

Queen Beatrix was reading her Sunday 32th lecture for Christmas. Below the full text:

Christmas, the feast of light in darkness, raises the expectation of peace and goodwill. Just today, the desire to help us be accompanied feelings of dissatisfaction and discontent to overcome ourselves to a life in harmony with fellow human beings and nature.

Many in our world live in tension and uncertainty about existence. Unrest and concern for the morrow predominate in Europe and in our country. Care is not just about individual prosperity but also for the good of all and the management of the earth. With our precious planet is carelessly handled and what they give us is poorly distributed. Poverty and inequality affect the viability and threaten social cohesion. Selfishness and the desire to make blind excess for damage to our natural environment and undermine community. View of the finiteness of what the earth can give us and the sustainability of society gets lost.

No country can benefit from it if people only focus on personal gain. In determining the value of all funds should be more than just money. Sigh money and enrich themselves distort the purpose of the economy. To the distress of those who do not speak for themselves can not be ignored. All must be able to share in prosperity so that human welfare is always connected to the public interest. In addition it must in each decision-making process the quality of the future, measuring cubits. Which lies in protecting nature and environment, respect for the cultural heritage and to recognize the intangible values that give meaning to civilization. With the tradeoffs that are made now stands the lives of those who come after us are at stake, no one can close their eyes before. With knowledge and information we can arm ourselves. This fear may not be the motive but a new sense of universal responsibility.

The Earth Charter is worded this premise: "The earth, our home, is a unique community. The global natural environment with its finite resources is everyone's concern. Protecting the vitality, diversity and beauty of the earth is a sacred trust. " 'Sustainability' is called that today. This requires not only new requirements and rules for sustainability but also consciously deal with what nature gives us. The earth that nourishes life but can not speak for themselves, must voice. In all small and big decisions that will have to be sustained.

Encouraging the many initiatives to good intentions into practice. Efficient use of energy and water is within everyone's reach. Critical awareness and buy show the whole range of goods and services to influence. Entrepreneurs focus increasingly on sound production and take into account the consequences for the climate. Many people endeavor to teach children conservation and eye for the irreplaceable treasures of the earth. Also for the relationship between agriculture and environment put many are enthusiastic. In all these possibilities, we can address each other. Old and new media inform us and call to take responsibility, each at their own level. What starts small can grow into a new culture of concern for the future. Who wants to change the world, must now start at once himself.

All those hopeful inspire change from society get in the news less attention than the worries about money and property. A diffuse sense of unease characterized the crisis of confidence this time. In daily work is often a shortage of experienced vision and ideals. Lack of space for individual responsibility discourages personal commitment. Feelings of powerlessness invoked anger and aversion to rhetoric and rules. But fight or flight overlooks reform of structures and lifestyles. The challenge remains to do something themselves, along with others and involvement in the community. Everywhere people are already taking their own initiatives to a more conscious way of life. This offers hope for a new future. It is the youngsters who encourage us to do so today. The

force of conviction, courage and confidence they seek allies and inspire their environment with a positive momentum.

Mahatma Gandhi once said: "The earth has enough for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed." As creatures endowed with reason and conscience should be asked of us that we translate this into daily care for the earth and commitment to a just society. Connection with the neighbor and the world around us has our own Jesus lived. With the message of peace and goodwill can christmas uittillen us above the fear and uncertainty of these times. Let us say what we hope and do what we can.