

In Lebanon and elsewhere,  
Let us not die of sorrow,

## LET US CONSTRUCT PEACE TOGETHER

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### **In 2006, we cry out against the massacre of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians.**

Since the eighties and up to date, we witness the massacre of the Iraqi population provoked by the warfare between Iraq and Iran, after having gone through the Gulf War in 1991 and the offensive of the American Forces in 2003.

Serbs, Croats, Muslims have not escaped from the massacre in ex-Yugoslavia and millions of Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994 lost their lives under atrocious conditions. Then going further back, twenty years of warfare in Vietnam have made populations perish needlessly. No point in mentioning Hiroshima which still today wears heavy scars, and then there is Tibet, left totally indifferent and invaded by the Chinese. Ever since the Earth has existed, wars around the globe leave us with indelible scars each of which is legitimated by the punishment of God, poverty, need for power and money, racial discriminations. All these reasons lead one part of humanity to combat another.

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### **First statement**

None of today's societies can claim to be void of violence and none have ever succeeded in avoiding it. From this point of view, no race is superior to any other one, whatever be its skin colour, white, black or yellow. Ever since mankind has appeared on Earth, it seems to possess a barbarian streak it fancies to cling to. Dear citizens of the countries living "in peace", we could now rejoice to be part of those, the best, who have at last attained wisdom. May God save us from such error! Who could maintain never having been victim of other people's aggressions, who would

dare to claim never ever having been selfish with regard to beloved kin? The degrees of violence existing on all levels of our so-called civilized society show us the long way we still have to go. Well, let's be honest and state the fact that when we behave in a peaceful manner with others, we often tend to punish ourselves. Does that not resemble a warfare-like behaviour?

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### **Second statement**

When the Chinese invaded Tibet, none of the Big Powers menaced China with retaliatory measures, and the world still continued going round. We also know that the Rwanda massacres could have been avoided. We end up by understanding that the virtues of courage a government will implement in view of saving a people mainly result from a pool of interests having nothing to do with humane or spiritual values.

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### **Third statement**

Friday – 17 August 2006, a neat report was to be seen on the French "Arte" TV about Alexander the Great. I find it interesting to which extent this great and strategic historical figure often called the "human God" is cited as an example. When surfing on certain websites, the same conclusions with his respect repeatedly come up. Generals and Napoleon as well, all admire him strongly and closely studied his combat methods in order to succeed their own invasion strategies. The

outstanding cruelty of this young conqueror full of revenge and glory is especially pointed out over and over again. Nowadays, not only his behaviour – seemingly heroic – as well as his conquest of an empire and his death at thirty three years of age in the midst of invincible glories are still admired as never before. In the year of 2006, mankind is still impressed by the rule of only the strong. Even though it may seem beside the point, everywhere I look there is a great similarity between what happened in Antiquity and today in the year of 2006 in Lebanon and elsewhere.

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#### **War in Lebanon**

Since the Second World War in the years 1939 to 1945, Western civilizations installed themselves in a seemingly perfect world of peace. We could thus believe that the people we elect are governed by wisdom. We could as well content ourselves to the belief that the sufferings experienced so far suffice and will in future be sufficient to avoid any further warfare-like activities in our surroundings. Let us not be mistaken again when we ask ourselves about its origins; violence never ever pops up accidentally, it is moreover due to mankind's cupid behaviour. Would there in fact be a reason for this ever to stop? When analyzing past and recent events, "all" governments, including the Western ones, do the same small talk : "In order to make our citizens happy, we all work together for peace". And some time later however : "We are obliged to invade this country which is a danger to humanity." And the other governments shall then reply : "Return to peace is necessary." And eventually, we are to content ourselves with a diplomatic silence hiding some strategic or economical deal based on accepted blackmail. And that is how, from one political regime to the other, we the world's inhabitants, end up with that bitter feeling of having constantly been deceived.

The birth of Hezbollah and the invasion of Lebanon by Israel are due to the same kind of lie. Despite what they say, we know that most world leaders govern in order to get a piece of the pie, which is no less tantalizing for the fact that it is dwindling in size. The strategic and economical interests such as the oil, illusionary need for power, assurance to be the "sole" holder of the divine word, are all the principle causes of warfare. Be it in Lebanon or elsewhere, the process is and will always be the same, if we don't put an end to it now once and for all.

#### **What is to be done to stop this waste? Is it utopia to believe that such a thing is possible?**

One of the possibilities is to alert the governments. But we already know what the result is. During the four-year war in ex-Yugoslavia, I never stopped doing so. Depending on their degree of guiltiness and their foreign affairs policy, we are sure to get an answer from them. Nothing is to stop us from expressing our thoughts and intentions. Whatever be our efforts, the results shall always remain the same as in the past: due to governmental interests, the voices of love and of wisdom seem to be and shall always turn out to be cockeyed.

In order to stop this kind of waste, one single solution seems obvious. All over the planet, on all continents, each woman, each man, each child, each adolescent is capable of using intelligence and knowledge, be it ancestral or intellectual, in order to construct the life, the future and the society it is worthwhile to live in. We all have that power, an immense power deep inside ourselves and capable of changing the future of Earth and the generations to come.

In order to do this, we must stop believing that a group of people – the government – is there to ensure our well-being and is capable of doing so. We must as well open our eyes and minds to comprehend the real human nature giving life to each human being of whatever colour, cultural level and ideology.

We all benefit of a loving and wise Conscience<sup>1</sup>. However, continuously submitted to our subconsciousness<sup>2</sup> implying our responsible, decision-taking and governing behaviours, we shall always continue doing mistakes, because our choices shall continuously be influenced by ambition and unconcern or submissiveness and inertia, the feeling of injustice, guiltiness and fear.

<sup>1</sup>*Conscience: our divine being, the inner voice guiding us the right way.*

<sup>2</sup>*Subconsciousness: emotional conditioning that makes us suffer.*

### **Our first awareness**

It will consist in accepting the idea that together we can do miracles. First, let's stop splitting ourselves up and let's start remaking our society without waiting for new useless laws from outside supposed to protect us. Let's determine our real long-term interests and realize that before peace can be shared with others, it must first be located inside ourselves. This takes determination, generosity and inner freedom.

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### **Two important steps we ought to take**

First, we must completely review all our values and absurd patterns governing our lives. In all countries we are all capable of doing that. The second step shall lead us to take up the entire education of our children. They want to admire our courage. Our Western capitalist society has us request specialists for solutions that only increase our own doubts, our lethargy and refusal to see that we are very much capable of being real examples for future generations. The new illnesses of our children, that our society has been inventing, justify lethargy and guiltiness. Since many years now, these symptoms – seemingly organic troubles – are being clarified in my courses and my private discussion groups as being due to emotional attitudes of well defined personalities. Work techniques implemented with persistency

and strong will have been resulting and still result in good effects clearly demonstrating that we are not at all ill.

In other countries, malnutrition, social injustice, repressions and conflicts lead not only hopeless but also more and more young populations to seek a reason to live or to die for a nihilistic or religious ideology represented by persons who are not always unselfish. Nonetheless, these populations are also entitled to the same values as ours, the same courage and the same decision power.

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### **What are the solutions?**

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In each and every country of the Orient and Occident, we must all together create outside of the established school facilities an educational policy based mainly on a philosophical awareness of the primary values allowing the adult and child to build up inside the feeling of happiness and dignity. An antenna in each country, in each town, taken up by parents or adults becoming themselves project leaders, could be founded tomorrow, if we are ready to do so. Several such antennas already exist in Switzerland and now only need to be multiplied.

The new concept of the important effects that our actions and personal choices shall be having on tomorrow's society, shall give us back our good common sense of responsibility and reveal our happiness of this discovery. That very sense of responsibility shall lead to a rebirth of our own liberty and capability to teach Life to our children and convey to them the strength to become adult human beings conscious of the power that will guide them in creating a real world of peace. Lastly, we shall again be capable of showing them the different ways of knowing oneself, and then of acting accordingly so that their subconsciousness may no longer stop them from loving and being loved.

In the end effect, it is quite clear that this educational policy shall as well mainly aim motivated adults capable of assimilating it.

It would be wishful thinking to continue waiting for our educational institutions, religious or political leaders to guide our own steps and those of our children tomorrow. Be it in the Orient or Occident, mankind has the great power to become a "Human" by taking himself care of his own future. Each of us, we represent "one" of the many components.

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Then, little by little and generation by generation, the shadows of desire to conquer shall disappear from mankind and, thus, even from those who govern the world. Maybe we adults shall never witness that day, but there will remain from our generation the most beautiful adventure ever known, i.e. the first revolution without violence as it is mainly based on the modification of our own ways of thinking and realistic implementations within the reach of all and every society.

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