



Contemplative
Outreach

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Dear Friends,

In the universe, an extraordinary moment of civilization seems to be overtaking us. Through the great discoveries of science and spirituality we find ourselves in essentially a new place, a new and different place than ever before in history.

It's a time of enormous expectancy and possibility.

We are called to start, not with the old-world contracts, now that we know that they are all lies, but what we know is the truth, as proved by silence and science.

So, I call upon the nations to consider this as a possibility: that we should begin a new world, with one that actually exists. This is the moment to manifest this world, by showing loving concern for poverty, loving appreciation for the needs of the world, and opportunities for accelerated development.

We need to find ways to make these really happen.

I make this humble suggestion, that now arms making is of no significance in the world, it hinders its progress. This will allow and offer the world the marvelous gift of beginning, creating, of trusting each other, of forgiving each other, and of showing compassion, care for the poor, and putting all our trust in the God of Heaven and Earth.

I leave this hope in your hands and hearts, coming as a real inspiration from the heart of God.

What does He care about who has this or other lands, when the power to begin with the truest history is coming from religion as expression of the source that has been realized for centuries?

Buddhism, Hinduism, Sufism, Indigenous and Christianity, all religions, oneness is their nature.

Thomas Keating