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CHANGE AND STABILITY---IN A TIME OF REVOLUTION

REACHING FOR A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS

THERE'S A CONSPIRACY AFOOT!!! A CONSPIRACY OF LOVE AND EMPOWERMENT. NETWORKS OF PEOPLE, INTERESTED IN MAXIMIZING HUMAN POTENTIAL AND IN TRANSFORMING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE, ARE REACHING FOR A NEW KIND OF WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS.

ONCE CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION WE SUDDENLY SEE A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS NUMBER OF EXAMPLES OF TRANSFORMATIVE EXPLORATIONS IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE AND IN ALL DISCIPLINES OF KNOWLEDGE. I'LL NAME A FEW AND YOU PROBABLY CAN LIST AN EQUAL NUMBER:

HOLISTIC HEALTH, NATURAL FOODS, SELF HEALING
EASTERN MYSTICISM, TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION
PEACE MOVEMENTS
NEW SYSTEMS APPROACH TO KNOWLEDGE
DEEP ECOLOGY
FEMINISM

ADDED TOGETHER THESE TRANSFORMATIVE EXPLORATIONS AND ACTIVITIES INDICATE THE SCOPE OF THE REVOLUTION--A DEEP UNDERLYING SHIFT IN THE ENTIRE CULTURE THE LIKE OF WHICH HAS NOT BEEN EXPERIENCED IN RECORDED TIME--A CHANGE IN VALUES, A CHANGE IN CONSCIOUSNESS, A REJECTION OF HIERARCHY AND DOMINATION. WE ARE MOVING INTO A CULTURAL AWAKENING, A NEW BEGINNING, A NEW GENESIS.

IN THE REALM OF RELIGION THIS SHIFT IS AWAY FROM A RELIGION MEDIATED BY AUTHORITIES TO ONE OF DIRECT SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. A SHIFT FROM BELIEF TO KNOWING. THERE IS A GROWING SENSE THAT WHATEVER ANSWERS THERE ARE TO OUR QUEST FOR MEANING MUST COME FROM WITHIN OURSELVES.

THIS NEW CONSCIOUSNESS PROMISES TO RELEASE A NEW SPIRITUAL FORCE TRANSCENDING RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL BOUNDARIES, DRAWING US INTO A SENSE OF ONENESS--ONENESS, NOT ONLY WITH THE HUMAN COMMUNITY GLOBALLY BUT ONENESS WITH THE TOTALITY OF LIFE. THE ENVIRONMENT LIVES!

CONSPIRACY-THE TERM-COMES FROM THE LATIN "CONSPIRARE" MEANING TO BREATHE TOGETHER. THOSE OF US WHO ARE THE CONSPIRATORS IN ONE OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR OTHER NEW AGE NETWORKS MAY BE AND PROBABLY ARE BREATHING IN UNISON WITH THOSE IN ANOTHER NETWORK ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT NOW SEE THE COMMON UNDERLYING GOAL THAT UNITES US--A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS.

NEW AGE CONSPIRATORS ARE EVERYWHERE BUT WE ARE DIFFICULT TO COUNT FOR MANY OF US WORK QUIETLY AND IN THE BACKGROUND.

AS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS WE HAVE LONG BEEN PART OF A CONSPIRACY FOR CHANGE. IN SUPPORTING THE FREE AND DISCIPLINED SEARCH FOR TRUTH WE HAVE WORKED FOR CHANGE WITHIN WHAT IS NOW BECOMING OUR OUTMODED REALITY.

AS INDIVIDUALS MANY OF US HERE TODAY ARE AT THE SAME TIME INTENTIONALLY OR INTUITIVELY REACHING FOR THE NEW REALITY, THE NEW CONSCIOUSNESS, BY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE OF THE NEW AGE GROUPS THAT ARE SPRINGING UP AROUND US.

THE UUA IS COMING OF AGE IN A NEW AGE THAT IS BECOMING. WE MUST CONSPIRE TO MAKE OUR PRINCIPLES REFLECT THAT FACT.

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