

SLEEPING GIANTS ARE AWAKENING

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The present is unique and historical. We are witnessing collective gathering as we have never before seen in history, such as Woodstock, Moratoriums, Marches on Washington, Youth Walking miles to earn money for the poor, etc.

On one hand we have people who advocate drugs, abortion, mercy killing, etc., on the other we have those who fight against our problems of pollution, injustices, ecology, etc. These are all fresh new manifestations of our collective culture.

The questions which arise in the minds of most people are: What's happening? Where are we going? How will it end?

The first thing we must be aware of in all this is that we have a new heart-beat on the horizon. It is pulsating collectively and individually. It is developing a dynamic consciousness into action. This has been witnessed all over the world. These actions may not always be right, but they are fresh forces of the spirit at work. It's a new organic life-energy flowing from which sleeping giants will awake, and leaders emerge to set the Universe back on its feet.

One of the problems of the "now generation" is to try to balance the past with the present. At the same time, one has to be honest enough to admit that the world today is different enough as to place upon mankind the task of reforming it. The cries such as "In the good old days", "In my day"- or "We never did this" and "We never did that" are a mark of a lack of development and maturity.

Amidst these cries, the "now generation" finds itself at the point where it must start building a new universe, one which

it feels has to defend itself from the old. It realizes it has been enslaved with a mission - a call for action - which dominates its destiny. One of the tragedies which they want to lessen is that of failure. They have seen in the past, individuals and generations who failed in their mission and passed away leaving their work undone.

We find that all of this leads to a deep concern and consecration to existing life through love. This has created a new "force-spirit" which marks that age. Mankind has entered THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT. By force-spirit, I mean forces at work creating spirit. The spirit may be good or evil, but in the end THE SPIRIT will accomplish its work.

It is at this time that we find that each generation appears at a moment in its vital process as a heart-beat in its organic energy to save mankind. It is an inconvertible palpitation in the pulse-beat which in a sense shows a determination towards an end.

This force-spirit is stronger than mankind. It must develop and form itself. It is irreversible. We can only move faster or slower towards good or evil. Martha Graham says, "It is a vitality, a life force, an energy, quickening which is translated through you into action and because there is ^{one} only of you in all times, this expression is unique, and if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and it will be lost. The world will not have it."

The spirit is undefined at present, so is our destiny. Therefore, we find confusion, unrest, while the spirit is formulating itself in each of us and collectively. Once it does,

mankind will have the birth of a new renaissance.

Because of this search, I believe this present age, as compared to the past, lives in greater mental confusion. They see life through love threatened, they say, by religion, morality, economics, technology, science, etc., even with all the progress and achievements we have made in each area.

From this Force-Spirit, Sleeping Giants will emerge. The Spirit is bigger than life. Its height, depth, and width are unfathomable because it encompasses something greater than the universe and surpasses all that man has made or seen. It cannot be found in our teaching, or learning. It is not material or technological. Too often these two depersonalize man instead of elevating him.

This force-spirit makes one realize that he must begin by discovery. Here one finds the meaning of being human and divine spirit. For humanity is divinity divided on the outside and united on the inside. When mankind does rediscover its divinity, it will make an act of belief, first in itself, then in the future, by which it will find its true relationship to God and Christ as a totality and fulfillment.

Peoples and nations are at a point in the historical cycle where they seek a new selfhood. In this search, each nation in its own way is establishing according to its own needs, to accept the responsibility of its duties collectively and individually. This ^{is} more than communication. It is a revelation of oneself as an individual and as a group through which things once hidden now are forced into experience.

In all of this we find that the "now generation" became sensitive to experience and ideas. They mean something personally and collectively to them. This has made them consciously aware of the universe around them and they try to understand it. This is one of the reasons we have Woodstock, Moratoriums, etc.

All of this has brought out a new kind of Worship in regards to our Faith. It is more than humanistic. Far deep within, the Spirit is emerging.

Faith for the "now generation" is not based on ritual. Nor does it mean one has to be detached and abandon the historical and the secular, the earthly,- or that one must surrender his humanity. To have Faith for this generation, is to be involved in the world, embrace it and transform it.

Mankind is making steps forward. It is going through a process towards successful rebirths - a growth and a maturity for love for mankind, but not without error.

Spiritual activity is making a break-through into practical applications. Eventually from the disorder, the lack of meaning, etc., a spiritual order and a sense of the spiritual will flower into action.

These are a few of the observations made on the now generation. In all of this, failure can only come if "they become too collective in a state of mind and into a safety of anonymous openness." This will strip them of individuality and you will find them become useless clusters.

I am very optimistic that we will through collectiveness emerge and find a new individuality by which we will be set free. From this we will bring forth a new spirit, without force, of

life and love, human and divine through the Sleeping Giants which are Awakening. This revelation is a promise for the future because THE SPIRIT is at work.