



# One Spirit

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## Butterfly Connection

by Augusto Cuginotti

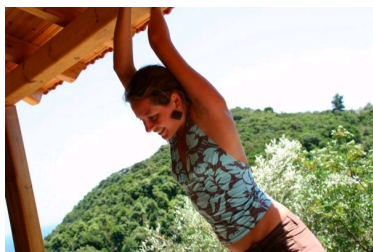
You woke up today and decided to take a moment off and listen to what the world is calling you to be and to do next. You step out of your daily routine and retreat, and in retreating you are basically taking some time to be with yourself and explore a question: what is the call of the world for me right now?



Imagine that you are in a space that invites you to personal reflection and a group of like-minded people are travelling this journey with you - a journey of individual and collective inquiry on clarifying one's own call.

I have just come back from one of those spaces, a magical olive farm close to Mt. Pelion in Greece, where we were blessed by a full moon, where birds sing softly during the night and butterflies are bringing colour to the vibrant green during the day.

My colleagues and I, still getting to know each other, were in a collective inquiry around questions that matter to support our journey within, a journey to explore our personal talents and to tap into the source of our motivation. We went in silence together and also shared our reflections and insights with the group.



The outcome of this space is very personal, but also flourishes into a strong community. It is as if the strength you gain for being connected to the world resonates with others and perhaps inspires others to find their own connection. Being in connection and knowing your unique way to express it into

this world is how you bring spirituality into action.

Being part of the community of the World Spirit Youth Council since 2006, I've learned with my colleagues many ways of inviting youth and elders to bring spirituality into action and do action connected with spirit. The Council itself and its work are about this invitation and that is why it is part of my personal call.

My way of contributing to this invitation is by hosting programs like the one I've just described. We call them 'Butterfly Connection', a personal and community space for connection that happens inspired by the transformation process of the butterfly. You are invited to join us in one!

## From Interfaith to Spirituality



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## Events & Gatherings From Around the World

### Face to Faith

In a world that is opening up at an astonishing speed, schools are recognizing the need to equip young people with the skills to contribute to an increasingly global, interdependent society.

Yet in a world in which 4 billion people - two thirds of the population - are of faith, can we be sure that young people are equipped to participate as global citizens if they do not understand much about the world's major religions? How can we ensure that a lack of knowledge does not lead to prejudice, antagonism and tension?

A new global education programme from the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Face to Faith, is designed to do just that. The initiative was launched formally on Tuesday 9th June by Tony Blair who took part in a video-conference between three schools in the UK, Palestine and India.

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### Tamera Peace Research Center

Young people between the ages of 15 to 30 will study a realistic utopia during a six weeks community time, from July 18th until August 30th, 2009.

During these six weeks we will have time to work on solutions to steer these seemingly

In the hot summer air of Kansas on the great plains of the United States, three members of the World Spirit Youth Council - Mark Harris, Joshua Gorman, and Nina Meyerhof - recently attended the North American Interfaith Network's (NAIN) annual conference. The theme of this year's NAIN Connect was "Experiencing the Spirit in Education: The Challenge of Religious Pluralism" and it was hosted on the beautiful campus of Unity Village, the national headquarters for the Unity church, a new thought evolution of traditional Christianity.



Attending this conference were people representing the religious and spiritual traditions of the world - Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Bahaism, Unity, Christian Scientist, Unitarian Universalist, indigenous, pagan, and spiritual seekers of many different blends. Over

the course of our three days together, we explored the role of interfaith work within our multicultural societies, along with the importance of our many ways for knowing "God" and how we can help usher "Spirit" back into education.

Representing the work of the World Spirit Youth Council, we presented a workshop titled "From Interfaith to Spirituality" that shared the story of our growing network of young spiritual activists and peacemakers around the world, about the spiritual nature and process of our gatherings, and most especially, about the tremendous importance we have found in experiencing the universal truth of who we are as a human species on a shared planet, in a shared cosmos, and all part of the same Great Mystery.

In keeping with the style of WSYC events, we designed our workshop to be as experiential as possible so that people could get beyond 'language' and feel the 'heart' of what we were speaking to. Joshua shared an inspired poem, Mark offered a passion-filled song, and Nina facilitated a deep guided meditation. Other participants in our workshop also shared songs and poems. The inner Spirit came alive and we were reminded once again of the power and purpose of the World Spirit Youth Council.

While each of our individual and collective faith traditions are greatly valued, there is something so liberating and unifying in realizing that, beyond all of our differences, there is a Oneness to Life, to our connection as a People, and to the Song which plays throughout it all. As we participated in this interfaith convergence and encountered the incredible richness of humanity's religious and spiritual life, my soul was enlivened and my hope for the future was strengthened. For there is such cause for celebration: we are a generation inheriting all the faiths of the world, and more.

One people, one planet, one life, one spirit, one love!

## So Join the movement!

### Connect with us on SpiritYouth.org

SpiritYouth.org is an exciting new Social Network enabling youth and elders all over the world to connect, share, learn and act in matters that are based on spirituality and activism!

Join us [here](#)

### Or join our Facebook Group

Facebook now has more than 175 million active users. More than half of Facebook users are outside of college.

Join us [here](#).

## WCYF Manifesto

We are inspired youth from different countries and

hopeless energies towards a new and positive future - not just for an elite, but for all the people throughout the world. Coming from all sorts of backgrounds we will immerse in answers to questions like:

How will it go on after the breakdown of the imperial systems?

How is changing oneself and changing the world interconnected?

Why do all our personal issues - revolving around love, partnership, and sexuality - are of political significance?

Everyone who wants to dedicate his or her life for peace on Earth is invited.

More Information at [www.tamera.org](http://www.tamera.org)  
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## Evolutionary Leaders July 2009

On July 26, 2008 the Chopra Foundation, the Source of Synergy Foundation and the Association for Global New Thought invited a group of renowned Evolutionary Leaders to the Chopra Center in Carlsbad, California, to explore their extraordinary potential as a collective ([www.evolutionaryleadersretreat.com](http://www.evolutionaryleadersretreat.com)). Since then, the Leaders have been successful in establishing a collective platform that is generating various exciting projects. The Evolutionary Leaders met again in July 2009 as an expression of their continuing commitment to a collaborative approach to accelerating the shift in global consciousness.

World Spirit Youth Council was represented in the July 2009 gathering by Dr. Nina Meyerhof, President Children of the Earth and Yuka Saionji, on behalf of Goi Peace Foundation.

The Evolutionary Leaders need your support in:

1. Signing and sharing "A Call to Conscious Evolution: Our Moment of Choice" [www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/248704259](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/248704259), with more than 30,000 signatures to date.
2. Creating a collective website that will include interactive web teachings, web dialogues, video clips of lectures, conferences, interviews, an Evolutionary Leaders Blog and many other features to support the movement in consciousness.
3. Expanding [www.consciouscollaboratory.net](http://www.consciouscollaboratory.net) as a tool to map the movement and link to cutting-edge individuals, organizations and projects.
4. Developing educational and media projects to reach a broader audience, such as a music video, a collective curriculum, television programming, and publications.
5. Making it possible for Evolutionary Leaders to continue to come together to synergize their collective impact for positive change.

## Full Moon Gatherings

Silent Party is an online inner peace activity when people around the world can cultivate their own Inner Peace Time and share it to the world at the same time. The original idea was proposed by the Peace Revolution Agents in February 2009. Since then, the party has been organized every full moon day once a month. No matter where you live, you can join this activity. If you are new to the Inner Peace Time,

organizations gathered together to speak out a common voice. In a world where sea levels continue to rise, species go extinct, and access to basic necessities become more limited, we catch ourselves bearing the brunt of the mistakes of the previous generations. But all is not at a loss. We have the power, the dynamism, and the creativity to shape a world that is a better place to live in.

We are the precursors of meaningful change.

So begins the statement prepared by the gathering of youth at the World Creative Youth Forum in the Philippines this past May.

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## New One Spirit Updates

### Phillipines:

#### [SIBUYAN ISLAND](#)

" a beautiful drop of land ~  
WHERE WIND, WATER AND EARTH MEET "

by Jimmy Lama, Nepal

### Pakistan: Environment Day

Organizations for Peace & Development organized a seminar on the International Day of Environment. The theme of the day was the same as is declared by UNO "your planet needs you, unite to combat climate change."

The program started with reciting of Holy Bible and Holy Quran.

OPD feel that in Pakistan we need to raise awareness on the environmental issues in regard to save the nature and health of people. We must encourage young people to come forward and save our environment because for healthy body we need healthy environment and avoiding Global Warming for better living.

We feel that we should work to promote safe and healthy environment through following ways:

- Planting Trees
- Raising Awareness (through organizing seminars and workshop
- Consultation Meetings with Media
- To discourage the installation of industries in residential areas
- Awareness session with school teachers and community stakeholders
- Discourage deforestation

We are human beings, calling ourselves the highest creature of the earth, and are destroying the four elements of the environment. Now let us decide which element is less important for us. Is it earth, water, atmosphere or biomes? I think none has less importance for us. So we should all think why we are destroying our life by our own hands. We should take care of our nature and natural resources to save our present and future generations. We realize that every one needs to play his/her role individually and collectively to save the environment. And we must encourage our youth to come forward and join hands to save & protect the environment and all living beings.

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### Romania: Organically Establishing Synergies

When you really want something ... the Universe will make it happen for you!

When you are following the path of your soul, you are like a lighthouse shining in the middle of the seas: providing guidance, protection and a sense of home.

This is how I feel whenever I meet people and situations are created that realize wonderful opportunities to do the work that you

you can follow a live guided session by visiting this page during the Inner Peace Time. Each session will feature an experienced Buddhist monk trained to instruct and give basic and deep meditation advice.

<http://www.peacerevolution2010.org>

## We are One

### Global Coherence Initiative

<http://www.gcoherence.org/>

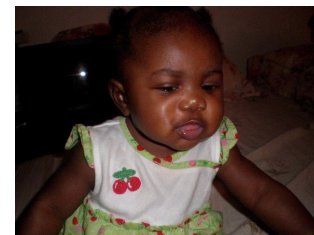
A science based initiative to unite millions of people in heart-focused care and intention - to shift global consciousness from instability and discord to balance, cooperation and peace.

### Children of the Children



Keone

Rayne was born June 20th to proud parents Sammy and Naa Jacobs-Abbey in Washington, D.C.



Verony Monique, daughter of Zeke Gyimah, celebrated her birthday on February 18th.

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are meant to do on this life-time.

Ever since we started Spirit Romania, Stefy and I have felt that wonderful things are happening in our lives which are contributing to carry the vision of One Spirit in Romania.

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## USA:

### Day of Interfaith Youth Service, California, USA

by Theodore Timpson

50 young people got together and proved that there can be peace among people of faith.



We joined the thousands of volunteers who have helped to restore the beautiful habitat of San Francisco Bay. We marched silently together along the "Reflective Walk of All Religions." We shared a meal and talked about how our different faiths truly motivate us to make change in the world.

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**In two months, look for more news around the world...**

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## Inspiring Book and Film Recommendations

### Sex, Ecology, Spirituality: the Spirit of Evolution by Ken Wilber

[Book] Corina Simon of Romania

"Put differently, I sought a world philosophy. I sought an integral philosophy, one that would believably weave together the many pluralistic contexts of science, morals, aesthetics, Eastern as well as Western philosophy, and the world's great wisdom traditions. Not on the level of details-that is finitely impossible; but on the level of orienting generalizations: a way to suggest that the world is one, undivided whole, and related to itself in every way: a holistic philosophy for a holistic Kosmos: a world philosophy, an integral philosophy." - Ken Wilber,

### Fierce Light - Where Spirit Meets Action

[Movie] Corina Simon of Romania

"Fierce Light" is a feature documentary that captures the exciting movement of Spiritual Activism that is exploding around the planet, and the powerful personalities that are igniting it. ([Link to http://www.fiercelight.org](http://www.fiercelight.org))

### Elizabeth Gilbert on nurturing creativity

[Video] Oran Cohen of South Africa

Elizabeth Gilbert muses on the impossible things we expect from artists and geniuses – and shares the radical idea that, instead of the rare person "being" a genius, all of us "have" a genius. It brings humility into the realm of leadership, creativity and innovation. It's a funny, personal and surprisingly moving talk.

[View here.](#)

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.

Love,  
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