

IT'S TIME!

By Ray Madaghiele

2:00 a.m. September 15, 2001

It's time that we understand our role as stewards of this planet –
That we respect and honor the delicate balance of our world.

It's time that we realize, "We are all one people" –
That separateness is an illusion and that, in truth, we are all connected.

It's time that we see past the veil of illusion called separateness,
and understand just how connected we really are –
That we are all made from the same substance of the universe,
and by harming another we are only harming ourselves.

It's time we see past the color of one's skin or the name of one's God –
That we realize we are merely traveling parallel paths leading up the same mountain.

It's time that we stop searching for happiness outside ourselves –
That we turn our attention inward and tune in to the calm peace of our souls.

It's time, if we see something in the world that needs to be changed,
That we do as Gandhi suggested, "Be the change you wish to see."

It's time that we take responsibility for making the world a better place –
That we strengthen the foundation of our communities by being of good character.

It's time that we ask, "How can I make a difference?" –
That we leave this world in a little better shape than when we arrived.

It's time that we listen to each other with empathy and compassion –
That we overcome the fear in our minds so that we can experience the love in our hearts.

It's time that we get past ego and discover our innate spiritual essence –
That we release our selfish desires and serve humankind unconditionally, with love.

It's time that we "Love all, serve all" –
That we be at peace.

IT'S TIME!