MESSAGE OF SVETOSLAV ROERICH TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF "THE BANNER OF PEACE" - AUGUST 1982. SOFIA MESSAGE OF SVETOSLAV ROERICH TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF "THE BANNER OF PEACE" - AUGUST 1982, SOFIA.

My Dear Young Friends,

Everyone of us strives towards the great summit of Happiness - Peace.

Without Peace a happy life is impossible, without Peace the best achievements of our civilisation can become means for strife and destruction. Peace and Happiness are the two great interlinked concepts of Human striving towards a richer and more perfect Future.

My Young Friends, in your hands rests the Golden Key towards a better tomorrow but you must turn that key in its lock with your own hands to open the Sacred Gates that lead towards the Golden Future, towards a more Perfect and Evolved Society.

Today we honour the inspiring concept of the "Assembly of Peace" and we remember with special affection and regard One who has tried to bring these great Ideals closer to us - "Ludmila Zhivkova" who was aflame with these vital thoughts and dedicated her beautiful, but far too short a Life to the formulation of ways and means to bring about a regeneration of our concepts of Life and human relations based upon the ideals of Beauty and Harmony, Knowledge and Wisdom. Today we pay tribute to her and with affection and quite a special feeling of regard and appreciation remember her words and innermost striving ---

To all the young people gathered here today I send my best and warmest greetings and I tell them that the quickest and shortest Path of Progress lies in our constant striving towards the More Perfect, the Beautiful, the More Elevating and Inspiring ---

If everyday we do something more perfectly than yesterday, we shall quickly rise towards a new and more evolved state of Life.

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So let us go forward keeping aloft the Beautiful torch with the flame of Peace and Happiness kindled by Ludmila Zhivkova and her worthy Associates, and Coworkers ---

Let us dedicate ourselves to the Beautiful concept of Peace and regenerate our Lives along the Paths of Universal Service and remember today all those who have dedicated their lives to these Lofty Ideals.

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