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Towards Human Unity

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May I first say how grateful I am to be given this opportunity of meeting you all here today and of sharing with you some information and some convictions.

X It has come to me with a certainty beyond all doubt that, despite the confusion, division and distress we see everywhere in the world around us, the approaching climax of history is not to result in widespread catastrophe for our planet but in a dramatic break through of spiritual values which will sweep us all into a worldwide co-operative community and these higher values, through the changed consciousness of man, will rule the world. From now onwards we shall see ourselves moving with almost unimaginable rapidity through a succession of experiences until we emerge through the birth-pangs of a new creation into one true ✓ civilisation of man. The world administration of the new age that is already upon us will be neither capitalistic nor communistic. It will be a synthesis of all that is best in the different systems under which men are now governed, together with a new spiritual understanding, which is coming to man, and which will take the place of the selfishness, greed, intolerance, arrogance and pride in which so many of us are still enmeshed at our individual and collective levels and which do so much to spoil human relationships. All this, as you will no doubt appreciate, can only come about through a new realization dawning in the hearts of men about the meaning and purpose of our existence, linked with a greatly strengthened capacity to give effect to it. And the time for this realization is at hand.

TRANSFORMATION

Some of the world's leading thinkers are, each in his own way, heralding this transformation of the very nature of man, so indispensable to the new order on earth of which we have been speaking. The eminent historian, Professor Arnold Toynbee, traces the rise and fall of twenty one civilizations and shows how each ✓

in turn crashed on account of spiritual weakness--through the dearth of higher values in relation to overwhelming material development and material power. From this he concludes that only a spiritual change in the nature of man will be adequate to our present need. The equally eminent biologist and scientist, Professor Julian Huxley, tells us that if man does not destroy himself by violence, the next stage of his evolution must result in his evolving into a wholly new species, which will lift him beyond his animal tendencies and the brutality which these imply. Some of you will have heard of the French scientist and man of religion, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin who writes about the coming "divinisation" of the world and of what he calls the "Christification" of man. And the Indian sage Sri Aurobindo has given us a vision of what he terms the supramental power, which is to change the consciousness of man and lead to a reorganisation of the world towards the manifestation of its greater perfection. Nearly fifty years ago, after a series of profound spiritual experiences, he proclaimed that the supramental was already exerting its influence on the consciousness of man and would, as he put it, "enter a phase of realizing power by 1967." I would like you to bear this date in mind as I shall mention it again in another context.

Just before he died, the late Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawarharlal Nehru, made rather a strange yet significant remark. He said: "We are leaving the age of religion and politics and we are entering the age of science and spirituality." It is of course true that whereas the forms of religion and politics tend to divide people, science is increasingly pointing to the unity of life and, rather excitingly it seems, to the fact that we are, as it were, living in a non-material universe in which matter completely disappears as such under scientific analysis. Indeed, some scientists are almost disarmingly frank about this. When once questioned by an Indian member of parliament about the nuclear research he was engaged upon, Professor Einstein remarked: "I am engaged upon spiritual work--seeing where matter ends and spirit begins." In this sense it is not too great a stretch of logic to see the nuclear breakthrough as heralding a spiritual breakthrough, and we unquestionably have intimations today of scientific developments which are certain to shift our view of things far more radically and dramatically than the Copernican revolution, which in a flash confronted us with the need to adjust ourselves to the fact that we had, for all past human history, been living in a complete illusion about the real state of things and of our relationship with the universe around us. We may when science at last succeeds in convincing us that we are not and never have been solid entities, and that a breakdown of what we consist of may result in the discovery that we are all components and expressions of light, however dimly we may be glowing at the moment.

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WORDS

G.L.B.

The Earth is quiet a fawn it sleeps. A sparrow seeks its nest. There are deer in the meadow and fish in the brook. Peacefully going there way feeding and living. The grasses wave with the breeze, the willows sing songs with the wind. The shining Mountains all covered with snow look down on the green valleys below. A squirrel chatters in the evergreens. But is paid no mind by the soaring eagle above whose more interested in the breeze. The sun rises to the hustle and bustle of activity with things to do and things to see for it has brought another day. Then as dusk draws neigh, all pause and reflect on a day gone by. The Sunset seems of the glories that day. Of the Peace and Perfection of another perfect day. And seems to speak of a promise with the setting of the sun, of a new day coming just as this one began. And the world is at peace for all things know that life is perfect and will continue for-ever more.

For this is a day at the dawn of life and love and a world of God, free from worry or striff.

Then came a now being upon this earth. One to use to control, to balance, perfect, and to sow. One to bring all things to the keen edge of perfection. So that it's vibrations and harmony would sing with a oneness of all things in tune. To bring pleasure, joy, love, and beauty to the listening ear, an entire world and universe the exploration and discovery of this new being.
---Man!

But something went wrong before all could be completed. A new note was struck, a new vibration was heard. One awkward and wrong, out of tune, and not with the word.

Man broke a law, which never before had been done. All that had before been so perfect and beautiful were now somehow wronged. He begun to disobey to use and destroy. Without any heed to this world he was to rule, he begun to rule by force, and evil, instead of kindness and love. All was set cross-wase one against another. Confusion, panic and fear now were the rule.

For Evil had come, But the promise is still there and has not changed. Perfection still awaits for those who can find the way.

Some will make it and some will not. But world will once again be as God created it.

Will you make it? Will you succeed? Only you know, only you can make it, only you can overcome.

Thought For a Friend

✓ When the Devil tries to disturb you sometime
By using his deceit and cunning guile,
Stop and whisper a praise to Almighty God
And say, "Dear Father, I thank you that I'm your child."

He knows when you are weak and frail
And that you wish to succeed but sometimes fail.
Ask Him to fill you with faith and love
That you may reflect His heart from above.

So, dear friend, I leave you with this thought;
Victory will be ours after we have struggled and fought.
✓ God's love for His children will never cease--
We will know tis true when we find His abiding Peace.

X
Anonymous

NEWS FROM KOREA

The 14th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Holy Spirit Association is Observed.

✓ On May 1, 1968, a ceremony took place to commemorate the 14th anniversary of our organization in Korea, which was established in 1954. Pastor Yo Man Lee presided over the meeting; President Myo Won Rhyr delivered the address. Our Master gave His meaningful sermon to the nearly 200 members representing the local and metropolitan churches throughout Korea. After the ceremony was over, the Korean cakes were shared among the family, remembering how hard the road has been for 14 years under the unbearable hardships, suffering and persecution of the pioneer members, centering in Our Master.

The content of Our Master's address was that "All the family should do their best for the fulfillment of God's Will under the slogan: 'Full Scale Advance and Marching Forward,' and during the coming 7 years we have to set up good Indemnity Conditions in order to restore the whole world to Our Father."

100-Day Prayer Initiated

All members of the United Family in Korea have been instructed by Our Master to pray for 100 days from May 20, 1968 to August 30, 1968. Under this schedule all members will pray for one hour between 11:00 PM to 1:00 PM every night. The subjects of the prayer content are:

1. We will march forward with full strength for God's Will.
2. We will become true sons and daughters.
3. We will fulfill our Heavenly responsibility.
4. We will revenge our enemy and God's enemy--Satan and evil forces and evil elements in this world.
5. We will restore individual native place.

In addition to the above all members are to synchronize in:

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1. 5 minutes meditation along the above prayer subjects before the 3 meals each day
2. A short meditation at 12:00 noon every day
3. Fast 1 meal on Sundays during this period of 100-day prayer.