



## The Spirit of the United Nations and its Flag

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The attack on the World Trade Center was not just an attack on the United States but also on the whole free world. Ironically, China and Cuba, which have the freedom to be communistic, have also been affected. At least 62 nations have lost some of their citizens in that tragedy.

War, for the world, has taken on a new form as Terrorism. A terrorist is not just a visibly distinguishable individual with a weapon; they could be doctors, lawyers, scientists, and the everyday worker. They are right in our midst. The terrorist is very willing to die for his cause or belief. The conventional weapons of the past will stop the terrorist but they will not stop terrorism. It has always been an internal force, but now it can be seen to be of a deeper origin. Terrorism can gain its motivation from an ideology, a worldview or a belief. Also, terrorists are not just from the Islamic religion. They can be from religious groups found in Japan, from the I. R. A. in Ireland and even from the U.S. like Timothy McVeigh. As can be seen, terrorism is a universal problem.

In the Gulf War, it was a united effort that helped the United States expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait. You could say that the unity of the nations is what really did the job. It will have to be a similar effort of the nations to defeat Terrorism because the problem is not just in Afghanistan. The battle may start there, but it certainly will not end there. For the enemy is not physical but spiritual. By uniting and staying united, it will be defeated. It is undeniable that we need the cooperation of all the nations. We need to show them that we need them.

With the unity of the nations, there will be two ways to combat Terrorism. First, in the conventional way to fight Terrorism, we need other nations to be stricter with their security systems. This is especially needed at airports, so that terrorists will not be able to hijack any planes from their airports that are destined for the U.S. If a small, poor country does not have the financial resources it needs, the U.S. will have to supply some assistance. Second, the very act of the nations **uniting** is in itself, an act of spiritualism that the world would have never seen before, and a spirit is what is needed to combat a spirit. It will put man at the next level of human development. Terrorism will cease to exist, for it will be exposed for what it really is.

We must also show our appreciation to the French, the British, the Arabs, and the other nations for what they have been to us. We have fought on the same side and have shed blood with those nations. What would America be today if it were not for its allies? When you come to think of it (with all due respect), when has

the United States ever really successfully won a foreign war without another nation by its side? When we Americans were strongly united with other nations, we were victorious. Would our Nation be where it is today had not the French come to our side in our Revolution?

Excessive pride and arrogance is a blinding force and the downfall of all entities. When other nations become proud of their nationality, do they not seem to insinuate that there is something bad or inferior about the rest who do not share their nationality? Do they seem arrogant? And when we Americans express pride in being an American, is not that also insinuating that there is something bad or inferior with those who do not share our nationality? This is probably one of the reasons why there exists a hatred for the U.S. Why do we see the arrogance in others and not in ourselves? Is there anything bad or inferior with being French, Russian, British or of another nationality? How can we, as Americans, be proud of not being of another nationality when, in reality, we are an accumulation of those nationalities? Like the United Nations we are a country of United Nation-alities. Since America is very religious, predominately Christian, they should take to heart what Jesus Christ has said about pride and arrogance as being one of the evils that come from the heart. Pride puts oneself above another. It is better to be humble and grateful just to be! I'm admonishing my country because I love it. We have lost our roots. We've become "too, too" proud. A true American is one who believes and practices not what pertains to the old letter of the Constitution of the United States but what concerns the way of the Spirit and true intent of the Constitution of the U.S. and the Constitution of all Humanity! The name "United States" emphasizes the action of Uniting.

A new day is dawning. We need a new symbol to symbolize a new way of thinking. The United Nation's flag as that symbol is not the final answer to our world's problem, but it will be a good message to the world. Flying the United Nations flag gives one a sense of peace, humbleness and equality with all peoples. It is the flag of liberty and the future. To better understand this, one has to only purchase a U.N. flag, raise it, stand before it and ask oneself what they feel. This flag puts no one above another. It is not an arrogant flag, for it has no pride.

Each nation should ratify the U.N. Flag to a greater extent. They all should fly it above, not below its own national flag. It will remind each nation of its individuality as well as its being part of the greater whole. Aren't we Americans insistent that the personal flags of other nationalities living on American soil be flown below the U.S. flag in this country as a sign of appreciation and individuality?

The Twin Towers tragedy has humbled the U.S. to a point, but the good news is: God will raise those that are humble to greater heights. Blessed are the humble in spirit for they shall see the Kingdom of heaven. We must not forget what we have learned and stay humble.

We Americans should now join our anti-terrorist cell groups to combat terrorism. Community networking, like the Office of Community Economic Development which connects to the government in the way that a human cell connects to the blood system, is an excellent example. This is how it works in

south Florida. First, there is the monthly community meeting which is the cell. There, the “will” of the people is heard and then carried to the Community Action Agency as if through capillaries. It then enters the veins and arteries of the government branches of Dade County where it makes its way to our leaders. They, in turn, will pump back to us, as best they can, our fulfilled requests. This process will help them hear our voices, and we will hear each other. With this in practice, the world will see a renewal in the concept of citizen participation. All the nations will learn from us, including the political or religious terrorist. They will learn that terrorism is not the solution and that the Kingdom of Allah/heaven of which they so eagerly desire has always been within the grasp of human attainment, without violence. This will be our glory.

We’ve been too complacent and irresponsible towards our government, which is really comprised of ourselves. This is un-Godly and un-American.

NOTE: To all religions and my Christian brethren -- this vision is not the coming of the Antichrist. This vision is pro-Christ. Any ideology, philosophy, belief or any system we use that **captures** us (including Judeo-Christian or non Christian Bibles) - that is the Antichrist/Terrorism or shall it be said in its true format: anti-Christ.