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A MASTER PLAN FOR

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WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES A NEW YEAR NEW? WHAT IS A YEAR? WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CALENDAR, NO DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS, AND YEARS? HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT? WE TALK ABOUT BEING A YEAR OLDER. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IF ONE DIDN'T KNOW HOW "OLD" HE WAS, WOULD HE REMAIN YOUNG? WE SAY, "TIME MARCHES ON", BUT DOES TIME REALLY MARCH? WHAT IS TIME?

POUSPENSKY, IN HIS "NEW MODEL OF THE UNIVERSE", SAYS: "THE WORLD IS A WORLD OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES AND ALL OF THEM ARE ACTUALIZED, ONLY WE DO NOT SEE IT AND DO NOT KNOW IT. WE ALWAYS SEE ONLY ONE OF THE ACTUALIZATIONS, AND IN THIS LIE THE POVERTY AND LIMITATION OF THE HUMAN MIND. "TIME IS NOT A PASSING PHENOMENON, BUT AN UNFOLDMENT OF THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES OF AN EXPANDING UNIVERSE."

A YEAR IS TOO MUCH FOR THE HUMAN MIND TO COMPREHEND. IT IS LIKE TRYING TO COMPREHEND A ^{TRILLION} ~~BILLION~~ DOLLARS. IT IS TOO MUCH BUT WE CAN COMPREHEND A DOLLAR... AND A DAY.

A DAY IS THE EXPERIENCE THAT IS FRAMED BETWEEN WAKING ~~UP~~ UP IN THE MORNING AND DROPPING OFF TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. IT IS "NEW" ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT WITH NEW VIGOR AND FRESH ENTHUSIASM WE CAN LAUNCH INTO THE ACTIVITY OF LIVING. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS ~~DAY~~ DAY AND YESTERDAY IS THE STATE OF MY MIND. TODAY I MAY FEEL GOOD, SO THIS IS A GOOD DAY. PERHAPS YESTERDAY I WAS DEPRESSED, SO IT WAS A TERRIBLE DAY.

IN EVERY DAY WE UNFOLD ~~MANY~~ OF THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE. ~~ONLY A FEW OF THEM DO WE SEE, AND A SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY REALIZED. BUT A POSSIBILITY CAN NEVER BE LESS THAN A POSSIBILITY. THUS IN TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW IT CONTINUES TO UNFOLD.~~

~~THIS MEANS THAT A NEW DAY IS REALLY A FRESH OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE IN THE FIELD OF POSSIBILITIES WHICH ARE CONTANT.~~ IT IS ALMOST AS IF WE WERE MOVING IN A SPIRAL. WE CONTINUE TO GO OVER THE SAME GROUND, BUT EACH TIME AT A HIGHER LEVEL -- THUS A NEW DAY.

AND WHAT IS A YEAR ~~RE~~ BUT AN EVEN LARGER SPIRAL OF THE NOW? AN OLD YEAR DOES NOT REALLY COME ~~TO~~ AN END. NOR DOES A NEW YEAR ACTUALLY BEGIN. A YEAR IS A CONVENIENT DEVICE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF THINGS HISTORICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, AND ~~IT~~ IS AN AMAZINGLY HELPFUL DEVICE FOR SELF-EVALUATION. BUT A YEAR IS NOT A THING... ~~AND~~ 1983 MOST CERTAINLY WILL MAKE NO AUTOMATIC COLLECTION OF TOLL ON LIFE AND LIVING.

YOU WILL REALLY BE NO OLDER IN 1983 THAN YOU ^{are} ~~ARE~~ IN 1982, BUT YOU WILL BE A LITTLE WISER, OR YOU SHOULD BE. TIME IS NOT A TOXIC POISON EXERTING A MYSTERIOUS CUMULATIVE ACTION ON THE TISSUES. IT IS SIMPLY ~~THE~~ BELIEF IN THE EFFECTS OF TIME THAT ~~ACTS~~ AS THE POISON.

~~TRUE, YOU HAVE MOVED AROUND THE SPIRAL MORE TIMES, BUT EACH TIME AROUND YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW MORE UPON TIME'S INFINITE POSSIBILITIES. IF YOU NUMBER THE TIMES AROUND THE SPIRAL, YOU ARE~~

~~IN THE RUT OF THE REPETITION OF ATTITUDES - AND THIS IS AGE. BUT IF EACH TIME AROUND YOU SEE WITH A PERCEPTION THAT IS EVER FRESH AND INTERESTED, THEN YOU CAN TRULY ENJOY A NEW YEAR, AND THIS IS YOUTH.~~

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING -- BUT WE SAY IT TIME AND AGAIN ANYWAY, FOR MOST OF US FORGET -- 1981 WILL BE NO DIFFERENT FROM 1980 UNLESS YOU ARE DIFFERENT. IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE SAME POSSIBILITIES, BUT WILL YOU REALIZE THEM? OF COURSE, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE NOT IN THE YEAR, BUT IN YOU.

SO TODAY WE ARE GOING TO THINK ABOUT SOME THINGS TO DO BY WAY OF HOLDING A NEW VISION "THIS TIME AROUND" THE SPIRAL THAT WE CALL THE NEW YEAR.

I AM SUGGESTING A MASTER PLAN FOR 1983 BUT LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT A KIND OF ^{poster-call} SUPER TREASURE MAP, WHERE YOU MENTALLY PICTURE MONEY AND JOBS AND RELATIONSHIPS AND ACQUISITIONS. I LOVE THE STORY OF HENRY FORD ASKING A WORKER WHAT HIS AMBITION IN LIFE WAS. THE YOUNG MAN SAID, "MR. FORD, I WANT TO MAKE A MILLION BIG, ROUND DOLLARS!" (THAT WAS A DAY WHEN DOLLARS WERE VERY BIG AND ROUND A FEW DAYS LATER MR. FORD WALKED INTO THE OFFICE OF THE BRASH YOUNG MAN WITH A PACKAGE: "HERE IS A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU." THE YOUNG MAN OPENED IT AND FOUND A PAIR OF SPECTACLES WITH THE LENSES REMOVED AND TWO SILVER DOLLARS IN THEIR PLACE. "PUT THEM ON. WHAT DO YOU SEE?" "CAN'T SEE A THING BUT THE SILVER DOLLARS" "AND THAT WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR PROBLEM!"

JESUS SAID, "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM... AND THE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED". HE WAS REFERRING TO A LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE A PROSPEROUS AND FULFILLING YEAR 1981, IT WILL DEPEND ON HOW HIGH YOU CAN GET IN SPIRITUAL AWARENESS.

MARGARET LEE RUNBECK ONCE WROTE, COMMENTING ON OUR TENDENCY TO KEEP MOVING IN RUTS OF LIMITATION: "MAYBE WE DON'T LOOK FROM HIGH ENOUGH UP!"

IF WE WERE TO EXPLAIN TO THE AVERAGE PERSON AROUND US THAT THE REASON FOR THE LIMITATIONS OF HIS LIFE OR AFFAIRS IN THE PAST YEAR IS THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASING HIS GOD-POSSIBILITIES, HE WOULD PROBABLY SAY: "I JUST CAN'T SEE IT!"

WHAT ABOUT YOU? CAN YOU LOOK FORWARD TO AND SEE THE GOD-POSSIBILITIES OF YOUR LIFE IN 1981?

ONE OF MY FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES CONCERNS THE MAN WHO WAS CAUGHT IN THE THRONGS WHEN JESUS WAS PASSING BY ONE DAY, SO HE COULDN'T SEE. HE WAS SMALL OF STATURE AND THE CROWDS WERE GREAT. THE NAME OF THE MAN WAS ZACCHAEUS, WHO IS A SYMBOL OF THE MATERIAL-CENTERED PERSON WHO CANNOT SEE THE GOD-POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE BECAUSE OF THE SILVER DOLLARS.

THERE IS A ZACCHAEUS FACTOR IN ALL OF US. SO OFTEN WE FIND OURSELVES SHORT OF STATURE SO WE CANNOT SEE THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF LIFE: WE MAY BE TOO BUSY TO PRAY, WE REALLY DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT MONEY TO MAKE THE GIVING COMMITMENT THAT THE HEART SUGGESTS.

WE FALL DOWN ON OUR COMMITMENT TO ATTEND THE LECTURE OR THE SUNDAY EXPERIENCE OF "CREATIVE WORTHSHIP" BECAUSE WE NEED THE REST, OR IT IS TOO FAR TO RIDE, OR IT IS TOO COLD OR TOO HOT OR TOO RAINY, OR WE HAVE SOME THINGS TO GET CAUGHT UP WITH AT HOME.

~~(LIKE DURANTE SAYS ABOUT JOKES, "I HAVE A MILLION OF THEM")~~

HOWEVER, WE CATCH ZACCHAEUS AT AN UNUSUAL MOMENT. HE WANTED TO SEE JESUS SO MUCH THAT HE CLIMBED A TREE. AND IT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

JESUS CALLED DOWN
HOUR - GAVE 1/2

I WANT TO SUGGEST, AS A MASTER PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR, SOME TREES TO CLIMB, SO THAT YOU CAN SEE OVER THE LIMITING THOUGHTS OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS, SO THAT YOU CAN LOOK OUT OVER THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE NEW YEAR FROM HIGH ENOUGH UP.

1/ THE TREE OF ASPIRATION:

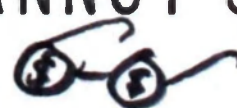
WE ALL START LIFE WITH HOPES AND DREAMS... BUT AS THE YEARS ROLL ON LIKE FALLING LEAVES, WE BECOME SETTLED AND CYNICAL, AND LIFE BECOMES PROSAIC AND ROUTINE.. IN HIS NOVEL, "THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE," THOMAS HARDY REFERS TO THE TYPICAL CONFORMITY-RIDDEN CONSCIOUSNESS OF PEOPLE AS THE "WELL-PROPORTIONED MIND".

HE SAYS THE "WELL-PROPORTIONED MIND" IS ONE THAT SHOWS NO PARTICULAR BIAS; ONE OF WHICH WE MAY SAFELY SAY THAT IT WILL NEVER CAUSE ITS OWNER TO BE CONFINED AS A MADMAN, TORTURED AS A HERETIC, OR CRUCIFIED AS A BLASPHEMER. ALSO, ON THE OTHER

~~HAND, THAT IT WILL NEVER CAUSE HIM TO BE APPLAUDED
AS A PROPHET, REVERED AS A PRIEST, OR EXALTED AS A
KING. ITS USUALLY BLESSINGS ARE HAPPINESS AND
MEDIOCRITY."~~

~~THIS MAY BE A PROBLEM FOR ALL OF US -- THE WELL-
PROPORTIONED MIND. * LIKE THE PIONEER WHO BECOMES
TOO SETTLED IN ONE ENCAMPMENT, AND THEN LOSES HIS
DESIRE TO PRESS ON IN HIS DISCOVERY.~~

WE MAY BE A LITTLE LIKE THE YOUNGSTER WHO DECIDED
TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME. WHEN HE TOLD HIS MOTHER OF
HIS INTENTIONS, SHE HELPED HIM PACK A BAG AND FIXED
A LUNCH FOR HIM. HE STARTED OUT BRAVELY BUT WHEN
NIGHT FELL HE CAME HOME. HE CARRIED AN ARMLoad OF
WOOD TO THE KITCHEN STOVE. NO ONE PAID ANY ATTENTION
TO HIM. HE HELPED SET THE TABLE FOR SUPPER - DID
SEVERAL CHORES -- AND WHEN NO COMMENT WAS MADE ABOUT
HIS ABSENCE, HE LOOKED AT TABBY ASLEEP BY THE FIRE
AND SAID, "WELL, I SEE YOU STILL HAVE THE SAME OLD
CAT!"

SO WE VENTURE FORTH IN OUR SEARCH FOR LIFE'S RAINBOWS
AND EVENTUALLY RETURN TO FIND THE "SAME OLD CAT" OF
WISHING AND WANTING FOR THINGS. WHY? BECAUSE WE
HAVE BECOME SHORT OF STATURE AND CANNOT SEE OVER
THE CROWDS OF LIMITING THOUGHTS. 

~~SO THE FIRST PART OF OUR MASTER PLAN FOR THE YEAR
IS TO HEIGHTEN OUR ASPIRATION, NOT JUST WISHING FOR
THINGS OR EXPERIENCES, FOR SEEKING A HIGHER AWARENESS
OF TRUTH, NOT JUST HEALING BUT A HEALTH-CONSCIOUS-
NESS.~~

~~NOT JUST MONEY BUT A PROSPERITY CONSCIOUSNESS.~~
~~NOT JUST MORE YEARS TO OUR LIFE BUT MORE LIFE TO~~
~~OUR YEARS.~~

REMEMBER ABRAHAM, FEELING LOW, SITTING IN HIS
TENT WITH THE FLAP DOWN, SECLUDED IN GLOOM, FEELING
SORRY FOR HIMSELF, THINKING HE WAS AT THE END OF
LIFE'S OPPORTUNITIES. *Get thee out of thy country*

SUDDENLY GOD INVADDED THE GLOOM AND BADE THE OLD
MAN COME OUTSIDE. GOD SAID: "LIFT UP NOW THINE
EYES, AND LOOK FROM THE PLACE WHERE THOU ART,
NORTHWARD AND SOUTWARD AND EASTWARD AND WESTWARD:
FOR ALL THE LAND WHICH THOU SEEST, TO THEE WILL I
GIVE IT, AND TO THY SEED FOREVER."

SUDDENLY HIS MANHOOD RETURNED. ~~HE SAW THAT THE~~
~~SKY WAS HIGHER THAN HIS RIDGEPOLE.~~ HE GOT A SENSE
OF FAR-HORIZONS. HIS SOUL WAS REVIVED, HE TURNED
HIS BACK ON THE GRAVE, AND WENT FORTH TO FOUND A
NEW NATION.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES FROM THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE, AND
KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOW ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW LIFE
SO THE FIRST PART OF THE PLAN IS TO LOOK UP, TO
REACH FOR THE HIGHEST -- NOT IN ENVY OR COVETOUSNESS
& BUT IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD-POSSIBI-
TIES "PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE
WORLD."

▶ TREE OF DEDICATION: ZACCCHAEUS REPRESENTS THAT IN MAN THAT EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO MAKE LIFE COUNT. HE WAS RICH IN WORLDLY WEALTH. HE HAD JUST ABOUT ALL ONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE; BUT HE KNEW THAT HE HAD NOT ATTAINED ALL THE ONE COULD BE. SO HE CLIMBED A TREE.

MANY PERSONS BECOME WHAT WE CALL "GOOD CHRISTIANS" OR "GOOD JEWS", (OR GOOD TRUTH STUDENTS) -- BUT ZACCCHAEUS SPIRIT REALIZED THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE GOOD, ONE MUST BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING.

~~THERE MUST COME A TIME WHEN WE REALIZE THAT ALL WORLDLY SEEKING AND FULFILLMENT IS ONLY A MEANS TO AN END - NOT THE END OF WORLDLY REWARD AND ITS SUPPOSED HAPPINESS, BUT THE END OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH~~

EVERY PERSON NEEDS TO CLIMB THE TREE OF DEDICATION, TO SEE OVER THE CROWD OF WORLDLY SUCCESS AND RECOGNITION, OR GOOD JOBS AND GOOD INCOME AND GOOD HOMES AND GOOD THINGS.

THE TREE OF DEDICATION HELPS US TO SEE THE TRUTH, TO SEE THAT THE ONLY HAPPINESS WE EVER KNOW IS WHEN WE ARE GROWING, WHEN WE ARE GIVING, WHEN WE ARE SERVING.

ZACHEOUS CAUGHT THIS VISION FROM HIS TREE TOP PERCH. HE SAW THAT HIS LIFE HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO SELFISHLY ACCUMULATING MONEY AND POWER -- AND SO HE DEDICATED HIMSELF RIGHT THEN AND THERE TO GIVING, TO JUSTICE.

HE HAD NOT REALLY DONE WRONG. HE WAS LIVING IN A TIME WHEN HIS POSITION WAS AN ACCEPTED PART OF THE SPOILS SYSTEM. BUT HE COULD SEE THAT THE LACK

IN HIS LIFE WAS THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING ANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION.

EVERY LIFE IS A USELESS LIFE UNLESS IT BECOMES THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH SOME GOOD FLOWS. ONE MAY REDEDICATE HIMSELF TO GREATER GIVINGNESS IN HIS WORK. OR HE MAY COMMIT SOME OF HIS TIME TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE OF SOME KIND. OR HE MAY GIVE TANGIBLE SUPPORT TO SOME ACTIVITY THAT HE BELIEVES IS HELPING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

YOU HAVE NEVER LIVED A PERFECT DAY, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE EARNED MUCH MONEY AND ACHIEVED GREAT GOALS, UNLESS YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU.

"NO MATTER HOW SMALL YOUR LOT IN LIFE, THERE'S ROOM ON IT FOR A SERVICE STATION."

TREE OF DISCIPLINE: IT IS A WORD FEW PEOPLE LIKE (AS WE REMEMBER TIMES WHEN WE WERE "DISCIPLINED" IN CHILDHOOD) DISCIPLINE DOES NOT MEAN SUPPRESSION BUT CHANNELED EXPRESSION. IT MEANS COMMITMENT TO A GREAT IDEA -- THE LOVE OF TRUTH, AND COMMITMENT TO THE PERSISTENT EFFORT TO UNFOLD YOUR GOD-POSSIBILITIES.

THE CROWD THAT OBSCURED ZACCHAEUS VIEW WAS ALSO A MATTER OF HIS SELF-INDULGENCE. WE ARE TOO EASY ON OURSELVES, WE GIVE UP TOO READILY WHEN CONCENTRATION AND MORE DRIVE ARE CALLED FOR.

~~WE MUST REALIZE THAT PROGRESS IS NOT ALWAYS A STRAIGHT LINE GOING UPWARD WITHOUT A BREAK. THERE MAY WELL BE UPS AND DOWNS. NEED PATIENCE WITH SELF.~~

Discipline is chiefly mental -- THE COMMITMENT TO OCCASIONALLY SAY "NO!" TO THE NEGATIVES AROUND YOU, AND THE INERTIAL PULL OF THE HUMAN IN YOU.

THOUGHT CONTROL IS NOT SUPPRESSION OF THOUGHT -- BUT COMMITMENT OF THOUGHT TO HIGHER VALUES... NOT REACTIVE BUT CREATIVE... NOT THINKING ABOUT THINGS "OUTTHERE"... BUT THINKING THE KIND OF THOUGHTS THAT LEAD TO THINGS AS YOU WANT THEM TO MANIFEST IN YOUR LIFE.

GRAVITY & TRAIN DOWN UNDER

IT IS COMMITMENT TO THE INNER FLOW THAT "KEEPS YOU RIGHT SIDE UP WHEN THE WORLD IS UPSIDE DOWN." BUT THIS TAKES PRACTICE.

(LETTER FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY... TELLING OF REMARKABLE THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF RADIO... USED TO BE WORRIERS, MATERIALISTIC, ALCOHOLIC, ETC NO! SUNDAY ATTEN.)

DISCIPLINE OF CONSCIOUSNESS. WHEN THERE IS TEMPTATION TO GIVE IN, TO START WORRYING, TO GET EMOTIONAL, OR TO REACH FOR ASPIRIN OR STIMULANT.. SAY "NO!" ("I HAVE A CHOICE, AND I CHOOSE TO BE STRONG!")

THIS TAKES PRACTICE... AND A DISCIPLINE OF INVOLVEMENT. A GOOD SYMBOL OF THIS MIGHT BE THE COMMITMENT ^{ATTENDANCE & AVOIDANCE OF ALL} TOWARD REGULAR SUNDAY ATTENDANCE HERE EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY DURING 1983. SET A GOAL AND HOLD TO IT!

SO ZACCHAEUS CLIMBED A TREE AND GOT A GOOD GLIMPSE OF JESUS PASSING BY. THE ACCOUNT OF THIS REVEALS A GREAT PLUS THAT COMES THROUGH OUR COMMITMENT.

JESUS LOOKED UP AND SAID, "COME DOWN, I WANT TO HAVE LUNCH WITH YOU IN YOUR HOUSE." IN OTHER WORDS THE COSMIC FLOW IS ALWAYS PRESENT, WAITING ONLY FOR OUR MOVE OF COMMITMENT: OF ASPIRATION, DEDICATION, AND DISCIPLINE.

ZACCHAEUS HAD A WONDERFUL HOUR WITH JESUS AND WHEN HE CAME OUT HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS GOING TO GIVE HALF OF HIS FORTUNE TO FEED THE POOR AND TO MAKE RESTITUTION TO THOSE HE HAD DEFRAUDED. THIS SIMPLY MEANS THAT HE WAS CHANGED.

IN LLOYD C. DOUGLAS'S BOOK "THE ROBE", MARCELLUS IS ASKING MIRIAM WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT JESUS HAD SAID TO ZACCHAEUS. MIRIAM SHOOK HER HEAD. "NOBODY KNOWS...MAYBE HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL. PERHAPS HE LOOKED ZACCHAEUS SQUARE IN THE IDEAS UNTIL THE MAN SAW REFLECTED THERE THE IMAGE OF THE PERSON HE WAS MEANT TO BE."

► POEM BY AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR:

"I KNEW HIS FACE THE MOMENT THAT HE PASSED TRIUMPHANT IN THE THOUGHTLESS, CRUEL THROG - I GENTLY TOUCHED HIS ARM - HE SMILED AT ME - HE WAS THE PERSON THAT ONCE I MEANT TO BE!

WHERE I HAD FAILED, HE'D WON FROM LIFE, SUCCESS;
WHERE I HAD STUMBLLED, WITH SURE FEET HE STOOD;
ALIKE - YET UNALIKE, - WE FACED THE WORLD,
AND THROUGH THE STRESS HE FOUND THAT LIFE WAS GOOD.
AND I? THE BITTER WORMWOOD IN THE GLASS,
THE SHADOWED WAY ALONG WHICH FAILURES PASS!

YET AS I SAW HIM THUS, JOY CAME TO ME -
HE WAS THE PERSON THAS ONCE I MEANT TO BE!

WE DID NOT SPEAK. BUT IN HIS SAPIENT EYES
I SAW THE/SPIRIT THAT HAD URGED HIM ON,
THE COURAGE~~E~~ THAT HAD HELD HIM THROUGH THE FLIGHT
HAD ONCE BEEN MINE. I THOUGHT, "CAN IT BE GONE?"
HE FELT THAT UNASKED QUESTION - FELT IT SO
HIS PALE LIPS FORMED THE ONE-WORD ANSWER, 'No!'

TOO LATE TO WIN? NO! NOT TOO LATE FOR ME -
HE IS THE ~~MAN~~ PERSON THAT STILL I MEAN TO BE!"

AND AS YOU SET YOUR MASTER PLAN, ^{MAY} YOU ~~WILL~~ FIND AND
FOLLOW THAT PERSON...AND ^{MAY} YOU ~~WILL~~ BECOME THAT
PERSON IN 1981.