Extracting the Divine Essence from Symbols Found in Everyday America.

The Possible Role of the Military in the Transformation of the American Consciousness.

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Underlying Assumptions:

I come from no religious background. I have had some exposure to Christian thinking. I am a seeker of Truth in order to serve the future of mankind in general and my children in particular. ("What is the true nature of things and how do we apply that knowledge to our social living." Ghose.)

My understanding is that God is the force of unconditional love and it is found in all things animate and inanimate - that we do, in fact, live in a conscious, loving universe all aspects of which contribute to our lives on a moment-by-moment basis.

Humankind is an incomprehensibly powerful loving force in the universe. To realize that love, the human heart must open. All of Creation is supporting that opening by allowing the consequences of our actions to teach us and bring us to the point where we will choose to open our hearts and thus acquire the ability to see and hear the magnificent beauty that surrounds us, and then align ourselves to it. Free will is absolute and therefore man must CHOOSE and ACT in order to align with beauty, love, abundance and infinite balance that is the natural order of things. That is the nature of free will - we may align or not, it is up to each person, and the actions of each person contributes to the collective mind.

The nature of unconditional love is that it must give us everything we ask for. Every thought, conscious and unconscious, stemming from our beliefs are our baseline requests to the energetic divine forces. It is our lack of understanding of this fundamental driving force that has our ship off course. Unwittingly, we create what we expect.

There is a secret purpose to history which is the evolution of human consciousness and the opening of the human heart. There are two meanings to every action - one which serves the physical reality and one which serves the higher divine plan of the coming of "heaven on earth" (a state of peace, freedom, abundance and love we can't even fathom which will come on earth in our lifetime). The dichotomy stems from point of view.

It is America that will lead the world to profound freedom and true peace. Due to their experiences in this lifetime, this group of people are most prepared to understand the abundant, loving nature of the universe and therefore implement total trust in the workings of the divine in their every day lives.

Native American thought carries within it an understanding of the true nature of the universe heretofore neither understood nor implemented by mankind. The life and words of Christ embody this understanding, but lack touching upon the involvement of the loving role the rest of Creation plays in the life of man.

The stage has been set by history and we are now playing out a magnificent overture to the real thing. Soon the human race will choose to align and allow the loving divine energies the manifest in the social, economic, political and educational systems and peace and freedom will come on earth.

Observations

When I was in Washington in October, arriving on Columbus Day, and I drove by the Pentagon I was struck by its shape. I wonder how many Americans know that the name of the Pentagon actually describes its shape and other attributes. Having hung out with visionary Native American elders over the past ten years, the framework that I use to process information is possibly rather unique. I was immediately struck with the idea that there might be some connection between the concept of the Pentagon's five-sidedness and the 5th world of peace and unity that the Native Americans talk about that is in the process of coming to pass on earth at this time(bringing with it 1000 years of peace). It's fun for me to make connections between what I see happening in the physical, and what I know to be happening on higher levels. Just for the fun of it I will pursue that connection a little further - because for me it indicates something we can't see, or confirms ideas we might be entertaining.

It is my understanding that the Pentagon is five-sided, not through any intent of the human mind, but because of circumstance. In my worldview circumstance is the work of the divine, it is how the divine circumvents the limitations of the human mind, and keeps its workings pure without the contamination of our lower vibration. The Pentagon is five-sided because it was first designed to fit its original intended location which was bounded on four sides by roads and the fifth by a railroad. (I have also heard that the designer of the building was a freemason and used sacred geometry intentionally). It was designed to house the department of defense, to bring all the armed forces under one roof. It has five sides, five floors and five concentric circles within it, each with a 25' light well between them, providing light and fresh air to all or most of the offices. It houses the five branches of the military - army, air force, navy, marines and coast guard. The hallways that house each department are designed to embody the essence of that department: the air force - the ceiling represents the sky, the navy - the interior of a ship, etc. From a Native American perspective they each represent the elements: air, earth, water - and where is fire? - Maybe they all use fire to accomplish their mission.

It's funny, but I have a friend who studies the Bible. She continually confirms the information I get from the Indians and from my own knowing through her studies. She referred me to the Book of Daniel the other day. It's such a gas, because in the Book of Daniel are continual references to the 5 successive kingdoms to be on earth - with the 5th kingdom being the "coming universal kingdom of God" (*The New Oxford Annotated Bible: Revised Standard Edition.* Daniel 2. 1-49, Daniel 7. 1-28. The Bible also speaks of the 1000 years of peace that will a come with this 5th kingdom.

Oh yes, other references to the number five:

Quintessential - The American Heritage Dictionary defines it as: 1. The pure, highly concentrated essence of something. 2. The purest or most typical instance. 3. In ancient and medieval philosophy, the

fifth and highest essence after the four elements of earth, air, fire and water, thought to be the substance of the heavenly bodies and latent in all things.

The movie "The Fifth Element" refers to the 5th element of love being needed to activate the energy of the 4 elements of air, earth, fire and water in order to win the final battle between good and evil on earth.

In white witchcraft the five-pointed star with a circle around it is a tool of change and transformation.

The Military

The military already attempts to embody the highest ideals of humankind by engendering the concepts of loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity, courage, community. I would like to propose that the element of love in its quintessential form (unconditional trust) is missing in the basic assumptions of the culture thus preventing these characteristics from being truly actualized in our lives.

Two hundred thousand people a year return to the culture from the military having been trained in these attributes. What if love (In God we Trust) were added to the equation in military training (not just the words, but the actions)? The transformation of each individual that would occur would lead to the transformation of many people touched by the lives of the 200,000 people and then the divinely inspired systems already in place in America (the government, the Constitution, the free enterprise system, etc.) would be cleansed of erroneous thinking and action and America would become all it has dreamed it was since the beginning. If one considers the numbers involved, this simple shift in thinking by the military leaders could impact the world in very short order.

As Albert Einstein is quoted as saying "No problem was ever solved in the same consciousness as it was created." An understanding of the true, loving nature of the universe will shift the basic assumptions that drive the daily choices of individuals, and a new future will evolve:

Spontaneously

Trust will replace fear. Ease will replace struggle. Serenity will replace tension. Generosity will replace hoarding. Abundance will replace scarcity Unity will replace separation. New Systems will develop. New Relationships will replace out-moded ways of being. An understanding of the interconnectedness and sacredness of all things will begin to emerge.

It is this way that true peace and freedom will come to prevail on Earth.

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