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CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND GONE, AND MANY ARE SAYING WITH A SIGH, 'WELL, IT'S ALL OVER TILL NEXT YEAR' BUT WE NEED TO ASK, 'WHAT HAS COME AND GONE, WHAT IS OVER TILL NEXT YEAR?' IF WE CAN SIMPLY PICK IT UP AND LAY IT DOWN, THEN THE WHOLE THING HAS LITTLE RELEVANCE TO OUR LIVES.

BUT, NO TIME FOR SUCH QUESTIONS, WE ARE ALREADY INTO ANOTHER SEASON THAT COMES AND GOES. BEFORE ^{LAST} THE WEEK ~~IS OUT~~ THE WORDS, "HAPPY NEW YEAR!", ^{WAS} ~~WILL~~ BE HEARD LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF TIMES THROUGH THE LAND - A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT BLESSING.

BUT ACTUALLY 1982 WILL BE LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM 1981 UNLESS YOU ARE DIFFERENT. IF YOU ARE NOT HAPPY NOW, NOT HEALTHY NOW, NOT SUCCESSFUL NOW - ~~THINGS~~ WILL GET NO BETTER IN THE COMING YEAR - UNLESS YOU GET BETTER IN YOUR THINKING.

WHAT IS A YEAR, ANYWAY? YOU MAY EXPLAIN ABOUT THE EARTH'S ROTATION AROUND THE SUN? BUT IN AN AGE OF SPACE-CONSCIOUSNESS, IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO CONCEIVE OF BEING OUT IN SPACE AWAY FROM OUR SOLAR SYSTEM - WITH NO SUN TO ROTATE AROUND, NO SUNRISES OR SUNSETS? NOW, WHAT IS A YEAR? SO WE SEE, IT IS MORE PSYCHOLOGICAL THAN ASTRONOMICAL? A CONVENIENT WAY OF DEALING WITH THE ETERNAL UNFOLDMENT OF LIFE?

THERE IS SOME DISPUTE WHETHER JANUARY 1ST IS HISTORICALLY, ASTRONOMICALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY, OR EVEN LOGICALLY THE RIGHT TIME TO BEGIN A YEAR?

A NEW YEAR IN THE SPRING MAKES MUCH MORE SENSE, WHEN NATURE IS RE-AWAKENING TO A NEW CYCLE OF GROWTH, WHILE JANUARY 1ST IS "JUST ANOTHER WINTER DAY" BUT EVEN THAT REFLECTS A KIND OF REGIONAL CHAUVENISM, FOR THOUGH IT IS A WINTERS DAY HERE, IT IS SUMMER IN AUSTRALIA, ETC?

BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN: WHETHER IN THE NORTHERN
OR SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, OR EVEN IN OUTER SPACE --
AS CARLISLE SAYS: 'EVERY DAY THAT IS BORN INTO
THE WORLD COMES LIKE A BURST OF MUSIC, AND RINGS
ITSELF ALL THE DAY THROUGH: AND THOU SHALT MAKE
OF IT A DANCE, A DIRGE, OR A LIFE-MARCH, AS
THOU WILT.'

THERE IS A CHOICE INVOLVED? AS LINCOLN PUT
IT: "ONE IS ABOUT AS HAPPY AS HE MAKES UP HIS
MIND TO BE." AND THE YEAR WILL BE AS HAPPY
AND HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL AS YOU MAKE UP YOUR
^{MIND} TO MAKE IT.

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH WHAT HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY
OCCURRING IN YOUR LIFE? IF THERE ARE DIRECTIONS
YOU ARE MOVING IN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE,
WHY NOT COMMIT YOURSELF TO NEW DIRECTIONS? YOU
CAN DO THIS BY CHANGING YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR
GENERAL REACTIONS TO LIFE:

YOU CAN'T CHANGE OTHER PEOPLE, AND YOU CAN'T
CHANGE CIRCUMSTANCES - THOSE THAT EXIST NOW,
OR THOSE THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST ~~YEAR~~ -
BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY YOU DEAL WITH THESE
THINGS AND HOW THEY AFFECT YOU:

I LOVE THE COMMITMENT OF WALT WHITMAN: 'OH,
WHILE I LIVE TO BE THE RULER OF LIFE NOT A
SLAVE. TO MEET LIFE AS A POWERFUL CONQUEROR,
AND NOTHING EXTERIOR SHALL EVER TAKE
COMMAND OF ME.'

GREAT TRUTH

CHARLES FILLMORE SAID: ^{You} ~~MAN~~ CAN BE WHAT ^{You} ~~HE~~
DETERMINE^s TO BE. ^{You} ~~HE~~ CAN BE MASTER OR ^{You} ~~HE~~ CAN
BE SERF. IT RESTS WITH ^{You} ~~HIM~~ WHETHER ^{You} ~~HE~~ SHALL FILL
THE HIGH PLACES IN LIFE OR THE LOW, WHETHER ~~HE~~ ^{You}
SHALL SERVE OR BE SERVED, LEAD OR BE LED, OR BE
SICKLY OR HEALTHY.'

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE YOU
FOCUSING YOUR ATTENTION UPON?

'THAT THOU SEEST, BECOME TOO THOU MUST,
GOD, IF THOU SEEST GOD, DUST, IF THOU SEESE
/DUST'

LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING, FOR YOU WILL INVARIABLY
GO WHERE YOU ARE LOOKING. YOU MAY BE WORKING
DILIGENTLY TOWARD A PARTICULAR GOAL, BUT IF YOU
ARE LISTENING TO WHAT "THEY ARE SAYING", IF YOU
ARE IMPRESSED BY GLOOMY ECONOMIC PREDICTIONS,
IF YOU ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE STATISTICS THAT
SAY YOU HAVE ONLY A ^{SMALL} ~~TINY~~ CHANCE OF ACHIEVEMENT,
THEN ALL THESE THINGS WILL INFLUENCE YOUR FUTURE.

▶ CARTOON DEPICTING A YOUNG SWAIN WALKING DOWN A
STREET AND BUMPING INTO A LAMP POST BECAUSE HIS
EYES WERE HELD CAPTIVE BY A BEAUTIFUL GIRL ON
OPPOSITE CORNER. IT IS FUNNY, BUT SAD - FOR IT
IS THE VERY REASON FOR SO MUCH LIMITED EXPERIENCE

▶ 'WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE PURE, OF GOOD REPORT...
THINK ON THESE THINGS.' IF YOU WANT TO BE SUC-
CESSFUL, SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SUCCESS-ORIENTED
PEOPLE AND READING MATTER. AND, IN YOUR OWN
EXPERIENCE, ANALYZE YOUR SUCCESS, NOT MISTAKES.

IN A BOOK BY BERNARD HALDANE, THE POINT IS WELL-MADE THAT WE DO NOT LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES, BUT FROM OUR SUCCESSES. THE BOOK, 'HOW TO MAKE A HABIT OF SUCCESS'.

IF YOU WANT TO BE HEALTHY, DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF READING ALL ABOUT THE VARIOUS ILLNESSES AND THEIR SYMPTOMS. YOU MAY BECOME AN AMATEUR DIAGNOSTICIAN, ALSO A HYPOCHONDRIAC. THINK HEALTH, STUDY THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU HEALTHY AND KEEP YOU SO. GET INTO HEALTH FOODS AND EXERCISE AND HEALTHY-MINDEDNESS. YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BEGIN TO RESPOND TO YOUR WELLNESS-CONSCIOUSNESS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHERE YOU LOOK DETERMINES WHAT YOU ARE TO BECOME.

IF YOU CENTER YOUR ATTENTION ON SOME DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE, OR ON SOME DISTANT PLACE... IF YOU ALLOW YOUR MIND TO DWELL CONTINUALLY THERE,

YOU WILL BE DRAWN TO THAT PLACE OR EXPERIENCE SOONER OR LATER BECAUSE OF THE OPERATION OF THIS LAW.

THIS ALSO WORKS IN REVERSE. WHO HAS NOT HAD AN EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS? SAYING, "THAT IS ONE PLACE I WOULD NEVER LIVE OR WORK, ONE THING I WOULD NEVER DO." AND THEN, LC, BY A STRANGE TURN OF EVENTS, YOU FIND YOURSELF THERE. BY THE LAW OF FOCUSED ATTENTION, YOU ARE DRAWN THERE BY AN IRRESISTIBLE ATTRACTION.

PS THE WORD 'HORIZON' MEANS "BOUNDARY OR LIMIT OF VISION" WHICH INCLUDES THE LIMIT OF OUR MENTAL PERCEPTION. YOU SEE, IT IS NOT YOUR JOB, YOUR LEVEL OF FINANCES, OR YOUR RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE HELD YOU IN BONDAGE THROUGH THE YEARS OF YOUR LIFE, BUT RATHER THE LIMITED HORIZONS OF YOUR MIND.

PRS

WE MAY HAVE BEEN IN BONDAGE TO MANY LIMITED BELIEFS ABOUT AGE AND DETERIORATION, ABOUT SICKNESS AND CONTAGION, AND ABOUT HEREDITY AND HUMAN LIMITATION.

THESE ARE THE OLD HORIZONS ON WHICH MAN HAS KEPT HIS MIND FOCUSED FOR GENERATIONS, ~~THE~~ THUS CONTINUALLY BRINGING THEM INTO HIS EXPERIENCE.

PRS

THERE IS A GREAT LESSON IN THE EXPERIENCE/OF ABRAHAM IN ~~THE~~ THE BIBLE. HE HAD BEEN 'FOLLOWING THE GLEAM' AS THE POET PUTS IT - TO GO FORTH AND FOUND A NEW NATION -- AND ON THIS OCCASION HE WAS FEELING LOW, SITTING IN HIS TENT WITH THE FLAPS DOWN -- BUT SUDDENLY, THE VOICE OF GOD INVADED THE GLOOM AND BADE THE OLD MAN TO COME OUTSIDE. THE VOICE SAID, 'LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK FROM THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE, NORTHWARD, SOUTHWARD, EASTWARD, AND WESTWARD.' FOR ALL THE LAND WHICH YOU SEE, TO YOU WILL I GIVE IT.' HE DID LOOK UP... AND GO ON TO FOUND A NEW NATION.

PRS

A GREAT MESSAGE TO YOU AND ME TODAY: "LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK FROM THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE" THIS IS WHAT JESUS HAS IN MIND WHEN HE SAYS, "KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE" LOOK UP AND SEE FROM A WIDER PERSPECTIVE! YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD, NOT OF MISFORTUNE! SICKNESS IS UNNECESSARY, AND DEATH IS NOT THE INEVITABLE END! POVERTY IS NOT SOME KIND OF MALAISE ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE NO CHOICE, RATHER IT IS A FRUSTRATION OF THE DIVINE FLOW! MORE THAN THIS AFFLUENCE IS THE DIVINE RIGHT OF ALL PERSONS!

PRS

THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT SOMETIMES WE DO NOT HAVE EXPERIENCES OF LIMITATION! BUT IT IS TO REALIZE THAT THE PROBLEM IS THE NARROWNESS OF OUR HORIZON! BUT YOU CAN LOOK UP, WIDEN YOUR HORIZONS OF SEEING!

PRS

A HORIZON IS NOT A FIXED BARRIER! A TRAVELER KNOWS THAT THE HORIZON RETREATS BEFORE HIM AS HE JOURNEYS ON! IN MEETING LIFE'S EXPERIENCES OUR

PRS

GREATEST PROBLEM IS THAT WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT HORIZONS ARE WALLS, FIXED AND UNALTERABLE? AND THAT WHEN WE REACHED ~~THE~~ HORIZON ~~THEY~~ ^{WE} ^{WILL} ~~WOULD~~, AS THE ANCIENTS ~~WERE~~ ^{FEARED,} FALL OFF THE EDGE OF THE EARTH? SOUNDS RIDICULOUS, BUT PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE THEY WILL RUN OUT OF SUPPLY, OUT OF WORK, OUT OF LOVE, OUT OF LIFE?

PRS

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE NEED TO HAVE OUR FAITH LIFTED, TO EXPAND OUR HORIZONS BEYOND THE LIMITED PERSPECTIVE? THE PSALMIST SAYS, 'I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP?'

WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG YOU CERTAINLY DID NOT HAVE ALL THE MONEY THAT HAS GONE THROUGH YOUR HANDS IN YOUR LIFETIME - AND YOU MAY NOT CONSIDER YOURSELF AFFLUENT, BUT IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE MONEY? SO WHY SHOULD WE ASSUME THAT OUR PRESENT HORIZONS REPRESENT THE LIMIT OF LIFE FOR US? THERE IS MORE GOOD FOR US, MORE GOD IN

PRS
LIFT UP NOW YOUR EYES, FOR ALL THE LAND YOU CAN SEE IS YOURS! LOOK FROM THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE: FROM YOUR JOB, YOUR CURRENT INCOME, YOUR HOME-LIFE, FROM THE WORLD IN WHICH YOU LIVE! IF YOU DESIRE MORE OR BETTER, OR GREATER PEACE AND HARMONY - THEN AS FAR AS YOU CAN SEE, AS MUCH AS YOU CAN CONCEIVE AS BEING POSSIBLE FOR YOU - IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT AS BEING TRUE, THEN THIS IS WHAT GOD IS GIVING TO YOU, ~~THIS~~ **THIS IS THE** LIFE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE!

ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS CARDS I EVER RECEIVED CARRIED AN INSCRIPTION UNDER A LOVELY ORIGINAL DESIGN THAT SAID: "THIS CARD WAS CREATED BY ANNE ADAMS, A POLIO PATIENT WHO, PRIOR TO HER ILLNESS WAS AN ARTIST! THROUGH PERSEVERENCE SHE HAS TRAINED HERSELF TO DRAW BY HOLDING A PENCIL BETWEEN HER TEETH: EACH ORIGINAL DRAWING TAKES UP TO TWO MONTHS TO PRODUCE!"

A LESS RESOLUTE PERSON WOULD HAVE CALLED THIS THE END OF A CAREER! BUT ANN ADAMS LIFTED UP HER EYES FROM THE PLACE WHERE SHE WAS!

IT DIDN'T MEAN A 'PRESTO-CHANGO' ELIMINATION OF THE PROBLEM. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT LIFE IS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ FOR GROWING - AND THIS PERSON IS GROWING IN A WAY THAT MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

➔ THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM OPPOSED TO PEERING INTO THE FUTURE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR THROUGH PSYCHIC READINGS ^{OR} ~~ARE~~ ASTROLOGICAL CHARTS TO SEE WHAT THE NEW YEAR PORTENDS? FOR IF YOU COULD SEE A TOTAL PREDICTION OF THE YEAR AHEAD YOU MIGHT WANT TO AVOID AT ANY COST SOME THINGS THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES OF GROWTH.

PHILLIPS BROOKS: 'PRAY NOT FOR EASIER LIVES, BUT PRAY TO BE STRONGER MEN'.

THERE ARE SOME LINES THAT HAVE BECOME A TRADITION WITH ME IN THE DAYS LEADING TO THE NEW YEAR.

ATTRIBUTED TO M. LOUISE HASKINS: 'I SAID TO A MAN WHO STOOD AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR: 'GIVE ME A LIGHT THAT I MAY TREAD SAFELY INTO THE UNKNOWN.' AND HE REPLIED, 'GO OUT INTO THE

DARKNESS AND PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD:
THAT SHALL BE TO YOU BETTER THAN LIGHT AND SAFER
THAN A KNOWN WAY."

THE KNOWN WAY IS ALWAYS IN THE PAST: WALKING
THE KNOWN WAY WILL MAKE 1982 AS EVERY OTHER YEAR:
RESOLVE INSTEAD TO WALK IN NEW WAYS, TO REACH
FOR NEW HORIZONS: WITH YOUR HAND IN GODS YOUR
WAY WILL BE FRAUGHT WITH UNBELIEVABLE GOOD: YOU
WILL WALK WITH SPRING IN YOUR STEP, AND YOU WILL
WALK IN PATHS OF ETERNAL SPRINGTIME:

HAPPY NEW YEAR: HAPPY NEW YOU:

HAPPY UNFOLDMENT OF WONDERFUL NEW HORIZONS
FOR YOUR LIFE: