

THE GEORGIA GUIDESTONES

In Elbert County, Georgia, stands a rather impressive monument, sometimes called “the American stonehenge”. There are conspiracy nuts who claim that it is evidence for the “New world order”. They imagine, illogically, that the first of its suggestions, control of world population, maintaining it under 500 million, indicates a plan to kill the excess. Any rational person reading the entire inscriptions would understand that no such harm is intended. The creators of the Guidestones are clearly idealists. One might think them impractical, and that human beings are incapable of implementing those ideals, but to fear and oppose their rational goals makes no sense.

The inscriptions read:

1. Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.
2. Guide reproduction wisely – improving fitness and diversity.
3. Unite humanity with a living new language.
4. Rule passion – faith – tradition – and all things with tempered reason.
5. Protect people and nations with fair laws and just courts.
6. Let all nations rule internally resolving external disputes in a world court.
7. Avoid petty laws and useless officials.
8. Balance personal rights with social duties.
9. Prize truth – beauty – love – seeking harmony with the infinite.
10. Be not a cancer on the earth – Leave room for nature – Leave room for nature.

Completed in 1980, the monument is 19 feet 3 inches (5.87 meters) tall, made from six granite slabs weighing 237,746 pounds (107,840 kg) in all.

The inscription is inscribed in 8 languages: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Swahili](#), [Hindi](#), [Hebrew](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), and [Russian](#).

"Let these be Guidestones to an Age of Reason"

[Georgia Guidestones](#)

More information is given in a guidebook about the monument: *“It is very probable that humanity now possesses the knowledge needed to establish an effective world government. In some way that knowledge must be widely seeded in the consciousness of all mankind. Very soon the hearts of our human family must be touched and warmed so we will welcome a global rule of reason.*

“The group consciousness of our race is blind, perverse, and easily distracted by trivia when it should be focused on fundamentals. We are entering a critical era. Population pressures will soon create political and economic crisis throughout the world. These will make more difficult and at the same time more needed the building of a rational world society.

“A first step will be to convince a doubting world that such a society is now possible. Let us keep in view enduring appeals to the collective reason of humanity. Let us draw attention to the basic problems. Let us establish proper priorities. We must order our home here on earth before we reach for the stars.

“Human reason is now awakening to its strength. It is the most powerful agency yet released in the unfolding of life on our planet. We must make humanity aware that acceptance of compassionate, enlightened reason will let us control our destiny within the limits inherent in our nature.

“It is difficult to seed wisdom in closed human minds. Cultural inertias are not easily overcome. Unfolding world events and the sad record of our race dramatize the shortcomings of traditional agencies in governing human affairs. The approaching crisis may make mankind willing to accept a system of world law which will stress the responsibility of individual nations in regulating internal affairs, and which will assist them in the peaceful management of international frictions.

'With such a system we could eliminate war, We could provide every person an opportunity to seek a life of purpose and fulfillment.

"There are alternatives to Armageddon. They are attainable. But they will not happen without coordinated efforts by millions of dedicated people in all nations of the earth.

"We, the sponsors of The Georgia Guidestones®, are a small group of Americans who wish to focus attention on problems central to the present quandary of humanity. We have a simple message for other human beings, now and in the future. We believe it contains self-evident truths, and we intend no bias for a particular creed or philosophy. Yet our message is in some areas controversial. We have chosen to remain anonymous in order to avoid debate and contention which might confuse our meaning, and which might delay a considered review of our thoughts. We believe that our precepts are sound. They must stand on their own merits.

"Stonehenge and other vestiges of ancient human thoughts arouse our curiosity but carry no message for our guidance. To convey our ideas across time to other human beings, we erected a monument — a cluster of graven stones. These silent stones will display our ideas now and when we have gone. We hope that they will merit increasing acceptance and that through their silent persistence they will hasten in a small degree the coming age of reason.

"We believe that each human being has purpose. Every one of us is a small but significant bit of the infinite. The celestial alignments of the stones symbolize the need for humanity to be square with External principles which are manifest in our own nature, and in the universe around us. We must live in harmony with the infinite.

'Four large stones in the central cluster are inscribed with ten precepts, each stone carrying the same text in two languages. In the English version the message totals fewer than one hundred words. The languages have been selected for their historical significance and for their impact on people now living. Since there are three thousand living languages, not all could be chosen.

"We envision a later phase in the development of the Georgia Guidestones®. It is hoped that other stones can be erected in outer circles to mark the migrations of the sun and perhaps certain other celestial phenomena. These stones would carry our words in the languages of other individuals who share our beliefs and will raise similar stones at international boundaries in the languages of friendly neighbors. They would serve as reminders of the difficulties which all humanity must face together, and would encourage mutual efforts to deal with them rationally and with justice.

"We profess no divine inspiration beyond that which can be found in all human minds. Our thoughts reflect our analysis of the problems confronting humanity in this dawning of the atomic age. They outline in general terms certain basic steps which must be taken to establish for humanity a benevolent and enduring equilibrium with the universe.

"Human beings are special creatures. We are shepherds for all earthly life. In this world, we play a central role in an eternal struggle between good and evil—between the forces which build and those which would destroy. The Infinite envelops all that exists, even struggle, conflict and change, which may reflect turmoils in the very soul of God.

"We humans have been gifted with a small capacity to know and to act— for good or for evil. We must strive to optimize our existence, not only for ourselves but for those who come after us. And we must not be unmindful of the welfare of all other living things whose destinies have been placed in our trust.

"We are the major agency through which good and evil qualities of the spirit become actors in our world. Without us there is very little of love, mercy, or compassion. Yet we can also be agents of hate, and cruelty and cold indifference. Only we can consciously work to improve this imperfect world. It is not

enough for us to merely drift with the current. The rational world of tomorrow lies ever upstream.

"In 1980, as these stones were being raised, the most pressing world problem was the need to control human numbers. In recent centuries technology and abundant fuels have made possible a multiplication of humanity far beyond what is prudent or long sustainable. Now we can foresee the impending exhaustion of those energy sources and the depletion of world reserves of many vital raw materials.

"Controlling our reproduction is urgently needed. It will require major changes in our attitudes and customs. Unfortunately, the inertia of human custom can be extreme. This is especially true when those for whom custom is a dominant force are uninformed of the need for change.

"Nearly every nation is now overpopulated in terms of a perpetual balance with nature. We are like a fleet of overcrowded lifeboats confronted with an approaching tempest. In the United States of America we are seriously overtaxing our resources to maintain our present population in the existing state of prosperity. We are destroying our farmland and we have grown dangerously dependent upon external sources for oil, metals and other nonrenewable resources. Nations such as Japan, Holland and Haiti are even more seriously overpopulated and, therefore, in greater jeopardy.

"In these circumstances, reproduction is no longer exclusively a personal matter. Society must have a voice and some power of direction in regulating this vital function. The wishes of human couples are important, but not paramount. The interests of present society and the welfare of future generations must be given increasing consideration as we develop mechanisms to bring rational control to our childbearing.

"Irresponsible childbearing must be discouraged by legal and social pressures. Couples who cannot provide a decent income and support for a child should not produce children to be a burden for their neighbors. Bringing unneeded children into an overcrowded lifeboat is evil. It is unjust to those children. It is harmful for the other occupants and all living things. Society should not encourage or subsidize such behavior.

"Knowledge and techniques for regulating human reproduction are now in existence. Moral and political leaders throughout the world have a grave responsibility to make this knowledge and these techniques generally available. This could be done with a fraction of the funds which the world now devotes to military purpose. In the long run, diverting funds into this channel could do more than anything else to reduce the tensions which lead to war.

"A diverse and prosperous world population in perpetual balance with global resources will be the cornerstone for a rational world order. People of good will in all nations must work to establish that balance.

"With the completion of the central cluster of The Georgia Guidestones our small sponsoring group has disbanded. We leave the monument in the safekeeping of the people of Elbert County, Georgia.

"If our inscribed words are dimmed by the wear of wind and sun and time, we ask that you will cut them deeper. If the stones should fall, or if they be scattered by people of little understanding, we ask that you will raise them up again.

"We invite our fellow human beings in all nations to reflect on our simple message. When these goals are some day sought by the generality of mankind, a rational world order can be achieved for all.

So, who are the sponsors?

It has been speculated, perhaps correctly, that they are [Rosicrucians](#). The signature, "R.C. Christian" may well refer to Christian Rosenkreuz, who is believed to have founded the order, although it claims to have a more ancient origin. Three leaders in the order in America in 1774 were Benjamin Franklin, George Clymer and Thomas Paine.

[Thomas Paine](#) has been said to have done more to bring about the American Revolution with his pen than George Washington did with his army. His works, Common Sense, and The American Crisis, formed the philosophical rationale, and were a major influence on the restless colonists. He went on to write Declaration of the Rights of Man, in defense of the French Revolution, and The Age of Reason, which did a great deal to further the idea of religious liberty.

All of those can be read on the Thomas Paine history site linked to above.

Of particular current interest is the [World Court](#), which indeed has the potential to provide international justice peacefully, if the major nations agree to abide by its decisions. Unfortunately, both the US and Israel ignore or defy it, to the extent of threatening and punishing the Palestinians for seeking justice by the court, the most civilized means of furthering its much-deserved cause.

If a citizen or a company within a nation like the US feels wronged by another, the way to right it is to go to court, not to attack. How can a nation abandon that principle?

Purveyors of paranoia express fear of world government, even resisting the adequate empowerment of the United Nations. World government by means of conquest might well be something to avoid, but [international cooperation](#) in forming such a government is an ideal to be pursued. **A great variety of leaders and notably intelligent people agree.**

As long as there are sovereign nations possessing great power, war is inevitable. There is no salvation for civilization, or even the human race, other than the creation of a world government.

--[Albert Einstein](#)

It will be just as easy for nations to get along in a republic of the world as it is for you to get along in the republic of the United States. Now when Kansas and Colorado have a quarrel over the water in the Arkansas river they don't call out the national guard in each state and go to war over it. They bring suit in the Supreme Court of the United States and abide by the decision. There isn't a reason in the world why we can't do that internationally.

--[Harry S. Truman](#)

We must create world-wide law and law enforcement as we outlaw world-wide war and weapons.

--[John F. Kennedy](#)

The world no longer has a choice between force and law; if civilization is to survive, it must choose the rule of law.

--[Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

There must be, not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries, but an organized common peace.

--[Woodrow Wilson](#)

Unless some effective world supergovernment for the purpose of preventing war can be set up...the prospects for peace and human progress are dark.... If...it is found possible to build a world organization of irresistible force and inviolable authority for the purpose of securing peace, there are no limits to the blessings which all men enjoy and share.

--[Winston Churchill](#)

... we have been warned by the power of modern weapons, that peace may be the only climate possible for human life itself ... There must be law, steadily invoked and respected by all nations, for without law, the world promises only such meager justice as the pity of the strong upon the weak.

--[Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

There is an increasing awareness of the need for some form of global government.

--[Mikhail Gorbachev](#)

The international community should support a system of laws to regularize international relations and maintain the peace in the same manner that law governs national order.

--[Pope John Paul II](#)

World federalism is an idea that will not die. More and more people are coming to realize that peace must be more than an interlude if we are to survive; that peace is a product of law and order; that law is essential if the force of arms is not to rule the world.

--Justice William O. Douglas

We shall live together as brothers or die together as fools

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A world government with powers adequate to guarantee security is not a remote ideal for the distant future. It is an urgent necessity if our civilization is to survive.

--Albert Einstein

The abolition of war is no longer an ethical question to be pondered solely by learned philosophers and ecclesiastics, but a hard core one for the decision of the masses whose survival is the issue. Many will tell you with mockery and ridicule that the abolition of war can only be a dream - that it is the vague imagining of a visionary. But we must go on or we will go under ... We must have new thoughts, new ideas, new concepts. We must break out of the straightjacket of the past. We must sufficient imagination and courage to translate the universal wish for peace which is rapidly becoming a necessity into actuality.

--General Douglas MacArthur, July 5, 1961

World federalists hold before us the vision of a unified mankind living in peace under a just world order. The heart of their program - a world under law - is realistic and attainable.

--U.N. Secretary General U Thant

Our goals are the same as those of the U.N.'s founders, who sought to replace a world at war with one where the rule of law would prevail, where human rights were honored, where development would blossom, where conflict would give way to freedom from violence.

--Ronald Reagan, Address to the U.N. General Assembly, Sept 26, 1983

I believe at some future day, the nations of the earth will agree on some sort of congress which will take cognizance of international questions of difficulty and whose decisions will be as binding as the decisions of the Supreme Court are upon us.

--Ulysses S. Grant

Any scientist can testify that a dead ocean means a dead planet No national law, no national precautions can save the planet. The ocean, more than any other part of our planet, ... is a classic example of the absolute need for international global action.

--Thor Hyerdahl

It is obvious that no difficulty in the way of world government can match the danger of a world without it.

--Carl Van Doren

A federation of all humanity, together with a sufficient measure of social justice to ensure health, educaion, and a rough equality of opportunity, would mean such a release and increase of human energy as to open up a new phase in human history.

--H.G. Wells

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--Cosmic Rat January 24, 2015