R-Evolution***. (See the poster that accompanies this article.)

The intent here in the Philadelphia vicinity, the birthplace of American Democracy, to honor the miraculous Founding of this Democracy, and build on the spiritual energy in moving now to a truly **Global** Declaration of Interdependence in our unfinished R-Evolution.

As the drafter of this **Declaration** I steeped myself in our original founding documents, I visited the sacred sites of the drafting of these great founding scripts in historic Philadelphia and sat on the very bench in Christ Church where George Washington sat in moments of great crisis with other founders such as William Penn and Thomas Jefferson. I felt their **energy** and I was led to see and feel that they were opening the way to and tapping the Global Light of Reason—the Light of Logos—that is the spiritual and moral source of planetary Wisdom and Spirituality.

It was in this living, power energy field that I was moved in drafting our **Global Declaration of Interdependence**. In reading our Declaration of Independence I was struck with the opening "Principle" that calls upon us to "separate" from any political force that violates or compromises our Sacred Humanity. It then dawned on me that this powerful principle at the heart of the Declaration of Independence was tapping the Global Light of Reason and, in fact, this very founding axiom showed that all these years since our founding this potent Axiom has been moving the life of the people to live up to its Truth.

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It became clear that our Founding American Revolution was just a beginning, and our culture was still laboring under repressive forces in the still dominant egomental and monocentric patterns of culture making and self governance that held us captive. It was clear that we still face our

unfinished R-Evolution, and that when we truly accomplished our Spiritual and Moral Independence from oppressive self-governance we would naturally come to clarity of our inherent Spiritual Interdependence.

It is clear that this first step in moving to "independence" from external oppressive forces is just the beginning. Separating from the "British Monarchy" does not yet renovate our patterns of self governance from "in house" local forms of violence and oppression: free the slaves, permit women to vote, stop the violence towards our indigenous First Nations, stop the civil war, remove racism, sexism and homophobia from our culture....It is clear from the light of **Global Wisdom** that we have not yet sufficiently evolved from the chronically entrenched patterns of "self" oppression and "other" oppression in the cultural patterns that hold us together. Our **Civic Space** is chronically fragmented, there is serious failure of real **dialogue**, we are not yet **we the people** and we are nowhere near **E Puribus Unum**. Our "democracy" is in disrepair and in evolutionary crisis. And this is not just in the US, but also the UN and across the planet.

In short, the wealth of our **Global Wisdom: Global Light of Reason, of Global Logos** teaches that when we are truly "separated" from the dysfunctional patterns of self governance in our culture we will see that our Evolutionary Elders (scriptures, religions, spiritual teachers) have been urgently calling on humanity to mature, grow up and rise from dysfunctional monologue and make a dimensional shift in our "literacy" to a culture of **Dialogue**—a shift from "I...It" to **I Thou**; from /ego sapiens/ to **Logo Sapiens**. This is where we may rise together to a **Culture of Global Democracy** to realize, for example, ML King's dream for us, and to fulfill our **American Ethos** that our Founding Visionaries were tapping.

Thus, we have not yet fulfilled our **Declaration of Independence** which calls us to fully "separate" from the patterns of culture making (self governance) that keep us "enslaved" (and in patterns of polarization and breakdown in communication) and that is vital and urgently needed now for a thriving **Democracy** here and abroad.

This is our unfinished **American R-Evolution**. When we realize our **Independence** from the / colonial mind/, not just the external "British rule", we will then see clearly that **We the People** are profoundly **Interdependent**: in other words: true **independence** from inner self tyranny means **interdependence: Life, Liberty, Well Being**.

This is what our draft of **The Global Declaration of Interdependence** seeks to bring to light for our Interspiritual Age. And if and when we get **this fundamental point**, *We the People* will **converge in synergy** and light up with compelling evolutionary force. This is the intent and context for our **Declaration**.

After all, this **Birth 2012** is a celebration of our Evolutionary Shift to **Global Consciousness** and **Our Moment of Choice**: this is the **Birth Event of our Awakened Human Family**. This is our Rite of Passage and our Right of Passage.

Here is our **Declaration** which was presented for Dialogue and Signature. This draft is composed in a **meditation** flowing from The **Global Light of Reason**.

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A Global Declaration of Interdependence

Drafted by Ashok Gangadean, November 22, 2012

In the Course of Events, as our ongoing Evolutionary Drama unfolds, it has become clear that *We the People* have entered an unprecedented Global Age.

With the intensified encounters and growing awareness of the living realities of our diverse cultures, worldviews, religions, ideologies and diverse forms of life on a planetary scale and in the marketplace of our Global Village we are able to open ourselves as never before and listen deeply to our Other, and tap the enormous endowment of our Global Wisdom through the ages.

It is clearer now that our diverse Wisdom and Spiritual Traditions concur that the heart of our Human Reason is global, ecumenical and lights up beyond local ideologies and dogmas. It is clearer now in our evolving Global Age that this Global Light of Reason is the funding source of our diverse cultures, worldviews and forms of life, and is the original source of our diverse global self evident truths.

Further, in this Global Light of Reason it is self evident that we humans co-originate from a Common Source which is the ground of our individual dignity, the sanctity of our personal space, our inalienable right to Life, Freedom and Well Being.

This Light of Reason shining through our Collective Wisdom further reveals that in our boundless sacred diversity we are nevertheless woven together in a Primal Unity which is the self evident truth of *E Pluribus Unum*. Thus our Personal Space and Shared Commons, our Polis, are both primary and co-constituted.

Our Planetary Wisdom further reveals that *We are as we Mind*, that we co-create our living realities through the conduct of our mind, our level of literacy, our mental patterns of making our selves, cultures, worlds and our experience.

And in the evolutionary course of events it has become unmistakably clear that when we humans are lodged or entrenched in monocentric or egomental patterns of self making and culture making this level of literacy and development produces fragmentation, polarization, alienation, de-humanization and boundless forms of personal and cultural dysfunctions. Our Personal, Cultural and Ecological crises trace to such mental practices.

In this Light it is self evident that when we Humans mature beyond this monocentric “I===It” pattern of life to a more evolved Dialogic “I===Thou” form of life, literacy and culture making we shift from monologue to Dialogue, from ”I==It” to “I==Thou” Ethos which lifts us to our higher Human Form and opens sacred space for *We the People*.

Furthermore, it is now evident in the Global Light that our entrance into our evolved Global Age urgently calls on us, Individually and Collectively, to declare our **Independence** from all personal, inter-personal, and cultural patterns of self governance that eclipse, suppress, repress, compromise or violate our Sacred Right to Life, Dignity, Freedom and Well Being, at the Personal and Collective sanctified spaces.

Finally, the Ecumenical Light of Reason teaches that Diversity-in-Unity is sacred, and that all Persons are Equal across Gender, Ethnic, Racial, Religious, Ideological, Political, Economic and Generational lines, and , as such, are entitled to the highest degree of Life, Freedom and Well Being.

Accordingly, *We the People*, rising now together into our Global Age, beyond all artificial borders, leaving behind Personal and Collective dysfunctions, now **acknowledge and affirm** that our Democracy is Ecumenical and Global in origin, scope and power, beyond ideology, dogma and egomental patterns of life.

We hereby recognize that We Humans are and always have been intricately interwoven together in the Fabric of Life, in the Dialogic “I==Thou” Commons of Personal and Civic Space, **Interdependent** with each other, with all life and with Sacred Nature and Earth.

Thus, in Light of the above, and in the Presence of the Light of Global Reason, *we hereby acknowledge and Declare our Sacred Interdependence* and **hereby resolve** to do all in our power, and with highest urgency, to collaborate across all borders, to co-create mindfully, nurture and bring forth our more evolved Shared Form of Life wherein our planetary Human Family may flourish together, individually and collectively, with our Sacred Earth.

Signed this Day:

Respectfully Submitted
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Haverford College, Marshall Auditorium (Roberts Hall)
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A Missing Global Blueprint for our Founding American Ethos
together with a draft of a Global Declaration of Interdependence
which flows from this Global Ethos will be presented for Dialogue.

Could it be that our Declaration of Independence and Sacred Founding
Ethos, when seen in a Global Light, encodes and opens the way to a
Global Declaration of Interdependence?

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