

PROPOSALS FOR A BETTER WORLD

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No one can ignore the fact that we are living in a world in crisis, a world of great changes on the ecological, social, economic and even cosmic levels.

On the **ecological level**, this can be seen in the excessive, irrational and selfish exploitation of the natural resources of our planet Earth.



Flooding in Cedar Rapids, IA

Some of the factors of this ecological crisis are of great importance for our immediate future. For example, the global warming of the planet, due to an uncontrolled industrialization, with its consequences of the melting of the polar icecaps and the progressive and now unstoppable rise in sea levels; pollution by chemical and radioactive waste of land, water and the atmosphere; and

genetic transmutations in many plant and animal species, to cope with the need to feed our overpopulated planet.

The effects of all this can already be seen in the climate change that is gradually – or abruptly – occurring in different parts of the world, in earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and natural disasters, which seem to be increasing every year and dominating the international news from time to time. All these are signs that changes in the Earth are imminent and that we should be on red alert.

On the **social level**, we are seeing a constant increase in the waves of migration of the poorest people going in search of new hopes for a better quality of life in the richer countries.



Aftermath of Earthquake in Haiti

This is inevitably leading to a sense of social alienation, the effects of which are reflected in an increase in crime, as a way of surviving in hostile conditions, the increase in drug addiction, by which people are seeking to find the paradises of hope that they do not find in their day-to-day reality, and in many other dark ways that unflinching lead to dehumanization, especially among young people.

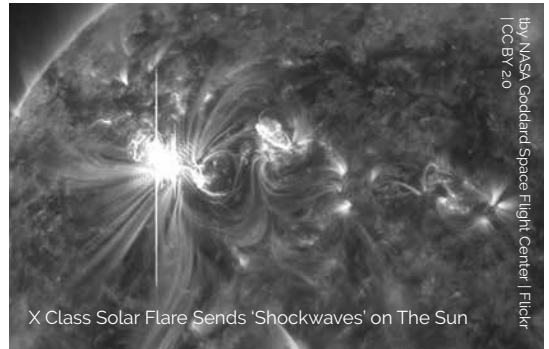
On the **economic level**, the great world crisis that is being faced by the majority of countries is already fully in evidence. Even China, which is regarded as a great economic power, no longer has sufficient manpower to continue with its immense production line for world exports, as it had been doing in recent years. This process, in the short or medium term, will inevitably have repercussions on the whole world economy, with effects that we cannot yet imagine.



On the **cosmic level**, the more technologically advanced countries have already warned of the imminence, this year, of one of the most explosive electromagnetic solar radiation storms of recent centuries on scientific record.

It is almost as if the Sun, as well as the Earth, were "angry" with the conduct of human beings..and with certain scientific experiments that are kept "top secret"...in spite of the fact that some of them are to some extent common knowledge, even if they are claimed to be "unfounded rumours".

As philosophers, we should also take into account the opinions of internationally renowned astrologers,



who tell us that we have already entered the age of Aquarius and its first phase of "Ice", or solidification of the waters (which symbolize vitality and psychic life, amongst other things), with their consequences of break-up and fragmentation (ice breaks, water does not), at every level, from family, community, society and state to the international level. In this way, fiefdoms are being created, states within States and mafias of all kinds.

All these factors are consistent with the opinion of many modern historians that we are entering into a new Middle Ages, although this time, due to the phenomenon of globalisation, it would be worldwide rather than simply local, as was the case before on several occasions in history, at certain focal points of the different civilisations.

More than 50 years ago, the founder and first International President of the IONA, Jorge A. Livraga, had already expressed opinions on this which today are being proved to be entirely consistent with the facts to which we are referring.

It is urgent, then, to offer proposals for alternative solutions, which can be compared and contrasted with those recommended by the different International Organisations. The IONA has its own proposals, which we sincerely consider to be very valid and practicable.

Specifically, to promote on an international level the 3 constitutional Principles that inspire the IONA, namely:

Fraternity and Tolerance

To promote an ideal of universal fraternity, based on respect for human dignity, beyond all racial, sexual, cultural, religious, social and other differences.

Universal Knowledge

To encourage the love of wisdom resulting in a better knowledge of the universe, nature and the human being, through the comparative study of philosophies, religions, sciences and arts.

Holistic Development

To develop the best of our human potential, by promoting our full realization as individuals and our integration into nature and society, not as mere spectators, but as active participants in a world that needs to be improved. Our work results in better individuals who bring sustainability to social development.

These principles are closely related to the three Areas of Action that, both on an individual and a social level, are proposed by the IONA: Philosophy, Culture and Volunteering.

Philosophy to learn to be better – each one of us, so that all together we can make a new and better world.

Culture, not as mere information, but as a means of developing a character that will be capable of discerning and understanding. This will help to eradicate ignorance, which, as is well known, is the mother of all the evils of humanity.

Volunteering, in order to learn to be socially responsible and to take up – freely, disinterestedly and personally – the challenges that modern States can no longer cope with, because they lack social support and consensus, as shown by the many strikes and revolutions that are continually taking place around the world. ★★★

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