

ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATION OF A GLOBAL ONENESS DAY

THE CHALLENGE

At this juncture in human history, urgent global crises challenge us to learn to live sustainably, in harmony and gratitude with one another and with the living universe. The changes required of humanity are broad, deep, and far reaching. Only by acting swiftly and creatively can we birth a planetary culture that will bring well-being to every form of life in the Earth community.

The good news is that a compelling new story of our potential as a whole human species is emerging—a story of collaboration, citizen action, dialogue and new understandings propelled by unprecedented levels of democratic freedom, multicultural exchange, and access to communication technologies. It is nothing less than the story of our collective evolution.

1. Oneness is already supported, celebrated, and embraced by countless respected individuals, world leaders, movements, organisations and communities representing all spheres of life.

2. Oneness has practical applications that are begging to come alive more and more.

Humanity's Team has identified twelve spheres of life, ranging from Nature and the Environment, Economics, Politics and Governance, Education, right through to Spirituality through which the impact of the application of Oneness principles can be explained. Many local and global programs are already being explored, developed, and applied. A national and global day will be a great opportunity to highlight and expand on these programs.

3. It is now an accepted scientific fact that the universe is one inter-connected, inter-dependent and inter-related whole. Science has defied our traditional notion that things are separated by time and space, showing that quantum particles in one part of our cosmos commune with other particles vast distances away.

Because of the unique times in which we now find ourselves, our boundaries are becoming less defined and our Oneness is being experienced with a new level of clarity and urgency. New, awesome, and transformational perspectives on Oneness are emerging, through natural sciences such as mathematics, science and technology, physics, biology, economics, and ecology.

This is especially evident in the virtual world we are becoming. The idea of Oneness is right now being collaboratively networked and discussed by millions of web-users all over the world. The world we have created has become a global

network, a space where humanity finds common ground across differing histories, cultures, languages and nationalities.

We now understand that pollution in Siberia can cause deserts in Africa, that trees communicate with one another, that political decisions in Washington have major implications in countries on the other side of the world, and that dogmatic religion in the Middle East can bring tragedy in New York. The latest economic meltdown speaks for itself. As a matter of fact, it is becoming easier and easier to explain/illustrate how this idea can make a huge difference in all spheres of life.

4. Humanity stands at the threshold of an exciting positive new era in the unfolding evolution of consciousness whereby we are beginning to think, feel, and relate in new ways. Humans are functioning in their bodies with much finer awareness. We have become more creative and imaginative and better equipped to deal with complex realities. This moment has been a long time coming and we should embrace it wholeheartedly. It is the moment when humanity's crises can lead to a new consciousness. This notion has been expressed by a number of respected global thought leaders.

Throughout life we have come to notice that crises precede transformation and major "problems" can serve as major evolutionary accelerants.

It is possible that a new "universal human" capable of comprehensive compassion and consciousness is being born, as humanity is being called to realize its full potential for the greater good of all.

5. Humans more than ever seek the truth and wisdom.

Sadly, over the past 2-3 centuries our more flexible indigenous wisdoms gave way to a more fundamentalistic and literalist view on life. Now such fundamentalism is becoming more vocal, edgy, and volatile. Christian and Islamic fundamentalists are in a holy conflict, fighting over who is God's favorite – not realizing that they are the same people. Their vision of life and the "right" way to live it is driven by fear, both misunderstanding their common heritage – the heritage of Oneness.

Humanity needs to revisit and embrace this common spiritual tradition that is found in all of the sacred teachings of the world. We have a precious opportunity, with much fertile ground, to transform our collective understanding of what it means to be alive and what it means regarding how we treat one another.

Traditional world views follow a holistic approach to the world and to existence. It permeates all aspects of life and penetrates all institutions. Traditional everyday life was intimately intertwined through man's relationship with himself, his

community, the cosmos, and spirit. To exist was to be religious. Religion was not something out-there or other-worldly.

A national/global Oneness Day will be a great opportunity for humanity to revisit its ancient truths and to make it more and more relevant for today. It is a huge opportunity for humanity to discover its common Spirit.

6. Humanity shares a common destiny. We therefore can no longer avoid/deny/ignore another's problems. We ultimately need to understand that we share each other's problems and that we are responsible for co-creating a world that works for all. No longer does it work for the strong to dominate the weak and for those with wealth to find manners of justification for privileges in the face of poverty and injustice. Through Oneness, self interest is replaced by "for the greater good of all."

7. Human beings need each other to survive on this planet. The idea of Oneness helps us recognize that we are all in this together and that community flourishes as we learn about each other, work, and share struggles together.

It has become impossible for one person, religion, or nation to do it all alone. In order to survive, humanity has to find common answers to life's challenges and we must do so together. There has never been a better time.

8. The ever-growing diversity of thought, culture, experience, and belief forces us to find common answers for our growing problems amongst the points of view that often appear complex and contradictory, even irreconcilable.

The idea of Oneness promotes an attitude of openness, inclusion, expansion, cooperation, collaboration and understanding amongst all people. It creates a space where differences of culture, religion, and conviction can find common ground. And it leads us to let go of prejudice and fear of the poorly understood or unknown.

Instead of trying to figure out what is "right" and what is "true", Oneness rather seeks to establish what works.

9. Humanity has a deep yearning to connect with and to relate to others, whilst the individual retains his/her own identity and sense of uniqueness. Oneness is the one idea that makes it possible for humanity to enjoy both, because not only does it remind us that we have much in common, but it also very importantly tells us that we are all indeed unique and different. Oneness acknowledges and celebrates both. Oneness reminds us that polarity serves a

purpose. It reminds us that everything in life has an opposite and is defined by its opposite. It is through 'the other' that we discover who we are.

10. Humanity has a civic responsibility and Oneness awakens, inspires, and supports this idea whilst it redefines the relationship between the individual and the collective. Humanity realizes more and more that social transformation happens through personal transformation and that we have to be the change we wish to see in the world. We come to realize that everything begins and ends with us.

11. The continuing effects of urbanization results in a disconnection from the depth of life.

Oneness is a call for humanity to re-connect with the whole of the cosmos, the eternity of life, and our traditional respect for the earth, ritual and our ancestors.

12. Our world is becoming increasingly radical, violent and extreme. We face many problems, including the ever increasing threat of weapons of mass destruction, predatory big business, disease, political small-mindedness, religious bigotry, dire poverty, and divisive nationalism. These are combined with our increasing technology, through which our world is 'shrinking' and things are changing at an increasingly faster rate.

13. We know that we do not want things to stay this way and agree that this has to change. We agree that we have to do something; that we need a radical idea that will unleash our ingenuity and inspire us to create a better tomorrow.

The solution has existed since the beginning of time. It is a single pivotal idea that can

move the world and transform it. It is a radical idea that utterly undermines our 'common sense' assumptions about who we are and what life is. It is a simple idea with enormous implications: We are all one.

14. Humans come to life as part of a family; at home, in our neighborhoods and communities, our countries, and the world. Oneness imagines a world in which we embrace 'loving one another', not because we "should", but because we are parts of each other - part of a the global family.

15. Humanity's Team believes that humanity has brought itself to this point through our beliefs and perceptions. Through Oneness day events, activities, debates and workshops, humanity has the opportunity to challenge its beliefs and perceptions, discover that it's possible to re-write our collective human story, reclaim our power, and create a new world for us all.

Through Oneness humanity is inspired to once again consider the on-goingness of life... where we come from and where we are going together. We are inspired to once again consider and connect with the whole of the cosmos and all of its elements: fire, earth, air, water, and spirit... bringing humanity back in touch with the depth of life. We are inspired to consider age old wisdom that brings along lasting change when implemented, and we are reminded that we are here to serve, live a purposeful life and be truly full of joy.