



+ Dear Relatives and Friends,

the sacred texts of East and West call out to us: "Lift up your eyes!"

At this mid-winter season in the Northern hemisphere, we do lift up our eyes to the starry night sky. In turn, its awesome beauty lifts up our awestruck hearts.

So much, these days, is weighing us down; all the more, we need to raise the eyes of our hearts to the beauty of nature and art that still has power to give us courage.

We need to lift up our eyes beyond what divides us; only united can we tackle our tasks. Only when we lift up our eyes, do we notice the many opportunities to give joy to others and in giving joy to others, we find joy ourselves.

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Courage and unity in tackling our shared tasks, generosity and the joy that flows from it, what better gifts could i wish for all of us on the threshold of 2022?

Let us lift up your eyes, then, and look for the Morningstar dawning.

Your Brother David

