

## ***An Open Letter***

***To: The Secretary General of the UN & World Leaders;  
Elected and Senior Representatives of Governments;  
Senior Executives, Managers & Educators of Commerce & Finance.***

***Re: A Vision of Peace and Ongoing Prosperity***

*We, the peace loving citizens of the world, call upon you, the government and business leaders of our worldwide community, to reaffirm that each and every one of us has a right to certain universal rights: the right to free speech, the right to free association, and the right to live in peace as free citizens, sharing love, harmony, happiness and prosperity with our friends, families and children.*

*We respect the universal rights of all people, no matter what creed or cultural customs we choose to observe. We are your brothers, sisters and children. We are all citizens of the world. We urge you to respect and codify, for all times, our universal rights and the rights of all who share the bountiful gifts of this planet.*

*We do not want ongoing cycles of violence and war. Nor can we sanction further government sponsored acts of terrorism and violence in the name of peace. War and violence cannot breed peace and harmony. War and violence can only breed an ongoing cycle of war and further violence.*

*All acts of violence and terrorism, including terrorism disguised as 'war', are an attack upon the dignity and rights of all people. Please stop the collusive madness of the past that has only perpetuated these ongoing cycles of violence, genocide and the barbarism of war; not to*

*mention the trafficking of our brothers, sisters and children, for forced labour and all forms of slavery. There has to be a better, cooperative way, that reinforces and enhances our common rights as citizens of the world.*

*We therefore implore you to reaffirm, and increase your commitment in addressing these matters. We urge you to do everything possible to find peaceful resolutions to emerging crisis situations that threaten the peace and stability of our world. We urge this before more of our innocent, peace loving, brothers, sisters and children, are enslaved, killed, maimed or forced to live in poverty and disease.*

*We recognise that true world peace can never be imposed by force and can only occur when humankind achieves inner peace. We therefore request that you do everything within your power, to stabilise world economies and to enhance the living conditions of all people. If you must collude, then collude to re-create a stable economic system that rewards us all fairly.*

*We also urge you to put in place systems of checks, balances and sanctions, for individuals, corporations and governments that abuse our common rights. Disincentives must be found to stamp out abuses of human rights; in particular, the inappropriate accumulation of wealth and property based on theft, the misappropriation of power, the trade in arms and weapons, and the trafficking of human misery and despair.*

*It is these practices that keep many of our brothers and sisters locked within the bondage of physical and economic slavery. It is only when these threats have been removed, or neutralised, that we, our children, and our children's children, may aspire to the true greatness of our destiny as a race, sharing equally in the bounties of the planet on which we all live.*

*Signed: Allan Sankirtan (January 2009)*

*Per: Concerned citizens of the world who love peace.*

