

Dick Bernard

From: Dick Bernard [dick@chez-nous.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 5:11 AM
To: Mary Maher
Subject: RE: September11, 2001

You cannot sleep either. I am following your request, and sending your most important comments to a very large network of people I know here and around the country. Peace and prayers, Mary. Working together we will recover.

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From: Mary Maher [mailto:mmaher42@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 3:44 AM
To: dick@chez-nous.net
Subject: Re: September11, 2001

Hi Dick

It is an enormous tragedy! Please zap these thoughts to persons on your list - it continues to be important that we all see ourselves as together in the aftermath of this senseless terrorism.

I, as a New Yorker, feel a special sense of fear and immediacy. Having just left an area of the world where tension is a fact of life I fully recognize how insulated and protected we have been able to feel on our continent. That has changed - we now feel the tension - we are now terribly exposed.

All of us have connections that have been affected...Sean, safe in Houston, recently left Manhattan and has many colleagues who work for Morgan Stanley, one of the largest tenants of the trade center that is no more. A friend works for Sun Microsystems and from the vantage point of CNN in Frankfurt watched the workplace and undoubtedly many colleagues and friends disappear forever. And, for me, so many more!!

I just left Manhattan four days ago. Spent a memory filled Labor Day weekend enjoying the beauty of a city at peace. Drank Latte at the Starbucks in the WorldTradeCenter - commented on the way NYC manages itself and its millions of persons - rode a clean and efficient subway - and had tears in my ears at the all american skyline - and the energy of a city literally at the hub of world trade.....world travel...world peace.

New York City is so immensely diverse that all nations in the world have someone who is connected to someone who calls it home.

I have faith in the resiliency of this city, and this state, and this country because I have faith in the resiliency of the american people.

We, in Rochester, New York (seven auto hours away,) are affected in that our hospital beds have received some of the air evac injured. I am on a volunteer list to go to NYC to relieve tired health care workers as the city struggles to recover.

There will be plenty for everyone and prayers for prudent direction are a very important first step. My fear is that this is the tip of an iceberg. It is large enough to put any and all of our self interests into smaller perspective. We have only yet to see the impact of this enormity.

To enjoy freedom, we must work for freedom...we must pray for peace.

Love
Mary