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Preamble

The world is largely divided along the lines drawn by religions. Many wars are fought by believers in this or that religious dogma, their God and the rules & conditions their religious hierarchies impose on not just believers, but the world community. **UNITY** recognizes that religions have the potential to be mired in the delusion and ignorance of their adherents ... ignorance that can only be countered by secular education. That education has to start with the very young. This is the premise of **UNITY**.



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UNITY is an alternative to religions. It is a syncretic, secular, yet spiritual belief system which is based on the reality that there is no God ... yet myriad ways of believing in a god-like energy; with one way as valid as any of the others (conditions apply). This notion of a spirituality without God can give us peace. Of those religiously inclined many feel torn between - on the one hand - their faith in a religious God, the being believers personify ... who can be prayed to, who interferes with what happens in the world; and - on the other hand - their often devastating doubt that such a God may be an illusion, in fact a delusion ... since there is - of course - no proof that such a God exists. **UNITY** fosters a spiritual belief system that unites all religions. It then follows that none of them have a valid claim to the exclusive 'rightness' of their belief in their God. If an interventionist God existed, why would he create so many competing religions? But this does not mean we cannot believe in a god-like energy; and on that level many beliefs are possible, as long as these conditions are fulfilled: They must be peaceful and tolerant. Religious groups often form the bedrock of supportive, benevolent communities; but followers may quietly have their own personal spiritual belief (without a God), yet remain in their congregation due to the community spirit ... and the theatricality of it all. **UNITY** is peace; without doubt; while free of an elusive God.



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WHAT I BELIEVE. This is a corollary of the essays in my book *en.light.en.ment* - a summary of my life stance, if you will.

- I believe there is no God, yet myriad ways to subscribe to a god-like energy; one as valid as any other (conditions apply).
- I believe the Truth is that all of the human race is one; hence we must treat all humans equal and with kindness.
- I believe there is a spiritual dimension, but the concept of spirituality must not divide humanity - as religions do.
- I believe in a law that underlies and defines creation, and that this law allows for a universal consciousness.
- I believe in meditation I connect with my true self, which relates to the universal consciousness like a drop to the ocean.
- I believe nothing is more vital than to live an ethical life, which includes trying to fix what is wrong in the world.
- I believe war is wrong and humans must abolish it, if there is to be a future for humankind in millennia to come.
- I believe we must always strive for the truth, but we have to be prepared to adjust our understanding of it at any time.
- I believe in humanism - a rational philosophy informed by science, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion.
- I believe in tolerance, justice, freedom, pacifism, equality, love; I loathe authoritarianism, indoctrination, control, manipulation.
- I believe in keeping an open mind, allowing perceptions (and beliefs) to be changed, and to be uncertain about certainties.



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UNITY. UNITY is an alternative to religions. It is a syncretic, secular, yet spiritual belief system and a charity to aid the education of children and adults; its specific aim is to provide secular education with an emphasis on syncretism and humanism. **UNITY** is a humanist movement propagating world peace, equality, tolerance and compassion and espouses a revolution toward a new world-order, as per J. Krishnamurti*. UNITY makes a stand against the bigoted and xenophobic beliefs of Donald Trump, Pauline Hanson, Marine Le Pen, Frauke Petry, Geert Wilders et al**. **The** donations to UNITY will be distributed to various charitable organizations; UNITY will not provide charitable services itself ... it is recognized that many non-governmental organizations exist with well established channels for providing those services; thus the aim is for UNITY to have zero administration costs. **The** bedrock of UNITY is my book en.light.en.ment. The credo of UNITY are the 11 beliefs listed in my essay WHAT I BELIEVE. Importantly, UNITY is a charity and a creed ... but not a religion; there is no God, guru, prophet or pope. **Carsten Burmeister**

**Jiddu Krishnamurti (1895 - 1986) was a free-thinking philosopher, speaker, writer and educator. His supporters work through non-profit foundations with several independent schools, based on Krishnamurti's views on education.*

Krishnamurti's subject matters included psychological revolution, the nature of mind, meditation, inquiry, human relationships and bringing about radical change in society. He stressed the need for a revolution in the psyche of every human.

u·ni·ty

*the state of being one or united into a whole;
the quality of being in accord or harmony*

syn·cre·tism

*the amalgamation of different philosophies,
cultures, belief systems and schools of thought*

creed

*a statement or system of beliefs or principles
devoid of dogmas ... as opposed to religions*

***Nation destroyers in the United States, Australia, France, Germany, Holland respectively.*