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**RX FOR A DECADE OF  
PEACE**

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PRESCRIPTION FOR A DECADE OF PEACE

Dec 31, 1979

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! / EACH ONE OF US WILL VOICE THAT SALUTATION / ~~VERITABLY~~  
HUNDREDS OF TIMES IN THE NEXT TWELVE HOURS. / WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES  
A NEW YEAR NEW? / WHAT IS A YEAR? / WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CALENDAR?  
NO DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS? / HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT?  
WE TALK ABOUT BEING A YEAR OLDER. / WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? / IF YOU  
DIDN'T KNOW HOW "OLD" YOU WERE, / WOULD YOU REMAIN YOUNG? (WE SAY "TIME  
MARCHES ON". / BUT DOES TIME MARCH? / WHAT IS TIME?  
*OR DO WE MEASURE BY OUR PERCEPTION OF TIME?*


The week  
can't wait  
to 1980  
Let's buy  
Bitcher  
Bitcher  
Bitcher

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 LIES 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." "

*PERHAPS*

A YEAR IS ~~NOT~~ TOO MUCH FOR THE HUMAN MIND TO COMPREHEND. / IT IS  
LIKE TRYING TO COMPREHEND A TRILLION DOLLARS. / IT IS TOO MUCH, / BUT  
WE CAN COMPREHEND A DOLLAR... AND A DAY. *BUT REMEMBER - TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S  
TOMORROW.*

A DAY IS THE EXPERIENCE THAT IS FRAMED / BETWEEN WAKING 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 AND YESTERDAY / IS  
A STATE OF MIND. / TODAY I MAY FEEL GOOD, / SO THIS IS A GOOD DAY. / PERHAPS  
YESTERDAY I WAS DEPRESSED, / SO IT WAS A TERRIBLE DAY.

 A NEW DAY IS A FRESH OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE / IN THE FIELD OF POSSIBILITIES  
WHICH ARE CONSTANT. IT IS ALMOST AS IF WE ARE MOVING IN A SPIRAL. /  
WE CONTINUE TO GO OVER THE SAME GROUND, / BUT EACH TIME ON A HIGHER  
LEVEL. / .. THUS A NEW DAY. / AND WHAT IS A YEAR / 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

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TRACK OF THINGS HISTORICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, / AND IT IS AN AMAZINGLY  
**helpful** DEVICE FOR SELF-EVALUATION. / BUT A YEAR IS NOT A THING. / AND 1990  
MOST CERTAINLY WILL MAKE NO AUTOMATIC COLLECTION ON LIFE AND LIVING. /  
YOU WILL BE NO OLDER IN 1990 / THAN YOU ARE IN 1989, / BUT YOU MAY 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 THEM / 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 ARE BUSY NUMBERING THE TIMES AROUND THE SPIRAL, / YOU ARE AGING, /  
BUT IF EACH TIME AROUND / YOU SEE WITH A NEW PERCEPTION THAT IS EVER  
FRESH AND INTERESTED, / YOU ARE YOUTHING.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING. / BUT I SAY IT TIME AND AGAIN ANYWAY, / FOR  
MOST OF US FORGET / - 1990 WILL BE NO DIFFERENT FROM 1989 / UNLESS YOU  
ARE DIFFERENT. / IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE SAME POSSIBILITIES, / BUT <sup>THE QUESTION IS</sup> WILL  
YOU REALIZE THEM? / OF COURSE THE POSSIBILITIES ARE NOT IN THE YEAR /  
OR THE CALENDAR, / BUT IN YOU! **HAPPY NEW YEAR! COMMUNISM.**

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TODAY WE COME TO THE END OF A DECADE (which we have called the 80'S) /  
AND WE CROSS THE THRESHOLD / OVER IN TO A NEW DECADE (which will be  
called the 90"s). / AND WE WANT TO GIVE <sup>THE</sup> A FOCUS OF OUR ATTENTION  
ON PEACE. / AN ENTIRE DECADE OF PEACE. <sup>IT IS BEING IN TUNE WITH GOD.  
IN THE FLOW OF THE UNIVERSE.</sup>

PEACE IS NOT JUST AN ABSENCE OF WAR. / ~~BUT IT IS THAT.~~ / TODAY WE  
WANT TO ENVISION A WORLD OF PEACE AMONG MEN AND NATIONS.

 A LITTLE BOY ONCE SAID TO HIS FATHER, / "DAD, I HATE WAR!" / THE  
FATHER SWELLED A LITTLE WITH PRIDE / IN KNOWING THAT HIS SON  
WAS DOING SOME SERIOUS THINKING. / HE ASKED, "AND WHAT MAKES  
YOU SAY THAT, Son" / "BECAUSE WARS MAKE HISTORY, AND I HATE  
HISTORY!"

~~YES, WARS MAKE HISTORY, BUT PEOPLE MAKE WARS!~~

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WITH THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS, / IT IS APPARENT THAT MANKIND HAS BEEN GIVEN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ESTABLISHING A ~~JUST~~ MANIFESTATION OF WORLD PEACE. / BUT IN TERMS OF PEOPLE AND NATIONS / IT MUST BE SAID THAT PEACE DOES NOT COME TO US, / BUT THROUGH US. / AS LECOMTE DU NOUY SAID IN HIS BOOK "HUMAN DESTINY": / "PEACE MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY TRANSFORMING MEN FROM THE INTERIOR, AND NOT BY ERECTING EXTERNAL STRUCTURES. / THE SOURCE OF ALL WARS, / THE SOURCE OF ALL EVIL, / LIES IN US. / NO OUTSIDE PROTECTION WILL BE EFFICIENT / IF THE ENEMY COWERING AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART / IS AUTHORIZED TO LIVE."

LET THERE BE PEACE...WE SING EVERY SUNDAY...AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

VICTOR HUGO HAS AN OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE WHICH MAY STILL BE SOMEWHAT FUTURISTIC...FOR WE HAVE JUST THIS DECADE AHEAD TO BRING HIS VISION TO FULFILLMENT." He says: "IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WAR WILL BE DEAD, THE SCAFFOLD WILL BE DEAD, DOGMAS WILL BE DEAD: MAN WILL LIVE. HE WILL POSSESS SOMETHING HIGHER THAN ALL THESE - A GREAT COUNTRY, THE WHOLE EARTH, AND A GREAT HOPE, THE WHOLE HEAVEN."

THE VISION OF TENNYSON IN HIS POEM "LOCKSLEY HALL" SPEAKS TO OUR CONTEMPORARY EXPERIENCE.

"FOR I DIPT INTO THE FUTURE, FAR AS HUMAN EYE COULD SEE,  
SAW THE VISION OF THE WORLD, AND ALL THE WONDER THAT WOULD BE.  
....TILL THE WAR-DRUMS THROBB'D NO LONGER, AND THE BATTLE FLAGS WERE  
IN THE PARLIAMENT OF MAN, THE FEDERATION OF THE WORLD." / FURLED

*His Perspective*

AND WE MIGHT LET TEILHARD DE CHARDIN SUM UP WITH HIS WISDOM AND OPTIMISM:

*30 yrs. Ago*

"THERE IS NOW INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE / THAT MANKIND HAS JUST ENTERED UPON THE GREATEST PERIOD OF CHANGE / THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN. / THE ILLS FROM WHICH WE ARE SUFFERING / HAVE HAD THEIR SEAT IN THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN THOUGHT. / BUT TODAY SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS. / A FRESH KIND OF LIFE



IS STARTING. / In THE FACE OF SUCH AN UPHEAVAL, / ACTUALLY SHAKEN BY IT, / NO ONE CAN REMAIN INDIFFERENT. / SWEEPED ALONG BY THE TIDE OF AFFAIRS, / WHAT CAN WE DO TO SEE CLEARLY / AND TO ACT DECISIVELY? / NO MATTER WHAT REACTIONS WE MAY HAVE TO CURRENT EVENTS, / WE OUGHT FIRST TO REAFFIRM A ROBUST FAITH IN THE DESTINY OF MAN. / EVEN IF THAT FAITH IS ALREADY THERE, / IT MUST BE FORTIFIED. / IT IS TOO EASY TO FIND AN EXCUSE FOR INACTION / BY PLEADING THE DECADENCE OF CIVILIZATION, / OR EVEN ~~THE~~ IMMINENT END OF THE WORLD. / IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT MANKIND IS NOT AN ACCIDENTAL PHENOMENON / OCCURRING BY CHANCE ON ONE OF THE SMALLEST STARS IN THE SKY. / MANKIND REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF THE WHOLE MOVEMENT OF MATTER AND LIFE, / SO FAR AS IT IS WITHIN THE RANGE OF OUR EXPERIENCE. / THE WORLD WOULD NOT FUNCTION IF THERE WERE NOT, / SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF TIME AND SPACE, / A COSMIC POINT OF TOTAL SYNTHESIS. / FROM THIS POINT THERE RADIATES. / AN ENERGY, WHICH WE CALL LOVE."

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"IF EVERYONE WOULD DECREASE A PORTION OF HIS HATEFUL EMOTIONS, / AND ACTIONS OF ENMITY, / AND INCREASE HIS ACTIONS OF UNSELFISH LOVE... TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS, / WE COULD IMPROVE THE MORAL CLIMATE OF MANKIND / AND CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE / MORE THAN BY ALL POWER POLITICS AND ARMAMENT RACES. / THE TIME HAS COME / WHEN THE INTENSIVE CULTIVATION OF CREATIVE LOVE / HAS BECOME EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS."

IN THE 24th CHAPTER OF MATTHEW / JESUS IS RECORDED AS BEING ASKED BY HIS DISCIPLES / WHEN THE THINGS HE HAD BEEN TELLING THEM ABOUT / WOULD COME TO PASS, / AND WHAT WOULD BE THE END OF THE WORLD. / This has given TO MUCH SPECULATION / ON THE END OF THINGS. / BUT IT IS A MISTRANSLATION. / IN THE MARGINAL NOTE IN THE BIBLE IT IS EXPLAINED THAT THE PHRASE MEANS / "consummation of the age."

*Conclusion* ~~Continues~~ THE ~~visious~~ CYCLE OF WAR AND PEACE IS CAUSED BY ACCUMULATED THOUGHTS /... OF PERSONAL SELFISHNESS AND GREED AND ANIMOSITY, / FORMING AN ATMOSPHERE IN THE RACE CONSCIOUSNESS / THAT IN UNIVERSAL OR KARMIC LAW MUST ULTIMATELY BE WORKED OUT.



IN THE SYMBOLISM OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION / THE GREAT WAR OF CONSUMMATION  
<sup>DESCENDED AS</sup>  
IS THE "WRATH OF GOD" DESCENDING ON MAN / AND IN SYMBOLISM JOHN GIVES  
US A WHOLE LIST OF DESTRUCTIVE AGENCIES. "AND I HEARD A GREAT VOICE  
OUT OF THE TEMPLE, SAYING TO THE SEVEN ANGELS, 'GO YE, AND POUR  
OUT THE SEVEN BOWLS OF THE WRATH OF GOD INTO THE EARTH' ... AND I SAW  
COMING OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON, AND OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE  
BEAST, AND OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE FALSE PROPHET, THREE UNCLEAN  
SPIRITS, AS IT WERE FROGS: FOR THEY ARE SPIRITS OF DEMONS, WORKING  
SIGNS; WHICH GO FORTH UNTO THE KINGS OF THE WHOLE WORLD, TO GATHER  
THEM TOGETHER UNTO THE WAR OF THE GREAT DAY OF GOD, THE ALMIGHTY."  
AND THEY GATHERED THEM TOGETHER IN A PLACE CALLED "ARMAGEDDON."

ARMAGEDDON IS A CLEANSING PROCESS, / AN ERUPTION TO THE SURFACE OF  
NEGATIVE STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS, / A GREAT MEETING OF SPIRITUAL FORCES  
ANTAGONISTIC TO MATERIAL FORCES. / ALL HIGHLY SYMBOLICAL, / BUT SIMPLY  
SAYING THAT IN THE GREAT LAW OF COMPENSATION, / OR THE KARMIC LAW, / NEGATIVES  
MUST ULTIMATELY COME TO THE SURFACE AND BE CLEANSED. *Principle*

*Now is the time of salvation.*

IT IS REMINISCENT OF AN OLD HEBREW CUSTOM. WHEN THE SINS OF THE  
PEOPLE GOT SO GREAT THEY COULDN'T BE FORGIVEN, / THEY WERE PUT ON A  
GOAT, / AND THE GOAT WAS DRIVEN OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS. / THIS HAPPENS  
IN THE WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS. / THERE HAS BEEN A CLEANSING, / AND WE ARE  
NOW BEGINNING A NEW DISPENSATION.

REMEMBER THE CLASSIC LINES THAT FRA GIOVANNI WROTE TO HIS FRIEND /  
THE CONTESSINA OF CRISTAM BACK IN 1513. / "THERE IS NOTHING I CAN  
GIVE YOU WHICH YOU <sup>HAVE</sup> NOT GOT; / BUT THERE IS MUCH, / VERY MUCH, THAT,  
WHILE I CAN NOT GIVE IT, / YOU CAN TAKE. / NO HEAVEN CAN COME TO OUR  
HEARTS / UNLESS OUR HEARTS FIND REST IN IT TODAY. / TAKE HEAVEN! NO  
PEACE LIES IN THE FUTURE / WHICH IS NOT HIDDEN IN THIS PRESENT ~~LIFE~~.  
INSTANT. TAKE PEACE!" *little*



NOW ~~TO~~ TODAY WE WANT TO THINK ABOUT ~~SOME~~ <sup>SOME</sup> THINGS TO DO / BY WAY OF HOLDING A NEW VISION / "THIS TIME AROUND" THE SPIRAL / THAT WE CALL THE NEW YEAR, / OR TEN TIMES ROUND THE SPIRAL / IN THE NEXT DECADE.

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, / ~~AND~~ SEEING THINGS FROM A MATERIALISTIC PERSPECTIVE. / HE MIGHT SAY, "I JUST CAN'T SEE IT!"

I LOVE THE STORY OF HENRY FORD / ASKING A WORKER ABOUT HIS AMBITION IN LIFE. / THE YOUNG MAN SAID, / "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 LENSES REMOVED / AND TWO SILVER DOLLARS IN ~~THEIR~~ PLACE / "PUT THEM ON / WHAT DO YOU SEE?" / "I CAN'T SEE A THING BUT THE SILVER DOLLARS" / "AND THAT WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR PROBLEM." / AND IF YOU HAVE LIMITATION IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, / YOU WILL SEE ONLY LIMITATION. / WHAT ABOUT YOU? / CAN YOU LOOK FORWARD AND SEE THE GOD-POSSIBILITIES OF YOUR LIFE / IN THE COMING YEAR. / AND THE COMING DECADE OF THE 90's.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE <sup>BIBLE</sup> ~~S~~ <sup>STORIES</sup> CONCERNS THE MAN WHO WAS CAUGHT IN A CROWD / ~~WHEN~~ JESUS WAS PASSING BY ONE DAY, / AND HE WAS SHORT IN STATURE AND THE CROWDS SO ~~CREAT~~ / THAT HE COULDN'T SEE. / THE MAN WAS ZACCHAEUS A SYMBOL OF THE MATERIAL-CENTERED PERSON / WHO CANNOT SEE THE GOD-POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE / BECAUSE OF THE SILVER DOLLARS.

*MATERIALISTIC PERCEPTION*



THERE IS A ZACCHAEUS FACTOR IN ALL OF US. / WE MAY BE ~~SHORT~~<sup>SHORT</sup> OF STATURE /  
SO WE CANNOT SEE ~~THE~~ SPIRITUAL SIDE OF LIFE. / WE MAY BE TOO BUSY /  
OR TOO PREOCCUPIED / TO PRAY / OR ENGAGE IN UPLIFTING MEDITATIONS. / AND  
WE MAY FALL DOWN ON OUR COMMITMENT / TO ATTEND A MEETING SUCH AS THIS /  
DEVOTED TO "CREATIV 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.

BUT ZACCHAEUS WANTED TO SEE JESUS ON THAT DAY SO FERVENTLY / THAT HE  
CLIMBED A TREE. / AND IT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. / I WANT TO SUGGEST,  
AS A PRESCRIPTION FOR A DECADE OF PEACE, / SOME TREES TO CLIMB. / WHAT  
WE ARE STRESSING IS THAT PEACE BEGINS WITHIN YOU. / WE DON'T WANT  
TO ENGAGE IN PREACHING ABOUT PEACE / AND WHAT THE WORLD MUST DO  
TO ACHIEVE IT. / BUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO KEEP THE SPIRAL MOVING UPWARDS, /  
SO THAT WE MAY BE AN INFLUENCE FOR PEACE / BY THE LIGHT OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS.

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1-- THE TREE OF ASPIRATION: WE ALL START LIFE WITH HOPES AND DREAMS... BUT  
AS THE YEARS ROLL ON LIKE FALLING LEAVES, WE ~~BECOME~~<sup>LONGER</sup> 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 USUAL BLESSINGS ARE HAPPINESS AND MEDIOCRITY."

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 <sup>FORWARD</sup> 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 CAN'T SEE OVER THE CROWDS OF LIMITING THOUGHTS, / WE CAN'T SEE A THING FOR THE DOLLARS IN THE LENSES OF OUR GLASSES.

SO THE FIRST PART OF OUR PRESCRIPTION / FOR A DECADE OF PEACE / IS TO HEIGHTEN OUR ASPIRATION, / NOT JUST WISHING FOR THINGS OR ~~EXPERIENCES~~ <sup>EXPERIENCES</sup>, / BUT FOR ~~SEEING~~ A HIGHER AWARENESS OF TRUTH, / NOT JUST HEALING / BUT A HEALTH-CONSCIOUSNESS, / NOT JUST MONEY / BUT A PROSPERITY CONSCIOUSNESS, / NOT JUST MORE YEARS TO OUR LIFE / BUT MORE LIFE TO OUR YEARS.

THE WORD TO ABRAHAM WAS / "LOOK UP FROM WHERE YOU ARE, / AND ALL THAT YOU CAN SEE YOU CAN HAVE." / CAN YOU SEE SOLUTIONS / AND NOT JUST PROBLEMS? / FOR YOUR SEEING IS THE PROJECTION OF POWER, / SEE PEACE AMONG NATIONS, / SEE THE CONTINUING SPREAD OF FREEDOM FOR ALL PERSONS, / SEE HEALING AND EVEN MIRACLE CURES FOR ALL ILLNESS, / SEE THE UNFOLDMENT OF PLENTY TO FEED THE HUNGRY EVERYWHERE, / SEE THE RADIANCE OF ALL-ENCOMPASSING LOVE / TO HEAL ALL LONELINESS AND SEPARATION, / AND FILL EVERY LIFE WITH A SENSE OF FULFILLMENT.

THE NEED IS NOT TO SET THINGS RIGHT  
BUT TO SEE THEM RIGHT. THIS IS YOUR TASK.

▶ THE TREE OF DEDICATION: / ZACCHAEUS REPRESENTS THAT IN MAN / THAT EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO MAKE LIFE COUNT, / HE WAS RICH IN WORLDLY WEALTH / HE HAD ALL THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE, / BUT HE KNEW THAT HE HAD NOT ATTAINED ALL THAT HE COULD BE, / SO HE CLIMBED A TREE, /

MANY PERSONS MAY SEE THEMSELVES AS "GOOD CHRISTIANS, OR GOOD JEWS, OR GOOD TRUTH STUDENTS... BUT THE ZACCHAEUS FACTOR IN US / REALIZES THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE GOOD, / ONE MUST BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING, WE NEED TO CLIMB THE TREE OF DEDICATION, / TO SEE OVER OUR WORLDLY



ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION, / AND REALIZE THAT THE ONLY CONTRIBUTION /  
TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE WORLD / IS IN THE REALM OF CONSCIOUSNESS. /  
WHAT WE HAVE BECOME. / THE TREE OF DEDICATION ENABLES 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.

TO PARAPHRASE A COMMON AXIOM, / "WHAT YOU HAVE IS THE UNIVERSE'S  
GIFT TO YOU. / WHAT YOU HAVE BECOME IS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
UNIVERSE." / YOUR PART IN ACHIEVING WORLD PEACE.

ZACCHAEUS WAS A HATED TAX COLLECTOR. / FROM HIS TREE-TOP PERSPECTIVE /  
HE ~~SAW~~ THAT HIS LIFE HAD BEEN DEVOTED / TO SELFISHLY ACCUMULATING  
MONEY AND POWER. / HE HAD NOT REALLY DONE WRONG. / IN HIS ~~TIME~~ THE  
POSITION OF TAX COLLECTOR / WAS PART OF THE SPILS SYSTEM. / BUT NOW  
HE COULD SEE THAT THE LACK IN HIS LIFE / WAS THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING  
ANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW FACETIOUSLY SAID / ~~THAT~~ ONCE A YEAR EVERYONE  
SHOULD ~~BE~~ CALLED BEFORE A UNIVERSAL TRIBUNAL / AT WHICH TIME HE MUST  
JUSTIFY HIS LIFE. / AND IF HE COULD NOT JUSTIFY THE SPACE HE WAS  
TAKING UP IN THE UNIVERSE, / HIS LIFE SHOULD BE SUMMARILY TAKEN FROM  
HIM. *toned in CARE!*

EVERY LIFE IS A USELESS LIFE / UNLESS IT BECOMES A CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH  
SOME GOOD FLOWS. / YOU HAVE NEVER LIVED A PERFECT DAY, / EVEN THOUGH  
YOU MAY HAVE EARNED MUCH MONEY / AND ACHIEVED GREAT GOALS, / UNLESS  
YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE OR FOR SOME CAUSE, THAT WILL  
NEVER BE ABLE / TO COMPENSATE YOU.

*Dedicate Yourself - become an instrument for good*

▶ THE TREE OF DISCIPLINE: IT IS A WORD THAT FEW PEOPLE LIKE / (REMEMBERING  
TIMES WHEN WE WERE "DISCIPLINED" AS CHILDREN) / 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.



ZACCHAEUS

THE CROWD ~~THAT~~ <sup>THAT</sup> OBSCURED ~~LAUREN~~ <sup>LAUREN</sup> VIEW WAS ALSO A MATTER OF HIS SELF-INDULGENCE  
/WE ARE TOO EASY ON OURSELVES, /WE ~~IF~~ 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~~ AND DOWNS. / SO WE  
NEED MUCH PATIENCE WITH OURSELVES.

DISCIPLINE IS CHIEFLY MENTAL - /THE COMMITMENT TO OCCASIONALLY SAY  
"NO!" TO THE NEGATIVES AROUND YOU, /AND THE INTERNAL PULL OF THE  
HUMAN IN YOU. /THOUGHT CONTROL IS NOT SUPPRESSION OF ~~THOUGHT~~ <sup>THOUGHT</sup> / BUT  
COMMITMENT OF THOUGHT TO HIGHER VALUES. / .NOT THINKING ABOUT THINGS  
"OUT THERE". / .BUT THINKING THE KIND OF THOUGHTS ~~THAT~~ <sup>THAT</sup> LEAD TO THINGS  
AS YOU WANT THEM TO MANIFEST IN YOUR LIFE AND IN THE WORLD.

*WHAT IS GRAVITY? GOD AT THE CENTER - THAT KEEPS YOU RIGHT SIDE UP WHEN THE WORLD IS UPSIDE DOWN.*  
IT IS COMMITMENT TO THE INNER FLOW ~~THAT~~ <sup>THAT</sup> "KEEPS YOU RIGHT SIDE UP  
WHEN THE WORLD IS UPSIDE DOWN." BUT THIS TAKES PRACTICE.

(LETTER FROM SOME PEOPLE WHO HVE MOVED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE  
COUNTRY...TELLING OF THE GREAT CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN  
THEIR LIVES...AND THEIR AFFAIRS -- WHICH THEY ATTRIBUTE TO  
THEIR EXPOSURE TO TRUTH AT OUR SUNDAY EXPERIENCES HERE /AND  
BY DAILY CONTACT WITH OUR RADIO BROADCASTS. THEY SAID, "WE HAVE  
LEARNED TO SAY "NO!" TO ALL THE NEGATIVES THAT USED TO PLAGUE US..AND  
TO SAY "YES!" TO LIFE.)

OF COURSE THE IMPLICATION OF THIS LETTER TESTIMONIAL IS THE COMMITMENT  
TO DISCIPLINED PRACTICE. THIS LETTER WRITER SAID, "IF PEOPLE KNEW  
THE REWARDS THAT WOULD COME, THEY WOULD MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ATTEND  
SUNDAYS AT AVERY FISHER HALL EVERY SUNDAY DURING 1990. IN OTHER  
WORDS...SET A GOAL AND DISCIPLINE YOURSELF TO KEEP IT.

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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  
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 <sup>SPENT</sup> ~~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 ALL THOSE / WHO ~~H~~ HAD DEFRAUDED. / IN OTHER WORDS, HE WAS A CHANGED MAN.

IN LLOYD C. DOUGLAS BOOK, "THE ROBE", / MARCELLUS IS ASKING MIRIAM WHAT HAPPEND, / WHAT JESUS HAD SAID TO ZACCHAEUS. / MIRIAM <sup>SAYS</sup> ~~SAID~~ HER ~~AD~~ / "NOBODY KNOWS...MAYBE HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL. / PERHAPS HE LOOKED ZACCHAEUS SQUARE IN THE EYES / ~~UNTO~~ THE MAN SAW REFLECTED THERE / THE IMAGE OF THE PERSON HE WAS MEANT TO BE."

▶ JESUS REFERRED TO A DYNAMIC PRINCIPLE, / WHEN HE SAID, "I, if I be LIFTED UP WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME." / THIS REFERS TO THE GREAT TRUTH / THAT ANY KIND OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH ADDS TO THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE PLANET. / YOU MAY THINK THAT THE PEACE OF THE WORLD IS A MATTER FAR BEYOND YOUR ABILITY TO BE A HELP. / BUT ANY KIND OF LIFTING UP IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS / TENDS TO LIFT UP THE WHOLE.

DURING THE PAST CENTURY WE HAVE MADE UNBELIEVABLE PROGRESS / IN UNDERSTANDING AND DEVELOPING THE RESOURCES OF TH WORLD WE LIVE IN. / BUT WE HAVE LAGGED FAR BEHIND IN EXPLORING THE DEPTHS WITHIN OURSELVES. / TO BECOME WHAT JESUS CALLS "PEACEMAKERS" / WE MUST BEGIN TO SEE OURSELVES AS INTEGRAL PARTS OF A WHOLE UNIVERSE. It is true, "As a man thinketh so is he." / But <sup>IT</sup> IS ALSO TRUE, / THAT AS WE THINK, / WE INFLUENCE THE STABILITY OF THE COSMOS. / WE MAY FIND THAT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT, / PERHAPS BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT SOMETHING OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS / IS PART OF THE CAUSE OF EVERYTHING THT OCCURS IN OUR WORLD. ~~every thing that happens etc~~



TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR MANY PERSONS, / WHO ARE JOINING HANDS IN  
A WORLD PEACE PRAYER EFFORT. / ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THIS ARE COMMENDABLE. / BUT  
BUT THEY CAN BE MISLEADING, / GIVING THE IMPLICATION THAT PRAYER IS  
INFLUENCED BY SHEER WEIGHT OF NUMBERS, / AND THAT <sup>PEACE</sup> IT CAN BE BROUGHT  
ABOUT BY CHANGES "OUT THERE". / MANY PERSONS WILL SATISFY THEMSELVES  
THAT, / AFTER JOINING THE MASS PRAYER EFFORT, / THEY HAVE DONE ~~THEIR~~ THEIR  
BIT. / WE SING, "LET THERE BE PEACE... AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME." /  
WE MIGHT ADD, / "AND LET IT CONTINUE ~~TO~~ FLOW ~~THROUGH~~ ME AS I  
KEEP MY VISION ASPIRING, / AND KEEP MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS DEDICATED /  
AND DISCIPLINED. "YOU WILL KEEP ME IN PERFECT PEACE WHILE I LIVE"

CAN YOU GET THE VISION OF PEACE IN ALL THE WORLD IN THE 90's? / IT  
WILL ~~HELP~~ / IF YOU CAN GET AN OBJECTIVE PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORLD  
IN A PLANETARY SENSE. / PERHAPS WE ARE TOO CLOSE TO THE TREES TO  
SEE THE FOREST (TO REVERSE THE SAYING). / WE MAY BE TOO LOCKED IN  
TO A ~~PERCEPTION~~ / THAT INVOLVES DIFFERENCES AND SEPARATION / BETWEEN  
MEN AND NATIONS ON EARTH.

IN 1948 FRED HOYLE ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ASTRONOMERS, / BOLDLY  
PREDICTED THAT "ONCE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE EARTH, / TAKEN FROM OUTSIDE, /  
IS AVAILABLE, / ONCE THE SHEER ISOLATION OF THE EARTH BECOMES PLAIN, /  
A NEW IDEA AS POWERFUL AS ANY IN HISTORY WILL BE LET LOOSE."

A GENERATION ~~ON~~ LATER, / IN WHAT MAY BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN  
ALL HUMAN HISTORY, / WE LOOKED BACK TO EARTH WITH THE ASTRONAUTS  
FROM THE MOON / BY MEANS OF A TELEVISION RELAY, / AND SAW "THE BLUE  
PLANET" (EARTH) FOR THE FIRST TIME / FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SPACE. /  
THIS SINGULAR IMAGE CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER. / SOMETHING SMALL  
AND TRIBAL IN OUR UNDERSTANDING DIED THAT DAY / SOMETHING LARGER  
WAS BORN. / FOR FROM THAT OBJECTIVE PERSPECTIVE WE SAW ONE WORLD, /  
ONE RACE OF MANKIND, / ONE WHOLE SOCIETY.



IT HAS BEEN A SLOW PROCESS, / AND IT IS NO TIME TO BECOME IMPATIENT, /  
FOR WE ARE DEALING WITH MATTERS THAT TRANSCEND TIME. / BUT WE ARE  
SEEING HOPEFUL CHANGES, / IRON CURTAINS, <sup>COMING DOWN</sup> BERLIN WALLS <sup>DISINTEGRATING</sup> COMING DOWN. /  
RESTRICTIVE IDEOLOGIES THAT SEPARATE / ARE DISSOLVING AND A NEW SENSE  
OF UNITY IS BEING MANIFEST.

UNFOLDING IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE RACE OF MAN / IS THE POWERFUL  
CONCEPT OF A TOTALLY INTEGRATED, / SELF-ORGANIZING, / SELF-REGULATING  
LIVING PLANET / OF WHICH EACH ONE OF US IS AN INEXTRICABLE PART. /  
FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, / THE EARTH IS US, / IT IS NOT OURS. / WE ARE EARTHLINGS. /  
PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY / WE ARE WOVEN INTO THE LIVING PROCESSES  
OF THE PLANET ITSELF. / WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR MIND, / AND WHAT ENERGY  
YOU PROJECT IN ALL YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE WORLD / HAS A MEASURABLE  
INFLUENCE UPON SOCIETY AS A WHOLE / AND UPON THE SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE  
OF THE WORLD.

*FIND THE STILL POINT WITHIN - BE A CENTER OF  
PEACE.*

AT OUR RETREAT / HIS PAST SUMMER ON THE LOVELY CAMPUS OF CEDAR CREST  
~~UNIVERSITY~~ <sup>COLLEGE</sup>, / WE ENGAGED IN AN EXERCISE THAT MANY PEOPLE SAID / WAS ONE  
OF THE MOST MOVING EXPERIENCES OF THEIR LIVES. / IT WAS <sup>DURING</sup> A NIGHT OF  
SILENCE / AND THE ENTIRE GROUP OF ~~OVER~~ 300 PEOPLE FORMED A LARGE  
CIRCLE. / SYMBOLIZING SURROUNDING THE WORLD, THE "BLUE PLANET" WITH  
A POSITIVE VIBRATION OF PEACE AND LOVE. / A <sup>SCHOOL</sup> BELL WAS PASSED FROM PERSON  
TO PERSON, / EACH PERSON RINGING IT AND PASSING IT ON, / UNTIL IT WENT  
ALL AROUND THIS GREAT CIRCLE. / SOMETIMES THE RINGING OF THE BELL  
SEEMED FAR IN THE DISTANCE, / BUT ITS TONE CAME THROUGH AND THE  
BELL WAS SAFELY PASSED ON. / AND WHEN THE CIRCLE HAD BEEN COMPLETED,  
THE BELL WAS RUNG <sup>WAS A STEEL BELL</sup> JOYFULLY / AS IN A GREAT CELEBRATION OF PEACE, /  
A PROMISE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM ON EARTH / AND FOR ALL PERSONS / IN THE  
DECADE TO COME.

*BELL, BONG*