

tradition and the inspiration of innovation. Spirituality is a living process that must be continuously adapted to each culture and period of time in order to survive.

Civilizations and human societies have developed and deteriorated through organizations. Organized bodies are the way for humans to create and support systems of thought and ways of living. History teaches us that most of the spiritual movements started with a very limited number of people who revived or rediscovered the Divine Wisdom. Later on, followers organized communities, roles, regulations, and, inevitably, egoistic human behavior took over leadership, leading to suffering and a loss of vision of the original goal that inspired the organization.

An organized body is useful to frame and transmit the teachings and their practice. But it must be emphasized that it is the responsibility of all members to study and behave according to the teachings for the movement to grow. We cannot feed the world with the Divine Wisdom if we are not the living example. As the Dalai Lama says, “There will be no future worth living, unless everyone, now, takes personal responsibility for their own inner life and universal responsibility for the pain and the misery in the world.”

Another important facet is the concrete and service-oriented actions. The twenty-first century, together with its frenzy for self-centered and egoistic “always-more-for-me” attitude, is also an opportunity for our movement: spiritual values are losing ground in many parts of the world, but the thirst for it remains. The acceleration of the rhythm of life, the opening of borders, and the arrival of seamless communications can provide great potentials for a unified world, but it can be our downfall as well if there is no balance.

We should use these opportunities to communicate at large, to open up the doors for the people to see and hear what the Divine Wisdom may provide as values and concrete remedies to the current human world suffering. Social networks, web sites, international gatherings, service-oriented projects are the tools to weave the web of universal manifestation of the One Reality.