

Statement of AUM 2013

Discovering the American Soul, a Step in Human Unity

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We, the people, gathered from all over this land and from around the world, have touched, by direct experience, the deep soul-being of America. We invite citizens and friends of this country to acknowledge and celebrate the beauty of her soul light and to fortify themselves with it so as to do the true American work. That work is to confront honestly and to transform the shadowside of America's past and present as well as to develop her inner soul qualities.

We further invite citizens and friends to acknowledge the crucial role Native Americans have played in constituting these United States, and welcome the equally crucial role they will play in bringing the soul qualities of this land to the forefront of consciousness and of practice. We joyfully anticipate sharing America's soul work with them and with other members of the American peoples.

We have discovered by experience that each nation, just as each individual, has a similar healing and transformative work to do: to confront the shadows of its past and present through soul discovery and to recognize and evolve the genuine qualities of that unique soul. This is an essential portion of the world's evolutionary work. We believe that only through this transformation can nations rise up to play their part in the world symphony of the future in a progressive peace and human unity.