



Join the Evolution...

# One Spirit

VOLUME 1

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## Welcome to One Spirit

### Greetings!

WSYC, as Children of the Earth's premiere project, is making progress and building! We, the staff of COE, are simultaneously in the process of building the internal capacity of COE. In this process of revamping, we are creating mechanisms to more formally establish the WSYC Hubs and COE Chapters globally!

We are now finally developing sustainable regional World Spirit Youth Council (WSYC) Hubs and COE Chapters to link in a global spiritual activation movement for creating a world that is based on common principles and ethics. We now invite you to consider creating a WSYC Hub or COE Chapter and become part of this global network.

## What's New with WSYC?

WSYC has been out and about giving shape and a platform for youth to connect, become inspired and take spiritually centered action. 2009 holds many exciting initiatives for WSYC and we continue to be inspired to create opportunities.



On the Agenda for 2009:

**World Creative Youth Forum (WCYF):** A youth team comprised of WSYC members are organizing a component of the Living Ethics and Technology strand to be facilitated by and with the youth at the WCYF in the Philippines in May 2008

**Switzerland WSYC Hub:** A potential youth gathering is to be held in Switzerland partnering with Scheibenalp Center for Unity. We will build the European HUB there to begin with the first phase during the summer of 2008.

**Global Youth Summit:** A Youth Coordinating Committee that is comprised of WSYC participants and other youth "peace builders" is actively organizing the first annual global youth summit to be held in Costa Rica in September 2009.

**Parliament of World Religions (PWR):** An opportunity has been created to present at the PWR in December of 2009 by and with WSYC youth.

## New WSYC Hub Updates

### Romania Hub:

Corina

Corina Simon, in cooperation with her dear friend Stefania Sabo, has created a WSYC Hub, for promoting spiritual activation in Romania.

#### Corina writes:

"Our first realizable step has been to launch a blog where we share about spirituality in Romania and globally. The address is:

<http://spiritromania.wordpress.com>

## In our thoughts and prayers

### Father Terry (Canada)

In our Thoughts and Prayers..

I am so HAPPY so very happy I have the love of Nepal , Palestine and Darfur in my Heart. Please remember these areas in your Thoughts , Meditations, and Prayers.

### Nepal

Let us pray in our meditations as it ends sending LIGHT and PEACE to all NEPAL ! Nepal...That is the first nation so poor and also in the middle of an election that is meant to end the rule of 240 year reign of KINGS and yet there is great tension between the Maoists who have been so strong and violent and their effort now to enter Government and if they don't win they could just go back to fighting again.

### Palestine

Send the energy of your meditation and prayers to Palestine ! There is the ever terrible suffering of Palestinian Jew and Muslim and Christian in a simmering war of entrapment and enslavement behind walls of cement and military that is fuelling the terrible hatred and vengeance in the hearts of the Arab Muslim world and AMERICA as they are seen to back Israel and never pushed for the freedom of the Palestinians in camps for 60 years now...send the energy of your meditation and prayers to that area of humanity as it threatens to lead to all out global war.

### Darfur

And then there is Darfur. We are forgetting that there are Muslim people being

In essence we will have on it articles on spirituality, about people and organizations who have realized their spirituality and are acting from it and local and global actions for and in spirituality. This platform will also allow us to have numerous contributors as we spread the word so as to have a multiplicity of voices joining us. This is a new endeavor for both Stefy and I. We continue to discover as we go and we are very enthusiastic about the connections that we make - people we meet, articles we read, and the opportunities that we have. Please wish us luck. We will keep in touch to share with you as we willingly receive your guidance."

### Canada Hub:

Mark writes:

Our last international gathering, as many of you know, was held in Toronto this past September. It consisted of a five-day retreat and was culminated with an interfaith gathering of local youth, organized by Father Terry Gallagher. Since then, we in Toronto have been building on the momentum to create a Toronto Hub, to apply the vision of WYSC at a local level.



Our first follow-up meeting was held on October 25th and although it was small in numbers, it seemed that we had established a core group of a people who were willing to work.

It soon became evident that if we were to work as a group, we would need to first become one. We shared a common vision for a better world, but beyond that, we knew little of each other. Out of this, we organized a potluck lunch for November 15th, to provide an opportunity for the group to share in food, music, and conversation. It was a genuinely pleasant experience. Rameet brought her sitar and I made a vegetable stir-fry. Then in December, we had the unique opportunity to visit The Woodland Cultural Centre, to learn more about the indigenous people of Canada, and the suffering they endured for nearly two centuries. Lauren, Adam and Nicki did a wonderful job hosting the event, and all who attended found the day to be both moving and insightful.

We also held an event on December 22nd at the Concord Café. The event was a celebration of the winter solstice with a night of poetry and music from Darren, Ali, Father Terry and I. The Proceeds went to Soul of The Mother, who hosted us back in September, to help them keep their sacred fire burning. That's all for now!

## The Magic of the Love of Nature

By Joaquin Leguia (Peru)

Hello sisters and brothers. After our magical trip in Japan last year (May 2007), and learning in Fuji Sanctuary about the power of healing of our thoughts and words, I committed to have a small plant and nurture it with love and positive thoughts.... and it is doing so well! Some months ago Nadine told me get a book called "The secret life of plants" which I did. I

on pages 19 and 20, I read something that inspired me:

"...Back in her garden, Vivian Wiley picked two leaves from a Saxifrage, one of which she placed on her bedside table, the other in the living room. 'Each day when I get up,' she told Vogel, 'I will look at the leaf by my bed and "Will" that it continue to live; but I will pay no attention to the other. We will see what happens.'

A month later, she asked Vogel to come to her house and bring a camera to photograph the leaves. Vogel could hardly believe what he saw. The leaf to which his friend had paid no attention was flaccid, turning brown and beginning to decay. The leaf on which she had focused daily attention was radiantly vital and green, just as if it had been freshly plucked from the garden. Some power appeared to be defying natural law, keeping the leaf in a healthy state..."

### So I did the experiment!!!

- a) The picture of the two green leaves was taken the 10th of January
- b) The picture of the brown and green leaf was take the 25th of January
- c) The leaf who I always talked and touched I also put next to her a heart shaped ceramic.

### And it worked!!

I was in tears when I saw the difference between the two leaves (the leaf that I ignored I did not even looked at it for two weeks).

Before

brutalized and beaten and exiled into camps by other Muslim people of the Arab race...another potential genocide.

Feel the Love and Share it with all you care for and about...

## Donations Section

DONATE NOW!

The World Spirit Youth Council movement is now poised to do extensive outreach and expansion. To continue to grow this movement, please consider contributing by visiting the online Donation page at [www.children-of-the-earth.org](http://www.children-of-the-earth.org) and click on the link to "donate now". We invoke the \$ 1/month pledge asking people to consider donating a minimum a \$1 a month to this further the WSYC. By contributing to 'donate now' at \$1 a month or whatever amount you chose to donate, you are furthering sustainability for this collective movement!

Or email [coevt@aol.com](mailto:coevt@aol.com) for more information

## Self Expression Collection

(Poetry, artwork from members of WSYC )

### Soaring

Hannah (USA)

On the gray sidewalk  
Falls the first leaf  
Orange it is  
With a yellow stain  
And veins  
Of dark red brown  
The sidewalk is gray  
Like a gessoed canvas  
And the leaf is paint  
A dab of orange  
It tells me  
Times are to change  
I close my one eye  
And listen to the whistle  
My leaf  
It glides on the wind  
My feet are hard  
Grounded on the sidewalk  
Waiting for my return  
While my mind flies  
Away with the leaf  
Until it lands  
I am soaring

~

### My Say "Yes"

Phantom  
Sally Black (USA)

My heart is cracked -



If we feel with love, think with love, talk with love, and act with love....we can improve the world!!!

Love,  
Joaquin

open for viewing  
Dreams arrive swiftly  
without delay  
And now I know  
There is time for  
everything

Dreams arrive swiftly  
without delay  
No more saying "no"  
There is time for  
everything  
Say yes

No more saying "no"  
Knowing is not required  
Say "yes"

My heart opened wide

Knowing is not required  
Opened by pure love  
My heart opened wide  
The world is not falling  
apart - it is coming  
together

Opened by pure love  
And now I know  
The world is not falling  
apart - it is coming  
together  
My heart is cracked -  
open for viewing

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Inspiring Book and Film Recommendations

## "One"(Film)

**Sergio Rodriguez-Castillo (Mexico)**

It has been said that the world religions are different roads to reach the same goal. Surely, each road is the result of different terrain, faces unique challenges and perhaps even arrives at a different shore. But shores of one same ocean called by many names, Yahweh, Allah, Jehovah, God, Buddha-nature, Kosmos, Brahma, Consciousness, Mystery, Beloved, etc. In fact, religions can be described as ways to reunite us with the Divine, to dissolve us in that Ocean. The very word "Religion" comes from the Latin "religare" which means to tie back or reconnect (interestingly the word "yoga" has a similar meaning: to yoke or unite).

Unfortunately, religion appears to have developed a bad reputation. "I am spiritual but not religious" many express, while others like to point out how "There have been more wars over religion than anything". In response, writer Karen Armstrong suggested that religions worldwide have been hijacked by political interests, using them to oppress others. Instead, religion could and should be a force for love, unity and harmony. One, the movie, is a beautiful example of building bridges among the world religions.

The directors, began interviewing people from all walks of life, asking questions such as: Why is there poverty and suffering in the world? What is the relationship between science and religion? What are we all so afraid of? How does one obtain true peace? What is the meaning of life? As the project evolved, they found themselves talking to spiritual teachers, philosophers, authors, artists, priests, rabbis, yogis, imams, monks, nuns, shamans and scholars, including Robert Thurman, Ram Dass, Thich Nhat Hanh, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev, Thomas Keating, Hasan Qazwini, Deepak Chopra and many others.

## "Zeitgeist II The Addendum"(Film)

**Matt Rosmarin (South Africa)**

"We are standing on the edge of our age's precipice, who feels like flying? Well Zeitgeist II the Addendum lit my fuse and I'm now officially counting down to launch time. It's a ruthless, inspiring, insightful eye opening voyage into the nuts and bolts of how our (self defeating) financial system and hence the worlds system for class stratification has been setup. It calls for nothing less than the evolution of the status quo. Look out for the Venus Project and Jacque Fresco "It's time we shifted our attention from creating weapons of mass destruction and focus on something a little more useful; weapons of mass creation"

## "Born Into Brothels" (Docu film)

**Chimay Posavec (U.S.)**

A documentary about a western woman who lives in a red light district of

India with prostitutes and their children. She tries to see the world through the children's eyes by teaching them photography. It's an interesting and creative documentary that brings hope of helping one person at a time.

## **The Propaganda Machine**

**Chimay (U.S.)**

Watch the The Propaganda Machine on <http://www.woodstocktv.org> live Sunday at 8 p.m. (Eastern Time- NY). This show tries to educate people on truth within our governments and our world. You can also look at the schedule of replays on the website. Check it out!

Thank you so much for taking time to read our newsletter! Thank you those who wrote as well! Please begin to write and contribute as soon as possible for the next newsletter which will come out in a few months. We also are looking for a committed, reliable person to help.

Thanks again,

Love,

Lydia Black, Chimay Posavec, Kelly Shannon, Corina Simon and Oran Cohen.

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