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The way to peace starts with making a change within

Deepak Chopra's book "Peace is the Way" launched at the United Nations

United Nations, 22 February 2005: The United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Anwarul K. Chowdhury, said today that the world cannot be peaceful without creating peace within. "The world needs a culture of peace where there is room for diversity and tolerance. In fact, a Programme of Action on Culture of Peace was adopted by UNESCO in 1999," he added.

Mr Chowdhury was speaking at the launch of Dr. Deepak Chopra's book, 'Peace is the Way.' "I feel that this book is well-timed, because we all need to work together to change the direction towards which the world is moving."

Dr. Chopra stated that the world today was determined by violence, not only in our deeds, but also in our words. "Violence arises in an interdependent context, and it is in this context, that we need to change," he said.

Referring to the United Nations, Dr. Chopra said that the organization was in a position to create a new world where wisdom would become the basis for power and economic growth. At the close of a spirited discussion on the subject of peace, he concluded, "Let's not talk about our leaders or laws, because they reflect us. Let's look at ourselves instead, where we can make a change."

The panel discussion was organized by the World Council of Religious Leaders and the Society for Enlightenment and Transformation.

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