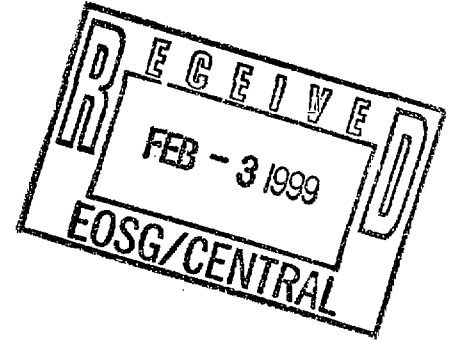


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Dear Sri Chinmoy,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, may I convey thanks for your warm and generous letter of 15 January. The Secretary-General is most grateful for your deep and continuing interest and support of the United Nations.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Assistant Secretary-General
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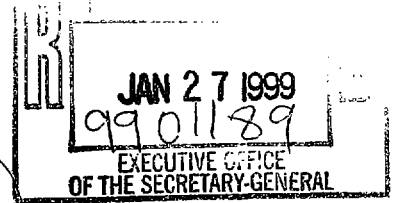
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Mr. Kofi Annan,
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My Most Esteemed Secretary-General,

We believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity.

I have read with infinite joy and deep appreciation your open letter to the children of the world, entitled "What Can I Do To Make Things Better?" I found this letter particularly poignant because it reached me in Malaysia where I have been offering my humble and prayerful Peace Concerts. In addition, our Peace Run has been visiting many schools in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Your words are so lucid and heartfelt. They are the perfect reflection of your own pure heart and sure vision for the future of humanity. I was so profoundly moved by the fact that on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, virtually on the eve of Christmas, you would express your infinite love and concern for the world by addressing not its elders, but its children -- whose dreams and ideals will shape the coming century.

Many years ago in Puerto Rico, I was blessed by

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the immortal musician, Pablo Casals. Our conversation was largely about children. "Each child is a miracle," he told me. Immediately, I saw and felt that only one who has the heart of a child can truly value the most precious qualities of children.

My dear Secretary-General, you are appreciated, admired and adored throughout the world for your most significant utterances and actions in the name of peace. Anyone who has read your recently released book of selected quotations or who has followed your life of sleepless and breathless service to humanity through the United Nations, cannot fail to place you among the galaxies of immortal peace-dreamers of our times. But I wish to say that what I treasure most in you is your childlike heart, your heart of gold, which is filled with love and compassion for each and every member of our oneness-world-family.

I am so grateful to you for offering this peerless gift of an open letter to children everywhere. I fervently pray that it may be read far and wide so that your high and noble utterances may be instilled

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