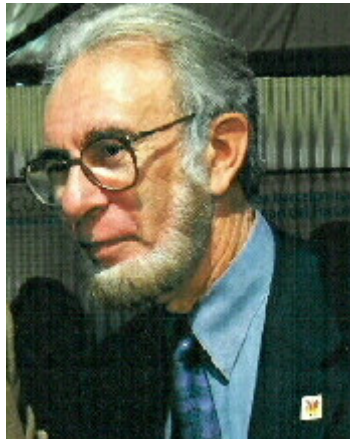




"CULTURE OF PEACE IS A SET OF VALUES..."

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GUEST SPEAKER



DAVID ADAMS

FOLLOWING A CAREER AS PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY (WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY), DAVID ADAMS WENT TO **UNESCO** IN 1992 TO DEVELOP THE **CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAMME** AS A SUPPLEMENT AND NON-VIOLENT ALTERNATIVE TO MILITARY PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. HE DIRECTED THE UNIT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE, PROCLAIMED FOR THE YEAR 2000 BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. HIS UN RESPONSIBILITIES ALSO INCLUDED DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL CULTURE OF PEACE PROJECTS IN **EL SALVADOR** AND **MOZAMBIQUE**, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CULTURE OF PEACE CONCEPT, AND TRAINING IN PEACE-BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

IN HIS ACADEMIC CAREER, HE WAS A SPECIALIST ON THE BRAIN MECHANISMS OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR, THE EVOLUTION OF WAR, AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PEACE ACTIVISTS, AND HE HELPED TO DEVELOP AND PUBLICIZE THE SEVILLE STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS AND NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS IN NEUROPHYSIOLOGY, CARDIOVASCULAR PHYSIOLOGY, GENETICS, ETHOLOGY, BIOPSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, CROSS-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY, AND ETHICS. A NUMBER OF THESE STUDIES HAVE HELPED LAY THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR WORK TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE. HE IS NOW DEVOTED TO DEVELOPING CULTURE OF PEACE ON THE INTERNET.

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– NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE "SPIRAL DYNAMICS: A NEW MODEL FOR UNDERSTANDING VALUES THAT SHAPE OUR WORLD"

EXCERPTS FROM THE MILLENNIUM DECLARATION...

WE BELIEVE THAT THE CENTRAL CHALLENGE WE FACE TODAY IS TO ENSURE THAT GLOBALIZATION BECOMES A POSITIVE FORCE FOR ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLE. FOR WHILE GLOBALIZATION OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES, AT PRESENT ITS BENEFITS ARE VERY UNEVENLY SHARED, WHILE ITS COSTS ARE UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION FACE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES IN RESPONDING TO THIS CENTRAL CHALLENGE.

THUS, ONLY THROUGH BROAD AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO CREATE A SHARED FUTURE, BASED UPON OUR COMMON HUMANITY IN ALL ITS DIVERSITY, CAN GLOBALIZATION BE MADE FULLY INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE. THESE EFFORTS MUST INCLUDE POLICIES AND MEASURES, AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL, WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION, AND ARE FORMULATED AND IMPLEMENTED WITH THEIR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION.

WE CONSIDER CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL VALUES TO BE ESSENTIAL TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY. THESE INCLUDE:

FREEDOM MEN AND WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE THEIR LIVES AND RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN DIGNITY, FREE FROM HUNGER AND FROM THE FEAR OF VIOLENCE, OPPRESSION OR INJUSTICE. DEMOCRATIC AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE BASED ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE BEST ASSURES THESE RIGHTS.

EQUALITY NO INDIVIDUAL AND NO NATION MUST BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM DEVELOPMENT. THE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF WOMEN AND MEN MUST BE ASSURED.

SOLIDARITY GLOBAL CHALLENGES MUST BE MANAGED IN A WAY THAT DISTRIBUTES THE COSTS AND BURDENS FAIRLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BASIC PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. THOSE WHO SUFFER, OR WHO BENEFIT LEAST, DESERVE HELP FROM THOSE WHO BENEFIT MOST.

TOLERANCE HUMAN BEINGS MUST RESPECT EACH OTHER, IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY OF BELIEF, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE. DIFFERENCES WITHIN AND BETWEEN SOCIETIES SHOULD NEITHER BE FEARED NOR REPRESSED, BUT CHERISHED AS A PRECIOUS ASSET OF HUMANITY. A CULTURE OF PEACE AND DIALOGUE AMONG ALL CIVILIZATIONS SHOULD BE ACTIVELY PROMOTED.

RESPECT FOR NATURE PRUDENCE MUST BE SHOWN IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL LIVING SPECIES AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEPTS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES PROVIDED TO US BY NATURE BE PRESERVED AND PASSED ON TO OUR DESCENDANTS. THE CURRENT UNSUSTAINABLE PATTERNS OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION MUST BE CHANGED, IN THE INTEREST OF OUR FUTURE WELFARE AND THAT OF OUR DESCENDANTS.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY MUST BE SHARED AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND SHOULD BE EXERCISED MULTILATERALLY. AS THE MOST UNIVERSAL AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD, THE UNITED NATIONS MUST PLAY THE CENTRAL ROLE. . . .