

WORLD COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS AND CULTURES

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MUMBAI MANIFESTO

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PREAMBLE

At the start of the New Millennium, humanity stands at critical crossroads of history. In the midst of tremendous strides in scientific and technological progress and material comforts, there is an urgent need for spiritual and moral resurgence for ensuring the well-being of the human family, for preserving the larger living world and for strengthening the foundations of durable universal peace.

We, the participants at the First International Conference and Gathering of the Elders of the Ancient Traditions and Culture and Children of the Mother Earth firmly affirm the following:

- I. *We assert that all human beings are born equal and have equal rights to live peacefully on Mother Earth.*
 - Peace and Prosperity, at global level, can be realized only when the conflicts within and between the communities vanish and we develop the spirit of tolerance.
 - We vow to strive for World Peace & Prosperity, by working towards achieving a bond of humanity between different cultures, traditions and by bringing about the synthesis of the cultures of East, West, North and South of Mother Earth.
- II. *This sacred universe, full of mysteries, is The Divine Manifestation. All of us have drawn inspiration from our rich heritage passed on to us by our ancestors, who as a part of their spiritual pursuit, had realized that The Omniscient and The Omnipresent Divinity manifests in different forms. We affirm that*
 - We consider ourselves an integral part of The Divine Creation and should relate to each other as Children of Mother Earth.
 - All spiritual and religious traditions and humanitarian philosophies ultimately lead us all to the same divinity and same salvation.
- III. *We have inherited from our ancestors, rites and rituals to invoke and honour Divinity, by different names and forms. We proclaim that -*
 - We have equal rights to follow our own traditions, rituals and spiritual and religious philosophies that are not harmful or threatening to others' existence.
 - If we follow these rites and rituals properly, which are in perfect tune with nature and environment, it can solve many environmental problems, humanity is facing today.
 - It is time for all of us to come together and revive the ancient traditions and customs which are in tune with scientific and spiritual knowledge for promoting an understanding within communities and globally.
- IV. *We declare that we shall work together towards*
 - Reducing all sorts of exploitation that have continued in the name of race, religion & economy.
 - Highlighting the pains and trauma of religious conversions made on the presumption that others' traditions, cultures or religions are inferior and thus create an awareness to stop any religious conversions.
 - Bringing about an understanding within different cultures and build up an atmosphere that will be conducive to the development of humanity as a whole.

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SIGNATORIES TO THE MUMBAI MANIFESTO 2003

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4	ARUN CHINCHMALATUPURE	HINDU	INDIA
5	B. LALTHLEGLIANA	MIZO	INDIA
6	BALKRISHANA UTTAMRAO NAIK	HINDU	INDIA
7	BANIARMON DKHAR	HYNNIEW TREP KHASI	INDIA
8	BENGIA NAWGHA	TANI NYISHI	INDIA
9	BHIKKHU GNANA JAGAT	BUDDHIST	INDIA
10	BIJOYA SAWIAN	KHASI (HYNNIEW TREP)	INDIA
11	BIKRAMBHADOOR JAMATIYA	JAMATIYA	INDIA
12	BORIS MYRPHET	NIAMTRE	INDIA
13	BUDDHI LINGUI	IDU (MISHMI)	INDIA
14	BUGE MENA	IDU (MISHMI)	INDIA
15	C C KRISHNA	HINDU	FRANCE
16	C. VANLALLAWMA	MIZO	INDIA
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85	LONDANG JUGLI	RANG FRAH	INDIA
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167	TANA NIKAM TARA	NYISHI	INDIA
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