

The American Vision and Its Fulfillment

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YE ARE BRETHREN

The vision of the Founding Fathers can be described in the biblical phrase, "Ye are Brethren," and Thomas Jefferson expressed this philosophy more openly than the other Founding Fathers: "The fulfillment of Jeffersonian equality was not postponed to a future state when all economic classes would disappear and each would be rewarded according to his needs. Equality was first and foremost a biological fact" (Boorstin, 1963, 105).

In essence he was espousing the foundational philosophy of Freemasonry, "the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God." In other words (aside from the sexism of the language), all humans are brothers, in effect we are one world, one people. The symbols and mottoes found on both sides of America's seal also reflect Jefferson's philosophical ideals that all humanity is one.

The obverse or front side of the American Seal depicts the bald eagle holding a scroll upon which is emblazoned E Pluri-bus Unum, meaning "Out of many, one." E Pluribus Unum conveys the same meaning as "Ye are brethren." Although the Latin motto alludes to the union of the thirteen colonies into one nation, it can also refer to the manyness of the material world being transcended by the unity of the spiritual world.

Charles Thomson explains the motto Novus Ordo Seclorum as a reference to the new American era that commenced in 1776. This new era was America's republican form of government, which signaled a New Age in the sense that people were becoming more able to rule themselves rather than submitting to tyranny. The New Order was the brother-hood of humanity, in which all humans were equal. Annuit Coeptis boldly announces that God favored the founder's vision, that it had a spiritual dimension.

ESOTERIC BELIEFS ABOUT AMERICA'S DESTINY

If some of the Founding Fathers were influenced by the esoteric tradition, the Freemasons, Rosicrucians, and Illuminati's visions of America's destiny are significant. While it is difficult to ascertain what esoteric Freemasonry had to say on this subject, the beliefs of the Rosicrucians and Theosophists (whose philosophy and teachings mirrored Freemasonry) are spelled out in some detail.

Theosophists and Rosicrucians (Heindel, 1956; Heline, 1941) believe that America was the thirteenth step in evolution. The occult tradition states that man, the prodigal son, is journeying from unconsciousness to cosmic consciousness through a series of root races. By adding up the Lemurian race (originating in the Indian Ocean), the seven sub-races of the Atlantean race, and the five present sub-races of the Aryan race (originating in India), we come to the number 13 ($1 + 7 + 5 = 13$). The thirteenth race is expected to mother a sixth sub-race, which in turn will foster the sixth root race. By the year A.D. 2600, the seeds of the sixth root race will have germinated, and a great part of America's destiny will have been fulfilled.

As America nurtures the beginnings of the sixth root race, other nations are evolving toward their own destinies. Occultists such as H.P. Blavatsky, Rudolf Steiner, Edgar Cayce, and others believe that Russia is paralleling America's evolution. Russia's spiritual contribution is not expected to manifest until the fourth millennium. They believe that Russia and America will unite in the next two millennia, with earlier attempts being only temporarily successful.

The Theosophical and Rosicrucian traditions hold that every nation has a spiritual destiny guided by a hierarchy of beings using all ethical means of manifesting the divine plan through the will of the nation's leaders. It was England's destiny, for example, to be the mother of nations. Her empire was slowly and painfully disassembled while she learned the lessons of selflessness and service to mankind. America repeats similar lessons in the Near and Far East while she struggles to uphold the aspirations of Thomas Paine's belief that "The world is my country, All mankind are my brethren, To do good is my religion, I believe in one God and no more" (Cousins, 1958, 394).

The dawning of a new age is a spiritually potent era. Many of the ideas, beliefs, and hopes for the Aquarian age will be expressed first in their initial forms. The coming decades will see many altruistic endeavors attempted. It is from these beginnings that the seeds will be sown for the New Age.

The emergence of world brotherhood could be expedited in the merging of the western hemisphere, the union of America, Canada, and Mexico being the most likely first step. The union of South America with North America would link the remaining western hemisphere, as Jefferson wished.

The union in the eastern hemisphere will take more time, but its success is inevitable. Great Britain and Europe could act as the cement for the two hemispheres. The only way the efforts toward world union could remain permanent would be through peaceful negotiations. All methods using force would destroy its longevity.

According to the Rosicrucians and Theosophists, supporting the divine plan are great beings referred to as masters of the physical and spiritual planes. The evolution of America owes much to the seed thoughts of four masters- Kuthumi, El Morya, Rogoczy, and Djwal Kul. Some of the founders of America may have been consciously or unconsciously students of these teachers, just as some contemporary Americans are pupils of these masters. In fact, the motto of the hierarchy of world teachers is identical with America's destiny-the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

Most nations may prefer their independence, but wars, economic survival, and environmental problems will inevitably persuade nations to pursue the objective of one world. Having accomplished world union, America's spiritual destiny will have been fulfilled.

A BLUEPRINT FOR DESTINY

The Great Seal of America not only describes the destiny of the American nation and its people, but also refers to all humanity on this planet. The seal's reverse expresses the vision of self-transformation. From the union of spirit and matter, a new being-a transformed being-is created

that is more than the sum of its parts. God favors this process (Annuity Coeptis) for it expresses the New Order of the Ages (Novus Ordo Seclorum). Few would see this process or vision as anything but positive, but how can such a vision be realized?

The past two decades have seen the growth of various groups and techniques which encourage self-transformation and self-realization. Their goal is to unite the mortal physical body with its spiritual counterpart, thus producing a higher awareness of one's self with respect to the universe. This self-realization process is the foundation for determining individual purpose. In other words, the elevation of consciousness provides a perspective that allows one to glimpse a higher order of things, which, in turn, indicates the role of the individual in society.

America's Great Seal may be seen as a blueprint for the elevation of consciousness. It says, in part, that first we must transform ourselves before we can change the world, and that it is during the process of self-transformation that we can catch a glimpse of what part we are to play in national and global transformation.

Since 1776 America has been the leader in realizing the goal of self-government. The spirit of America has successfully followed the path of initiation toward global vision. America has served not only its people but the world. America is responsible for regenerating the spirit of "liberty, equality, and fraternity" begun during the French Revolution. America can be seen as having had the wisdom of becoming a nation of various nationalities: its "melting pot" philosophy has been one of its great strengths. America has had the wisdom to engrave "In God We Trust" and Annuity Coeptis on its currency, suggesting that all the money in the world has no power behind it unless it is supported by divine providence.

PLANETARY REGENERATION

There are also powers at work within the United States that have debilitated its spirit. These forces dominate American culture today. We see these forces at work daily in the way we poison the earth, water, and air. We cannot continue this wholesale destruction of our nation and planet without the severe consequences we are just beginning to experience.

How did we get the environment in this hellish predicament? It is a result of the old paradigm scenario in which Mother Earth is conquered and dominated, just as the male species has dominated the female for the past few millennia. This belief system rejects the importance of spirit and puts its full confidence in the ledger. But, has man "conquered" nature? If he has, he had better prepare himself for what Mother Earth has in store. Nature will cleanse itself regardless of national boundaries and powerful governments.

Fortunately, there is a growing number of world citizens who do not view the earth as an object to be controlled and conquered. They see the earth as a living entity embodying a spiritual life force that nourishes the physical earth and is responsible for the planet's equilibrium. It is not necessary to confront or conquer this life force: cooperating can bring a more positive response. This philosophy exemplifies the new paradigm in that it embraces the reality of both material and spiritual worlds.

America has led the world into a new age of democratic consciousness. But America has also led the way in industrializing and polluting the planet. This planetary destruction must be curtailed immediately if we are to prevent the total collapse of our planetary life force. Again, America must take the lead in reversing this diabolical predicament.

DOING IT NOW

But what can we do now? Step one is service to others, or volunteerism. You can help clean up the environment. You can work on legislation to prevent continued pollution. You can lobby for a cleaner earth or even run for office.

As you volunteer your services to transform the earth, you need to decide on the extent of your service. Do you want to work on these problems in your neighborhood, or focus your attention on city and state matters? You may feel the need to venture into a regional problem or one that is national, con-tinental, or global.

It is not enough to undertake a service project. The project should be brought to a successful conclusion, and it is this struggle that transforms an ideal into an actuality. The result of bringing to birth a positive change in the world's eco-logical systems is a physical rebirth or regeneration of our planet.

The fourth step in the journey towards transforming the self is the accumulation of the wisdom of the process of regeneration, and the knowledge that right action under the right circumstances gives birth to a new consciousness lead-ing to global vision.

As Americans we have an important job to do. We must transform ourselves before we can successfully transform our planet. We must take the role of leadership in supporting pro-grams that will return the earth to its former healthy balance. We must set tougher standards and see that they are met. Don't depend on the government to do it. It cannot wait until public officials have the character to support the life systems on this planet rather than the industrial world's needs. Ameri-cans, because of their form of government, have the capacity to return the earth to environmental balance and global health. It is inherent in our nature, as it is inherent in the very symbol that represents the American nation-the Great Seal.

Whatever you choose to do, do it quickly. The world stands on the brink of global revolution. We can consciously choose an enlightened course ushering in a New Age of planetary harmony and peace. The League of the Iroquois chose that course hundreds of years before America's founders lived this vision. America is destined to lay the foundation of world peace and global unity. We can encourage this process by remembering that we are not the people of a city or state. We are not the people from the east or west coasts of America. We are people from the planet earth. We are earth people. "Ye are Brethren."