



## ***Message to the Youth*** **Pierre Pradervand**

It is my deep conviction that any meaningful religious or spiritual approach must also really address the key issue of today – and that is a world that works for all. Disparities and inequalities in income and opportunities are so huge, environmental degradation is advancing so rapidly, that unless we create a win- win world (and this includes the environment), it will soon work for no one.

Today, increasingly everything is challenged and each one is called to define what rings true and is meaningful to them, considering the collapse of traditional authorities, whether it be in the field of spirituality or ethics, health, diet or education.

I have known too many so-called atheists whose daily lives overflowed with kindness and selfless service and too many religious bigots in whom one didn't sense any iota of compassion nor the slightest ripple of love. As far as I am concerned, the only thing that counts is: "Am I progressing in my ability to love?" This constitutes my Ten Commandments, my Bhagavad Gita, my Sermon on the Mount, my Koran, my Four Noble Truths and my heart Sutra, my Manifesto and my Tao Te Ching. Are you to the challenge?