

**SPIRITUAL CULTURE:
A STRATEGY FOR LIFE
AND PEACE**

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ENTERING A NEW ERA

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In the present time when the world community is approaching the next step of its evolutionary development, humanity continues an excruciatingly difficult search of saving ideas and solutions to overcome obvious impasse of modern progress. However, today this centuries long search ends. It is becoming increasingly clear that common to all nations core values that represent Spiritual Culture in the context of world history are the basis of life and the keys to building peace all over the world. Absorbing the greatest spiritual lessons acquired by humanity during the whole of history, Spiritual Culture serves as primordial ethical and moral foundations on which the sustainable development of human civilization is possible.

Understanding of this simple truth did not come immediately. For many years the searching for the optimal solution to the question of the peaceful coexistence of people, their spiritual harmony and intercontinental cooperation was carried out in different countries,

including Russia. Together with the associates from Kazakhstan, India, Austria, Italy, China, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, France, Switzerland, Japan, Iran, the Netherlands, the United States and several other countries there were held a number of conferences and congresses devoted to this subject. The Russian initiative group, consisting of scientists, thinkers, artists, politicians, writers and people of other occupations, actively participated in an intense brainstorm cognizing the complexity and specificity of the current stage of civilization development, complicated by new challenges and threats. From understanding the role of spirituality in everyday social life and cultural relations, the idea of Spiritual Culture as a global project to implement the strategy of building a new international order was born.

Important milestones in this direction were the sessions of the World Congress of Spiritual Concord, held in Alma-Ata (Kazakhstan) in October 1992, Rishikesh (India) in December 1993 and Moscow in February 2003.

The World Congress of Spiritual Concord was conceived and established as a permanent body of global civil society, designed to assert the primacy of spirituality and culture over all other values of human civilization, to carry on the ideals of friendship of peoples, establishing peace on Earth, benevolent good-neighborliness, non-violence and belief in the triumph of culture, the power of reason and light. We can say it was the first attempt of creation of the mechanism of self-organization and formation of a civilization of a new type, where the ideals of spirituality and culture would be the highest principles of life. It was assumed that in the future the World Congress would become the spiritual center of the planet, accommodate the richness and diversity of national cultures, become an instrument of constructive authoritative influence on the historical process.

I must honestly admit that not all expectations were met. But, nevertheless, all the sessions of the World Congress undoubtedly

left their considerable mark in the spiritual chronicle of mankind. Awareness of the importance of Spiritual Culture for the history of human civilization has put on the agenda the idea of the preparation and holding of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture. It took almost ten years to prepare this forum. The international organizing committee of the Forum received understanding and support in Kazakhstan. The President of the country N.A.Nazarbayev supported the idea and provided all necessary assistance to the Forum. So Astana has become the center of collective work to reflect the new realities, a place of brainstorming for the strategy of development of the world community. For the past ten years in the capital of Kazakhstan international scientific and practical conferences were annually held, where the ideology of the New Era was developed, the methodology dictated by life transformations was formed, the contours of a New World were built and settled.

The main result of all this multi-year, multi-faceted creative work was the World Forum of Spiritual Culture, held in Astana in October 2010. There came the understanding of Spiritual Culture as the goalsetting foundation of the entire system of human values, the universal synthesis of the strategic meanings of self-affirmation and survival of a man. It alone is able to remove all the destructive contradictions and problems, to become the noosphere force of civilization, outlining the prospects of life and asserting the truth and virtue in all its layers.

The world Forum of Spiritual Culture brought together representatives of 72 countries. The Forum opened a new page of human history, launched a new phenomenon of our time – the World International Association of Culture.

Currently the second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture is being prepared, which promises to be even more representative. The concrete date of the session has not been decided yet. The international organizing committee of the Forum has

developed a strategy for the second session. This session will consider the theme “Towards Peace all over the world through Spiritual Culture” as a major one.

World Peace is certainly more than a world without war. World is the concept which has an extremely wide capacity. It involves structural changes in the whole civilized system, and these changes should primarily occur in those areas of life that are responsible for the safe coexistence of people. Fear, violence, destruction, death, poverty – all this is a product of the old world, it is its negative factors that devastate human life. Along with the outbreaks of military conflicts, these factors can be added with planetary environmental problems, terrorism, the global economic crisis, informational violence which clutters the minds of people, as well as religious conflicts, the lack of harmonious coexistence in families, the problems of inner balance of a person and much, much more.

Therefore, true peace is not just the absence of war. This is the World free from violence, injustice, fear.

The Forum format allows to expand on the theme of peace throughout the world towards the idea of integration, unification of forces striving for peace and spiritual harmony.

During the second session, the WFSC will continue forming the chief subject of the global peacemaking process which is the new Global Movement “To the New World through Spiritual Culture”.

The Presidium of the Forum believes that modern conditions create real opportunities and the prerequisites for the New Movement to get a powerful spread. The task of the Forum is to give the Movement planetary significance, to help it to become a transformative evolutionary force capable of solving civilization problems, excluding scenarios of military actions! In the future the movement “To the New World through Spiritual Culture” can become the world movement not only by its content, but also by the

number of participants. The actual task of the second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture is to prepare and to offer the World a new document – a modern Peace Pact, taking into account all the priceless accumulations and formulas of preserving and maintaining Peace on Earth, summarizing and synthesizing the centuries-old creative experience of mankind on the way to this high goal.

The Presidium of WFSC formed the backbone of the international working group for drafting this document. The work has been begun. Currently, it is extremely important to bring together for the preparation of this document specialists, scientists from leading research institutes from around the world.

It is also necessary to develop a mechanism for providing this document the status of the world directiveness.

The ruling elite of many countries are concerned about the expansion of spheres of influence on the world processes from a position of power and material superiority. But core values remain without attention, whereas it is the Spiritual Culture that is the key to the implementation of the best scripts for the future. But instead of them the confrontation with deep evolutionary trends takes place. The ruling elite seeks to preserve, defend (and, as a rule, not without success!) beginnings and principles based on social, ethnic and geopolitical superiority. There is a breakdown in the dynamics of essential planetary changes; worsening the world situation.

At the beginning of this New Era, when, in addition to the evolutionary trends, there is a rapidly increasing tension of the world situation, the awareness of the true place and role of Spiritual Culture in the development of human civilization is becoming a topical issue. It is quite obvious that the process of ethical transformation of life should be much more active and faster. The reality requires major changes, so the healing force of Spiritual Culture in a new historical period will be more diverse and powerful.

Humanity has to take the decision of the most difficult task of converting all fields of its activities. The result of this large-scale multi-tiered creative work, first of all, must be the World Peace. There is no doubt that the creation of a new type of state – the State of Culture, and the formation of a new global entity in human history – Cultural humanity will accompany the solution to this complex task.

For Russia, the ascension of Spiritual Culture to a pedestal of higher civilization values is especially important and significant. The Russian people since ancient times, we can say, for centuries have had a persistent dream of Holy Russia, God's Kingdom that will come upon the earth. It will be a Kingdom of true justice, powerful love, harmony and beauty, freedom and equality. But this dream, passed on from generation to generation, twisted in thoughts, was very vague and abstract. Now it's starting to gain clearer contours and the ways to achieve it. We come to understanding that Spiritual Culture, that is in the flesh and blood of people, can lift all nationalities over all contradictions and problems, unite them in the process of solving the great constructive tasks to establish complete harmony and bring wealth and prosperity to the Russian land.

I would like to bring to Your attention the analytical booklet, "Spiritual Culture: a strategy for life and peace", written at the International Center of Spiritual Culture by the members of the Presidium of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture Yury Andreevich Ageshin and Irina Stepanovna Darneva. This is conceptualized, systematized and summarized new knowledge about the place and role of Spiritual Culture in creating the present and the future of human civilization.

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INTRODUCTION

In the history of human civilization all the necessary evolutionary transformation of many countries and peoples began with words, so called formulas, that most fully and accurately expressed the essence of those community needs. By the key concepts they opened up the idea of notion of necessity to change. Of course, to find the words that will fully meet the spirit of the time, is not easy. When such words were found, they inspired millions of people to initiate civil action bringing countries out of situations of crisis and social downturn and thus opened the doors to a better existence. Thanks to those sacred words transformation proceeded faster, and better and was more wide spread.

It is evident that monumental structures such as the pyramids have a huge impact on people. In a similar way monumental ideas and resulting thoughts can give a powerful impetus both to the life of an individual and also to the entire world community. Those words once uttered burned their fiery path through the ages and brought the necessary positive changes. Although today it is hardly possible to say that humanity has become aware of the special significance of these

words for its evolutionary development. The nature and mechanisms of their influence on the consciousness of people is not fully understood.

Almost every age has its key concepts which have shaped not only the process of life of peoples, ethnic groups, individual human communities, but also influenced their thinking and lifestyle. They always remain in the memory of peoples as a kind of philosopher's stone, which gave them the basis of reasonable being. Both in the distant past and in the present such slogans as "freedom", "justice", "equality", "peace in the world", "human rights", "democracy", "sovereignty", "tolerance", "honour and dignity", "spiritual harmony" remain relevant and continue to have a transformative effect on the practice of life, to lift millions of people to participate in a creative process of improving all spheres of existence. Expressing an entire era, these concepts are the signs of a special kind. As heavy-duty metal alloys, these words crystallize in the formulas that move the history and form a people's historical thinking, covering the scopes and forms of future.

However, evolution does not stand in one place. The real demands of development, new challenges and threats give rise to new ideas that are better suited to the present stage of existence of life on Earth, help to build a promising strategy for the survival of human civilization. On the agenda we have new monumental ideas, revealing to mankind the way to a bright future. **Today, Spiritual Culture is ascended on a pedestal of higher values of human civilization by the course of evolutionary development endowed with enormous transformative power and re-opening humanity its creative opportunities.** Its principles and guidelines in their entirety form the unbreakable Foundation on which the New World is to be built.

THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

Today it is more and more clear that there is a need to penetrate the question of the evolution of man and society, revealing new more sustainable and harmonious forms of civilization. And this need is observed in many countries and continents. At the forefront of the challenges there are changes in the socio-cultural environment as the main factor of development. There is no doubt that the socio-cultural environment has a huge impact on each person from the moment of his birth, forming his position in life. This gives the opportunity for him to see himself as a full-fledged member of society. It also influences the development of a man as a personality, unfortunately, not always harmonious and reasonable.

The modern world is hard to be called a positive socio-cultural environment: military conflicts, geopolitical and ideological confrontation, the tense international situation and other factors of risk to the lives of people indicate the disharmony of existence, and moreover the lack of necessary measures and means of stabilizing the situation on the planet.

Along with the awareness of the imperfections of life on earth that preoccupied mankind for centuries, ideas were born as how to change the world responsibly, how to heal it from its obvious vices, to make our planet a really common home for all the people who inhabit it, to direct the development of human civilization to the

true evolutionary path. Only today, comes the understanding that humanity has a tool for this transformation, Spiritual Culture, which is a fundamental principle of the organization of intelligent life on Earth. You can call it a simple designation of “spirited everyday life”, but in fact it is the profound evolutionary force that among the great variety of mixed objective and subjective factors actually affects the development of human civilization. This can, ultimately, straighten and smooth the development of human civilization, sending it on its evolutionary way of reasonable existence.

Spiritual Culture is an ideological category and its concept is not quite familiar and clear for many people, because it contains in itself all the positive experiences of the whole human civilization, covering the points of growth of human consciousness in the process of metahistory and the peaks of civilizational progress.

It is Spiritual Culture that gives you the opportunity to publicize the Cultural process of spiritualization of the world, to give it the format of the global movement and to approve the indestructible Foundation of spiritual harmony and unity of the people. These small “seeds” visibly grow in many parts of our planet indicating the social need to live in peaceful coexistence, in creative, economic and cultural exchange.

Spiritual Culture is a transforming power, affecting all spheres of life updating and giving it more perfect form. It is a code of moral, ethical, and social foundations — the basic values that form the basis of the existence of intelligent human civilization, and its infusion in the process of life allows to hold not only a sensible policy for people, but also the global balance. **«God», «peace», «kindness», «love», «family», «joy», «justice», «bright future», «friendship of peoples», «social unity», «spiritual harmony», «respect for belief», «life», «wellbeing», «creativity” and many other motivational words are the eternal foundations of life for all people of our planet, as well as the spiritual ties that connect them. These words represent what is commonly understood as collective Spiritual Culture.**

Spiritual Culture is the social basis of the world order. Although Spiritual Culture as a concept is many-sided and its elements are reflected in different religions, philosophies, sciences and ideologies, only nowadays newly revealed to humanity it has begun to emerge as a unified system of civilization values.

Spiritual Culture expresses the great power of goodness and creativity. The most important and valuable thing of the modern world, surely, is included in the strategic ideas of life. Spiritual Culture reflects the content of these meanings and is the guarantor of a peaceful and bright future for mankind. It has fully absorbed the historical regulations and requirements, providing individuals with vibrant society with capacity for conflict-free coexistence. Spiritual Culture forms a new basis of harmonious interpersonal relationships. Enriching the arts, science, religion, and other developing systems, Spiritual Culture leads mankind to a better life. Its criteria are of high civilizational level which combines the material and spiritual sides of human existence. Culture means the worship of light and **Spiritual Culture is understood as the life according to the laws of Light**. Essentially, this is the manifestation of the Spirit in the human community and the individual in everyday life and in the existential process.

Spiritual Culture is the goal setting foundation of the entire system of human values that are a universal synthesis of the strategic meanings of self-affirmation and survival of a man. It is able to remove all the destructive contradictions and problems, to become the noosphere force of civilization, outlining the prospects of life and asserting the truth and goodness in all its layers. If we understand and accept that the world develops in the Great Divine plan, then Spiritual Culture in a practical sense is a reflection of the Divine Light inside us, and this is the reflection (similarity) which brings a New World and gives the opportunity to realize all the best achievements of creative human ideas.

Two radiant roots of Spiritual Culture: spirituality as a connection with God and Culture, connecting people into a single

social organism, a single creative community, are able to give life **to a new vector of civilizational development — Human Humanization.** The question of cultural spiritualization of the world till now was not so urgent and relevant in the human community, since it was isolated within the framework of the material formation from simpler forms and models of the human community to more complex and, in the end, multipolar. After reaching a peak of material development, human world requires a paradigm shift of existence, so its cultural spiritualization becomes a precondition for further movement to the future. Universal Humanization is a kind of ideology of the New time, embodying not just a common humanity in the spiritual concept, the manifestation of the good to a single individual, but a manifestation of the entire spectrum of virtuous human existence in practice of life.

The infusion of Spiritual Culture spreads throughout the great and eternal ! The art of living, the science of life and living religion in their interrelation, interaction and interpenetration will be the synthesis to reveal the contents of Spiritual Culture.

It is already obvious that the old world is undergoing major reconstruction. The global crisis is an indicator not only of its resource wear but is primarily an indicator of the evolutionary loss of the reference point for the further development of human civilization. In this regard, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the issue of preservation of life on earth, and improvement of its quality status in the idiom of the old world becomes the intractable problem of our time.

There is no doubt that a set of values defines human existence and forms the attitude of people to life, to what is happening in the world. The priority system of the old world consists of material wealth and human resource in the form of a high-quality consumer of these goods. The anthropocentric model showed the full extent of its instability, although gave a major breakthrough in scientific and technical terms. Living space, enclosed on material goods and

capitalization in all spheres of activity, has led to a nonequilibrium civilized environment, formed a complex multipolar world, requiring constant adjustment, interpersonal and geopolitical relations, and essentially change the world order.

Changing the old system of values is not only a necessity of life, but also the law of development of human civilization. The world view of the “disposable life” has proved a complete failure and led to the deep humanitarian crisis of existence. The world is on the threshold of serious destruction and global cataclysms that requires special attention and special measures for saving it. New challenges and threats facing humanity put new challenges in understanding the necessity of radical changes of all layers and spheres of life. Primarily this is required for the human mind to understand the necessity of socialization of the individual as a collective being. The new paradigm of life is determined by the format of the collective conscious, when social cohesion is becoming a major evolutionary force according to the formula of life; “and the life was the light of men”.

Spiritual Culture aims to become a tool of transformation of the human world, giving it stability, and opportunities for further development.

The key ideas and the postulates of Spiritual Culture in their entirety form the unshakeable Foundation of life, its ethic and moral framework that can lead the world to a truly tolerant existence.

The concept of tolerance at the present stage of world development is a key element in the outlook and it is becoming more popular due to the specificity of the expression of the idea of life on Earth. However, interpreted by a certain mentality that has been formatted with a particular geopolitical environment, this philosophy has acquired many layers. For example, the West interprets it in the form of democratic tolerance to any kind of variance of life, asserting, for example, same-sex relationships as a manifestation of quite social

and natural, while the humanitarian, political and military drama is unfolding in the foreground of other states which are not part of Europe, is seen through the prism of the “tolerant” indifference. The East also applies tolerance in their own way, seeking to find stability in the development of states of their own geopolitical pantheon. America and the countries of the “foggy Albion” broadcast tolerance in the globalizing world, confessing it as a certain idea of averaging cultures and ethnicities, bringing them to a subordinate status.

However we should return to the basics of this really key concept and to restore its true meaning **according to the UN definition, namely, tolerance is a sustainable harmony between different religions, political, ethnic and other social groups.**

The achievement of stable harmony is possible in the conditions and laws of the new international order. It is, not only, the promotion of the spreading of democratic principles, but first and foremost, the promotion of peace and security for peoples, and conflict-free coexistence based on the principles of Spiritual Culture.

Maintaining the harmony of life becomes the keystone of human existence and of abstract etymological understanding of coherence together with the harmonious combination of things, it gradually gets **the concrete current manifestation of the spirituality of the world, the human community and the person as he is.** In fact – sustainable harmony (true tolerance) is a pattern of the New World combining a high quality of life and spiritual progress.

EVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATION

Of course, the New World will not come right now. This is a complex, multi-layered and multi-faceted process may take a century to happen, considering the complexity of the situation on the planet. But the dynamism of evolutionary changes depends on us, on the

people who are living today. We, the inhabitants of the earth, can significantly boost this process, as we are not just a mass of people from a certain historical period, but a reasonable force, bridging together two eras – the old world and the New Reality.

The modern model of the world is undergoing constant modification due to many factors, one of which is international relations. This is above all because of geopolitical formats, leading the people's attention to their own identity – national, religious and ethnic. Civil identity, being a component of the society of the developed countries, confined in the narrow limits of geopolitics, it is not based on the relative perception of today's reality. To a larger extent it consists of points of growth of people's self-awareness and understanding of personal and common goals of evolutionary spiritual development, which are the main factors of a successful life. Spiritual progress in this case is not a religious prerogative, but a social necessity of achieving stable existence.

It is important that spiritual progress should be seen as the opposite of material progress, which depicts the advantage of the old world. Spirituality, in this case, represents the change of the format of life from the limited material world to the universal World, based on a criteria of high civilization development, which combines the material and spiritual sides of human existence. From a material point of view the universal world is the Common Welfare, from a spiritual point it is a common core of civilization values.

Spirituality as the ability of people in reality to implement all the highest principles of life in their daily work of recreating sustainable harmony in all areas and spheres of human self-realization and finally to achieve peace all over the world.

Peace all over the world is more than a world without wars and violence. This is the world of creation and goodness, a world of beauty and harmony of life, the world of a wonderful now and a bright future!

This evolutionary transformation compels all of us to create a new civilization environment, a new architecture of international relations and higher quality socio-cultural space.

A milestone was made when humanity recognized the necessity and inevitability of evolutionary change in Astana (Kazakhstan) in October 2010 by **hosting the World Forum of Spiritual Culture — a new, permanent body of the world community, designed to assert the primacy of Spiritual Culture over all other values of human civilization.** World International Association of Culture, which marked the beginning of a new time, was created.

It is very important that finally in the fractured and fragmented multipolar world the power appeared that managed to rise above all of the subjective interests and goals, a variety of currents, and to express the spiritual integrity of mankind. **This force is composed of missionaries and creators of Spiritual Culture from 72 countries who gathered in Astana in October 2010 at the World Forum of Spiritual Culture** to proclaim: the old models of interpersonal relationships based on anthropocentrism and material things, on the idea of “a disposable life” do not meet the requirements of the time. The ideological struggle is also a product of the old, outgoing civilization. This civilization is moving inexorably to the decline and resource wastage. The ideological struggle will go away with it! A New Age has begun, an Era of Spiritual Culture. This will be the Era of revival and expansion, the overcoming of conflicts and disasters, the Era of the harmonious life! This New Era excludes the principle of struggle and resistance to evolutionary change. We are entering the Era of Peace and Harmony, and the spiritual unity of nations. A lot is happening today. In the bustle of life sometimes we don't notice the passing of old systems and the advancement of new life styles.

Finally the world has got a document that clearly defines the moral and spiritual foundations on which can be built the only base for the beginning of the healing process of the human world and the

evolutionary transformation of humanity itself. This document is the Declaration “To the New World through Spiritual Culture” adopted at the Forum. Postulates of Spiritual Culture presented in the Declaration, in their entirety, are the formula for the survival of humanity and create a spiritual framework for the new international order, and mould a new historical form of coexistence of Nations, **the entire human community.** The Declaration at the same time is spiritual and moral internally unified, a coherent program of the releasing of mankind from its global systemic crisis. Such an anti-crisis program for humanity must be implemented and put into action without delay.

The formation of a single Cultural community in a world fragmented and divided by conflict and war is the evolutionary challenge of our time. In first place are the foreground questions of interreligious, political and Intercontinental dialogue. The fundamental principles of modern democracy, such as human rights, freedom of expression, protection of the interests of democracy are of course, necessary, and concern the common rules of life, but dominant over everything always is and will be Life Ethics. Without this dominance all the achievements of democracy become distorted in shape, which is quite obvious and, moreover, the human world closes in a format of “uncontrollable chaos”.

Cultural unity of populations is based on the ethics of Life, its moral principles and basic foundations of existence. And if democracy expresses only control of society, the Ethics of Life gives it stability in the spiritual and material development. Such a development is the subject of the regularities of relationships between man and society, man and nature, man and the Universe, man and God. Here the individual is not acting as a consumer of goods and other preferences, but becomes a kind of a link, a binder with all Creation. This fundamentally changes the anthropocentric model of life into more progressive and life-affirming one – anthroposphere, or, in modern parlance, the noosphere.

Ethics of Life absorbs all the experience of rational existence fostered by world history which are the universal values of Spiritual Culture.

As it is known, the development does not stop and in the course of history some civilization forms are replaced by others. This is due to the evolution of human consciousness which is the main mover changing the individual, and society in general. Intellectual progress and the evolution of consciousness are interconnected, but the first one is considered as the ability to perceive the surrounding world, whereas the second one is the meanings of life and goal setting. Life ethics is the moderator of the evolution of human consciousness, its gradual transition from the relative condition of a limited perception of life – to the noosphere consciousness.

In this case the Noosphere itself is the New World – a more perfect Being, that unlike the historical platform of a dying civilization is a new geo-information environment, a higher level of human thinking. Narrow range of vision of the world limits the perception of man, placing him in the position of devolucioned creature who stopped his development. But the challenges of the time require special attention to what is happening on different plans of life: It is important to see the world not through unipolar focus, but in simultaneous multi-function displays and along with this to master the possibilities of the synthesis of thought, combining the material format of life, and its unshakable spiritual foundation, and current realities, and future prospects.

A SYNTHESIS OF THE BEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOUGHTS

Spiritual Culture should be taken as a synthesis of all positive processes and creative areas of human thought that has ever existed and exists. Yet, in practical terms, this synthesis has not been

conducted systematically and holistically. It is time to start this all-encompassing, extremely difficult and challenging large-scale work.

The search for new solutions in this case is mainly scattered by different sectors, known for their own subjective approach to the matter, and that keeps the fragmentation of all spiritual and intellectual effort.

The religious beliefs and experience in addressing and highlighting this issue is unclear. Undoubtedly, all the religions of the world are the cultural foundation for the peoples and are an integral part of the universal Spiritual Culture. Education of religious consciousness and immersion in the spiritual life forms in man positive thinking, awakens in him a bright beginning, giving support to self-realisation in moral and ethical guideline. However, religious spirituality puts a person inside a particular doctrine or scripture and dogma, nurturing faith in him as a symbol of life. But the modern world and civilization development impels a person to the perception and implementation of life in all its diversity, and this dominant perception becomes **quality of life**. This concept is far beyond the scope of religious consciousness and applies to all areas of human existence, starting with education and ending with medicine. Hence the emergence of the modern trends in the development of secular spirituality is beyond religious beliefs and experiences. Secular spirituality lies in the experience of everyday life, this including religious experience, and universal life, with its harsh realities and sometimes their struggles, crises, wars, conflicts, disasters, and other attributes of the current terrible time. It should be noted that not religious realities, but the political, humanitarian and economic crises of today together set the tone of human life on the contrary to the aspirations of all religions to make a human being more spiritual and humane.

We must recognise the fact that all religions talk about love, but none of them puts up on a pedestal higher values of World Peace and a reasonable life as a result of divine creation. This, in our view, is a serious omission in religious education which has created a huge

gap now filled by unprincipled existence and moral impoverishment of the global population.

Means of secular spirituality is also not able to solve this problem because of its disparate currents, including public and government initiatives, painted in colors of national superiority, form a subjective attitude to the problems of the future of mankind. They are characterized by misunderstanding and underestimation of Spiritual Culture as the basis of unity and integrity of mankind.

An indicator of this is the fact that many peoples and nations continue to position their national and state isolation as the highest value and believe that it is possible always and in everything to be guided primarily by national interests, even if this occurs to the detriment of the interests and livelihoods of other countries and peoples. In modern conditions to build a strategy of one's domestic and foreign policy, guided by this principle, is becoming more and more unacceptable. The way to the unity of Nations implies the recognition of the principle of the Common Welfare and the steady adherence to it.

The practical task of the day is **to convey to the world community to understand the urgent need for the synthesis of all the creative, spiritual movements, to give international direct leadership to the results and conclusions of this work.** In the future this will be a real step for separate nations and already united nations to voluntarily accept the ideas of Spiritual Culture for steady guidance and enactment.

Spiritual Culture is to become the framework on which, as on the thread of time, the people's pearls of wisdom will be strung.

Even Confucius said: "A person has no greater calling than to truly realize himself as a person and become a Creator of Culture as the only reality, entirely created by people."

Spiritual Culture defines the strategy of development of human civilization. It lies in the evolutionary necessity of changing the form of being into the more viable and reasonable. Historically across the entire world, there are four identified ways of existence in human society: the tribe, the commune, ethnos(nation) and the community. With the development of conscious activity and the self-determination of man as a social being there is a stepwise evolutionary transition from a simple social form to more constructive and sustainable social model.

The current state of the clashing of geopolitical poles and their active opposition to each other with the aim of gaining superiority has never posed a more contemporary and important demand. This political paradigm must shift towards an existence friendly form that encourages the development of new possibilities for the peaceful coexistence of the peoples of different nations to build a human community. The conflict situation in the world is a reflection of the fact that the human world is moving in the opposite direction, namely, to its decline, and to avoid this, we need a leap forward to a new form of social life, and to explore new frontiers of existence.

Starting from the realities of the present and learning from each positive experience of life, we can come closer to a future filled with bright dreams of creators of Spiritual Culture. Every person on earth worthy of the light of life, so everyone can participate in its implementation. The idea forms an image of the future, but the action gives its content and implementation. Therefore, the synthesis of all the best thoughts of humanity, aimed at the creation and building of the harmony of life determines the quality of life in general.

It is demanded by time itself to draw the world's attention to the vital need to overcome the crisis of the spirit and morality. Spiritually-moral revival of man can save the world from destruction. Realizing this simple truth, we remind the postulates of Spiritual Culture, enshrined in the Declaration "To the New World through Spiritual Culture":

1. Love is the only earthly sign of the Common good. Spiritual harmony, reciprocity and tolerance are manifestations of Love, a single moral Law for man and the Universe. Spiritual Culture is guided by this Law, specifying it as the base of its life-affirming Existence. The preservation of peace and its salvation cannot be achieved without the energy of Love. All life flourishes in it, finding endless existence. Everything beautiful is born in Love.

2. Virtue – a life in harmony with the surrounding world. This principle is the basis of the wisdom of human Existence. All the prophets and Teachers of humanity have spoken of virtue, drawing our attention to the main principle of Light: to bring good to all the living and reasonable beings.

“He who preserved and developed the virtue is happy and prudent” (Buddha).

“The highest virtue is like water. It benefits all beings, and does not fight with them.” (Lao Tzu).

“Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge.” (Christ).

“And those who turned the face to Allah and do good, then they have grasped a sound basis” (Mohammed).

“There is a lower state of being enclosed in passion and ignorance, and there is a higher state of existence in virtue” (Krishna).

3. Creation is a sign of the Divine Will. Where it works, salvation and order follow. The current global situation is becoming tenser. All these ominous warnings – destructive disasters, dead lakes, burning forests, looming sands are the result of egocentric thinking on the part of mankind, whose thoughts and actions attract adverse circumstances. The availability of modern nuclear, chemical and biological weapons exacerbates the already precarious position

of the world. It becomes urgent to establish other Committees of Salvation in places of the greatest environmental hazards. Creation as a process of the spiritualization of the world and is the proof of reasonable Existence; the fulfillment of the Divine Will by human hand.

4. Evolution is a natural need to improve all forms of life. Evolution is a non-violent way of spiritual development of humanity and the world. Any violence against the person, the human community, nature, biological life is a crime against the foundations of Divine Morality. It is a crime against common sense! Non-violent path suggests the gradual enlightenment of the consciousness of man, when he begins to take conscious responsibility for his life and the world around him, internally reborn, becoming not only a material being, but a highly spiritual individual.

5. Spiritual enlightenment is the key to the future of the world. Priority should be given to the education of generations by means of Spiritual Culture that will give the state a full-fledged citizen, and society – a healthy and intelligent person. The concept of culture cannot be separated from the inner qualities of a person, his ethical and moral content. Spiritual enlightenment professes knowledge, forming a conscious person, aspiring to Light and bringing the Light. It turns him away from evil, and directs the consciousness to the harmony of life, the preservation of peace, the increasing of spiritual values.

6. A selfless feat of pure heart is a benefit to the world. The inherent Right to live in a harmonious society is the basis of human existence. Its implementation is provided by each inhabitant of the planet. Improving this world, we enable our children to live and grow in a positive environment. Every reasonable person should have a peaceful aim to benefit the world. The peacemaker must not only protect the spiritual values of the peoples, but, primarily, heal this world, become a living force of renewal and good. To live by the

values of the heart means to love the World, to bring joy and to be a Man with a capital letter.

7. Unity is the spiritual consent and cooperation of peoples of the world. All people of the Earth wish to live in peace. They have common values in life. Family, children, home, friendship, happiness, security, health, welfare, justice. Love, Truth, God, Beauty – unite us regardless of affiliation to any race, nation, faith, social group. At all times these values were the Highest benchmarks of human life. Unity leads to conflict-free existence, providing us and our loved ones the opportunity not to worry about the future, to live in a humane society. From separation to unity and universality! – this is the call of spiritual harmony. The unity of the peoples is in an open dialogue of all participants in the building of the New World.

8. Justice is serving the truth. There is a sense of justice inherent in all human beings living in human community. Violation of rights and freedoms, threats to safety and well-being are all symbols of the crumbling old world. The trend of the humanitarian crisis is growing. The economic model of the world undergoes a global modification due to technical progress. Civilization acquires the contours of a mechanical monster, the relegation of spiritual principles of the peoples to the level of aggressive ignorance leads to the destruction of human individuality. Justice seeks to assert the higher laws of life, common to all peoples and nations. Only in a just and humane society a person is able to feel fully as, a God-created being.

9. The Universal brotherhood is planetary hostel. Our planet is unique in its natural wealth and the possibility of biological life. We are all equal owners here. In our conscious cooperation with the forces of Light we strive to fulfill the highest purpose of Man to become a co-Creator with God, to preserve our world and increase its natural wealth, bestowed from above. We are all the children of the Divine, called Humanity. We carry the same spiritual basis, and we are all one World.

10. Culture of the spirit of the peoples is the cornerstone of Civilization. Love for God and His Creation has the power of life. The old civilization has progressed through material development, not taking into account in the implementation of technical progress the Divine Light of the evolutionary creative power of thought. The peoples of the world have always been the exponents of the ideas of life, the bearers of the Light. “And the life was the light of men,” says the Holy Scripture, confirming this idea. Replacing the old world by the New World is approaching. The person becomes the moving force of Evolution. We’re going back to the true roots of life, to the Culture of the spirit, the living Light of the world and all other worlds of the Universe.

Thus, we will:

- in each day affirm the main value of human life – Love for God, for all the living and reasonable;
- live by knowing that we can change the world for the better;
- cultivate the qualities of man of Light and Man as a creator;
- generously make people happy and be compassionate;
- honor the laws of Life, take life in unity, completeness, and diversity;
- strive for harmony with the world around us;
- appreciate all that is given by God and keep our faith in the power of Light, Wisdom and Goodness.

It’s time for the people of Earth to unite efforts in fulfillment of the great challenges of human Life in accordance with the spiritual ideals of Truth, Goodness, Beauty and Love!

The uniqueness and specialness of experiencing the moment lie in the fact that the time has come **not only to know and understand the ideas of Spiritual Culture, but, more importantly, to find the strength to live and to act according to these postulates.** We will have to largely rediscover the true meaning and content of the words expressing Spiritual Culture, to clear them from deformation and mounting consumer civilization, and, more importantly, to follow them in daily

life, filling the drab days with light and heat, thus bringing closer the New Era of Spiritual Culture.

THE HARMONY OF LIFE

The new era should not include any social upheavals and coups that we can see during this transitional stage. This Epochal novelty does not take away any achievements of the old world and does not shake the foundations of materialism, but it does add to all the basics of previous life, gives Spiritual content, and, thus a more solid Foundation. **A new era requires humanity to be builders of harmony of life, combining the material and the spiritual, reviving all spheres of human existence, and this is its novelty and the great advantage.** Understanding and embracing this newness requires the development of new growth points of self-consciousness of people, and that is the most difficult to be achieved.

It is quite obvious that mankind has reached a standstill in the materialistic, and cannot find a way out using the usual ways . New approaches, deep knowledge, extraordinary lines of thought are needed. And so is the conclusion: **the Age of spiritual enlightenment is coming, the essence of which is in the qualitative transformation of the human world.** We will not just take a broader look at what is happening, but become a conscious participant in the evolutionary process that covers all aspects of existence. The transformation of the human world requires a huge effort. There is no doubt that it will fall on the shoulders of the bearers and creators of Spiritual Culture, all those millions of spiritual warriors, selfless workers of true Culture, who in their everyday work claim its high ideals and eternal values. They are, first of all, scientists, writers, artists, religious figures, teachers, doctors, journalists, public and political figures of humanistic orientation, workers of the information sector and other carriers of spiritual light who fully realized the urgency of evolutionary changes

and the necessity of their personal participation in the great educational process.

It is important to emphasize that carriers and creators of Spiritual Culture include not only the above people. One of the tasks of spiritual education is the need to overcome entrenched simplified narrow views of culture, which leads to the fact that the culture in public opinion is often perceived as informational leisure and entertainment, a sphere where also creative people work. If we start from a true understanding of culture, namely “honoring of light“, **actually among the creators of culture should be not only its leaders, but also every person who takes responsibility for his present and future, and the future of his country and the planet as a whole. If the person in his everyday life , in all types of communication, in all his activities and undertakings approves the ideals, the values of life, builds relationships between people on ethical standards, then surely he establishes Spiritual Culture and becomes its bearer and creator. Such a person who practises true Cultural activity in everyday life, brings into it the harmony of relations and stability of evolutionary development.**

The education of such kinds of people should be the main function of cultural policy of the state. After all, the essence of this policy is the formation of moral, self-thinking, creative, responsible people through the use of the full potential of Culture. This should be implemented through the creating of an educational system on the basis of Spiritual Culture, aimed at mastering the art of a culture of communication, a culture of thinking, a culture of behavior, a culture of social relations, a culture of international relations, etc. And exactly that’s the kind of activity that should be **the main direction of the cultural construction of the New World.**

Without belittling and diminishing representatives of culture and art, artists, the creators of works and objects of culture, it is necessary, however, to recognize that in the system of public cultural

policy their professional activities (undoubtedly significant and important!) should be considered in relation to the main direction of the cultural construction of the world, a specific country as a utility and application, designed to form the creative basis of life of people, helping them to improve in cultural and intellectual development. And only this kind of cultural activity can be attributed to the service sector. Whereas other forms of cultural activity cannot be named as services. Because **the true culture of a society is not measured by the number of works of art, but by the quality of the spiritual and moral atmosphere in society.**

Spiritual education cannot be left to drift, a structureless approach cannot be used because the harmonious combination and construction demands extracting maximum meaning from this difficult process of transition from the old world to the New. At the first session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture it was considered necessary to proceed with the development of the planetary Program of spiritual education. We will have to discover, to develop, to give real meaning to all the basic tenets of Spiritual Culture, to translate them into specific mechanisms, institutions, technologies, tools of socio-cultural engineering altogether they really will be able to transform the human world into a harmonious civilization. We are talking about hundreds and thousands of items that can gradually transform the system from within. This is truly a giant multi-level work, that mankind has not known yet, but to which it has been moved by the whole course of social development.

For the first time in world history **the two wings of Spiritual Culture: the spirituality of religions and secular spirituality, have to be naturally united and combined** to ensure the interaction of these complementary currents, and on this basis to come to social unity and spiritual harmony. Now, more than ever, it is obvious that thereligious representatives of all denominations should care about all people as they are and not only about their followers, they must defend the rights of the human person and the integrity of the

world everywhere and not just the rights of their denominations. This does not mean that we are changing the Holy Scriptures. This means that we begin to understand them better and to use them when practising life. Many people of different faiths and spiritual movements are cognizant **that it is time to understand the sign of the time and to live in spiritual harmony and friendship between peoples, to look beyond today.**

Addressing the people of goodwill, we fully understand that there are those who directly connect their own welfare to war, the arms race and the adoption of social injustice, extremism, terrorism, incitement of conflict. However, it is quite obvious that their efforts can be neutralized. It is not only necessary, but also possible to solve this problem. After all, what unites people of goodwill is more important than what divides them. So, there is always the possibility of cultural dialogue, able to span a bridge from one person to another, to find the unifying forces and direct them towards the creation of harmony of life.

The Platform for achieving social and civic harmony is Spiritual Culture, containing all the basic values of life that is acceptable to every nation and every state and every individual.

Only the collective opinion of the representatives of Spiritual Culture, embodied in the joint reasonable, credible decisions and recommendations, the documents may affect the critical situation in the world and bring positive change.

It is obvious that the goals of Spiritual enlightenment, formulated in the program will be truly ambitious and very specific. **At the first stage we need to rethink the questions of existence, to understand that the point of growth of human consciousness and society in general depends on the idea of living in the first place, and in the second place on the political and economic factors of development.** The ideology of the modern era is narrowed to

cover the material life and its different directions, including religious experience. This relative trajectory of thinking and the corresponding consumer position puts human civilization itself in the impasse of the global crisis.

Spiritual Culture is not locking the focus on the relativity of existence, but gives the opportunity to see a multi-functional structure of life, including patterns of Higher order, as well as historic highs of the development of civilization, its noosphere changes, which will be the place for renewing the world order.

In front of us we have a huge amount of work connected with the establishment of Spiritual enlightenment, raising its level, bringing it to a proper state. The meaning of the work, of course, is not to break someone's philosophy, but to affirm the necessity of changing of forms of the old world.

We will have to conceptualize and then create a radically new all-encompassing system of Spiritual education that can bring the human world into a qualitatively better life.

In the new era mankind really has excellent prospects. But if they are implemented or not is entirely dependent on many factors.

Today's reality shows that it is not sure that humanity will act on all the opening opportunities and exploit them. Unfortunately, it cannot be excluded that free will in its egoistic madness may reject a variant of the implementation of a positive future. In human history there are many examples, eloquently testifying to the fact that the fall of civilizations is directly related to the state of society, its spiritual health and correctness of direction in life. The evolutionary ascent of peoples, countries, geopolitical systems has caused not only material progress and scientific and technological breakthrough, but also by a stable state of international peace and stability in the world order.

Humanity is entering the Age of Spiritual enlightenment in the consequences of ignorance of the future and unwillingness to take full responsibility for it . But we are given the opportunity to change the existing realities, filling life with spiritual content, to produce the transformation of the world by means of true Culture — Ethics of Life.

PASSIONAL INITIATIVE

The modern state of the world requires the development of ethical anti-crisis measures. The instinct of self-preservation makes us look for a rational decision, precluding opportunities and approaches of “rational egoism”. Scenarios of wars, military and religious conflicts, continental and political struggles have brought human civilization to a dangerous point of catastrophe. The world today, as never before, needs the unity of all creative planetary initiatives into internationality of Light. Socio-historical process fully expresses material development in a certain direction, and as the humanitarian situation of modern society shows, it is informatively stratified in its levels of consciousness awareness and the quality of life. It is in a state of confrontation on various issues, starting with issues of sexual orientation and ending with spiritual guidance. Between them there is ideological orientation, affecting all areas of human life. However, in this case, “rational egoism” that is the dark side of human society and the individual, implementing the mechanisms of the ideology of material progress, has got the unexpected results of the revival of national cultures instead of the projected balance of power relations by means of consumer capitalism. Global homogenization of the world’s population, despite negative forecasts, has played a positive role in the identification of new ethnic, socio-cultural, religious forms of the self-identification of people. This shift in the world economy towards the realization of national interests, including the creation of new forms of local economies, makes us look for a new platform of international relations, because maintaining the balance of power remains the most urgent task of our time. The UN undertook

this task for a long period, until the conflict between capitalism and communism was settled due to the attenuation of the latter, but the challenges make it imperative to solve global-scale issues beyond the ideological and economic preferences.

The uneven distribution of wealth and resources creates a non-equilibrium environment, closed in contradictions. The old civilization system is based on the dialectical law of internal and external antagonisms. The struggle of opposites is exclusively a symbol of the materialistic world. The process of development of society, nature and thinking is fully liable to technocratic management, the theory of relativity of existence and the principle of world supremacy of “strong”. It all narrows down the scope of free will, defending the interests of the evolutionary transformations that are demanded in society.

The occurrence of revolutions and various protest movements is the result of imbalance of power, but mostly they are the attempts of free will to go beyond the ideological constraints.

However, being uncontrolled by an enlightened mind, free will is quickly moved to the critical maximum disturbance and can further exacerbate already difficult world events, and also the situation in any country that can be seen today.

It must be noted the protest movements carry a disagreement with the existing reality, but they are not in their basis peacemaking, civic, social and other creative initiatives. Spiritual Culture helps to cross the Rubicon of free will and become passionate initiative of good will.

The question of passionarity is still unsolved in its essence and purpose. The concept of “passionarity” reflects only the relative trajectory of thought in the form of a push that is given to a separate ethnic group, and then the potential of its development begins to increase (L. Gumilev). The ethnic factor of passionarity is a mover of people towards a certain goal, whereas in this case the source of the stimulus is expressed vaguely in the form of abstract space reasons.

Passionarity here is a kind of regularity to the revitalization of the nation according to the cycle of its ascent, due to the influence of the rhythms of life. A striking example is China, where a population explosion and economic growth went hand in hand, which is rare and defies logic, because usually they “catch on” each other, or when the level of demography decreases standards of living, as it is observed in the countries of the African continent.

Passionarity in the revitalization of the global process is not only influenced by the Cosmos in its spatial resonance as it carries a specific incentive initiative in the new landmarks of life for the entire world community. This entails a change and renewal of the world order in the first place, and second, as a consequence gives the possibility of increasing the capacity of the light (Culture) in all areas of life of nations, awakening their desire for self-fulfillment and the realization of World peace. The carrier of this motivational power is undoubtedly Spiritual Culture.

Outside of ideological struggle and other forms of the old-world, Spiritual Culture is in the process of the Cultural construction of life on the principles of a peaceful passionate movement.

Worldwide passionarity, as a spiritual impulse from above of global importance, brings the idea to build a New World, and expresses the spiritual progress and prosperity of peoples, peaceful coexistence

Today, taking into consideration space circumstances of World passionarity impulse, humanity must stop the struggle of disagreements and establish the planetary unity of peoples to be the key factor of life.

Any stratification of society, to put it mildly, is undesirable and unhelpful, and also any form of struggle, whether it's even a struggle for peace, is the collision of forces, and thus poses a serious threat.

Passionary activities of Spiritual Culture is based on objective knowledge and opportunities to move the world process and everything connected with it, into the course of evolutionary change by means of constructive thought.

It should be noted that the word “struggle” multidimensionally reflects the types of attacks against anyone or anything and does not contain a peaceful and constructive beginning, whereas life is impossible without it, in its combination of features and upgrade capabilities.

Spiritual Culture creates awareness of the reality of existence, brings for people’s improvement the energy of renewal and living experience. If the old world was in a state of struggle, for a New World passionarity is the guarantor of a better future. Thus, humanity is entering a New stage of its development, not only due to Space causality, but also by ways and means of creative initiatives.

The struggle of opposites is irrevocably in the past. The current moment requires strategic changes of life. People on all continents begin to feel physically that the idiom of development of the world must be radically changed from struggle to the harmony of existence. The world is tired of wars and crises of human existence, caused by them. Right now It is necessary to create the conditions for growth and activity of social consciousness, united by the goodwill of passionate creation.

The Association of people of goodwill is the basis of building a harmonious community. Similar to the patterns of decline and the rise of civilizations the rise (ascent) of human consciousness takes place. This is also due to several factors. The first and most important in the current situation is to overcome the global crisis and to develop a new standard of living. It is quite obvious that the world of man is in a critical maximum of existence, where the threat of complete destruction is standing in the doorway. Violation of the laws of

Harmony has led the planetary situation to a humanitarian crisis of existence.

There is an acute need for passionate shifts in the realization of World peace, and in achieving spiritual harmony of peoples. Passionarity acts as a mechanism of evolutionary development of all creative initiatives in the name of the preservation of life on earth and the realization of a peaceful future for all mankind.

Passionarity as a historical act on the modern stage will undoubtedly be developed and implemented in the most diverse forms. In this context we can consider an important initiative of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture to deploy an efficient new global Movement “To a New World through Spiritual Culture”.

Conflict-free coexistence of peoples means not only spiritual harmony and religious tolerance, but to a greater extent – the need to resolve contradictions with humanitarian means of Spiritual Culture. Taking into consideration that the human world is multipolar and diverse in its cultural, social, economic, political and religious aspects, his uniform basis is biological life and its different manifestations. So passionate impulse is the impulse of life itself, forcing people to find unifying thoughts and creative initiatives and implement them in practice.

Passionarity as a historical act of creative freedom due to the evolutionary movement, and if you start from today’s realities of devolution, where the individual and society, including the global community, are located in the halo of material consumption of goods and resources, **the evolutionary impulse forces us to look for solutions and create strategies to enhance social reflexivity, that is establishing of high-level international relations and cultural interaction between people and between geopolitical poles.** In fact, it is a Spiritual Culture – the Ethics of Life in the true purpose of guiding the person’s attention on the higher values and meanings of existence.

THE MORAL LAW

There is a systemic crisis in not only all industrial sectors but also in religion, and the world process as a whole. Can there be a single faith? – This question is not rhetorical. According to the history patterns the belief, as the inner connection with God, throughout the ages and time periods remains a stumbling block of human existence, because religious beliefs and tenets, also Scriptures are focused solely on nurturing spirituality inside a person. Here spirituality is understood as a qualitative state of inner world (soul) of an adherent and follower of a particular religion. Faith and spirituality are on the same life platform – the determination of man as a highly developed individual. Faith is the authentic concept relating to deep process of self-identification of a person, his belonging to a higher existence than existential relativity. Therefore, the precise question is — can a religion become one?

Religion provides an objective knowledge of the principles of the Divine world order, free from the speculative views and subjective feelings. It exists outside of human consciousness and is focused on a certain mentality, a social group, geo-cultural environment. Due to the multi-polar world and heterogeneity of the public institutions that provide certain social behavior, religion regulates moral behavior of man, but not of the world community as a social group. So there cannot be one religion for all or the religious fusion and creation of a new universal religious concepts. Our spirituality will be a seeding uniting the process of humanization. Unlike humanism it is not a separate manifestation of kindness and humanity towards the society and its activities, but, directs the society's General responsiveness in the implementation of spirituality in all spheres of life, not just the religious.

We should pay attention to the fact that most countries are secular states, where the influence of religion on the social environment is

mediated. A secular state according to its constitution, as a rule, separates personal and socio-political spheres of life, giving religion a private format, while state power is spread and based on civil society, and in fact, on a secular spirituality. And if a religion makes a set of church rules and norms of religious behavior privately, the basis for the civil society which represents a collection of all ethnicities and religious faiths, social institutions and social groups, is primarily the Moral law, or, figuratively speaking, the ideology of secular life.

Spiritual Culture is the social expression of the Moral law. This concept is still being interspersed in the structure of the new format of the secular state. In a secular state, the influence of the government on the social and general geopolitical environment is large, and the “decent life” is entirely derived from the “royal science”, as Aristotle said, namely: the establishment of a just and developed society is possible only in conditions of ethico-moral climate.

There is no doubt that ethical norms and moral foundations of life are the basic values and guidelines for the development of civil society. Here the Moral law is understood as the norm of collective coexistence, the expression of the common civil commitment and shared responsibility towards the present and future. Therefore, the Moral law reflects the principles of true spirituality of the society, its culture and the ability to maintain a stable basis of existence, to pass them on to future generations.

In modern conditions true spirituality, figuratively speaking, is “sealed under asphalt” by the consumer civilization lifestyle. Usually when there is a conflict of interests, which is the main feature of consumer civilization, the survival of society and its well-being becomes secondary, and before all, as it is seen nowadays, is power, which precludes the existence of religious spirituality, not to mention secular culture. That is why the Moral law of life must always be the referee that governs the actions of the conflicting parties.

What should be done to make Spiritual Culture become a real creative power, transforming layers of anti-evolution accretions of consumer civilization to reveal to people their true purpose, their true way, to instill in people the will to live and to mobilize them for the implementation of the high ideas and ideals?

Everyone voluntarily choosing this way must fully understand the discipline of this way, the possible problems arising in the process of achieving the High goals and ideals. At the same time, a man, having stepped on the path of spiritual serving, soon becomes aware that this serving is natural and healing, precious and vital. Only this serving reveals to him the real access to life's light, to true freedom, to genuine being and personal dignity. Spiritual service does not degrade, does not infringe human rights, and on the contrary, it completes the construction of its existence, makes it meaningful, logical, filled with socially significant content, elevates man as in his own eyes and in the eyes of society, the people around him. Only through conscious serving, people can achieve the deep satisfaction with their lives, which will be an important part of human happiness.

Of course, for many people such position cause some doubt. Indeed, what can the Word, even with a capital letter, do against the uncontrolled force destroying all basic values? Or whether verbal exhortations can stop this destructive stream of injustice, savagery, ignorance, violence, anger?

At present, we just come to the understanding of what the extremely difficult, qualitatively new tools of Spiritual Culture must be. We will have to recreate thistools from the immutable formulas of life and having mastered it, to administer the great transformative work.

Today a considerable number of cultural figures, scientists, ministers of almost all denominations, some public and state leaders aspire to master the tools of Spiritual Culture. But now their

disparate, uncoordinated efforts are spontaneous and do not have any significant transformative impact on the improvement of the moral and spiritual atmosphere in the world.

Therefore on the foreground there is the task of self-organization of the vanguard of the true ministers of Culture, expanding their ranks and enhancing their influence on all the processes that occur in the world.

Global conflicts and the perennial problem of conflict of interest are supposed to be solved through political means, but as history shows, the effectiveness of politicians in this matter is too low. The world is closer than ever to the brink of catastrophe. This suggests that some people or a group of persons vested with public powers, or high religious position wouldn't be able to resolve the problem of international tensions and to stop existing conflicts. It is necessary to create a Public institution capable of ensuring world Peace and to make Moral law the only way of establishing a new world order, acting in the interests of life and prosperity of all peoples.

The need for public support for the establishing of Peace all over the world is quite natural and meets the requirements of the time.

Spiritual Culture asserts the Moral law on the principles of universal human nature. The idea of a new world order is not a whim of idealists. It is being formed and becomes objective in the historical turning point of development of civilization from world domination of the global economic system to human values of life – Spiritual Culture.

External threats make the world community revise the “rules of the game” and start to put the world processes in order, in fact, to eliminate planetary chaos. Global stability is not only the establishment of a new world order, but first of all, the new international relations of a multipolar world, created on the basis of ethical and moral climate of life.

THE COMMON WELFARE

The new coming reality demands mankind to revise many of life's constants and to undertake urgent practical actions to prevent imminent threats. Humanity has to understand that **separated peoples and their uncontrollable desire to assert and defend their own purposes, selfish and unharmonized with the interests of the Common welfare, leads the world to ruin.**

Of course, the world community in the form of official bodies shows concern about the situation in the world. It is, however, apparent their complete inability to adequately and timely respond to the formidable challenges of the time.

But the world may not passively wait for the authorities to be mature enough to understand the urgency of necessary actions. **In order for mankind to fully realize how badly the situation is and to start creating a planetary mobilization project that returns the development of human civilization in the natural course of evolutionary creation, it needs to be given strong impulse to withdraw it from a state of complacency and torpor.**

As it has been already mentioned, the transition of humanity into a New Era is extremely difficult. A multilevel evolutionary process that will extend for decades and, possibly, for centuries, and is unlikely to be steady. The human world must be ready to implement a kind of informational leap, freed from obsolete, irrelevant to the realities of the forms of the globalization of economics, politics and multiculture. There is no doubt that the religious, cultural and ethnic diversity of the world is its individual characteristic, which is also as necessary, as the preservation of life on earth.

But there is a basic underlying pattern, which will largely determine the content of the modern era. This pattern is a **multi-faceted process of transition from individualism and self focused forms of organization of life and work to much improved collective relationships**. It will be a quite long and difficult period of gradual eradication, overcoming the selfish nature of modern public relations. The basics of the fundamental institutions of modern civilization, such as state power, law, democracy, human rights, ownership, intellectual property rights, inheritance, and many, many others should be significantly changed. In the most general form it can be stated that the main value of renewing rules will be not the individual, anxious to protect his personal interests, but the achievement of the Common welfare. Opening new possibilities, of course, will not infringe upon or limit the existing legal systems. The new regulation would override these rights, overcome their limitations aimed on private interest only and empower to act in the interests of all. But, of course, through common interest the private interest will be fully satisfied too.

Attempts to develop general laws for the whole world did not meet expectations. Even such influential organization as the League of Nations, established for these purposes, did not achieve positive results, as it didn't have the concept of sustainable and harmonious development of the world, and only dealt with the issues of international stability in the bipolar world of the clash of communism and capitalism. Subsequently, this task was undertaken by the UN, which today in the absence of bipolarity and creating of multifunctional international relations again has to look for its niche.

The question of world government as the regulator of all relationships in the new system of international relations is still open, since there is no definite contours of the universal ideas of life on earth. In this case, the absence of the natural order becomes inevitable, "accidents" hotbeds of conflicts occur more often and put the world in the dependence on the ideological development of

“controlled chaos”. In this regard, the world order does not evolve in cycles, but moves spontaneously turning into a system of “disposable life”. In this place the acute problem of collective security occurs. **Namely, collective security is a form of the Common welfare.**

The common welfare as a balance between politics, economics and the social sphere under the current circumstances of military conflicts and hotbeds of tension is possible only in conditions of collective security. The key to its success may be not only clear and transparent system of international law, but also the Spiritual Culture.

The underlying strategic values of life, common to all peoples is a platform for the Common welfare and stability. According to actual history, the beliefs and meanings of life, goal setting has always played the main role in development. They represented the historical cultural framework that has been evolving over many centuries, like a common thread passing through all the eras. In fact, all communications between people, although having economic and political component, are primarily based on the signal system “friend or foe”. They are established on the principle of safety and common patterns, including cultural, then according to the necessities of life. Therefore, collective security and social reality (the human world) is fully interconnected with each other by the formula of the Common welfare. It contains all the positive potential of the experience of nations, ethnic groups, cultural and religious groups and other communities in achieving stable and strong international relations. There is no doubt that the Common welfare is quite a realistic concept, which incorporates the norms and rules of human society.

Modern strategy of balance of power is based on the instability of the world in the factor of the prevalence of macroeconomics over other economic zones. Due to the growing demographics of certain countries (for the last 40 years) it has lost the ability to see and formulate a clear vision of the future. It is hard to be called a peace-

loving strategy, since it is created for getting control over the world to a greater extent than for regulation of international relations and determining the course of human civilization. The present day shows the failure of this strategy in the multipolar structure of the world, moreover, it doesn't take into consideration the system of the Common welfare as a stable and progressive direction in the development of the global Society. Instead, there is a theory of massive democratic "promotion", guaranteeing a peaceful solution to all the key issues of our time. However, observing in practice, the increasing immersion of the world community into this strategy identifies its shortcomings and a clear threat: Splicing of national interests with the democratic foundations takes place through the struggle for survival, defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity by radical ways, namely by elimination of universal interests and principles of global security.

Spiritual Culture reflects the strategy of the world in common security. It has a protective character, which corresponds to a new paradigm of development and stabilization of international relations. Thus, the notion of the Common welfare moves from the category of philosophical-idealistic theory, into the particular phase of implementation Peace in the World that is sure to provide a move to a new frontier of existence and open new opportunities for progress.

The idea of international cooperation based on universal values and interests – Spiritual Culture – has a historic foundation of the appropriateness of life itself. This foundation remains the firm backbone of Civilization, capable to reflect and to find adequate solutions to the challenges of our time. This is the idea of our further existence as a rational human species, qualitatively changing in the process of evolution from separate to a more developed consciousness and spiritually in the field of diverse communications. Such is our human world with its huge potential of life and opportunities of self-actualization.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER

The present civilization, with all its continental and other confrontations and conflicts is an integral product of geopolitical and socio-cultural formation and development of nations. This development gradually formed a certain type of international order on the basis of a social community of people. It is absolutely clear that different forms of international relations: economic, informational, legal, environmental, ideological, etc., actively influence the human world to organize it gradually to a more sustainable model of a global home. However, the same factors with the same strength create the effect of “repulsion” of nations complicating the international situation. So, we can make a conclusion that today social community is just a core, around which there is a constant movement but no stability.

The question of international order, perhaps one of the most important and topical. In spite of the variety of socio-cultural factors of life, from folk traditions to national priorities, the human community is the collective form of existence due to the fact that most people of the earth have common ideals and values. It is considered that these basic fundamentals of life play a minor role in creating the international order, and even international law has the original status of the optional performance. But when it comes to threats and challenges of the time and to the capacity of the survival of the peoples in the difficult conditions of international confrontation, which in this period has its critical maximum, it is common ideals and values, norms of international law that become the basis of consolidation of the people and social cohesion.

International order is a communicative sphere, which cannot exist by itself and cannot spontaneously create itself just on new challenges and problems. Such world construction requires special

attention and regulation, strategic thinking and creativity common to all peoples perspectives.

Today it is quite difficult to talk about the international order as a social community, because modern realities imposed a blackout on this phenomenon. We only see the ghost of the inter-state order, somehow balancing over the abyss of modernity. That is what is called the current world order of relative existence of inter-state cooperation. But historically it was a social environment and conditions that determined the type of civilization. If one goes back to the recent past, states did not have this status and definition because they received it due to modernization. People always remain people regardless of the nation, the tribe, the community they live in. **Therefore, social community along with the international order is the back bone of the human civilization, which is able to develop and progress according to evolutionary change.**

The world is arriving at a point, where priority should be given to those areas of life that were secondary. “Culture” and “Civilization” are inseparable from each other conceptually. This inseparability is given to them by the unity of human society and international relations. The quality of culture and cultural relations forms the quality of life of Civilization itself. It is an indisputable fact of history. German philosopher K. Jaspers believed that the achievement of a world order is possible only if each participant abandons absolute sovereignty in favor of the common world order, which is practically unattainable, because sovereignty is an integral part of modern states and it is their complete independence in foreign and domestic policy towards other states. So, if the waiver of sovereignty is impossible, there must be a new type of international relations and world order. Surely this must be a form of “lasting peace” based on the Spiritual Culture of international relations. Guaranteed peace and order can be achieved only by common interests and universal human commonality, beyond nations and their sovereignty.

The cultural process of spiritualization of the world assumes that humanity will come to understand the historical advantages of social community over personal and sovereign interests. Therefore, the priority of the social community should gradually prevail in all spheres of international and public life, moreover, to prevail not by force, but naturally and harmoniously, as naturally and harmoniously the lower forms of life and labor evolve to higher forms. The human experience teaches clearly that the social community is able to solve many problems of our time. **Modern time requires urgent maturing up to understanding the importance of social community and civilization unity. The collective approach is higher, better, more promising, more humane, fairer than isolated individualism.**

Individualism as a necessary element of renewing civilization is vital, but within certain limits. And all hypertrophied forms of militant individualism, selfishness should gradually be replaced by more efficient forms of organization of public, international and state life.

Modern times, New Era, again “turns” us to the collective conscious. It is obvious **that the most rousing idea of the twentieth century has not gone, not failed, not exhausted. On the contrary, in the twenty-first century for the first time in human existence, the conditions for the resumption of a more comprehensive and full development of the collectivist entity of renewing civilization is being created to activate those deep processes, which are inherent.**

But we have to be fully aware of the fact that this high goal cannot be achieved quickly. Voluntary, conscious movements along the stages of progress, the expansion of consciousness, the growth of spirituality as inner needs, as a higher form of self-development and self-realization, is not contrary to other forms of life and not infringing on anyone else’s interests, are represented by Spiritual Culture.

In this regard, it is very important to emphasize the absurdity of attempts to revive something that died, that did not meet the

aspirations of people to artificially construct a “Paradise on earth”, forcibly to benefit people. Spiritual ideas, which are the ideas of social justice, cannot be attained either through political means, or through violence over human free-will. They are achieved in the process of spiritual evolution and environmental changes, in the way of voluntary (not forced) inner transformation of man.

The establishing of the collective elements and social community is a diverse and complex process. It can't be made as a result of a “one-time leap”. It is a gradual substitution of value orientations on others (from individualism to collectivism), resulting in a comprehensive reconstruction of a system of public and international affairs, affecting the material and spiritual realms; the way of life for a society.

Changing public and international relations on the principles of priority of building a lasting peace and a peaceful coexistence is a natural process of transition of the whole civilized system to a new level of living. Practice shows that these principles have the potential to awaken in society new powerful forces immensely transcending the creative potential of mankind.

Now, when collectivism is significantly cramped, we, nevertheless, consider it possible to conclude that **the collectivist orientation of social development in the New Era must increasingly become a kind of strategic guidance in further evolutionary and creative transformation of human civilization.** Therefore, in deciding on a particular local area practical problem, it is important not to lose sight of this main strategic guideline, to consider it relevantly in making socially important decisions, to guide the intentional development in the direction of evolutionary change.

The basis of the concept of collectivity is to live for other people, for the world, not to be indifferent to everything that surrounds us, to strive to do good. But the idea here is not about philanthropy, not about sacrifice, unrequited service to the “idea of good”. Realizing

life and work, in the words of K. Marx, as “human relation” to the other person, people of collectivistic orientation will build a new world where each person will have opportunities for – comprehensive development, creativity and self-realization. And within existing social gradations, man, acting from a position of collectivism, i.e. generously presenting other people with his attention and care, showing the participation and assistance, receives in return a full measure of human kindness, appreciation, and support. Peace all over the world is achieved by Goodness.

HUMAN VALUES

In all the variety of the transition process of humanity to the New Era **the main orientation for the transformations will be given by the same for all fundamental principles and origins.** Of course, the cultural and civilizational diversity of the world will not be closed on a narrow spectrum of some artificially created norms and concepts, moreover, it will continue to expand according to the unfolding of creative and intellectual capabilities of mankind. But the conventional ideals and universal values will remain dominant, and they eventually will make up the main content for updating of the global process.

It is quite obvious that the global spread of democratic principles and values is only the outer form having within its concept of western ideological color, orienting attention to a market economy and other factors of rights and freedoms of a person, his political participation in governance. All this is a quite natural material component of society and they are the rational initiatives to maintain international relations in a multipolar world. However, we must acknowledge that, despite the magnitude of the globalization project, it is not human-oriented and not focused on the inner changes of society itself that is its socio-cultural and spiritual components. The establishment of other ideologies for controlling the world, like globalization, is unlikely to find a decent response from the global majority, because

the human world seeks self-identification and, therefore, a stable life platform. You should take into account as a moment of truth, that all ideologies of management are always created as opposition to preceding or dominant systems. Thus, “socialist values and ideals” were opposed to “capitalist”, and when the victory of the latter was achieved, the world, as they say, “stood up on its hind legs” in search of “free being”.

Today, of course, it is difficult in all the details to describe the transition of all civilizations in a New Era, but some of the main directions of this process appear to be quite obvious.

1. **Social harmony.** It contains the assertion of moral and spiritual values, which are based on the ethical content of life itself.

The Ethical issue of Life is beyond the narrow-minded interest, as it reflects all principles of peaceful coexistence of peoples, including the factors of military threats, risks and negative consequences that extend to the planet’s ecosystem. In the modern world Ethics of Life is usually understood as some kind of philosophy of social development laws and transmission in the environment of human behavior and society itself. But in reality it is much more than a simple relationship of “man and society” it is, in fact, **the global form of a human dormitory, and it includes nature, and the cosmos, and the entire universe.** Expanding the boundaries of human cognition of the essence of being has given the opportunity to see ethical connections far beyond the limits of a philosophical and scientific worldview. So today **the moral and spiritual values find the position of the main actors on the stage of world events.** The fact is that basic values are universal to all peoples; they are primarily strategic meanings of multiplication and preservation of life, keeping peace on Earth.

Updated model of the organization of life is directly related to the state and to society, it contains all the positive civilization

experiences of harmonious being, organically accepting the spiritual culture of man and society and the possibilities of improvement of all organizational and material structures. Experiencing a stage of development requires quick responsiveness to the challenges of the new time and abilities to find solutions, able to put in life all the change through peace and creation.

Undoubtedly, **the ethics factor has the key importance, as the balancing beginning.** All human motives must be confined to the implementation of a bright future that excludes the irrational, the superficial, the artificially complicated and the selfish.

2. **Fair society.** The transformation of life involves the clarification of the hierarchy of moral values from the distortion and layers of the consumptive attitude to life and its resources. In the framework of updates of the hierarchy of moral values of new construction, there should be **justice**. No one would deny that freedom, democracy and human rights, are the greatest treasures of human civilization. It is justice that one can fertilize the above mentioned institutions with natural ethical content, which was directly pointed out by the great Plato: “don’t put anything ahead of justice.”

Civilization in its essence is a form of human community that exists in a particular historical and cultural range of development. It contains the all signs of intelligence and its mission is to bring the human world to a higher level of existence, to get it significantly contrasting to everything that is animal and chaotic, in the act of relations, as the French philosophers said, by the exclusion of war, violence, slavery, poverty and injustice.

A change of historical periods is inextricably linked with the changing contours of the human civilization. The old world, full of contradictions, is irreversibly coming to its end, but the positive changes introduced by the new spirit of the times, are crystallizing immutable structures of the world, which incorporates the entire

spectrum of world history, the unity and diversity of Spiritual Culture of the peoples — their common ideals and values.

The world is entering a phase where the old materialistic orientations can no longer give it the impetus to development because of the intensification of contradictions and the accumulation of unresolved problems that pose a serious dam. A new round of civilization is also a new format of its social structure. Previously, many ideas of this book were considered idealistic and unacceptable for implementation, belonging to the cosmopolitan views, but the present situation of civilizational threats and challenges suggests that **high sense and high ideals are strategic areas in the survival factor of the human community on the planet.** Therefore, the idea of the transformation of modern civilization into a just society is becoming a topical issue. In first place is the continuity of the movement of human consciousness and the world community to human cultural and spiritual values that remained for thousands of years unchanged. **Fair society in this context is intelligent life according to the highest laws, principles and rules of planetary dormitory.**

3. **The principle of social unity.** Through all the diverse attributes of socio-economic and socio-political development of modern states, a new deep tendency begins to appear, the essence of which is the socialization of civil society as the process of uniting people on the principles of the Common welfare and approval of the higher values of life, based on the Spiritual Culture. Of course, this tendency is underway. Symbolically, the end of the age of the old world will be accompanied by the termination of nationalist ideologies. Although some geopolitical regions rely on national priorities, this format no longer has that political orientation, which nationalist ideology simulates. The revival of radical nationalist ideologies also doomed to failure, as well as the formation of states by political measures only.

The principle of social cohesion is expressed as social tolerance, namely, as a general harmony of civil interaction. This also applies to

states, and certain ethnic groups, and the entire world community. It is an updated idea, inherently, the idea of a communitarian society, in the short term will be the pulsating nerve of world history.

The centuries-long struggle of peoples for progress, freedom, equality and justice brought the world to the threshold of the “third way”. The way of ideological traditions is passed, the way of globalization is being completed, humanity has no choice but to follow the way of equal responsibility for world community. This in some way is a socialist form of life. The fact that the socialist idea is not dead, and restores its creative potential with amendments on the experience gained and taking an updated look, is confirmed by the practice of many developed countries (Sweden, Norway, Germany, USA, etc.), the development of which (often against the will of the ruling elite) gradually turns to the “third way”. Of course, the true meaning of even the most advanced upgraded models of capitalism (for example “Swedish socialism”, etc.) is to ensure that the developed and rich capitalism pays a tribute to the socialist idea by limiting the means of the owners, trying in this way to strengthen its system, without bringing the matter to real socialism. Moreover, the more intelligent a ruling elite is, the greater the tribute they pay for the maintenance of stability and order. However, the socialist “blotches” continue to develop from the inside, gradually transforming the foundations of the capitalist organization of labor.

This process is mostly spontaneous. The originality of experiencing the moment is that of spontaneity, it should gradually be transformed into a focused creative process. As a grafted tree produces qualitatively other fruits, so the society, grafted with the values of Spiritual Culture, will begin to bear other fruition, to restore justice, true equality, dissolving social selfishness in the adoption of the common good.

The process of socialization of a civil society, into a tolerant society should take full account of the mistakes of the past. Today,

for example, it is obvious that the slogan of universal equality is unviable, as historical experience has confirmed that this slogan is not feasible. Much is possible in just socialization: to mitigate, and ultimately to eliminate caste, racial, national, religious, and class differences. The social differences though being adjusted by the state, remain in any society, primarily as baseline levels of life: poor, rich, middle level. But with all **that, the social order is absolutely necessary for affirming the equal control over state and society, equivalent to the responsibility established by law. This system is supposed to be a practical living ethics of common life, social power, expressing the unity of society.**

POLITICS OF LIFE AND PROSPERITY

Changes in policy should be an important tendency in the human world. The idea of these changes **is in practice to turn politics to the Spiritual Culture.** Today it is becoming obvious that economic, social, interethnic relations, not based on Spiritual Culture, not taking into account its fundamental principles and postulates, give rise to mistrust, misunderstanding and antagonism that leads to unexpected results, often opposite to what was intended. Only Spiritual Culture, as the basis of politics, may make it an effective evolutionary force, fair and appropriate.

The politics does not arise by itself, it is formed influenced by the image generated by the people in its content embedding factors of well-being. Ideas, values, ideals, spiritual and moral values, and strategic meanings of life represent political culture through which the process of organization of life undergoes this process of social and state-building that determines the viability of the social system. The vivid interest of people towards politics is an integral part of social life, which clearly shows that politics without Spiritual Culture has destructive tendencies, by means of the cooperation of people, it is turned into a struggle for power and its redistribution. Where there

is no morality in politics, flourish politicization and political apathy equally are futile and inhumane.

The way to solving the problem of the future of mankind is in the synthesis of culture and politics, ethics and governance, morality and power. New circumstances require the cleansing of policy at all layers and returning it to the spiritual and moral foundations of political culture.

Politics is a humanitarian tool, organizing reasonable existence, unlike being in general. Political socialization is the special act that makes not only political beliefs, but to a greater extent, the goals and common values of the lives of citizens are transmitted to the succeeding generations. The influence of policy on all historical and cultural phenomena of human life and society is undoubted. Its ability to build equitable relations in the world and regulate the relationship between the different spheres of human activity plays a crucial role for the realization of the best scripts of the future. Policy in the new millennium can be defined as state ethics covering all activities relating to external and internal state governance.

Updated understanding of policy requires the observance of the moral law and natural integrity all of its members. Only people of high Culture can set the order in the family, village, city, state and the world.

Modern politics expresses the interests of elite groups and political party preferences to a greater extent more than of people's aspirations and necessities of life. This syndrome cannot be termed political competence because the elites groups always contribute to the aggravation of class contradictions and struggles. Political competence is not only in the ability to understand the whole complex structure of the interaction between state and society, international relations, it also comes from the ability to find adequate measures of stabilization of a class situation and reduce the threshold of the

crisis of global governance by cultural regulation. Spiritual Culture in this case is the power of connecting all the classes and elites in uniform civil Institute — Humanitat. The spiritual ties of the people are always above national, class and elite benefits.

The presence of elitist groups, whether within the state or globally, in the modern historical period is a double-edged problem. On the one hand, this has the meaning of the excellent public abilities of personalities and thinkers, to able to exert a positive influence on the society, on the other hand, it is the power, concentrated in a certain “class consciousness” that is actually not always used wisely and productively. Therefore, elitism always should be directly linked to the prosperity of society as a whole, since the task of the elite is to give the world, the state a wholesome cultural policy, able not only to stabilize the internal and external situation, but to bring updated tendencies into the social environment. In several regions of the world there is an inverse syndrome, when national elites act contrary to its original purpose, supporting, and sometimes giving rise to nationalistic tendencies of separation and superiority, fueling between the fraternal peoples the flames of mistrust and hostility, and as how the current situation in the Ukraine shows, fratricidal wars. Today sometimes it seems that life presents to us a bleak picture of despair and hopelessness in restoring harmony and cooperation between peoples. Is this true? Let’s not jump to definitive conclusions. One should not underestimate the accumulated foundation of friendship and cooperation, which has been laid by spiritual ties between ethnic groups, nations and civil society.

Indeed, for centuries on our common territory **the most important for human civilization evolutionary work has been done forming the great opportunity for the placement of the huge diversity of ethnic communities.** The main result of this huge work is real, honest truly equal friendship between peoples. Today, it is extremely important to all of us to realize that **our united people have made a significant progress in the formation of a special community of people of different**

nationalities. This is our most important achievement! This is the highest reality that we have! This is our major advantage over many other peoples of the earth that we have no right to waste.

Also it is important to realize that the path of friendship and cooperation, on which we have stepped, is not something special. **This is the only truly evolutionary path, a highway for all nations of the earth.**

Without belittling everything that is taking place on the world stage in the field of world politics, however, we come to the firm conclusion that the authorities and “elites” come and go, peoples remain. The range of issues related to future prospects of life and the international world, should be solved by collective resolution by democratic process. Here the democratic process should be understood as the pattern of the cultural and historical development of society, namely the politics of life and prosperity of nations. The true values of democracy always remain relevant and in demand in society, because they represent the tools and freedoms of choice in the implementation of life, development of personality and society. Such instrumentation is given by Spiritual Culture.

It should be deeply grasped the difference between national and nationalist approach in the implementation of the vision of the future. The prosperity of the state, the nation and the world are not separate processes. They are interrelated with each other by, the general idea of life. National in the supranational policy must receive and will receive full support and new opportunities for comprehensive development. Nationalist in the framework of such a policy cannot count on the support and should be rejected by society, gradually deleted by all its lifestyle. Only in conditions of supranational policies such complex processes as the ongoing consolidation of a number of nations, the growth of national consciousness, the healthy development of the national cultures, traditions, values, overcoming ethnic hatred, the strengthening of the spiritual unity of all nations and nationalities,

can occur in an evolutionary, and progressive way, being organically integrated into the creative potential of society.

Russia has been going this way, and as a multinational state in the best sense of the word is “doomed” to a communitarian way of development of society. Globally, this process is also inevitable, otherwise the aggressive outbursts of activity, nationalism, russophobia, radicalism, up to fascism, will destroy the world completely. Friendship of the people open, honest, truly equitable and spiritual harmony can save not only the world, but the planetary future.

Going back to the middle ages is impossible! Politics of life and prosperity lies in the historical reality of a global dormitory. And yet, despite the ongoing nationalist surges, real life brings us to the main conclusion: **the main feature of the current period is awareness of the need to unite people.** An increasing number of people of the earth have begun to understand this important sequence. The world is changing rapidly under the influence of heterogeneous information, which does not always have a positive impact. The question of the preservation of the national uniqueness of peoples, their culture and identity is acute. It is becoming increasingly obvious that **the opportunity to live in a peaceful human community is a guarantee of a bright future. The peaceful coexistence of peoples is possible only when maintaining and improving of good-neighbourly relations and, above all, spiritual harmony on the principles common to everybody. They, these principles ultimately determine the quality of life and opportunities for human self-actualization.**

Today, **this deep fundamental principle of development receives its concrete embodiment in terms of Spiritual Culture.** The world is on the threshold of the birth of a new form of Civilization and the adoption of Spiritual Culture which is the main instrument of transformation of mankind and the entire world order. In this time humanity can see that **Spiritual Culture is the true Light of a peaceful and grace-filled future, it is the basis of spiritual life.**

THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CULTURE

The main task of modern time is to strengthen the impact of **the spiritual and creative elite of mankind on the historical destiny. They are the world's most recognized people of science, culture and art, representatives of major world religions, public and political figures of the humanistic direction, all authoritative, thoughtful people of good will who understand the absolute urgency of global concerted action.** Only the collective opinion of the representatives and creators of Spiritual Culture, embodied in relevant documents, may change the existing realities of the consumer “disposable” life.

In order to consolidate the spiritual elite of humanity and to unite disparate efforts of separate units of Spiritual Culture into a single community, **the World Forum of Spiritual Culture was established. In the future it is meant to become the spiritual centre of the planet, to accommodate the richness and diversity of national and public life forms of life, to be a creative tool for more effective influence of Spiritual Culture on the historical destiny of mankind.** Executive bodies of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture are formed which have already been voluntarily joined by a large group of participants of the World Forum from 72 countries of the world. In Russia, the International center of Spiritual Culture is established positioning itself as the executive body of the World Forum. It is very important that the initiative of Astana, where the first session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture took place in October 2010 got real, effective support on all continents.

Now, when on the basis of proposals of the participants of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture the program for the second session of the Forum is being prepared, a system of sustainable cooperation of all thinking people of the Earth should be gradually established.

The World Forum of Spiritual Culture has fulfilled its main mission. It **proclaimed a new transformative vector for civilization development. The countdown for the New Time has begun.**

But there is a basic underlying pattern, which will largely determine the content of the modern era. This pattern is **a multi–faceted process of transition from predominantly, focused on the autonomy and sovereignty of the forms of organization of life, to a qualitatively higher communitarian ones.** A new paradigm of relations outlines as the most important and priority the areas of global security and international peace based on common core values of all peoples.

It will be a quite long and difficult period of gradual eradication, overcoming the selfish nature of modern public relations. Communitarian form of the relationship is somewhat new concept, and if ethnic form is emerging from the masses to power, the national – from the principles of authority and governance to the society, the communitarian – from common values and ideals to international peace and common interests. Unlike communism it is not a public construction of material equality, organized on the principle of democratic centralism, but the Spiritual and Cultural equality on the principle of unity and mutual respect among peoples.

A new understanding of history as a scholastic process of a combination of many factors, including the unpredictable ones, forms the indeterminate image of the future of humanity. All this makes to search for constructive solutions, so scientific, philosophical and religious synthesis as picking up the necessary knowledge is an act of gathering stones for building and developing the New World. Despite widespread scepticism about new possibilities of community relations, this form since the dawn of human civilization remains more stable and progressive. Another thing is that past civilizations, preceding the present one, were unable to adopt its fundamental origins in the World International Association of Culture, but this collegiality is the

living core, around which the historical periods and patterns of world development are formed.

Fragmentation of the geopolitical areas, isolation of ethnic groups and peoples is a syndrome of survival not only of the modern period, but the indicator of serious destruction of human life itself. However, different kinds of exchange between communities, including scientific, cultural, and religious, are changing the nature of international relations through social evolution and development, which is contrary to the syndrome of isolation and political disunity and operates in an independent way thanks to a breakthrough in information technology. Of course, the Internet space is a universal field of communications and its environment is far ahead of the civilizational processes of the old world, but virtual communication cannot replace natural human interaction, what is called “face to face”, so the World International Association of Culture is a collective phenomenon of direct interaction and creation of all necessary documents and directives that define the format of the New Era. Representatives of different countries and nations have already made and are making a contribution to new life-building, thus, the World International Association of Culture becomes truly extensive, gaining strength and dynamism of action. In this regard, Congress of Spiritual Accord, an International organization “Peace through Culture” and other non-governmental organizations actively involved in the implementation of life-affirming foundations and principles of international relations, should be noted.

Universal patterns of international relations are enclosed in widespread actions. The increasing density of the interdependence of states in the modern world by means of macroeconomics causes the parallel process of increasing the integrity of the international structure. Gradually, the world begins to move towards integration, and the social process — to the universal form of interaction.

International relations in the format of the old world are archaic in nature, dominated by personal interests, and, therefore, inter-

state conflicts often end with wars. It should be noted that all advance directive documents concerning the peaceful settlement of the conflict are made exclusively “in the terms of military threats” and offer no strategy for peace as a guarantee of long-term global security. Instead billions in budgets are spent for strengthening sovereign security through the accumulation of the nuclear arsenal. Today it is a precarious doubtful guarantee of state security, and, actually, a very serious threat to the entire world. When you do not trigger agreement, nothing remains but “to hang a gun on the wall”. But even this drastic measure of balancing the realities of the old world, despite the complexity of the situation, should have other, peaceful possibilities.

It cannot be said that the peace initiatives of the past were not actually governing international relations. But if we turn to history, we can see that, for example, the Baghdad Pact of February 24, 1955 was created to help to promote the doctrine of deterrence, but was open only “for any member of the League of Arab States, and for any other state, actively interested in peace and security in that region” which created a “playing field” restrictions, a sort of diverting attention from the larger global threats. Iraq, where nuclear weapons haven’t been found by today, and who withdrew from the jurisdiction of that pact in those days, still remains of the imaginary “threat” to peace in the big game of nuclear powers. Or, for example, pact Briand – Kellogg, even more archaic than the previous one, was created in August 1928, regulating the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy and talking about the resolution of all disputes and conflicts between states by peaceful means. However, with all of its symbolism and the correctness of the wording he did not envisage the imposition of any sanctions for the war, placing it just outside the law as fact. The attempt to revive the tradition of “peace through law” that pact had a static form, since, in addition to the sanctions, it did not deny the right of self-defense, therefore, all acts of legitimate self-defence was not military and was not considered a war, while no self-defence can be without an attack from the side. The formality of those documents and their theoretical approach are quite obvious. But attention should be paid to another “post-war” the 1968 treaty on the non-proliferation, signed by

three nuclear power states — Britain, the USA and the USSR, also joined by 59 non-nuclear states, which assumed the obligation not to acquire, not to produce, and not to possess nuclear weapons. In exchange, the members of that “nuclear club” received a margin of preference in the acquisition of technology for peaceful purposes, whereas to the other participants, who had no nuclear arsenal at all, that applied only figuratively. Such discrimination made that treaty a sham, although almost 178 countries extended it for an unlimited period.

The world today in addition to this treaty has got treaties on strategic arms limitation and reduction of strategic and tactical weapons, but it is on the brink of nuclear catastrophe, not to mention a real war, where the prohibited weapons are used overtly.

Human civilization goes back to the need to raise the issues of peace and security not only as a political action but as Public Initiative as well. That is why World International Association of Culture is declared, having its purpose to unite all public, state, private and other peaceful and creative initiatives into a single format of collegiality for joint creation of new documents on security, the formation of public opinion and authoritative influence on the stabilization of international relations, upholding the principles of long-term world peace.

Now, as never before, it is important to have the Peace Pact - the international agreement about the integrity of the structure of socio-planetary relations governing peace and stability, the preservation of fundamental principles of Spiritual Culture for the future on Earth. This document must not just be created, but it must be crystallized in the minds of most members of the World International Association of Culture, must be filled with objective content and high meanings. This work has started and should be continued further. The second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture is to implement these historically important goals. We call upon the entire world community to take an active participation in this work.

Only by joint efforts we will save the world !

APPENDIX

DOCUMENTS OF THE WORLD FORUM OF SPIRITUAL CULTURE AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

DECLARATION “TO THE NEW WORLD AND CREATION THROUGH SPIRITUAL CULTURE” Astana, October 20, 2010

We – the participants of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture from 72 countries met to discuss the important issues of our time: how to overcome the spiritual and moral crisis that destroys people and the human world, to embody the ideals of friendship, toleration, cooperation in everyday life, how to create for the future generations positive and harmonious conditions for development on the planet Earth. Humanity has a great need to improve its living conditions. Global natural disasters and social upheaval, violence and conflicts disturb people of the entire planet, forcing us to think about the deep essence and meaning of the processes. In addition to the impact of external environmental factors, the world is suffering from economic crisis, geopolitical and interreligious conflicts. But the greatest danger is in the violation of traditional principles, the abolition of the institutions of life, having moral content.

We are sure: the spiritualization of the world is the common goal of all sensible people, both in the present and in the future. We welcome and encourage international, public and private initiatives for the World and man, contributing to the establishment of harmony on the planet, solidarity of cultures, societies, peoples and states. For finding spiritual harmony, we proclaim the priority of the values and ideals of Spiritual Culture, which have absorbed the power of true beauty, creativity and goodness; the true heroism of selfless cooperation. The cognition of the higher aspects of Existence will ennoble a person’s thinking, will inspire the creative work of human hands and give directions for improvement. The art of living, the science of living and life ethics in

their interconnection and integration is the synthesis to reveal the content of Spiritual Culture. Mutual understanding, tolerance, peaceful friendly relations among people and nations, appreciation of human dignity are the keys to the future of peace and humanity, a harmonious combination of material and spiritual values.

We affirm the priority of Spiritual Culture, which leads to peace and progress throughout the world, carries the positive contribution of spiritual seekers to a transformation in the thinking of mankind. The idea determines a state of being. In this regard, we call on everyone to mobilize their inner strength and physical ability to restore harmonious relations between people, the Cosmos and Nature, states, the international community and nations, between man and the Higher World. Our determination comes from a common interest in promoting international order in peace, creation on the planet of favorable conditions of life for each person, each nation and each country. We must stop the destructive tendencies expressed in extreme forms of social, ethnic and religious selfishness, terrorism, extremism and totalitarian group actions.

We draw the world's attention to the vital need to overcome the crisis of spirit and morality. A Spiritually-moral revival of man can save the world from human destruction. Realizing this simple truth, we recall the notions and postulates of Spiritual Culture:

1. Love is the only sign of the common Good in Earthly life. Spiritual harmony, mutuality and respect are manifestations of Love, the only moral Law for man and the Universe. Spiritual Culture is guided by this Law, defining it as a basis of a life-affirming Existence. The maintenance of peace and its salvation cannot be achieved without the energy of Love. Everything alive flourishes in it, finding endless existence. Everything beautiful is born in Love.

2. Virtue – a life in harmony with the surrounding world. This principle contains the wisdom of human existence. All the prophets and Teachers of humanity spoke of virtue, drawing our attention to the

main principle of Light: to bring good to all the living and reasonable. “Happy and prudent is he who preserves and develops virtue” – the Buddha. “The highest virtue is like water. It benefits all beings, and does not fight with them” – Lao Tzu. “Add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge” (Christ).”And ”who drew the face to Allah and does good, then he has grasped a reliable basis” – Mohammed. “There is a lower state of being enclosed in passion and ignorance, there is a higher state of existence in virtue” – Krishna. “Let the good rulers rule, providing good doctrine and devotion, the teachings that brings welfare to the people and their descendants” – Zoroaster.

3. Creation is a sign of the Divine Will. Where it works, salvation comes and order stays. The current planetary situation is becoming tenuous. Destructive elements, dead lakes, burning forests, looming sands – all these ominous warnings are the result of egocentric thinking on the part of mankind, whose thoughts and actions attract adverse circumstances. The availability of modern nuclear, chemical, biological weapons exacerbate the already precarious position of the world. It has become urgent to establish Salvation Committees in places of the greatest environmental hazards. Creation as a process of spiritualization of the world, is the approval of the reasonable existence, the implementation of the Divine Will by human hand.

4. Evolution is a natural need to improve all forms of life. Evolution is a non-violent way of spiritual development of humanity and the world. Any violence against the person, the human community, nature, biological life is a crime against common sense! The non-violent path is a different gradual enlightenment, this is the rise of the essence of man, when he becomes aware of the responsibility for his life and the world around him, internally he is reborn from a material being to a highly spiritual individual.

5. Spiritual enlightenment – the key to the future of the world. Priority should be given to the education of generations by means of Spiritual Culture. The development of a true Culture of life gives the

state a full-fledged citizen, and society – a healthy and intelligent person. Currently, the concept of culture cannot be separated from the inner qualities of man, his ethical and moral content. Spiritual enlightenment professes knowledge, forming a conscious person, aspiring to Light and bringing Light. Culture turns away from evil, and directs the consciousness to the harmony of life, the preservation of peace, the increase of spiritual values.

6. Benefit to the world – a selfless feat of pure heart. At the base of human existence there is the Right to live in a harmonious society. The implementation of this rule is given to everyone on the planet. Improving this world, we enable our children to live and grow in a positive environment. To benefit the world is a peacekeeping objective of a reasonable person. The peacemaker must not only protect the spiritual values of the peoples, but in the first place, heal this world, giving it a living force of renewal and welfare. To live by heart means to love the World, to bring joy and to be a Man with a capital letter.

7. Unity is the spiritual consent and cooperation of peoples of the world. All people of the Earth wish to live in peace. They have common values in life: family, children, home, friendship, happiness, security, health, welfare, justice. Love, Truth and Beauty unite us regardless of affiliation to any race, nation, religion or social group. At all times these values were the Highest benchmarks of human life. Unity leads to conflict-free existence, providing us and our loved ones the opportunity to not worry about the future, to live in a humane society. From separation to unity and universality! – that is the call of spiritual harmony. The unity of peoples lies in an open dialogue of all participants in building the New World.

8. Justice is service to the truth. The sense of justice is inherent in all human beings of human community. Violation of rights and freedom of a person, the threat to his safety and well-being is a symbol of the crumbling of the old world. The tendency of the humanitarian crisis is growing. The economic model of the world undergoes a global modification due to technical progress. Civilization gets the contours of

a mechanical monster, relegating spiritual principles of the peoples to the level of aggressive ignorance that leads to the destruction of human individuality. Justice seeks to assert the higher laws of life, common to all peoples and nations. Only in a just and humane society, a person is able to feel a valuable, God-created being.

9. The Universal brotherhood is a planetary Community of people. Our planet is unique in its natural wealth and possibilities of biological life. We are all equal owners. In our conscious cooperation with the forces of Light we strive to fulfill the highest purpose of Man: to become the co-creator of the Higher Forces, to preserve peace and increase its natural wealth, bestowed from above. We are the children of the Divine, called Humanity, the common name for all of us. We carry the same spiritual basis and we are all one World.

10. Culture of the spirit of people and nations is the cornerstone of Civilization. Love of God and His Creation has the power of life. Modern civilization has progressed through material development, so busy with the implementation of technical progress it didn't take into account the Spiritual Light of the evolutionary creative power of thought. The peoples of the world have always been the exponents of the ideas of life, the bearers of the Light. Replacing the old world, the New World is coming. The person becomes the motor of Evolution. With this new turn of development we return to the true roots of life, to the Culture of the spirit, the living Light of this world and all other worlds of the Universe.

So, let's:

- in each day maintain the main value of human life – Love for the Supreme, for all the living and reasonable;

- to live knowing that we are capable to change the world for the better:

- to cultivate in oneself, the quality of a light conscious, reasonable man, a Man-creator;

- generously give people happiness and mercy;
- honour the laws of Life, take life in unity, completeness and diversity;
- strive for harmony with the world around us;
- value all given from Above, keep the faith in the power of Light, of Wisdom and Virtue.

We, the participants of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture, call on all the people of Earth to unite our efforts in fulfillment of the great task of existence of mankind in accordance with the spiritual ideals of Truth, Goodness, Beauty and Love! “Man has no higher mission”, said Confucius, “than to truly realize himself as a person and become a Creator of Culture which is the only reality, entirely created by people.”

**PROCLAMATION “THE WORLD FORUM
OF SPIRITUAL CULTURE ANNOUNCES
THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY AS THE
CENTURY OF SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT”
Astana, October 18, 2010**

Having crossed to the third Millennium, humanity entered a New Era – a new temporary space in which the inner, spiritual development should be the core determining the meaning and fullness of life.

A New age demands an appeal to wisdom, goodwill, love, compassion, perfection, purity, as the highest manifestations, bringing light, spiritual truths and transforming human consciousness.

However, due to old habits of the intellectual and material world view, most people continue to aggravate a gloomy, hopeless existence.

The reason for many troubles is ignorance, which brings a negative impulse to everything, that it clashes with and generates the most pernicious diseases of society.

To establish our world on a decent basis, the enlightenment of the consciousness of all humanity as one global body is necessary, its rebirth on the values of Spiritual Culture.

In this regard, the World Forum of Spiritual Culture takes the initiative to declare the twenty-first century – the Century of Spiritual Enlightenment.

Spiritual Enlightenment is reasonable educational activities based on objective knowledge about the world integrity. This coverage of diverse and continuous relations of higher and lower, of spirit and matter, between man and God. This study and selfless exploration of ancient wisdom and new discoveries with reference to the priority of moral values. The meaning of educational work is not to break someone's philosophy, but to approve it, reshaping dogmas and outdated rituals, based on the forms of the old world.

The World Forum of Spiritual Culture appeals to all representatives of culture, science and religion with a call:

in the difficult period of crisis of being, global changes and disasters, to take personal responsibility for the fate of the planet and to make every effort to convince steeped in consumerism humanity to stand on the saving path of spiritual purification and renewal, to unite and direct all efforts to the most important tasks of Spiritual Enlightenment:

- to teach people how to live, think and act in unbreakable connection with the higher moral laws, on the basis of common to all mankind ethical norms using them, one could consciously perceive information and use it for good, eliminating all the ugly and destructive;

- to overcome the crisis of civilization, associated with the change of the scientific picture of the world, without fear and bias it is needed to approach the reconstruction of the philosophical way of life, to begin to build a new thinking based on freedom, ethics and morality. Gradual rebirth of human consciousness is the only correct evolutionary path;

- it is necessary to understand and to accept the universal evolutionary laws that underlie both the cosmos and human civilization, and determine ways of ascending humanity to the steps of the spirit. Compassion, love, harmony, perfection is required to be established in the human consciousness as universal categories, which provide the unity of macrocosm and microcosm.

The proclamation of the Century of Spiritual Enlightenment is only the first step towards the full transformation of life on the basis of Spiritual Culture. The practical implementation of the tasks will require a giant multi-level educational work, which will unite already existing forms of intellectual and cultural education with ethical, spiritual directions. Only such education can purify the world from the centuries-old anti-spiritual layers and bring the planet out of the darkness of spiritual ignorance.

In this regard, the World Forum of Spiritual Culture suggests :

1. Using modern information technology to combine the positive power of humanity in a global community of carriers and creators of Spiritual Culture embarked on the path of conscious, spiritual service and claiming a new moral consciousness cohesively to confront globally destructive processes. Only collective efforts can accelerate the spiritual enlightenment of all mankind, guide him to the light of truth. We urge to support the idea of creating a World Assembly of People's Unity and to establish it in the framework of the Committee of Spiritual Enlightenment, which will be the center of organization of a Worldwide Movement of Spiritual Enlightenment, and will also undertake the development of its concept.

2. The main weapon against ignorance is the word of truth, confirmed by personal example. We Invite all leaders of science, art, religion, philosophy, who rose above the conventional way of life, to take on the feat of spiritual enlightenment in continued adherence to high moral guidelines, in persistent opposition to evil, injustice and violence. We encourage the use of all available means and methods of information culture, especially the media and the Internet to form in public opinion the absolute rejection of any kind of immoral behavior. A special place must be given to public organizations and movements, showing levels of public awareness, which can be combined by a Worldwide Movement of Spiritual Enlightenment.

3. Spiritual Culture is the interaction of its components: science, art, religion in the unity of the tasks of raising human consciousness. Such synthesis unites the parts into a whole forming the spirit of unity. Educational activities should be directed towards the establishment of friendly dialogue between the art of living, the science of life and a living religion, united by the rhythm of cooperation. It is necessary to create the Forum based on a system of communication in which scientists, representatives of different religions, artists, philosophers would be able to mutually enrich each other, to share their understanding of the great spiritual and intellectual luggage that is transmitted through traditions and experience. This may be a Council of Spiritual Enlightenment, combining the already existing educational organizations and guiding their efforts to spiritual educational work. The essence of Spiritual Enlightenment persists in the transmission and assimilation of knowledge accumulated over centuries of experience. By bringing in existing educational activities the energy of the new living experience we will eliminate lifeless preaching, formalism, incompetence and establish a conscious desire for the renewal of life.

4. Only education urgently applied, is able to bring humanity to a new frontier of cosmic evolution, to create conditions for real changing of life for the better, clearly defining the main direction for the exit of human civilization from spiritual crisis. We propose

to put on the agenda of the UN, UNESCO and other International non-Governmental organizations the question about creating a comprehensive system for elimination of spiritual ignorance that promotes the study of cultural and historical values, ethical standards, religious foundations, scientific discoveries, leading to the humanization and cultural spiritualization of the world.

The World Forum of Spiritual Culture encourages everyone to believe and act in spirit and the mind, clearing conscientious from the husk of the old world!

So, let's start a gracious initiative! Only through joint effort we can move the global from a deadlock.

**“FROM IGNORANCE TO SPIRITUAL
ENLIGHTENMENT!” RESOLUTION OF THE
RESEACH-TO-PRACTICE CONFERENCE
“SPIRITUAL CULTURE – THE KEY TO THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD”
Astana, October 18, 2011**

Having listened and discussed the reports of the participants, the International conference “Spiritual culture – the key to the transformation of the world” states that the ideas and documents of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture (WFSC) are becoming more widely recognized. World events over the past year have confirmed the Forum’s analysis of the moral situation on the planet. Interest in the WFDC’s work and its results is increasing everywhere. There are members and supporters in more than 72 countries around the world, on all continents. The World Forum of Spiritual Culture gave direction by setting challenging and magnificent goals and exciting opportunities for us to take.

The time has come to move from the right, clear, mobilizing words into real, concrete actions for the implementation of all the Forums’ ideas of unity through cooperation and through culture.

We invite all who care about human values of Spiritual Culture to cooperate, for we all have one planet and one future. Despite all national, political, religious, economic and other differences, first of all, we are people and one global civilization. With the threat of global cataclysms: cultural, moral, natural, technological, military or any other, these differences fade into the background. It is about the salvation of man; the world community of people.

We have an obligation to save human civilization in all the richness and diversity of its cultures and traditions and to pass it on to our descendants. We need to build bridges between the hearts of men, peoples and nations, and to look for new approaches to do this. We ought to look into our hearts and to answer honestly: what are we living for? What values do we profess? What mark do we want to leave on Earth?

We aim to combine our efforts and thoughts to be heard, to share our aspirations and ambitions with millions of people around the world. There are many of us and our voice will sound as an alarm. This will be the Foundation for the Second Forum, which will be held in Astana in 2013. We all have a unique chance, so let's use it for the triumph of the human spirit and human dignity.

“FOR PEACE ALL OVER THE WORLD”.
RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH—TO PRACTICE CONFERENCE,
DEDICATED TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF SPIRITUAL
CONCORD
Astana, October 18, 2012

In the totality of problems faced by humanity, there is a key chain which is the basis of the whole human civilization. This is, undoubtedly, the preservation of Peace and Peaceful coexistence of peoples.

The Supreme goal of all evolutionary transformation, both material and spiritual has always been the idea of achieving Peace all over the world. This is a centuries-old prayer of all peace-loving people of the planet!

Today the threat of a new global confrontation increases. The ongoing global financial and economic crisis clearly confirmed: the world elites are not able to provide effective management of global processes. A detailed analysis of the world's situation allows us to assert that the human world is on the brink of social collapse, all this is complicated by extreme aggression – military confrontations. In this regard, the preservation and enhancement of a fragile Peace all over the world is an urgent task on the agenda for the world community.

Considering the necessity of the time, the anniversary conference, having considered and having discussed the specifics of the current period of world development, recommends that the theme “Towards World Peace through Spiritual Culture” as one of the main topics of the Second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture and to carry out the work of the forthcoming Forum towards the idea of integration, the unification of the peoples of the world striving to secure coexistence on the basis of spiritual harmony and friendship.

The actual task of the second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture is to prepare and offer the World the new document – modern Pact of Peace, a Message of Peace, summarizing and synthesizing the centuries-old creative experience of mankind on the way to this noble goal.

The International Conference recommends the WFSC Presidium:

1. to form an international working group for the preparation of the draft of this document, which must be submitted to the second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture,

2. to create a network of regional headquarters,
3. to hold a press conference devoted to WFSC in the major megapolis areas of the planet,
4. to attract outstanding people of our time as potential allies and prospective participants of the Forum,
5. to participate in finding investors for the project of the second WFSC,
6. to maximise the use of Internet resources to popularize widely the WFSC's ideas.

**RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH-TO-PRACTICE CONFERENCE:
“CULTURE OF PEACE, HARMONY AND
SPIRITUALITY”
Astana, October 17, 2014**

Having heard and discussed the reports, the International Research-to-Practice Conference “Culture of peace, harmony and spirituality in XXI century” with its great concern states that:

- the threat to the secure world continues to grow rapidly;
- new military conflicts involve millions of people;
- radicalism is becoming more sophisticated and aggressive;
- power solutions to conflict situations lead to heavy casualties of civilians, and are unable to resolve the disputes;
- prohibited inhumane means and methods of conducting military operations are widely used;
- cultural achievements and ethical standards are endangered, the moral capacity of humanity is being eroded.

The international conference reminds that:

- the human right to a peaceful life is natural and unbreakable. This right is the greatest value of human civilization;

- the human right to a peaceful life should be considered as the main condition and the basis of existence of life on Earth;

- the human right to a peaceful life should be respected by everybody and everywhere and cannot be limited or infringed. Any violation of this right must be considered as a crime against humanity, and stopped immediately.

On the basis of the objective assessment of the state of contemporary international relations, the Conference declares:

1. Today humanity have got a desperate need for more coordinated actions for the preservation and consolidation of peace, protection and multiplication of its spiritual, cultural and historic values. Peaceful world community and all people of goodwill must become the initiators and organizers of all these urgent actions

The conference recommends the Presidium of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture to intensify the work on the preparation and convening of the second session of the World Forum, where the issue of World Peace is to be discussed fully, to outline the ways for mankind to exit its spiritual crisis and to continue the work that was started at the first session on mobilization and consolidation of the world community according to the proclamation of the First Forum "To the New World through Spiritual Culture".

The conference expressed confidence that peace-loving people of the Earth are capable to return our planet to peace, tranquility, confidence in the future, creation.

2. It is especially important to realize that no one and under no circumstances can violate the principle of peaceful coexistence which is widely in the world accepted as an inherent and natural right of human civilization, as the only ethics-moral rule of our global home. This Law is the basis of preservation of life on Earth, a necessary condition to guarantee the humanity a road into the future.

3. The International conference calls on all countries and peoples, their governments, national elites of all the countries in the world to

understand and accept Spiritual Culture as the Supreme value of human civilization. Expressing the power of goodness and creativity, Spiritual Culture is the only bridge to the future! As it was stated at the World Forum of Spiritual Culture, held in Astana in October 2010, it is the goalsetting Foundation of the entire system of human values, the universal synthesis of the strategic meanings of self-affirmation and survival. It alone is able to remove all the destructive contradictions and problems, to become the noosphere force of civilization, outlining the prospects of life and asserting the truth and goodness in all its layers. Embracing and penetrating art, science and religion with Ethics of Life, Spiritual Culture leads mankind into a peaceful future. It consists of the criteria of high civilizational development that combines the material and spiritual sides of human existence. The two radiant roots of Spiritual Culture: spirituality as a relationship with the Supreme and Culture, linking the peoples in a single organism, world brotherhood, are able **to give life to the proclaimed at the World Forum of Spiritual Culture the new vector of civilizational development – Humanization of all mankind as the process of cultural spiritualization of the world.**

4. The originality and peculiarity of the current moment is that mankind will have not only to understand and accept the Spiritual Culture as the highest value, but also **to take as guidance its ethical standards and requirements, providing full life of society, the ability to harmonious development and peaceful coexistence of peoples.**

5. The actual task of the second session of the World Forum of Spiritual Culture is **to prepare and offer the international community a new document, modern Peace Pact**, a kind of a Message of Peace, summarizing and synthesizing the centuries-old creative experience of mankind on the way to this high goal.

The conference expresses the hope and confidence that the people of goodwill from different countries, including politicians, spiritual and religious leaders, representatives of science and culture, civil society activists and all concerned citizens of our planet will combine their efforts in achieving peace all over the world, and urges them to speak in support of the fundamental Peace Pact.

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