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Liftoff to:
“THE AGE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE”

GOOD EVENING! It is a great honor to be the featured Keynote Speaker at **The 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner of The International Services Council of Alabama.** Thank you for inviting me!

Huntsville, Madison County, AL, is known as **“The Missiles and Space Capital”** of USA. For the dual purpose of honoring that well earned nickname ... and in order to offer a **New, Doable and Humane Way to have PEACE on EARTH** my speech of tonight is titled: **“LIFTOFF” ... TO THE AGE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE.**

Right now ... I am facing a difficult problem. The great statesman and orator, Sir Winston Churchill, faced the same problem. Once, when a reporter asked him what he found to be the most difficult tests in his life the witty statesman responded: "To climb a ladder leaning towards you ... to kiss a girl leaning away from you ... and to give a short after-dinner speech."

Well, I have no problem with either ladder or girl. My problem is to give A Short After-Dinner Speech. The organizers have allotted me 15 minutes.

That problem is further compounded, by the fact ... that I very well know: A dinner speech should be pretty much like a ladies dress: ... Short enough to be interesting ... and long enough ... to cover the subject. Anyhow, ... I will do my level best! My keynote speech starts ... Right Now.

The International Services Council of Alabama and The National Society of High School Scholars have basically the same mission-goal in common. Our two organizations are dedicated to significantly contribute to mankind's so far elusive ideal and of having: "PEACE on EARTH."

Peace and Unity via Citizens Diplomacy are the basic tools of ISC. World Betterment via Education and Empowerment of Youth are the tools of NSHSS. We have now over 1 million members in 120 countries. We are advancing the goals of high-achieving students through: Unique Learning Experiences, Scholarships, Internships,

The motto of NSHSS is: **“Learn, Lead & Change the World.”** Yes, we seek to **Change the World** by tapping into **The Power of Youth, The Power of Women, The Power of Love and The Power of Earth Ethics. We do so for the sake of creating “Universal Peace.”** That is our vision! That is our mission!

Inspired by the fact that we are assembled in a hall named after the German inventor of Space Rockets, Dr. Werner von Braun, I have entitled today’s speech: **“LIFTOFF”... FOR THE AGE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE.**

Of special interest to ISC, I think, is the following, little known historical fact. There is a direct **“Inventors Link”** between Wernher von Braun and my Great-Grand-Uncle Dr. Alfred Nobel. You see, in 1896 Uncle Alfred lived in San Remo, Italy, where he experimented with launching rockets into the Mediterranean Sea. The rockets were equipped with explosives and cameras.

Unquestionable, Alfred Nobel’s rockets were the precursors to von Braun’s V- 2 rockets, which were used 50 years later by the Germans in bombing London during WWII.

You should know ... **UNIVERSAL PEACE** means much more than the mere absence of war. As our youth say nowadays ... it means **The Whole Enchilada.**

Of course, first of all, it means PEACE like in “NO MORE WARS.” But it also stands for PEACE in seven additional areas. That is why it is called UNIVERSAL PEACE. The areas are:

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace with our Feelings, Emotions and Beliefs
3. Peace in People ... and Peace among People
4. Peace with the Environment
5. Peace with Nature and Animals
6. Peace with Life & Living
7. Peace with God

I urge you all ... Please become ... Ardent Activists for Universal Peace.

Today, 50% of the world population consists of youngsters below the age of 20 ... and this big section of humanity ... they represent 100% of our future.

In Alabama, NSHSS has some 900 members and 300 of them are from Madison County. Joining us here tonight ... we have six NSHSS members.

Dear Young Scholars ... please stand up ... and listen ... listen well ... when I say: In Your Cool Heads and in your Warm Hearts, and in your Capable Hands there exists A Dynamic, Sleeping Giant of Immense Power.

This Sleeping Giant of yours is nothing less than: The Much Awaited METHOD, WAY and SOLUTION ... To Make Our World ... A Better, Safer and Saner World ... Than The One We Presently Are Experiencing.

To this DORMANT MEGA POWER which fortunately also exist in many adults around the world ... I shout: "WAKE UP! ... WAKE UP! ... WAKE UP ... A Blind and Sleeping Humanity!

In a peaceful, credible and non-violent manner please tell the unenlightened masses and leaders of the world that they have created "A Fool's Paradise." Tell them to remove their Rose Colored Glasses! ... Tell them "Loud and Clear" that we no longer want to live in A Phony La-La-Land! Inspire All Mankind to peacefully Advance and Manifest: "Common Action and Common Sense for Our Common Future!"

OK? Now ... let's have a rousing hand of applause for these young "Earth Angels" of ours.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there is "Only One Earth" ... and this Blue Pearl in Space... Our Celestial Home ... is unique ... it harbors "The Miracle of Life."

We find this God Created Miracle in: The Flora, The Fauna, The Water, The Air and The Soil. These elements are Holy! Together with the Rays of The Sun they constitute our life-support systems! Without them we

Most honored audience, please allow me to tell you ... why we were born. Why we all are on planet Earth exactly at this critical, chaotic period in human history, when the entire world and its various institutions seem to be “Spinning out of Control.” Is there A Gross, Fundamental Flaw in The Mind of Man?

That seems to be the case ... when so much pain, so much hardship, so much needless suffering and so much uncertainty about our life and our future is constantly inundating us ... a confused and perplexed humanity.

You see! Earth is a school! We humans are here to learn The Lessons of Life. The Lessons are Mandatory ... and They Are Tough. The Curricula and Syllabuses are established and governed by The Eternal Laws ... of The Universe. We the students are taught Many Subjects ... of both Positive and Negative Nature.

This Cosmic, Dualistic Form of Education will in time develop our full Human Potential of: Righteousness, Spirituality, Compassion, Consciousness, Gratitude, Virtues and Earth Ethics. And one day, hopefully soon, all Humans will graduate with: “Magna Cum Laude.”

In order for us all to better understand where we humans have Our Strength and Our Weakness, I will most respectfully ask you all ... to Right Now ... for A Few Tranquil Moments ... to think very seriously ... and very deeply about: The Following Profound Questions ... which

Now ... please, think, think very deeply about: WHO AND WHAT ... IS GOD? WHAT CONSTITUTES MY SOUL? WHAT KIND OF STUFF IS IT MADE OF? WHO AM I? WHERE DID I COME FROM? And, WHAT IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF MY LIFE ON EARTH? Think, Think Deeply ... for a few quiet ... tranquil moments ... Think ... Think Very Deeply!

Did you just now In The Silence of Your Heart feel and hear ... some whispering answers? Good! What you hopefully heard ... was "The Voice of God."

You should know that, many of my colleagues and I, who are actively involved in the rapidly growing fields of World Transformation and World Betterment, we are all profoundly opposed to ... and extremely ashamed by:

The Ugly, Human Mind Monsters of: Greed, Ignorance, Selfishness, Vanity, Violence and Lust for Power, that many of Our Contemporary Leaders in Business, Politics, Religion, and yes, even in Sports and Entertainment so often ... ostentatiously are displaying.

Yes, I am sorry to say: It is a deplorable fact ... that nowadays: "Many of Our Leaders ... have become our Misleaders."

Via Mass Media, Social Networks and Smart Phones for Dumb People ... we are constantly ... on a daily basis hearing and seeing the horrors of:

- School Shootings, Stabbing and Bulling
- Terrorism, Violence, Brutality, Rape, Human Trafficking
- Drug Abuse
- Environmental Collapse
- Global Warming, Climatic Change, Rising Sea Levels, Deforestation
- Extinction of Species
- Exponential Population Growth
- Hunger and Poverty
- Corruption, Oppression, Cheating, Lying, Stealing
- War and Preparations for War
- Religious, Political and Financial Conflict and Degradation, etc., etc., ad nauseam.

It pains me very much to give you this “Dirty Laundry List” of Ugly Human Shortcomings. The worst of them all being “WAR” ... which Alfred Nobel called: “*The Horror of Horrors and The Crime of Crimes.*”

However, in order to Change the World ... we must first have: The Brave Courage and The Unshakeable Resolve to: Dare to Face The Naked TRUTH. Because ... as the ancient Proverb states: “The Truth Shall Set You FREE.”

Most every honest and caring person in the world is today asking themselves: **WHY ... WHY** are these atrocities happening in our community, in our nation, in our world ... **WHY, WHY?** What is happening? Is there a reason ... and is there a solution? Has the world gone absolutely stone crazy? How and when ... can we ever have: “Peace on Earth?”

The Naked Truth and Answer is: We are seeing the devilish results of: Wrong Thinking and Wrong Doing. The root cause of these human inadequacies is our Fundamental Lack of: “EARTH ETHICS.”

As you know ... our species is named Homo sapiens ... the knowing, wise man. Now, some scientists suggest we should be called ... Homo sapiens, sapiens ... the doubly wise man.

Well, in view of the just mentioned Horrific Atrocities, which all are caused by us humans; I think these scientists are dead wrong. ... A more appropriate name would be: “Homo stupidus, stupidus.”

Even one the smartest scientist of our time, Dr. Albert Einstein, recipient of the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics, and best known for his development of The Theory of Relativity and Quantum Mechanics, agrees with me when he said:

“The Universe and Human Stupidity ... are infinite. And I am not so sure... about the Universe.”

Now, in an **“Educational, Best-Practice-Manner”** I will give you the really most potent **“WORLD BETTERMENT REMEDY”** of all. **It is a powerful, fail-proof prescription for Universal Peace, Environmental Sustainability and Great Personal Happiness. It is Good Medicine ... for A Sick World.**

Take 4 spoonfuls daily until world conditions have been cured. But first, dear audience, before starting treatment, you must **Be Brave ... you must Be Honest ... and you must Dare to absolutely truthfully answer these two painful questions:**

First. Do you believe ... the crazy, horrific, sub-human killing-machines presently launched by the inflamed brutality of ISIS and the ongoing battles in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Iraq and Syria, that these horrific, insane acts of war and monstrous cruelty can ever, ever lead to **A Culture of Peace?**

Second. Has the fuse of WWII ... possibly a nuclear war ... now been lit? Mahatma Gandhi described the **“Present Crises”** well ... when he said: *“The principle of: “An Eye for An Eye” ... will someday make the whole world blind.”*

Now in closing ... I will give you a really **“Good Miracle Medicine ... for A Sick World.”** In honor of my relative Dr. Alfred Nobel, I call it: **“The Dynamite Medicine.”** **When diligently and constantly used ... this stuff can ... will ... and shall “Change the World.”** And, not only that ... it will also keep you out of jail. ... How about that?

This Peace Panacea ... This World Betterment Remedy is based on: “THE SEVEN RIGHTS.” They are:

- 1. Right Thought. Your mind is a dynamic “Master Builder.” It creates reality! Dream lofty dreams! Thoughts materialize! Everything in our universe, in the world, in this building, in this room ... yes, even each and every person in this audience ... it ... and you all ... originated first in thought. Just think about that!**
- 2. Right Word. Words are most powerful. Once a word leaves your mouth ... not even the strength of 10,000 elephants can pull it back again. Consequently: Watch Your Tongue!**
- 3. Right Deed. Stop talking ... start walking. Let Dignity, Honor and “TRUTH” ... be the noble hallmarks of your character.**
- 4. Right Attitude. Smile, laugh, and be: kind, positive & helpful to all. Become a good listener!**
- 5. Right Livelihood. Step lightly on the Earth! Leave no footprints!**
- 6. Right Here You do not have to go to the faraway corners of the world. Start World Transformation and World Betterment in your own community. Start digging right in your own backyard! Dig deep! You might find diamonds!**

7. Right Now. Do not procrastinate! No more excuses like ... you have no time! Become an active and very busy person for World Betterment and World Change.

My dear ... most respected audience ... Together We Can Change The World! Together we can rid ourselves of “Humanity’s Dirty Laundry List.” By the Power of God we have been given A FREE WILL. To have a Future Worth Having ... or not? That is Our Choice! Choose well! Start RIGHT NOW!

May it so be! Thank you! Thank you very much!

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