

AFTERWORD

There are, it would seem to be, two primary instinctual functions or inclinations that are predominately active in the lives of human beings residing on earth at any given time. They are "self-preservation" (*survival*) and "self-improvement" (*satisfaction*). These inclinations are in a perpetual state of flux.

The ever-changing conditions in modern life induce a constant involuntary struggle for balance between these contending vital impulses. The demands and stresses of life, or their absence, determine which inclination has ascendancy over the other. This is an easily observable and predictable phenomenon to the trained or intuitive awareness.

While mortal man, like a rodent in a cage, seems determined to maintain his focus of attention and his primary preoccupations solely within these temporal impulses, in truth, there is a great deal more to life than scurrying around heedlessly within this reciprocating duplecity. These final words are directed at those of you who have either already discovered this truth or are on the threshold of sensing it.

The most obvious question which next arises to an awakening and concerned reader might be with regard to the possibility that these very real and intensifying demands and stresses are being intentionally designed and secretively imposed upon the oblivious and unwitting masses? If so, could it serve the ambitious purposes of a highly aware, intelligent yet invisible *Power Elite*, who patiently and gradually, but ultimately intend to achieve world domination?

Having finally recognized and acknowledged these dual inclinations which seem to govern man's temporal motivations, and examined how a highly intelligent, wealthy and powerful *elite* might have utilized and manipulated these inclinations to create their kind of world, we come to another consideration. How might an even "Higher Intelligence" still, utilize these self-seeking tendencies and desires of this less than perfect, secular intelligentsia to facilitate the growth, improvement and

upliftment of the more credulous, submissive and ostensibly victimized masses of humanity? This question poses some interesting and disturbing latent implications, especially to the intervening *Power Elite*, should their modus operandi and *raison d'etre* prove to be spiritually and ethically ill chosen. If such is the case we can thus be assured that their day of rule will certainly be short... a period sufficient for mankind to exercise his opportunity of choice and establish where his true loyalties are.

It should be obvious to the reader by now that our purpose in these final statements is to reveal the need for considering a Greater Reality, a Higher Presence than is readily discernable to our conditioned secular perceptions. It is here that hope and the promise of salvation are able to merge and find fulfilment. However, in order to bring this Greater Reality more sharply into focus and fully into our personal realization we must discipline ourselves to disentangle our mind and its exclusive attentiveness to these very basic preoccupations. We are then free to explore some other possibilities and potentialities which may begin to expose themselves to our perceptions once we have become more temporally detached.

It must be remembered that the varieties, appearances and scope of intensities in mental conditioning to which the human mind is presently being subjected acts largely as just so much sand in the gears regarding its psychological influence on human evolution and spiritual growth is concerned. Yet this is all part of the stream of offering to humanity at this important time in history. All the events and influences manifesting in our midst to be experienced and absorbed are contributing to the manifold choices which mankind is currently obliged to give consideration.

"Not all things are true, yet everything is truth." (*Hemingway*) Each of us finds our own way to truth at the level and by the means we identify with it. The universe in which we live is not limited to simply that which is visible or tangible to our worldly perceptions for they are limited by our conditioning. The universe, however, is not bound by such limits.

If we so choose, by striving and gaining ascendancy over our conditioned limitations we are afforded the opportunity to "create" our own way, our own journey through it. We simply must exercise our own free will, intelligently, benignly and decisively. We each are responsible for choosing our own destiny. No spiritual guru, parish priest, cult leader, political official or military commander can do it for us. Whatever we choose as our purpose, our destiny, in our natural journey through life we will ultimately achieve, we will one day arrive at. It is simply a matter of application, patience, perseverance and "time".

If we apply ourselves with patience and compassion, our journey will be pleasant and fulfilling. If, however, we apply ourselves with intolerance and anger, our journey will be correspondingly unpleasant and annoying. It is our choice whether we travel in style or in misery. When we examine, even briefly, the history of the old paradigm we can see quite clearly the cause of nearly all of mankind's suffering and misery. Put all the pieces together and it makes sense. If each of us had taken more responsibility for ourselves, and the choices we made, our American communities and our nation would reflect that now.

The effect of better, more responsible choices would be higher self-esteem, poise and independence at the individual level, greater mutual respect, support and security at the community level and increased integrity, trust and worthy endeavor at the national level. In discovering this tragic oversight, it is hoped that we might also discover the still vague, tenuously shimmering frontiers of the, as yet, undiscovered country. That region of still un-pioneered, limitless possibility that we have not yet created, lies within our grasp, within our power as responsible, intelligent, purposeful and creative beings to do so. If it should come to pass that we are about to witness the death-knell of the "American experience", the only nation in known history founded in a deliberate, decisive act of freedom and sovereign independence, it will not have been a mistake, nor will it have been in vain.

If but a few, from the hordes of "forgetful" lost souls, a "remnant", who still cherish the ideals of individual free will, self-determination and civil-liberty, will choose immediately and deliberately to commit themselves to preserving these qualities deeply and unyieldingly to memory, America

will not have existed in vain. Such a "remnant", having chosen decisively this destiny, must of prompt necessity, embark upon the task of re-pioneering this magnificent and magical promised land with a firm resolve to establish an even greater, more athletic and intently vigilant "republic" than our forefathers visualized and founded on our behalf. Its truth, its reality is within us and nowhere else. If we cannot find it there within us, we have already lost it, perhaps forever.

It is not maintained by our President with his promises and "double-speak", by our representatives and bureaucrats with their legislation and rhetoric, nor by all the impressive monuments, edifices and buildings in Washington, D.C... But only in ourselves!!! United Selves!

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"It's all about US!"