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New Ecospiritual Renaissance for a New World

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I am Rosalba Nattero, president of Ecospirituality Foundation, NGO in Consultative Status with the United Nations.

Our roots are very ancient. We refer to the ancient Druidic Shamanism transmitted by Giancarlo Barbadoro, unfortunately disappeared in 2019. We carry on his project and his dream, based on the diffusion of ecospirituality.

The contribution I would like to bring to this peace-oriented forum is to tell you about the New Ecospiritual Renaissance.

New Ecospiritual Renaissance is a cultural movement and an expression of opinion.

It is nonpolitical, with no party or confessional affiliations and was founded by the Ecospirituality Foundation, an organisation in consultative status with the United Nations.

The movement is inspired by the philosophy of Ecospirituality proposed by Giancarlo Barbadoro. The concept of ecospirituality arises from the experience of Natural Peoples, meaning those native populations that have resisted assimilation into the religions and ideologies of majority society. They remain on every continent as cultures that have maintained their contact with Mother Earth, understood as a point of reference for individual personal spiritual growth.

Ecospirituality is the philosophy of Nature, an experience of inner harmony extending to include everything around us, with due respect for the environment and all forms of life.

In this view the individual is not seen as the undisputed ruler of the world he inhabits, but is found to be associated with all the manifestations of life and with the planet itself, in a common experience that is part of an ecosystem that orbits in space.

An opportunity for harmonious integration into the environment, be it understood as a social dimension or as a contact with nature, respecting its harmony.

Ecospiritual philosophy also leads to a re-evaluation of culture and research from a non-anthropocentric perspective and without ideological barriers, in a respectful confrontation of all ideas. A culture of new knowledge that combines science and spirituality without favoring some fields in favor of others.

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NEW ECOSPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE

Manifesto

- 1) New Ecospiritual Renaissance is a cultural movement and an expression of opinion. It is nonpolitical and has no party or confessional affiliations, but is inspired by the philosophy of Ecospirituality proposed by Giancarlo Barbadoro. The term Ecospirituality means that relationship between an individual and the environment which arises from the realisation of an inner experience of free, individual contact with Nature, unconditioned by any preconceived idea or ideological bond that may restrict it.
- 2) We consider that the development of an inner experience cannot involve prophets, Masters of revealed truths or any other intermediaries attempting to impose themselves in place of the personal experience of the individual.
- 3) Man does not hold absolute dominion over Creation. The time has come for anthropocentrism, whereby everything in the universe is created for the needs of humans, to be replaced by an anti-specist, biocentric approach.
- 4) Knowledge has to be free, with no preconceptions or contamination from partial ideologies. We want to colour the world with a culture that has no ideological boundaries, exchange new ideas with each other, look up to the stars and investigate the universe and beyond.
- 5) We intend to promote free, impartial research, in order to develop a culture of new knowledge, uniting science with spirituality, while not giving preference to any one field over others.
- 6) We support the exchange of experiences between anyone who accepts dialogue with ways of thinking different from their own, while completely respecting all ideas that do not undermine anyone else's freedom.
- 7) We propose the study and safeguarding of ancient traditions, to understand and preserve our link with the cultural roots of humanity, which can give a sense of continuity and universal values to each individual.
- 8) We consider spirituality to be a form of free, personal research and that it should be defended and protected as such.
- 9) Animals, other species and the plant kingdom are all children of Mother Earth, just as humans are, and should therefore be respected as such.
- 10) It is not acceptable to exploit animals, by reducing them to slavery on intensive farms, by humiliating them in circuses, by shutting them up in zoos, by using them as prey for hunting or by torturing them in laboratories.
- 11) Our planet has to be protected and respected. Nature gives us our life, feeds us and provides us with everything we need to live.
- 12) Mother Earth is not just green fields and forests, but can be looked on as the depository of a great cosmic mystery. Nature is our only true Mother, who helps us to grow as individuals, by means of her constant stimuli and continual teaching.