

WE HAVE A PROBLEM... AND, THE SOLUTION!

RIGHT TO PEACE:
WOMEN AND YOUTH THROUGH CULTURE

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For Women and Youth through Culture

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70 YEARS
**UNIVERSAL
 DECLARATION OF
 HUMAN RIGHTS**

CULTURE OF PEACE, HUG4PEACE, 1000 WOMEN IN RELIGION FOR PEACE
 Peace in Women Agenda

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Welcome...

WISHING YOU A HAPPY
 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE &
 SUCCESSFUL SESSION.





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*Dear Your Excellences,
First Ladies,
NGO Colleagues,
Ladies & Gentlemen,*

As first, please allow me to thank the key organizers/conveners of the **First Ladies High Level Forum**, namely to **Dr. Ada Menakaya–Okika**, Coordinator, Africana Women Group at UN; and

Dr. Monica Sanchez, President, Miss Caricom Intl; for their initial kind invitation to speak me in front of you today.

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Where The Light Millennium stands on! MANIFESTO: A Thousand Years More... (May 1999)

The very first idea of The Light Millennium concept evolved based on the above titled personal essay.

- “I believe that nature has an extraordinary power, but I don’t understand why this extraordinary power facilitates the darkness and permits its success... History and politics looks like a contingency of conspiracies and intrigues.
Why millions of peoples in this world worship to most violent leaders in every age?

Is darkness the common energy of humans?”

- ***"Today's unthinkable is tomorrow's tradition" Seth Shostak***
- **WELCOME TO THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM...**





THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM

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In this presentation, I will touch on the following three points:

- **1. UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS | UDHR**
ARTICLE #1, 3 & 19
- **2. SECULARISM, YOUTH & WOMEN**
THE RIGHT TO PEACE: WOMEN AND YOUTH THROUGH CULTURE
- **3. WHO WE ARE? WHAT WE DO?**
THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM



1. UNDH ARTICLE #1, 3 & 19

- ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND ARTICLE #19
- UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UDHR) 10 December 1948 (General Assembly resolution 217 A)
- Article 1.
 - All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.
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- Article 3.
 - Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
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- Article 19.
 - Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.



2. SECULARISM, YOUTH & WOMEN > THE RIGHT TO PEACE: WOMEN AND YOUTH THROUGH CULTURE

“The belief that religion should not play a role in government, education, or other public parts of society”
(merriam-webster.com/dictionary/secularism)

“The separation of religion and state is the foundation of secularism. It ensures religious groups don't interfere in affairs of state, and the state doesn't interfere in religious affairs.” (secularism.org.uk)

“Article 20 of Japan’s constitution, written in 1946, states the following: “Freedom of religion is guaranteed to all. No religious organization shall receive any privileges from the State, nor exercise any political authority.

No person shall be compelled to take part in any religious act, celebration, rite or practice. The State and its organs shall refrain from religious education or any other religious activity.”
(psychologytoday.com)

“Secularists are not against the right of individuals to have a religious faith. What they oppose is special treatment for religious beliefs and organisations.” (bbc.co.uk)



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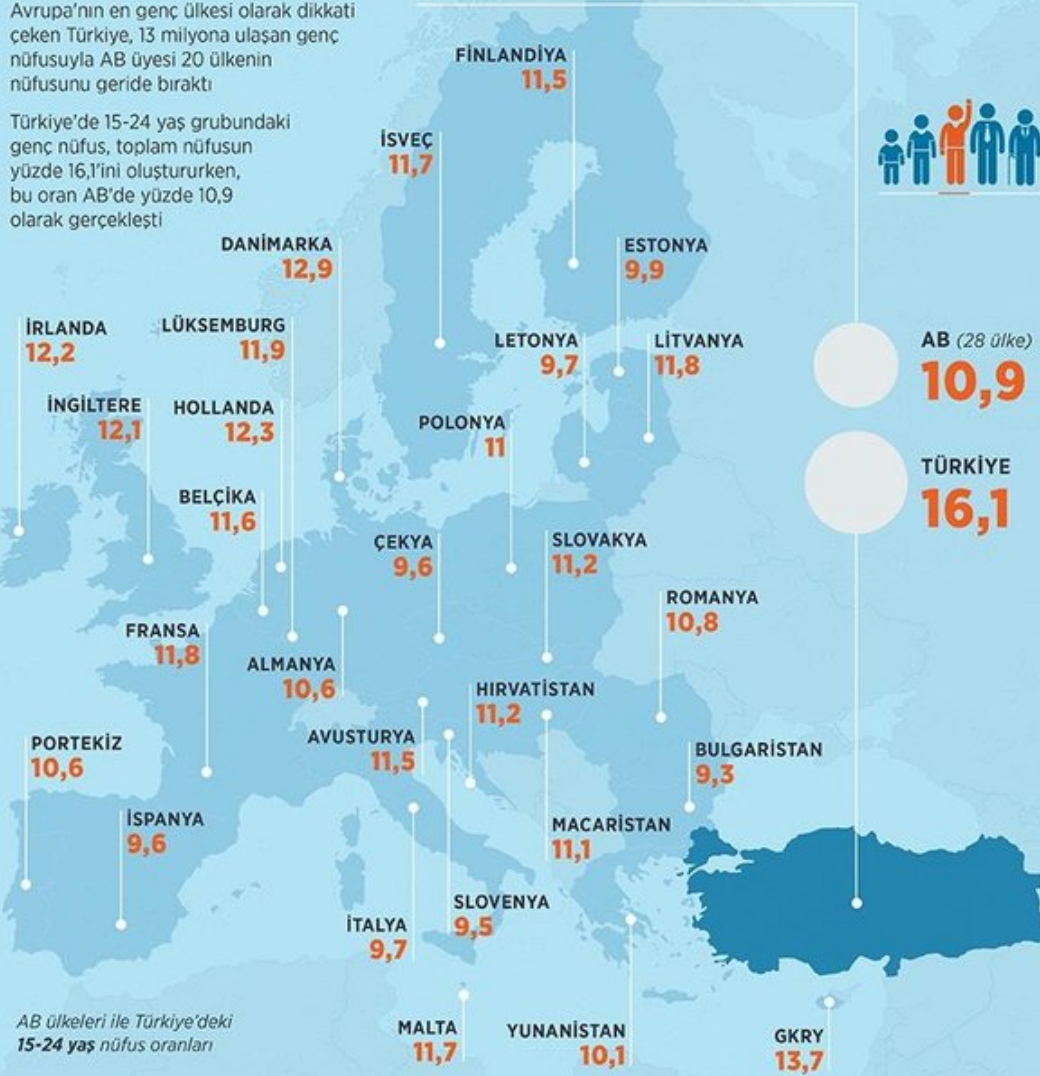
- ON YOUTH & WOMEN (TURKEY)
- With the 13 million Youth population (between 15 – 24), Turkey is ahead of the 20 European Countries such as Belgium, Greece, Swiss, Hungary... (Eurostat & Sabah Daily Newspaper, May 18, 2018)
- (Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/ekonomi/2018/05/18/turkiye-genc-nufusuyla-20-ab-ulkesini-solladi>)



TÜRKİYE GENÇ NÜFUSUYLA 20 AB ÜLKESİNİ SOLLADI

Avrupa'nın en genç ülkesi olarak dikkati çeken Türkiye, 13 milyona ulaşan genç nüfusuyla AB üyesi 20 ülkenin nüfusunu geride bıraktı

Türkiye'de 15-24 yaş grubundaki genç nüfus, toplam nüfusun yüzde 16,1'ini oluştururken, bu oran AB'de yüzde 10,9 olarak gerçekleşti



AB ülkeleri ile Türkiye'deki 15-24 yaş nüfus oranları

Source: Anatolian News Agency
Turkish Statistical Institute | [TÜİK](http://tuk.gov.tr)
(turksat.gov.tr)
Sabah Daily News Paper



FEMALE PERSONNEL in ACADEMIA & STUDENTS (Turkey)

- In 2018, Academician personnel statistic in Turkey is: 158,098
Within, 70,235 females are versus 87,863 men. With professor title, there are 7,696 men; versus 5,611 women with the Ph.D. title in Turkey.
- Among university students, 4,047,302 man versus 3,513,069 female students, which is the bright side of Turkey. This population alone is higher than several small countries population. **Source:** AA.COM.Tr 05/02/2018
- The other side of the coin is, Turkey has the highest number of young female population—within UN terms, as YOUTH (18-24), who are not students neither they are working or in any form training programs, thus, they are unemployed that there is NO record found what they actually do or plan for their future!
(**Source:** *Cumhuriyet Daily Newspaper*, June 17, 2018)

According to *Vatan Newspaper* (24 May 2018), there are 5 million young people in Turkey that they are NOT registered to any school, courses, training, or working. This is a great number, in particular as YOUTH population NOT to be in school, or working, or being registered in any form training program(s). This amount of the YOUTH population alone is higher than several small size countries in the world.

With this in mind, if the Turkish Government invests in towards both young women and men's human-development capacity and gain them into the workforce and/or academia, this certainly, will be greatly contributing to the RIGHT TO PEACE and CULTURE of PEACE through Women and Youth



WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO?

THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM | LM

- NGO Associated with the United Nations, Department of Public Information (since 2005)
- The Light Millennium, A Charitable – Multi-Media and Culture Organization
- Introduced on the web in August 1999.
- Officially formed based in New York in 2001.
- Obtained its tax-exempt status with #501-c-3 effective on July 17, 2001.

Mission of The Light Millennium

- To provide an international platform for the free expression of ideas and experiences in order to foster a global connection among all people;
- To engender harmony and synergy among the nations of the world, including but not limited to synergy between Turkey and Greece;
- To conduct research, compile and publish information concerning art, literature, and ideas, including, but not limited to, ideas about the future;
- To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas for the purposes of facilitating transmission exchange and communication of information.

In a nutshell: We promote the CULTURE OF PEACE throughout in all our programs such as e-publications, The Light Millennium Television | LMTV Programs, public events.

- Diverse participation through open calls from the all ways of life has been the backbone of the programs and contents of the organization since its very first multi-participatory issue and LMTV launching program in January 2000.
- Supports and promotes UN Programs in particular in connection with Freedom of Expression, Article#19, Access to Information and Culture of Peace.
- Produced and presented near to 150 programs; over 70 public events including Workshop and Exhibits as a part of the UNGO Conferences.
- E-published through Lightmillennium.Org 57 original e-issues;
- E-published 85 photo-albums both based on the UN events, and the LM's public events along with several report and photo albums on the Culture Of Peace over the years.

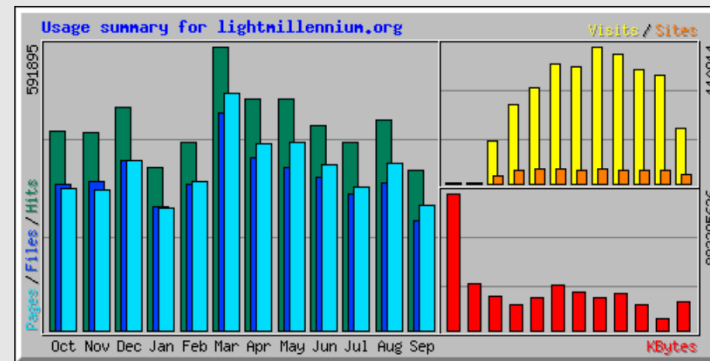
As conclusion: 1) SECULARISM is the key SOLUTION to the long-over due problems in the world, which embraces all religion, ethnic groups, cultures, creed, etc. that HUMANITY at large is covered versus one-religion based run any form of government(s).

2) We are seeking collaborations and your active participations and/or support towards promoting further “The Right to Peace: Women and Youth through Culture” and the “Culture of Peace” in the world.

- On an annual base in 2018, the website total hits are 5,172,699 & total visited pages are 2600044 as of Sept. 21, 2018.
- Country base monthly visits are in 100 – 120 countries/or domains.

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