

A CALL TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HUMANITY,



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May this holy month of Ramadan be for you, your family and the human community as a whole, a month for peace and reconciliation. May it help us think, meditate and act in the face of the ordeal caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, which is spreading fear, death, and uncertainty about the world crisis ahead.

A mere virus has caused so much trouble in the world. It has stopped all social, cultural, religious, and commercial activity. Millions of human beings have been confined, have lost their job; universities and schools are closed, families are separated. Is this a war, a new kind of conflict, or is it the evidence of how fragile the human condition is when subject to a predatory system that destroys the living and builds the artificial instead, increasingly taking us away from the essential?

Can we go on, as blind as we are, promoting mass consumption societies to the detriment of a rich, well-balanced and harmonious ecosystem designed to serve, feed and preserve the Living? Shall we turn business into the unique god to worship, a religion in which profit is the sole purpose in our life?

This will, undoubtedly lead us to an impasse, an atrocity. This means that in order to gain more power and money, we have to go on destroying our precious legacy, devastating the Earth for the profit of an insatiable minority; therefore exacerbating exclusions, inequalities, and injustice among humans, as well as the destruction of the environment.

Let us acknowledge that we are experiencing a unique moment, the end of a cycle, and though everyone feels it deep down, they dare not say so. The discontent is global and uncertainty is increasingly invading us. However, we fear the world we are so familiar with might fall apart.

Yet, the process has already started: pandemic, global warming, air, sea and ocean pollution, extinction of plants, animal species, insects, and so on.

All the methods implemented in social, political or economic science have failed. All have failed as they were not able to keep their promise of a society with more justice and equality.

So, what can we do?

Shall we stand still and watch the world overcome by cynicism, hatred, violence and despair, or shall we look for the remedy within ourselves?

"The disease is within yourself and you do not see it. The remedy can come but from yourself, and you are unaware of it. You think you are but a tiny thing, while in you lies the Universe with a capital 'U'". Sheikh Al-Alawi.

Shocks can sometimes be salutary. Everything drives us in a joint effort to take the path that leads to the reconciliation of our beautiful planet and its inhabitants. It is a sacred duty for each and all of us and we cannot abdicate our responsibility. We do have to offer our knowledge, our wealth, our intelligence and our technology in synergy for the common good. Act together for peace, for Living Together, justice and dignity.

Each and every one of us is a cell of the same body. This body has a name: "**Humanity**".

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