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Dear Spiritual Friends,

Welcome to this Newsletter number 2. As you are all listed on our group of Special Links as International Friends, we write to you regarding an important international event of spiritual significance. We have decided to participate, and we hope some of you are doing the same.

The Parliament of the World's Religions (www.cpwr.org) is an international interreligious gathering to be held this time in Barcelona from 7-13 July, 2004. All people of faith, spirit and goodwill are welcome to encounter the vast diversity of the world's religious, spiritual and cultural traditions, to listen to each other with open hearts and minds, to dialogue for mutual understanding, to reflect on critical issues facing the world, to celebrate the richness of our spiritualities, and to commit to discovering and creating new pathways to peace. The first parliament was held in Chicago in 1893 with several thousands participating. Hundred years elapsed before it was renewed again, this time in 1993 and also in Chicago. It was a great succes and it was decided that this event should be held every fifth year. Cape Town was host for the third Parliament in 1999. Now it is the fourth parliament and the theme is *Pathways to Peace: The Wisdom of Listening, The Power of Commitment*. During the event there will be a special focus on experiences that will model various pathways to peace:

In deepening our spirituality, we experience personal transformation;

In fostering understanding and respect, we learn to live in harmony in the midst of diversity;

In recognizing the humanity of the other, we create the conditions for community, and;

In seeking justice and sustainable living, we actively express our commitment to a better world.

On behalf of Theosophical Association Aarhus in Denmark I will participate during the whole event, and we are very interested in hearing if any of you have plans to do the same. If so it would be a delight to meet for mutual inspiration and to share experiences from the event that can further the emerging universal spirituality. Spiritual dialogue can be a transforming experience and the very fact that these gatherings occur show us the gradual change in the spiritual mentality towards the dawn of the new emerging era of global unity in diversity.

You are welcome to give any feed back on this mail and we would appreciate that you read more about the event at the website for Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions - to be found at: www.cpwr.org

In Friendship and shared vision!

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