

The Monthly Oracle



WAKE UP!

We elect our politicians, we send our soldiers to war, it is not some divine accident. If we want peace we have to be prepared to help to create it. We have been living the history of old points of reference again and again. The majority of people alive are not old enough to remember world war two so their contact with war is indirect, except for the people actively engaged in the armed forces. Recently there was an email going

around which showed people actively engaged in war zones and making comparison to our easy life. A moral gauge or a moral conscience for those unable to 'feel' for themselves. Quite a judgmental and offensive assessment by one over others.

It begs a much bigger observation, if we do not want to be a part of the problem then we need to start finding new solutions whatever our current position.

“News and views”

May your Christmas be full of love. May the New Year bring you all you wish for and more. Work out what you wish for. Within the relationship you have to yourself, with friends, your extended family, your work, your home and the environment. Then visualize it clearly and ask for it.

Hold this vision clearly and know it to be a fact in principle without the need to fill in the details. Then be fully present within each hour of each day. 'Do' the day every day and be aware of what it is showing you.

The day this was written was filled with meeting two lovely people who asked if I would facilitate the ceremony that was to be a union of their partnership. On return to the office a colleague called and asked if she would pass my details onto another couple seeking to do the same thing. Up until now this was something only done for people I knew well who I felt knew what they were doing.

What does this symbolize - union and the willingness to cooperate with all the responsibilities that go with it. Maybe a maturity that allows for balances to be embraced and so transcended to form a jumping off platform for the next stage. What is it that your life is showing you? Are you ready and willing to move on? Enjoy the journey.



Easy to sit in moral judgement over others, less easy to ensure that we are at peace within ourselves. If we are not then we need to do something about it. Leaving things to others and then criticizing fragments is erosive and corrodes.. What is something that we personally can do to help the holistic view?.

Greed, corruption, personal ambition, the sacrifice of others is all too easy and a cop out. People, families, communities and countries have all been experiencing de-formation the fore runner of reformation. The way each and everyone of us can support, encourage and assist is to find peace within ourselves. If we hold this state regardless of external interactions, we are working to bring peace to the earth and freeing ourselves from our troubled history.

Freedom and equality for all entail each of us playing our part. The superior status and the inferior status must go. We have to find a way to co-exist and to share world resources. The power of thought will help to enable good administrators to redistribute in the interests of all the peoples of the earth. Some play-

ing an active role and some generating the new atmosphere more passively.

This used to be the responsibility of yogis, monks, nuns and the like. Now it is the remit of all of us. It does not matter what discipline we choose. My friend and colleague William Bloom has a stock answer that he gives when challenged, he says 'Knowing our values is a crucial issue because for many people the major importance of religion and spirituality is that they tell us what is right and what is wrong. This is what believers of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism expect – clear guidance about how they should live their lives. Do not kill. Do not lie. Do not commit adultery. 'By their acts shall ye know them.' I absolutely refute your accusation that we have no morality. We embrace and support the core ethics of all the major religions, but instead of setting them up against each other in competition, we plait them together to make an even stronger statement of our values. These core ethics include: Do not kill; do not steal; do unto others as you would have them to do unto you; and so on. More than that, we

integrate into this traditional morality, the values of environmentalism and sustainability, so that our grandchildren and great-grandchildren inhabit a healthy and harmonious Earth. And more than that too, we also integrate the values of contemporary psychology which fully understands that for human beings to develop fully and not become dangers to society, they need love, affection, support and respect. We entwine these all together for a strong and dynamic morality that is founded in the best of all that has gone before.'

LET'S CATCH UP ADAPT AND EDIT

Now that we have exhausted ourselves with the old way of being. Trying to control and manipulate, judge and dispense justice. Being impatient and intolerant as we try to handle the frustration, chaos and rebellion both within us and around us. Letting go enables us to be freed from our old chapter of work. Only then we can look on at what is coming from others with love and understanding. and only with greater detachment are we proved trustworthy. Then able to allow others to learn from life as they will. But without having to hold the calm before them like an anchor post. No longer 'being' the example for others, just a live demonstration of what is possible.

Time to find new purpose and new creativity from within. It has been a long stint of service which has earned for some the right to move onwards again. Others still caught in the waves of the 'old' will not be able to free themselves as yet but must work on to earn their right to move on when their time comes. Take time to observe what 'floats your boat' and makes you passionate it allows you to catch up to NOW.

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:



1. To See



2. To Hear



3. To Touch



4. To Taste



5. To Feel



6. To Laugh



7. To Love

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder – that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

A sleep of prisoners by Christopher Fry

The human heart can go to the lengths of God
 Dark and cold we maybe, but there
 Is no winter now. The frozen misery
 Of centuries breaks, cracks begin to move,
 The thunder is the thunder of the floes,
 The thaw, the flood, the up-start Spring.
 Thank God our time is now,
 is now when wrong

THANKSGIVING.

With a joyful heart I gratefully acknowledge, the wondrous blessings of my life.
 I give thanks for sunshine and rain, for food and drink, for home and work, for family and friends.
 I give praise and thanks for the wellspring of Spirit within me, and all people everywhere.
 I give thanks for the ability of thought, for freedom of choice and creative talents
 I am grateful for life and strength and a healthy body, for eyes to see colors and shapes around me
 For ears to hear music and words of my loved ones for feet to walk and hands to touch.
 For all that miraculous instrument of precision that is my body
 I sing praises of joy, for I am a rich child of a rich universe and I live in a beautiful world.
 If only I care to see beauty, it is mine to use and enjoy.

Comes up to face us everywhere,
 Never to leave us 'till we take
 The longest stride of soul men ever took.
 Affairs are now soul size
 The enterprise is exploration into God
 Where are you making for?
 It takes
 So many thousand years to wake,
 But will you wake for pity's sake?

THE YEAR END

Even if we are not in the place that we feel we want to be right now it is a time to give thanks for what we have got rather than mourn what we have not. Do we like who we are inside of ourselves? If not let's be willing to change whatever is required until we do.
 We do not have to accept the opinions of others as gospel. What do we think? Take a look at yourself as if you were meeting yourself as a stranger for the first time. What would impress you? Are you loving and kindly with a good sense of humor and fun? Do you present well and look the best you can? Are you cheerful in the main and do you know what you think about things?
 If we moan about our lot we will be lonely. If we love our lot we will be full of cheer. If we are truly patient and work on inner change the outer will follow given time. Of this we maybe sure.



POLITICS

These are probably the five best sentences you'll ever read. This is one paragraph that should be in every book in every school room in every city in every province in Canada. Our educators should make a lesson plan on this one statement and beat these words into every head in every class. And, every elected official should commit it to memory and repeat it out loud everyday.

"You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is the beginning of the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

Adrian Rogers, 1931

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime.

When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person.. When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, To aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually.

They may seem like a godsend and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

ONENESS

Trust in It. Confide in It
Nurture It. Greatness is at your door. Open it.

Silence has often more to say than all the voices of creation
So listen to it. Be still and you will become active
Feel the love, for it is yours and your self

Do not reject.

You are most loved, all of you for you are one with the One
Real peace can only be achieved by inviting Oneness within your hearts.

From now on, the One shall only dwell within the parts who

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something that you have never done but need to learn. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season. LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation.

Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant. Thank you for being a part of my life, whether you were a reason, a season or a lifetime.

We are not in charge of time or space but we can be appreciative of it.

call for such unity

The ones who do not answer that longing for love shall find no peace But only torments until they return home.

Do not separate further the unity
Do not separate further the Unity
Do not attempt to divide the unity of the city of One

that you all carry within, and the city of One manifests without.

Unless you chose not to want to have the oneness of the One
Dwelling within and without.

That is all.

Gerald O'Donnell

AN OBITUARY PRINTED IN THE LONDON TIMES

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

He declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student;

but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;
I Know My Rights
I Want It Now
Someone Else Is To Blame
I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

In darkness you have to know how to make your own light before it is too late to learn.



WHEN THE WORD IS NOT THE BOND

When asked to do something or be somewhere do we honor the agreement? When others agree something with you do they honor it, or are you left with the feeling, when they cancel at the last minute, that something better had come up? If inadequate notice is given there is not the time to make other arrangements and you are just left hanging.

Difficult under those circumstances not to feel like a living sacrifice where someone else's pleasure lies in a direction that is different to your own. It takes you back into scalp hunting days, when if you did not deliver the goods according to another's perceived need, you were persecuted and then sacrificed for another's pleasure, hunger or whatever.

Lord forgive them they know not what they do. And forgive yourself as you move on. Having recollected old memories real or imagined they can be released. I have no wish to take part in captive societies have you?

WHAT IS YOUR STUFFING MADE FROM?

As we move onward into the new year we need to re-establish our purpose. It is this that enables us to become passionate about who we are and who we are no longer. Then we begin to create the 2010 model of ourselves. It we want to do what we have always done then we will be as we have always been. If we want to upgrade and update we need to urgently review what we want to be it will lead us to what we do next. What is needed now? For others and for us.

If our intention is to be inclusive and unselfish whose needs should be considered? How can we be creative and work for the good of all from within? What is our purpose and what is our intention? What do we need to become to create a reality that will serve the interests of ourselves and those surrounding us. Are they the same people now as they were before?

If our families have families of their own they will appreciate their own space making us superfluous to requirement except on request or by invitation. What was once acceptable is now toxic to us, or to them if the old guidelines are applied. Our field of understanding requires us/them to change. Physical boundaries/limits may come off or maybe applied, catch up.

Only when we think we know what we want can we ask for it. So time to get as creative as the most talented artist and accomplished musician do we create the work of art that is to be our life now. We may have to change and be changed as a result but if we have no idea then how can we ask

for what we think we need now. If we don't ask we don't get. Even if we do we may not get exactly what we thought we wanted but we will get what we need for sure.

Are we loved and loving, if so that is our light that is shining. It is not ours to own, we are stewarding it on behalf of others. Maybe family, work, environments. If we have proved ourselves to be as inclusive as we are able, and our intention is to serve others as we would like to be served ourselves; we can safely ask and then trust that what comes will be in the interests of all. We may not understand how but we trust it is so, which is all we can do short of becoming a bully or a dictator. If we go that route the response from others will not be welcoming or gracious anyway!

It is the substance we have when we start that determines the outcome. What are we stuffed full of? Greed for self, ambition to succeed for self or a desire to serve the common good even if we do not know how as yet. Telling everyone how great we are and what they are missing by not associating is not the way forward! Recognizing are own skills and particular talents is. To do this we must own and acknowledge what skills we do not have and give thanks for others that do. That is teamwork.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Do we treat others who have differing skills as a part of our team or do we treat them like paid servants? Certainly we should pay them for their services as they should pay us for ours. Unless of course they are really good friends where favors are exchanged with joy and

with no expectation of a return. What do we think of us? Never mind what others think about us. We may have been worn down by the expectations, comments or criticisms imagined or otherwise. Time to let that go and to start from now.

Do we want to work on in the same manner or do some changes need to be made? Has our family dynamic changed and what adaptations are required to get a win win status for all. No room for false pride only personal honesty. Until we know within ourselves, how can we ask for assistance? Asking is prayer, whining is moaning about what we lack. When we ask clearly, then we wait in an open and clear spiritual space and see what we get gifted. Then we work with it being grateful and gracious - or not! Decide what you want and who you want to be then work to become it. Visualize it clearly, speak it out loud and before you know it, out of that clear blue sky the new will enter in. May the new year bring you all you wish for and more.

