

# **“ENVISION” YOUTH CONFERENCE & THE 2013 OBAMA INAUGURATION**

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## **“The Power of Hope”**

A Brief Address by Claes Nobel  
Founder & Chairman, National Society of High School Scholars  
Founder & Chairman, United Earth  
Honorary Chairman, The Nobel Peace Laureate Park, Eugene, OR

**Honorable Dr. Condoleezza Rice and General Wesley Clark, Most Distinguished “ENVISION” Youth Conference Organizers, Esteemed Ladies and Gentlemen ... and last and most important ... Dear High School Students:**

**I’m grateful, honored and very happy to address this outstanding audience of ambitious and very smart young scholars. At an early age, thanks to your parents, teachers and The Age of Information Technology, you already have much knowledge ... about many important topics. And also most likely ... you already know what kind of life and profession you want to have.**

This observation of mine reminds me of the other day ... when my good wife gave me a newspaper clipping. It was a Pickles comic strip saying: “Mark Twain said ... the two most important days in your life are ... the day you were born ... and the day you figured out why.”

Well, life gives each and every human many great gifts. The First and Greatest Gift of all is ... The Miracle of Life itself. We all came to planet Earth in order to learn The Lessons of Life ... and to be strong, dynamic contributors ... to the beneficial advancement of human society and civilization.

The Second Great Gift we all are bestowed with ... is the uniquely human blessing ... and possibly potential curse? of having ... a Free Will.

Personally, I am blessed with two additional significant gifts. The first one being my ability ... to quite often sense the vibrations ... the energy and the frequency field ... which each and every human transmits.

Therefore, in the faces of The Well-Educated Youth of The World ... and in this great audience of High School Scholars particularly I see many extraordinarily fine qualities ... and the biggest ... and the best of them all ... is HOPE.

Young Women and Men, I am happy to say ... you all radiate ... “GREAT HOPE.” Indeed, you EXUDE HOPE. ... HOPE for a new world that is better, safer and saner ... than the one we presently are experiencing.

That kind of Super-Hope puts a smile on my face ... and a warm, fuzzy feeling in my heart. I like that! Few things in life beat the good beats of a Grateful, Happy Heart! Thank you dear scholars for giving me A Big Dose of Felicity!

Without HOPE life would be miserable. HOPE is as important to the wellbeing of our soul ... as healthy, warm blood ... is to our body. And, fortunately enough ... nothing annihilates The Miserable Feeling of Despair and Failure ... so well as ... THE MAGIC POWER of HOPE.

**The Second Great Gift life has given me is that I was born into the Swedish Nobel Family and thus became a third generation relative of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of Dynamite and the Founder of The Nobel Prize.**

**The world knows well, and I assume, is most often grateful for the fact ... that the outstanding, accomplishments of The Nobel Laureates over the years ... has contributed much alleviation of human suffering ... and significant improvement in living standards.**

**116 years after the death of Alfred Nobel the luster of a Nobel Prize shines as bright as ever. Unquestionably, the foremost hallmark of the visionary World Betterment Legacy of my Great Grand Uncle is “Peace and Excellence.”**

**I am much influenced and inspired by the compassionate and altruistic work of Alfred Nobel. Consequently, the chief mission of my life is likewise focused upon World Betterment.**

Together with my dear friend and partner Jim Lewis we founded The National Society of High School Scholars for the purpose of applying and advancing the talents, energy and vision of well-educated youth to The Betterment of Themselves and The Betterment of The World.

Various program activities of NSHSS address the importance of Creating Genuine World Betterment ... specifically in the areas of: Environmental Sustainability, Earth Ethics and Universal Peace.

The State of The World and The Fate of The Earth ... Is Not Good. Daily, by Media and Internet, we are inundated with the most horrifying, ugly news about: War, Terrorism, Shootings, Global Warming, Violence and Brutality against Women, Archaic Religious Conflicts, Political Inadequacy, Economic Collapses, etc. etc. ... ad nauseam. Therefore, In order for humanity to survive with dignity ... we humans must change fundamentally ... and immediately. And, please understand ... Really Understand that ... Immediately Means ... Right Now. NSHSS takes these observations most seriously.

Therefore, during the 8 – 10 Annual Member Events of NSHSS, we challenge and inspire our High School Scholars to take Personal Action for World Betterment by closely following our constant Program Theme Title of: “Learn, Lead and Change the World.”

Thanks to the partnership agreement NSHSS has with ENVISION, we are here in Washington, D.C. participating in their Youth Leadership Conference.

We have been invited by ENVISION in order to learn about the American Presidential Inauguration Process ... and for some of us to be part of the grand occasion when President Barack Obama is inaugurated to his second term as President of USA.

When it was announced in the world press that The 2009 Nobel Peace Prize was to be awarded to President Barack Obama a TV reporter came to my home interviewing me about that year’s Peace Prize. A selection, which greatly surprised the world ... as well as ... both President Obama and me.

I told the reporter, that the Nobel Institute in cooperation with the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Government, are the two institutions that select and award the Nobel Peace Prize. The citation for Obama winning the prize states: “For his extraordinary international diplomacy ... and cooperation between people.”

Personally, I most sincerely HOPE that President Obama, now during his second term in office, will have the time and the required Passionate Determination to live up to the GREAT, GOLDEN HOPE ... OF CREATING “PEACE ON EARTH.” That beautiful, elusive ideal ... was so much in the heart and mind of Alfred Nobel, when he, through his testament and last will, established The Nobel Prizes for Peace and World Betterment.

Since historic times, more so than anything else ... the entire world desires to have: “PEACE ON EARTH.” I sense that today, in President Obama, and thanks to his next 4 years in office, the world has been given: A NEW, TIMELY CHANCE FOR OBTAINING “PEACE ON EARTH.”

**As President of United States of America it is now for our Leader in The White House to be blessed with solid success and strong citizen support ... in his efforts to jointly with other world leaders to become an inspiring and leading catalyst for creating: **“PEACE ON EARTH.”****

Consequently, in my capacity as a senior member of the Swedish Nobel family, I hope in the very near future, to meet with President Obama for the purpose of seeking his advice and support for the further advancement of the new, apolitical, non-religious, global, educational curriculum, which presently **My Esteemed Peace Activist Colleagues and I** are in the process of developing under the banner name of: **“Earth Ethics ... for Happiness & Universal Peace.”**

Finally, my dear audience, with an immense amount of **“HOPE and HAPPINESS”** I state: **“WORLDWIDE EDUCATION OF EARTH ETHICS ... HOLDS THE BRIGHT HOPE FOR PEACE ON EARTH. TAKE TO HEART THE AGE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE ... IS CLOSE AT HAND.”** May it so be!

**Thank You ... Thank You very much!**

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