

K'insight News

Spring Equinox 2009

*News and information from the Sun & Serpent
Maya Mysteries School.*

*A Blend of Spiritual and Eco news from
The Lands of the Condor, Quetzal and Eagle.*

*The Vernal equinox in the northern hemisphere
And*

*The Autumn equinox in the southern hemisphere.
2009 spring equinox occurs Friday,
March 20, at 11:44am GMT*

*Each year this day is United Nations declared **Earth Day***

said

From its beginning the purpose of the Earth Day was to provide an annual date on which the whole world (people of every creed and culture) would rededicate themselves to the care of Earth. The March Equinox (nature's special day of equilibrium) provided an appropriate time to celebrate the wonder of life on our planet. This is a special day for the human family to focus on a common cause - stewardship of Earth!

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The more we think and act as Earth Trustees, the more we will see and do the things that will eliminate pollution, poverty, injustice and conflict -- violence, war'.

(John McConnell 86 year old founder of Earth Day)

We invite you to set aside some of your time on this day to celebrate this wonder of life and hold a vision for how you wish our Mother Earth to be for generations to come. (Mikhail & Alloa Patricia)

EARTH DAY transcends all national borders, yet preserves all geographical integrities. It spans mountains and oceans and time belts, and yet brings people all over the world into one resonating accord, devoted to the preservation of harmony in nature. We draw upon the triumphs of technology by sending this instantaneous communication through space and time to you, and ask you to use this day fully for the purpose intended

EARTH DAY draws on astronomical phenomena in a new way – and yet using the most ancient way – using the vernal Equinox, the time when the Sun crosses the equator making night and day of equal length in all parts of the Earth. To this point in the annual calendar, EARTH DAY attaches no local or divisive set of symbols, no statement of the truth or superiority of one way of life over another. But the selection of the March Equinox makes planetary observance of a shared event possible.

The Earth as "source"

Connecting with the Earth was (and still is) an essential part of spirituality in many ancient and Indigenous cultures. The separation of science and spirituality in our Western culture has estranged most of us from our soul connection to the Earth. Corrupt and unethical management of natural resources has led much of humanity to see the Earth as an object that is there to use. We no longer consider her to be a living entity. We have forgotten that she is truly a "mother" who provides us with everything we need, nurturing every level of our human existence.

What does Mother Earth provide us with? The Earth provides us with every atom in our body - either directly or indirectly - making us inseparable from the Earth herself.

The Earth provides the electromagnetic environment we need to optimally function. This in turn helps us to connect with the more subtle energies of the Earth. These subtle energies resonate and interact with our meridians,

chakras, energy bodies. On Earth we find those energies in lines, grids and vortexes.

We suggest you use this day to reconnect, reunite with our mother, the mother that is common to all of us. Having begun your journey of reconnection, make and redouble your promises so that you walk your talk through meaningful acts of loving care.

Mikhail & Alloa Patricia

At the moment of the equinox, it is traditional to observe Earth Day by ringing the Japanese Peace Bell,

A bell donated by Japan to the United Nations.

The Return of the Ancestors

The Institute for Cultural Awareness is presenting a historic International multicultural gathering and sacred pilgrimage welcoming Indigenous elders and future wisdom keepers representing the voice of Mother Earth, It will take place between April 18-28, 2009 in Northern Arizona. The heart of the gathering will be the 4th reunion of the Continental Council of Indigenous Elders and Spiritual Guides of the Americas. The intention is to unite and share the invited wisdom keeper's visions and prophesized ceremonies for peace and harmony for Mother Earth and all humanity.

The Institute for Cultural Awareness' goal is to sponsor 72 or more global spiritual/cultural leaders and 28 youth council leaders from around the world. These wisdom keepers will share a harvest of harmonic wisdom and understandings that will enable the world to fulfill the prophecies of the ancestors. This gathering's commitment to ceremony as a focal point offers pilgrims of the world the privilege to witness councils sharing wisdom from their ancestors, songs and sacred ceremonies. This intention is to bring

inspiration to the world thus birthing clear decisions and manifesting a conduit of hope for our children, the future wisdom keepers of the world.

Humanity has waited for the day of peace and harmony to reign in this world for hundreds of years. We are at a pivotal point where action needs to be taken. We must move in a new direction towards each individual seeking the healing of their ancestral memories to enable humanity to move forward. A proclamation will be made for the ancestral memories to be healed globally for all time and space.

We are now living in a time of our truth and an intertwined field of destiny mending the circle of life. Let us look at the truth: the tree of life, the seed of life, the flower of life. The world has awaited a renewed life's plan. We look towards our grand elders and wisdom keepers' Cosmo vision for specific instructions and guidance towards the reconnection to the natural laws. The seen and unseen from the past, present and future unfold. Destiny brings us all to this point in time. The men and women of wisdom have returned. History and Herstory is unfolding in front of our very own eyes.

Some will be fortunate to attend the gathering physically. Everyone is being called to participate in this historic and extraordinary event and they / you can!

For we are reaching toward a time where nature tells us to reduce our carbon footprint and /or our personal economic situation prevents us and yet our inner perceptions of awareness are becoming more heightened to enable our participation at other levels within the Divine Plan. Through humanity's enlightenment, once again we will live in balance and harmony with Mother Earth. All is in divine timing!

One Mayan prophecy states, "At the time of the 12 Bak'tun and 13 Ahau is the time of the return of our ancestors and the return of the men of wisdom." "That time is now," says Grandfather Alejandro Cirilo Oxlaj, President of the National Mayan Council of Elders of Guatemala and President of the Continental Council of Indigenous Elders and Spiritual Guides of the Americas.

News from Maya Elder and Daykeeper Hunbatz Men

Hunbatz Men sends his greetings to everyone from the Sacred Mayan Pyramids in Mexico and invites you to join us for an amazing adventure that will occur March 19-26th 2009. Mystery School groups from around the world will be attending this wonderful opportunity for personal healing and transformation.

THE MAYAS & THE COSMIC TIME is the title for this gathering just south of Merida in the Yucatan, Mexico. The Cosmic Mysteries School and Hunbatz Men will be at the private sacred site of Lol BE (beautiful flower).

Ceremony and ritual will be conducted by the Shamans in honor of the great spirit of the teacher K'INICH K'AK'MU, at ITZMAL.

K'INICH K'AK'MU was an old civilizer of the Mayan people. The spirits of nature will also be invoked in this Ancient Ceremony to heal Mother Earth.

The TIME of the EQUINOX

By Rigoberto Itzep Chanchabac - Daykeeper - Ajkij Maya - Kiche

"In these simple lines I express my point of view about the Equinox."

According to our experiences of the MAYA COSMOVISION, the time of the Equinox is the time of the astral commemoration when "Jun Wukub Ajp' IX Balam Kij" descends into the underworld after his son who has beaten the owners of the underworld. We know very well that for the world or spiritual universe, there was a big battle before the spiritual, material world could take form. It was necessary, this big fight between the light and darkness. The Equinox is a signal that reminds us of that date for eternity, that moment, when the day has become longer than the night

When is Sun-Earth Day? – Well N.A.S.A. have got in on the act too!

This year's main event will be on March 20, 2009. Sun-Earth Day is comprised of a series of programs and events that occur throughout the year culminating with a celebration on or near the Spring Equinox. Middle schools are invited to participate in Solar Week in Spring 2009, a week of games, activities and curriculum about the Sun.

For Sun-Earth Day 2009, we will engage a worldwide audience in the celebration of the International Year of Astronomy (IYA), especially in daytime astronomy. Tremendous strides have been made as satellites and ground-based observatories attentively monitor the Sun to understand the processes that govern the Sun's influence on our solar system. Using the popular Sun-Earth Day framework we will offer a series of coordinated events to promote and highlight the Sun, its connection to Earth and other planets, and support the spirit of international collaboration
<http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/2009>

Earth Hour

– Yes one twenty-fourth of Earth Day also features internationally

Earth Hour 2009 is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community. A call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future. Iconic buildings and landmarks from Europe to The Americas will stand in darkness. People across the world will turn off their lights and join together in creating the vital conversation about the future of our precious planet.

Over 64 countries and territories are participating in Earth Hour 2009. This number grows every day as people realise how such a simple act, can have such a profound result in affecting change.

Earth Hour is a message of hope and a message of action. Everyone can make a difference.

*Join us for Earth Hour 2009,
turn off your lights at 8.30pm Saturday 28 March*

<http://www.earthhour.org>

For example :- WWF Bolivia, part of the global conservation organization, in collaboration with the municipal governments of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Trinidad and Puerto Quijarro, local power companies CRE and Coserelec, invite you to participate in Earth Hour Bolivia 2009.

In the last edition of K'insight we drew your attention to the World Social Forum 2009, held at the end of January in Belem, Brazil. In striking contrast to the simultaneously held World Economic Forum in Davos Switzerland, the W.S.F was attended by several thousand indigenous people.

It has been difficult to gain any coherent impression of this year's W.S.F. gathering, but here is one —

Beyond capitalism

Posted February 11th, 2009 by admin

By Leonor Hurtado and Frances Lambrick

The world economic crisis spells the death of globalization, and action is needed to protect the poor, said organizers of the World Social Forum as it wrapped up in Brazil on Sunday, February 1st. The forum's leaders hailed the strong participation at this year's gathering, which brought together 133,000 people from unions, religious associations, family organizations, ecologists and other progressive groups. Held at the same time as the World Economic Forum in Davos, the World Social Forum presents an alternative to address the global food and financial crises. The strong critical analysis of neo-liberalism delivered by previous World Social Forums has been proven.

The role now is to reevaluate neo-liberal policies—and opening the door to social democratic reform of economies and states.

The challenge is daunting, with proposed solutions to the financial crisis in Europe and the U.S that simply continue the culture of debt. In Belem, the test was to come up with alternatives to such solutions. For example, as Walden Bello, esteemed Filipino activist and academic suggests, “We need to contend alternatives from within the system, like an expansion of social democracy for instance.” Fatima Mello, member of the forum's organizing committee, said: “The crisis has forced us to improve our proposals. We have built up a big network against the crisis and we will launch various days of world action and campaigns this year to make sure the poor don't pay its high price.”

The 2009 World Social Forum put forward several aims, including a key period of demonstrations and campaigning to take place from 23rd March to 4th April, particularly targeting the G-20 summit, which takes place on 2nd April. It is hoped that Argentina and Brazil, both led by progressive governments, will voice WSF demands, such as disbanding or deep reform of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Another WSF demand—for Israeli troops to withdraw of Gaza—will focus action to impose a trade boycott on March 30th, the Palestinian Day of Return to their Land.

Oxfam at the World Social Forum 2009: Solutions for the crisis should come from the bottom up

Oxfam International is participating at the 9th World Social Forum (WSF) in Belém, Brazil to share experiences and to strategize with other organizations and networks on ways to tackle the combined effects of the global economic crisis, food prices, and the effects of climate change in developing countries. The rising price of food has pushed more than 100 million people into hunger in the past year alone and has raised the total number of people without food to 1 billion (one out of six people in the planet).



Indigenous representatives attending the W.S.F. 2009

On January 29th the leaders of Ecuador, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Venezuela held a “dialogue” with social movements and later that evening Presidents Morales, Chavez, Correa, Lugo, joined by Lula, spoke at an ecstatic event organized by the Brazilian Workers’ Party at the Hangar – an old airplane building that has been converted into a state of the art auditorium. Both the first and second events were electrifying occasions with rapt, chanting crowds. While political leaders are not invited into the Forum, the WSF has regularly had politicians, usually Chavez, come and speak outside the grounds, highlighting their fidelity to the content – though not always the process being espoused. The first event ended with the Presidents all singing the haunting: “Hasta Siempre”. The song became all the more poignant when Aleida Guevara, the daughter of the twentieth century’s most famous revolutionary, came onto the stage and sang with the leaders.

In these circumstances, what is the point of the World Social Forum? It could be argued that it more needed now than ever: that is, to contribute actively to the building of a new and fair global order that can address deep problems of poverty, inequality, food insecurity and ecological crisis. The problem here is that the movement is more united in what it has been against than in what it should now be for. In particular, “alter-globalisation” activists divide into three distinct currents about the way forward.

The local approach

The first current of the alter-globalisation movement considers that instead of getting involved in a global movement and international forums, the path to social change lies through giving life to horizontal, participatory, convivial and sustainable values in daily practices, personal life and local spaces. Many urban activists cite the way that, for example, the Zapatistas in Mexico and other Latin American indigenous movements now focus on developing communities' local autonomy via participatory self-government, autonomous education systems and improving the quality of life. They appreciate too the convivial aspect of local initiatives and their promise of small but real alternatives to corporate globalisation and mass consumption.

This approach is exemplified also in initiatives such as the "collective purchase groups" that have multiplied in western Europe and north America. These typically gather small groups of people who buy from local (and often organic) food-producers in the effort to make quality food affordable, create alternatives to the "anonymous supermarket" and promote local social relations. In many Italian social centres, critical-consumption movements have taken the space previously occupied by the alter-globalisation mobilisations. The "convivial de-growth" and "convivial urban" movements belong to a similar, sustainable and environmentally friendly, tendency.

The advocacy approach

The second current of the movement believes that the way forward lies through efficient single-issue networks able to develop coherent arguments in areas such as food sovereignty and developing-world debt; in turn this work can become a route to raising broader questions. The protection of water-supplies from privatisation, for example, can be used to explore the issues of global public goods, the role of global corporations and "the long-term efficiency of the public sector". After several years of intense exchanges among citizens and experts focusing on the same issue, the quality of arguments has considerably increased to the extent that this form of activity has become the core of the social-forums' dynamic. There are several examples of the effectiveness of such networks - often without media attention. The European Public Water Network's influence on the city of Paris's decision in

November 2008 to restore municipal control over water distribution is just one.

The state approach

The third current of the movement holds that progressive public policies implemented by state leaders and institutions are the key to achieving broad social change. In the past, "alter-globalisation" activists have struggled to strengthen state agency in social, environmental and economic fields; but now that state intervention has regained legitimacy in the wake of systemic crisis, this more "political" component of the movement believes that the future lies in solidarity with the projects of radical leaders such as Venezuela's Hugo Chávez and Bolivia's Evo Morales.

De-growth seems to renovate the old formula of ecologists: think globally, act locally.

Indigenous people from across Latin America led more than 1,000 protesters, gathered in Belem, Brazil, for the World Social Forum, in formation of a human banner Jan. 27. Around the giant outline of a warrior taking aim with a bow and arrow, indigenous leaders and activists spelled out the message "SALVE A AMAZONIA," or "save the Amazon" in Portuguese.



"With the permission of our ancestors' spirits, we indigenous peoples are here with our friends from all corners of the earth. We build this symbol with our

bodies as the cry of living beings from this green forest, this planet, for our continuity as humans and diverse creatures. The symbol of the bow and arrow has three meanings: The first, our aim that every man, woman, and child will decide to care for our planet; The second, the position of defending the rights of indigenous peoples, of nature, of the planet, and of our home the Amazon; The third, to send a message to the world so that each of us helps to protect our home, our air, our water, our food. The Datsiparabu ceremony is the purification of our minds, our spirit, our soul, and our hearts. Save the Amazon!"

The Sun & Serpent Maya Mysteries School continues to offer powerful shamanic based courses in Southern Spain. Please see www.mayasunserpent.com for details. Why not combine a holiday break with a weekend intensive in our superb location in the mountains?

Metamorphosis 2012 is the name of the group that will be a collaboration with our sister school, The Auriga Mysteries School, U.K, to provide a ceremonial and indigenous spiritual teaching focus at the Out of the Ordinary Festival, OOTO, near Brighton, U.K, over the weekend of September 18/19/20. Join us in the Peace Circle for the Equinox sunrise. General details of the Festival from <http://www.outoftheordinaryfestival.com/>

Arising from the initiatives put in place at the Vision Council, Glastonbury, 2008, Metamorphosis 2012 seeks ways to empower and facilitate positive change as we approach the pivotal year 2012. You can link in with the supporting group by Facebook <http://groups.to/metamorphosis2012/>

This ends Vernal Equinox 2009 edition



Vision Council, Glastonbury UK 2008.



Fire Ceremony, Glastonbury Tor UK 2008.

Thank you for your interest. If you wish to circulate any of this information to your networks please put an acknowledgement to The Sun & Serpent Maya Mysteries School.

Blessings, in Peace,

Mikhail and Alloa Patricia.

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