

A World of Hope

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It is going to take more than a handful of leaders positioned around the globe acting cooperatively to effect the necessary change to bring the world through its current state of spiritual and economic crises. *It is going to take co-operation at a personal level on a global scale.* The sort of co-operation necessary is born out of the collective realization of the *quantitative* or numerical need of the masses in a state of crisis without unduly patronizing the *qualitative* nature of Nation, Race, or Ethnicity.

Much of the activity that is undertaken today is born out of a separatist mentality that operates for the benefit of one group while the rest of the world continues to struggle unaided in its crises. Imagine a train wreck in which the rescue workers choose to save only those of their own nationality, even lingering over *their* dead with prayers and rites while others living, who need their attention, lay dying. This one example illustrates the contemporary global condition of humanity as each nation struggles within the confines of its psychological, emotional, and physical borders to deal with a pandemic that has now spread to every nation.

It is the body of humanity identifying with and acting through the mental, emotional, and physical constraints of Nation, Ethnicity, and Race that destroys co-operation and blinds a person to his position as a World Citizen; and it is this sort of a diseased mental and emotional nature that continues to turn out the current state of world affairs and pits every one person against another at a personal, regional, national, and global level.

Our global crisis arises from continuing to live as individuals within the limitation of an ideological structure that has failed to meet the spiritual, emotional, and the so-called “economic” or *purely physical* needs of contemporary humanity. While rooted in individualism, Capitalism cannot be made to blame for the world condition. A description of movement, or rather a theory, of personal, national, and global intercourse cannot be made to blame. Unrestrained greed, delusion, and hatred, however, organized into an ideology of exclusiveness, can be identified as the basis of the exploitative relations that now function, at every level, as the world economy.

This ideology of exclusiveness conditions, even, the smallest part of the mental and emotional fabric of the individual of the advanced civilizations today to the point that our bio-rhythms and our familial and world relations are subordinated to this thought-form of personal gain. It is our attachment to, or rather, our *identification* with, the defunct mental-emotional-physical expressions of this ideology of selfishness, as heretofore manifest, from which our current pain-state and bewilderment arises.

The stock markets around the world are a barometer of the collective uncertain and agitated mental-emotional state of humanity as each nation contends individually with its crises. We do not live in an isolated state, though we may physically, emotionally, psychologically, as well as geographically, isolate ourselves from the world culture. While we continue to live and function within the limited ideological structures of Nation, Ethnicity, and Race, we will invoke change individually and locally, but that change that will not come globally.

Individuals as well as Nations functioning through this ideology of exclusiveness have taken a toll on every department of life, for the crisis spoken of is not only now felt in every so-called Nation, but can be heard ringing throughout every kingdom of nature, from the oceanic to the atmospheric. Even the rocks and stones cry out had we but an ear to hear it, for the form-life that embodies the Great Life of God has become a body of pain and limitation rather than a body of joy and experience. We will continue to reap the resultant suffering of our exploitative and exclusive ideologies until we confront those conceptions and those conceptions become occultly “transparent”.

Change, ultimately, is not something that can be brought about through the institution of new economic policies or through changes in National Leadership. Change cannot be effected through the re-bolstering of a failing ideology which is already a broken dike, flooding and bringing to ruin households in every corner of the globe. Change comes from within. It arises out of pain and suffering and is a result of an expansion and re-orientation of a person’s awareness.

It is in the furnace of private suffering that transmutation becomes possible, and *selfishness* is transmuted into *selfless love*, and we free ourselves from the “condition” of Nation, Ethnicity, and Race. It is there in that fiery heat that we learn to say *our* children, *our* people, *our* world, *our* suffering, and *our* work. It is in those flames that the limitations of the physical, emotional, and mental borders that have heretofore beset and blinded us to our position as World Citizens are reduced to ash and we, for the first time, *see* with our spiritual eye the verity of our sisterhood and brotherhood as well as our place in the global community.

It is there in those flames of collective and realized suffering that our minds are purified and the strength of our bodies dedicated to the service and maintenance of the global community. For when the individual cries of the World Citizens become the Voice of Humanity, that Voice will sound forth a new Word, and that Word will be demonstrated globally in the Earth as Cooperation and Community. This is the true Kingdom of Heaven established on Earth: This is the New Age of Light and Love and Mercy that has been foretold by many of which the psychological and emotional cooperation of each individual World Citizen constitutes a necessary part.

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