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Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction,
while the worst are full of passionate intensity.

- **W. B. Yeats**

Son of Man, can you imagine that the new shoots will emerge, grow and flourish
from these ruins of stones?*

- **The Waste Land - T. S. Elliot**

We are unable to have any hope, if we think only of the frustration
and confusion prevalent in the world today. That is not the totality
of the realities. Let us confide in the loving kindness and mercies
of our Heavenly Father.*

- **Pope John Paul II**

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**This is a Loving Message from Our Lord Jesus Christ to
be disseminated throughout the Whole World**

Take this message to all communities spread throughout the whole world,
who honour and pay homage to my holy name, who work with a burning
desire for a future church which, functions in total obedience to the will of
the Heavenly Father. They expectantly wait to disperse this message for
the salvation of the world; because they labour in search of my words, my

message. **Let neither a syllable nor a word of this message be altered, for it has been written and expressed under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.** Be quick, in dispersing this message for the protection of my helpless sheep.

(1st July 1999)

Therefore you have the permission to print in any language and distribute this message in keeping with the above directives of Lord Jesus.

This message is intended for all the people in the world, those who follow any religion as well as those who do not follow any. Christian literary style has been adopted to present this message. The Almighty God, the Universal Creator, the WORD (Dhamma) became man and took abode in this world as Jesus. Jesus who shouldered the sinful burden of the entire human race brought salvation and redemption through His priestly sacrifice, through His death and resurrection. The Glorified Lord Jesus lives forever and ever.

Any body could communicate with God through this message addressing Him as the Creator, the **WORD** (Dhamma).

Jesus exclaims that the moment for the fulfillment of the prophecy of prophet Joel described in St. Peter's great sermon is at hand.

In the last days, the Lord declares.... I shall pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Your young people shall see visions. Your old people dream dreams. Even on my menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire, and vapor of smoke.

- *Acts 2:17-19*

The Lord declared so through the menservants and maidservants of this community, which was chosen, prepared and appointed by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He called it "*My Supreme Community*".

My children, I am extremely happy. Because the time has come for the world to realize that I was the moving force behind the deeds performed by my son and daughter, even though they were scoffed at by the world. In this manner, now I have begun the work of my

community. This evening I have enlightened you, filled you with wisdom, regarding the following.

1. The missionary task assigned to you within my chosen community,
2. The state which you should attain at the last stage of your missionary journey,
3. The state of your life at that venture.

I confirm that all the teachings that emanated from the one chosen by me were the inspired work of Holy Spirit.

If there is another one who yields to my expectation, for his sake too, you have my permission to collect and combine all the teachings received today in this evening and distribute worldwide as a publication.

The Universal Church and the Sri Lankan Christian Church are on a wrong foundation and heading in the wrong direction, for the commemoration of the year 2000 jubilee and celebration of my birth. The proposed publication would serve as an eye opener, and my own response to them. I have neither approved nor authorized the commercialization of my name or reckless indulgence in eating, drinking and partying. If you are to say the Great Amen on my birth anniversary you should adopt the way of life revealed through this publication. The time has come for the great echoing of, ceaseless repetition, reverberation of this great announcement declared among you.

They will realize that you are righteous indeed on account of

1. your faith in me.
2. spirits actions within you and
3. your total submission to my name.

Also the chosen community of mine does not engage in confusing my church, criticizing my church, budding another church. Everybody will realize that all your endeavors are to restore the foundation laid by me - Jesus Christ. As humans you are unable to submit yourself totally. But, because, I live in you, you believe in that truth, it will be an easy task for you.

- **Message from Jesus on 26th June 1999**

10th of October 1999

The time has come for a worldwide publication of all matters required to upright, a righteous, a friend of mine and a disciple. The time has come for the churches to awake from their deep slumber, to seek the ways of righteousness and, to live and be active in those ways. As I said previously, you will do all what I did if you grow in the ways of righteousness. You may surpass me and do more. That is the hallmark of holiness, righteousness. Righteousness means a life which obeys my words, goes where I send, confides and grows in me, sacrifices himself on behalf of all, moulds himself in accordance with the wishes of my Heavenly Father, and relies always in my Father's tender care and mercy. Marching forward undaunted and undeterred in face of defeat and failure, objections and obstacles, ridicule and rebuke is a special feature of righteousness. I declare unto you that a repentant life, upright character, bearing witness to my living presence, and sacrificing yourself in that regard are the needs of the hour.

This is a terrible (precarious) journey. Surprisingly people who undertake this journey are faced with suffering at all times, at all places. Your neighbour will not come forward to wipe your tears or listen to your story of woes and troubles. They will rebuke you, ridicule you saying that you are heading towards disaster. Yet, the faith which comes from me will prevail and have an impact on the world only if upright lives with such characteristics are born. Again, I declare unto you if you grow in a righteous spiritual life, then you will do more mighty deeds than I did.

These are the few of the truths, which you must understand in relation to this publication, with regard to Jesus Christ, who is the Creator, the WORD (Dhamma), one who came to the world as a man

- Is the Creator unable to make the world, His own creation a righteous place?
- Why the Creator God expects humans' - his own creation's participation to make the world righteous?
- Is He unable to accomplish the task of restoring righteousness without human participation?
- Why He wants prayers, fasting, supplications and unselfish lifestyles of His devotees to save the world?
- Was He unable to make the world, a holy and happy dwelling even through His incarnation as a man, the WORD, Jesus?

Some of the questions which still remain unanswered within many, have been mentioned above. These questions should be answered satisfactorily, if we are to understand the good news contained in this publication.

God, the Creator is Love (Holy Bible 1 John 4:8) Where ever is love, there is creation. Therefore, the entire universe symbolizes the outpourings of God's love. All have been created by love, in love and for love. The man realizes the true meaning of his existence when he decides to live for love. According to the Holy

Bible, God has created the universe, the heaven and earth, men and all forms of life. Creator God has made man the pinnacle of His creation.

Man was given a body. He could relate with the nature through his sensory organs. A mind and intelligence was also given to him. Through these, he was able to manage the environment and nature to his best advantage. He got a soul, that is a thirst, a hunger for the Creator. Through this, he could set on a pilgrimage in attaining a noble objective, which extended beyond the realms of the physical environment, which neither the mind nor intelligence could grasp. He got a conscience, through which he was able to realize good and bad. He was given a mission. That is to become the embodiment of his Creator, to become His mouthpiece, also to lead a life for His glory. Man has been given a free will by God, either to live or not to live according to those noble ideals, to magnify or to devastate God's creation, to be redeemed or ruined through this. Of all forms of life, man alone has been endowed with the unique gift of free will. God does everything for the salvation of mankind. Yet, he forces none. Protection of human rights by men is tantamount to the protection of God given gift of free will.

The WORD willed to grant the gift of free will to mankind. Why? "God is Love". Man has been created as a loving response, a return for the Love of the Lord. Free will is a prerequisite for a life of love. If not, the life will be filled with serfdom. Man lays the foundations of his own downfall when he opts to blow his own trumpet rather than becoming a mouthpiece of the Lord. The fruits of his goodness, as well as repercussions of his fall will pass from generation to generation. In this manner selfishness took form in the world. Selfishness led to sin. Sin in turn brought misery and suffering to the world. The world created by God was devoid of selfishness, sin and suffering. They were the creations of man, who disobeyed God. The Holy Bible bears ample testimony to the great things God did to renew the creation, violated by sin.

The gift of free will symbolizes God's generosity in sharing the responsibilities regarding the creation with man. **And God blessed them, and God said to them "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." (Genesis 1: 28)** According to His words, it is very clear and understood that God shared his responsibility of the creation with the mankind. Sharing of responsibilities is love at its, best, matured and well developed form. When responsibilities are shared only, the other person is exalted. By giving the gift of free will, God shared His power, i.e. it was a downright delegation, devolution of power. God gives due respect to this process of devolution, which he initiated. He never violates this arrangement. Necessarily man has to make his share of contribution for the perfection of creation from the day he received the gift of free will until the end of the world, Christ's glorious coming. To do this, a man should become an instrument in the guiding hands of the Lord and the Lord awaits for this. Man on his own, through his own efforts cannot bring about an everlasting, meaningful transformation. In this regard man should necessarily become an instrument in the hands of the Lord.

End of this world means the moment of God re-taking the world, which He shared with man by sharing responsibilities through the grant of the gift of free will. Then, the WORD, shining in all resplendent majesty, exercising authority and omnipotence will bring about perfection and wholeness. On that decisive day, all will have to answer the query as to whether they contributed to the perfection or destruction of the world. That is Judgement.

The Lord mourns and agonizes over the confusion which engulfs this world and the fall of mankind. The Almighty, through His omnipotence is capable of mollifying all what is unnecessary and renewing all what is needed, instantaneously. It is an undeniable fact. The Lord does not act alone in changing the world, as He has shared that responsibility with man. He holds that sharing in high esteem. The Lord eagerly awaits until a man becomes a tool in His hands for that purpose. The true meaning of Jesus' exclamation "I thirst" is this. "I waited for one to comfort me but found none". That is the meaning of this expectant cry. As such, "Lord, we console you" is echoed in our liturgy. We pray to the Lord for consolation. The Lord consoles us. It is a fact. One, who could comprehend properly the works of the WORD, as described herein would get a deep understanding of the exclamation *Lord, we console you*.

The Lord will be immensely pleased if

1. someone understands the cries and sufferings of the WORD in the world today (Mary, Mother of the WORD incarnate, too cries for the salvation of the human family),
2. one is ready to be a tool in the hands of the Lord and sacrifice himself on the altar of love,
3. one is ready to succumb to the making and breaking of the WORD,
4. also one is prepared to act as a co-mediator in the presence of the Lord for the liberation of the human family.

This is how the Lord should be consoled. "I thirst", "I waited for one to comfort me but found none". The more you identify yourself with these cries of our Lord, the more you will be dedicated towards your mission and vocation, the more will be the drive and determination towards your dedication.

Why does the Lord require His people's prayers, fastings and cries for the redemption of the human family? The WORD is the summit of perfection and wholeness. Nothing He gains, nothing He loses, whether we praise Him or not. Yet praising the Lord, when seen from the human point of view is ***truly right and just, our duty and our salvation***. What happens, when a person, empties himself, opens up himself for the Most Holy and praise Him? Power flows from a point of high intensity towards a vacuum and fills it. It is salvific for the whole of creation.

This world, as thought by many is neither a freak nor an entity, which, the Creator God is unable to manage, is left alone to wander. **'I am the Alpha and the**

Omega', says the Lord who is, who was, and who is to come the Almighty. (Holy Bible - Revelation 1: 8) The Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters in the Greek alphabet. It means that God is the beginning also the ultimate end. As such, through all confusions, conflicts and setbacks the world proceeds towards Omega, the summit. It is Good News indeed. The whole creation spins towards the Omega amidst the works of the WORD, the works of the evil one and the involvement of man. Loving kindness of the Mighty Lord has paved the way for the man to work and contribute towards this goal.

Earlier, it had been stated that God is love; creation was by love, for love, man nears to the true purpose of his existence when he decides to live for love. The WORD has planned the creation even through confusion caused by the actions of contradicting forces, in order that love may be magnified. There are conflicting, contradictory forces against WORD's action. That is the devil and his agents. It was a downfall which resulted through pride and rebellion against God carried out by a section of the angels (including Lucifer) created by God in an exalted position with the gift of free will.

The Satan, the evil one, Devil or the Beast and his courtiers tirelessly work with a total determination to magnify injustice and hatred. The Satan and his agents challenge even God. God accepts that challenge. He has allowed the evil one to exist and act till this day (The sentence has been qualified by adding "till this day" as the Book of Revelation in the Holy Bible speaks of a thousand year period during which the devil will be bound in chains.)

Man should become a tool in the hand of either the WORD or the evil one, in the great battle between the forces of evil and righteousness. The way of righteousness or the path of evil and injustice, one of either should be selected. The Lord calls the band of people, willing to live for the WORD, ready to be a tool in the hands of the WORD as *My small flock*. God, in facing the challenge posed by the evil one does not act alone as He has shared power with man. He expects the participation of His *small flock* in this task.

This is the meaning of the statement - *Pray for them, that they who are sent forth from my Father are not be destroyed, send up your sighs to the Lord while fasting*. The background for the works of the Lord will be formed when the number of those who dedicate themselves to be sacrificed on the altar of love for the redemption of others by allowing themselves to be broken, to be formed in the loving hands of the living Lord, especially with their heavenward cries in fasting and mourning, increases, the more the number of those who lead a righteous life increases. The time calling for righteous lives, continuous prayer is at hand, in order for the Lord to chain the evil one for a thousand year period.

In the battle between forces of righteousness and evil, a number of matters (Issues), advantageous to the evil one could be observed. The evil one is known as the master of all that is worldly. There are number of avenues, opportunities for

the evil one to attract man through the charms of the physical world. Human flesh is more prone to evil than to goodness. The WORD always gives due respect to the free will of man. The evil one never accords due respect to the free will of man. The Lord only knocks at the door of a life. The Lord begins His work by entering a soul only if a person invites Him to take abode by opening the door in response to His knocking. The evil one in contrast begins his action by forceful entry even through a small *opening*.

There are also a number of factors which stand in favour of the WORD in the battle between good and evil. A burning hunger and a thirst to know his Creator has been deposited within the deep interiors of man by the God himself. God is Almighty. The powers of the evil one are no match, rank low well below them. The evil one never ever can equal the creator - the one and true God. No power has been assigned to him in this regard. The power of the evil one is higher than the man's power. But, the evil one has no sway on those who earnestly desire to walk in the way of righteousness, despising all that is evil. The evil one is a sad loser in the presence of a person who bears witness to the WORD - His Holy Name Jesus lives by His teachings, and invokes the name of Jesus ceaselessly. The WORD, who came to the world as Jesus took upon himself the sins of the humanity and inflicted an ignominious defeat upon the Evil one in the battle he faced between the forces of light and darkness. Accordingly, the evil one stands as a loser, always and at all times. The Lord Jesus is victorious - eternally.

The WORD became flesh as Jesus in order to redeem the human family from their sins. Though He dwelt on earth as a man of flesh and blood, He never succumbed to sin, instead He took upon Himself the sins of the world and paid the price of redemption as it was decreed, by sacrificing His life as the High Priest. Redemption followed that sacrifice. Salvation is a gift of the WORD. The decision, as to whether we participate in that redemption, which is a right of our own should be made by each one of us. The evil one does not delight in seeing anyone benefiting from the right of redemption. He will go to any extent to stop this. What does result from the pleadings and prayers offered to make others participate in the right of redemption, by growing in a righteous life, enjoying the joys of redemption in union with the WORD? The prayers and pleadings destroy all diabolical designs of the evil one, which preclude men from realizing the right of redemption and raises the human family to receive the right of redemption paved by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.

Could we say that Jesus the WORD failed to sanctify the world even though He became flesh and dwelt on earth? No, absolutely not. He is the Alpha and the Omega. Lord Jesus came to this world to lay the foundation for an initiative of Alpha proportions, to implant His spirit within it and to enrich it, empower it to reach the Omega Summit. Had Christ our Lord brought all to perfection at once, we would be left with nothing to perform, nothing to achieve. It would contradict the law of love. You and I have our own roles to play, own tasks to perform. Let us understand it, perceive it. Whether to respond or not, is left unto each one of

us. A righteous life should be our response, a holy and pure life or an innocuous character should be our reply. A noble vision regarding this is found in every religion, in some philosophies and in fine arts. Now let us reflect upon it, at least briefly.

A Christian Perspective of this Noble Vision

God is Love. St. Paul has used the word *Agape*, but not the Greek word *Eros* to describe the love of God. *Eros* stands for the outward idea generally held by the society about love. For that reason St. Paul did not use that word. **Chapter 13 Versus 1-13 of St. Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians in the Holy Bible could be named as the - Agape Song.**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthe 13:1-7

A beautiful piece of literary creation is found in the book, "**The Prophet**" (written by **Khalil Gibran** - the Lebanese poet and philosopher.) It vividly described the Christian viewpoint about God's abundant love and the powerful process of purification accompanying that Love.

Then said Almitra, speak to us of Love. And he raised his head and looked upon the people and there fell stillness upon them. And with a great voice he said:

When Love beckons to you, follow Him,
Though His ways are hard and steep.
And when His wings enfold you yield to Him,
Though the sword hidden among His pinions may wound you.
And when He speaks to you believe in Him, though His voice may shatter your dreams as the north wind lays waste the garden.

For even as love crowns you so shall He crucify you. Even as He is
for your growth so is He for your pruning.
Even as He ascends to your height and caresses your tenderest
branches that quiver in the sun,
So shall He descend to your roots and shake them in their clinging
to the earth.

Like sheaves of corn He gathers you unto himself.
He threshes you to make you naked.
He sifts you to free you from your husks.
He grinds you to whiteness.
He kneads you until you are pliant;
And then He assigns you to His sacred fire, that you may become
sacred bread for God's sacred feast.
All these things shall love do unto you that you may know the
secrets of your heart, and in that knowledge become a fragment of
Life's heart.
But if in your fear you would seek only love's peace and love's
pleasure,
Then it is better for you that you cover your nakedness and pass
out of love's threshing-floor, into the season less world where you
shall laugh, but not all of your laughter, and weep, but not all of
your tears.

Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself.
Love possesses not nor would it be possessed;
For love is sufficient unto love.
When you love you should not say, "God is in my heart," but
rather, "I am in the heart of God."
And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds
you worthy, directs your course.
Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself.
But if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your
desires:
To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the
night.
To know the pain of too much tenderness.
To be wounded by your own understanding of love;
And to bleed willingly and joyfully.
To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another
day of loving;
To rest at the noon hour, and meditate love's ecstasy;
To return home at eventide with gratitude;
And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a
song of praise upon your lips.

- The Prophet - Kahlil Gibran

God's love made up of Maithree, Karuna, Muditha, Upekkha is an absolute truth which over powers, overtakes all. It is God's boundless love which created everything, re-creates all that was fallen by sin and restores perfection and wholeness to the creation one day. This is the Christian view. Our responsibility is to believe in the love of the mighty God, which seeks us incessantly and allows it to work within us. As we inhale that what is our right, prayers and praises will be what we exhale. The basic sin is our reluctance to believe in the love of the WORD and not to allow that love work within us. **Ezekiel Chapter 47: Versus 1-9** describes how Divine Love works within a man which willingly yields to it.

The man led me back to the entrance of the Temple. Water was coming out from under the entrance and flowing east, the direction the Temple faced. It was flowing down from under the south part of the temple past the south side of the altar. The man then took me out of the temple area by way of the north gate and led me round to the gate that faces east. A small stream of water was flowing out at the south side of the gate. With his measuring-rod the man measured five hundred metres down down-stream to the east and told me to wade through the stream there. The water came only to my ankles. Then he measured another five hundred metres, and the water came up to my knees. Another five hundred metres, further down, the water was up to my waist. He measured five hundred metres more, and there the stream was so deep I could not wade through it. It was too deep to cross except by swimming. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then the man took me back to the bank of the river, and when I got there I saw that there were very many trees on each bank. He said to me, "This water flows through the land to the east and down into the Jordan Valley and to the Dead sea. When it flows into the Dead sea, it replaces the salt water of that sea with fresh water. Wherever the stream flows, there will be all kinds of animals and fish. The stream will make the water of the Dead Sea fresh, and wherever it flows, it will bring life.

- Ezekiel 47:1-9

The Lord invites all to enter more and more in to the depths of His love. In this regard, the Lord leads us in circular roads. His love totally transforms a person's life, as sea water is turned into fresh water. The life which experiences the Lord's love resembles a tree planted on a river bank, bearing fruits in due season.

The Way to Righteousness or Holiness

And he believed the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6, Rome 4:3) Therefore, that belief is the foundation of divine righteousness,

Then they said to him, "what must we do, to be doing the works of God? Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom He has sent".

- John 6:28-29

They saw the complexity. They saw the volume of work one has to do on behalf of God. Christ saw not only the complexity, but also the simple law which extricates from the complexity. It is to believe in Christ who was the WORD, who became flesh. It is to confide in Him. To the extent we believe in Him, we will try to get to know Him. Not only through the Bible but also by meeting the Risen Lord, by communicating with Him. The more we get to know Him the more we would like to die for our selfishness and be reformed in the image of Christ. The works of the Lord would be fulfilled when this transformation takes place totally, at least within an individual.

Seek first, the kingdom of God, and, all these other things will be given you as well. (Mathew 6:33) Knowing Lord Jesus, the WORD, recognizing Him, being moulded in the image of Christ and having a thirst in this regard, form part of the search for the kingdom of God. How could one mould himself in the image of Christ? (Break me, Melt me, Fill me, Use me) as found in an English hymn. These words are impregnated with that secret. *Lord, break my ego, melt, the portions of my ego by the power of your boundless love. Fill me with your Divine Spirit. Use me in Your service until the spirit of the Lord emanates from within me.* The Lord accords much value to a life devoted to this end, in total submission to be moulded in His loving hands; for it fulfills the works of the Lord.

Be prepared to be sacrificed on the altar of love for the redemption of the nation and human family. Be, clay in the tender hands of the Lord. Submit totally to the Master Potter to be broken, to be moulded till the end. It would be the righteous life. Not the one want by your parents, not the one want by yourself, but the one

wants by the Lord the Creator, would be born only through this means. What you do will not change the world. but what the WORD does through you will transform the world, enrich the world. This is true, great indeed.

The Truth stated above could be described in different ways

Waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.
According to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

Holy Bible - 2 Peter 3:12-13

Making disciples of Christ is the basic missionary work, which we have to do, to hasten the advent of the Day of God. It is to participate in bringing up a community of people actively participating in the sufferings, death and resurrection of Lord Jesus (Pascha of Lord Jesus). It is to raise an assembly of people ready to pay the price of discipleship in Christ, by selling all belongings to buy the pearl of great value - i.e. Christ. (**Mathew 13: 45-46**). The one willing to be moulded as a disciple of Christ should be prepared to be moulded as a son of God, as a suffering servant of God. He will perceive the delicacies of the Lord's guiding ways. Therefore, he will learn from the Lord, himself. He will be made bold to walk in the ways of the Lord. When a person pays the price of Christian discipleship, the power of Christ's death and resurrection will descend upon today's society. Then, a society where spirituality is exalted, reigns supreme, would be born.

I will be with you. I love you. I will never depart from you. Don't be afraid. Stay calm. Those who believe in this promise of the Lord will rank among the people of faith. Remain true in this promise throughout your life's entire journey. Stand firm in that promise even when all fall apart in total chaos and confusion raising doubts regarding the Lord's presence with you, His love towards you. It is the characteristic of hope. When you live in that promise, the Spirit of God will work within you. As long as you remain within that promise, the Evil One has no opportunity to harm you. Therefore, remain firm within that promise in success and defeat, and see the works of the Lord. If you, my Lord, are with me, love me, why did this happen in this manner? Raise this question from the Lord and proceed along the way of life. Then you will gain wisdom through every incident in life. If you persist in that way until the end of life, it will lead to the birth of a righteous person.

Accept Jesus the WORD, the Lord Jesus who became flesh and descended down to the world, as your Saviour and Shepherd. Then the Lord will lead you according to His dictates. The Divine Shepherd teaches you through the incidents in life. Therefore, be receptive to the incidents in your life, and arm yourself with the wisdom that the Divine Shepherd imparts. It is wisdom, which is left unto you when you meditate deeply with the Divine Shepherd even upon a bitter experience in life as you walk along with the Lord. You will feel that the character which influenced you to receive that wisdom was indeed a friend, and a teacher. The bad opinion you hold regarding another will vanish in this manner. You should learn to stay where you are placed, to do what you are told by the shepherd. It paves the way for the birth of a righteous person.

Lord Jesus neither felt sorry for himself nor regretted over the agonies He had to suffer. He converted those sufferings as an opportunity to join with those who suffered. Through that, He transformed sufferings in to a blessing and a way to resurrect others. This reality (suffering, offering and redeeming) could be implemented in your daily lives, in your day to day routines. Accept with a willing heart all what you have to face, even the bitter experiences Take them to the Calvary Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus and offer them daily, to God. If you can abide by this principle throughout your life for the sake of salvation and redemption of mankind, then a holy life would emerge from that.

(All what was described above represent a view of Pascha (the Exodus). You have to experience the fruits of the Pascha of Christ, if you are to face successfully the Pascha of your own life. It calls for the emergence of a people who perceives the guiding ways of the Lord through peace and tranquility resulting from (a) the union with Heavenly Father and one another through the power of His precious blood (b) experiencing the loving kingdom of God the Father through the redeeming Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.)

"Filled with the graces of the Holy Spirit, full of faith, the parents of Mary, expectantly waited trusting that the nation of Israel will be consoled. Alleluia". We listen to this exclamation at the Holy Mass on 26th of July. How did they become a source community needed for the action of God? It is

1. by becoming a people of total faith in God
2. by becoming a people filled with the Holy spirit
3. by becoming a community totally obedient to God the Father.

The adoration, supplications and praising we do are glorification of the Most Eminent, in verse. The life that is practically based on the three qualifies referred above, is tantamount to praising the Lord through our deeds. Our praise in words gets its true meaning when we praise the Lord by our deeds. We should become a people, living according to these three principles, if we are to become tools in the hand of the Lord.

Let us think, that we could become a tool in the hand of the Lord, for the great harvest of spiritualism, which results from becoming the Lord's supreme community by living in the spirituality described above. What's the posture, the stand we should adopt throughout this journey or specially at the end of the journey? All glory is to the Lord on account of the bountiful harvest. We must be extremely careful not to steal even a little bit of that glory. These words of instruction given by Jesus Our Lord should echo within us, when we complete all those things, which He commanded. ***We are unworthy servants. We deserve no thanks. We have done no more than what we were told to do. (Luke 17: 10)*** Even at the eternity we should not expect no more than the one Dinar received by the servants who came at the last hour. **(Mathew 20:1-16)** Also Jesus said ***The least among you all is the one who is the greatest. (Luke 9:48)***

(If this Christian view is to be made more perfect, we must necessarily talk about the Holy Eucharist and the Beatitudes. It will be made through our third publication.)

It is not the healthy who needs the doctor but the sick. (Mathew 9:12). The Divine physician invites for a righteous life, only to those who accept that they are patients and willing to be healed

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

- 1 Corinthe 1: 28-29

What is the secret pertaining to the kingdom of God, that St. Paul reveals to us through this? The infirm and poor souls, referred to by St. Paul need more of breaking and moulding. In other words, they have to participate more in the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. The more the fruits of Christ's sufferings and death are reflected in a person the more will be the pronouncement of Christ's resurrection through him. However much God uses them in His powerful works, they never are boastful. Because they are totally aware that they are weak and unworthy. Neither the people, who need less of breaking of moulding, because they have been blessed with the God given gifts of noble disposition can boast of themselves. Because God has not chosen them in a special manner but the people whom they see as lowly and weak through their own appraisal. Therefore, no one can boast of himself but of God.

Righteousness or Holiness - A few more instructions to grow in that

The vision about personal deliverance is linked to one's ego. Salvation for the society or general redemption is subject to analysis and appraisal in Christianity. Jesus said: *In all truth I tell you, unless a wheat of grain falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it. (John 12: 24-25). If anyone wants to be follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Mathew 16: 24)*

O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence - as when fire kindles brushwood fire causes water to boil to make thy name known to thy adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at thy presence! We too would have an occasion to cry unto the Lord using the very words in **Isaiah 64**. He least intends to perform miracles by tearing the heavens and coming down; but He looks for a human who totally submits to the breakings and makings of the Lord in becoming a **sin offering** on account of the human family. Such an entity, such a community, if the Lord meets, He will do more mighty deeds than tearing the heavens. The Lord pours forth His power on those who are ready to undergo the Lord's process of breaking and making to the end.

A balance between social and spiritual expedition should be established within a person who aims at moulding himself to attain Christian discipleship or righteous, upright status. An expedition into the social aspects without an expedition into spirituality will lead a man towards terrible results. Such people will address more to their drives than to their intellect. Further, they will confuse themselves while causing others to be confounded and contradicted. An expedition into the spiritual aspects in the absence of adequate exploration into the social aspects would fail to produce the right answer required in this modern era. Therefore a balance between social and spiritual aspects should be established within a person who aspires to mould himself to be a disciple of Christ. It is the understanding resulting from this, which propels them towards total dedication, freedom against egoism and a moulding as an image of Christ. The spiritual voyage does not refer to journey to the interiors of self (human) only, but the process of gathering all that is fruitful by winnowing (meditation) in the presence of God the wealth of experience and knowledge acquired through the social voyage.

The kingdom of God is something which is prevalent among men, within man. Lord Jesus said so. If you are to propagate the divine kingdom outwardly, then the Lord should be given access to yourself to deepen the kingdom of God within you. That is, the Lord should be allowed to grow within me while I wane and wax. Then the Lord will make the cup to overflow. Then the kingdom of God will descend upon others without harming the spirit of love. In other words the kingdom of God will expand within the society. Whatever the difficulties you

have to face, whatever the distance you have to cover in that journey that would be the way for fruitful Evangelization.

(It was mentioned - "without harming the spirit of love" because there are possibilities for such occurrences in the current evangelical efforts.)

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God (Holy Bible - Romans 8: 14) A true Christian is the one who experiences that he is a son of God. If one could experience that he is led by, moved by and guided by the spirit of God that would confirm his election as a son of God. Your soul should be powerfully touched by the Lord, if you are to enter a life which experiences the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 4:30** in the Holy Bible describes this perception as being marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit (The same idea is reflected to a great extent in blossoming of the flower of life.) The divine touch will be received only if one is true in his objectives. prepared to lead a life subject to the breakings and makings of the WORD till the end, on behalf of the salvation of others. This experience will be a gift, a priceless possession which will (1) always direct you to the WORD under any circumstance or incident (2) push you forward placing your sight towards the Lord, relying on his sustenance effortlessly, with least compulsion. Through this the stature of wisdom will grow.

Flexibility or elasticity as a fistful of clay is a prerequisite to be taught by the WORD. You should not hang on firmly neither to your personal opinion nor to facts and figures collected through reference work. Many affairs which you clinged on to as facts have turned up to be false. The WORD will teach you perfectly as long as you wait under His feet with flexibility and submission. The birds of the air open up their wings against the blowing currents and let them to be taken up in flight. In like manner we should ease and unfold our hardened hands and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. The Lord shows you only one step. If you take that step then He will show the next. Therefore, that itinerary would be a challenge to the human nature; an entry in to narrow path. To enter and carry on until the end of such a journey would be truly heroic. This will result in a birth of a righteous life, a growth in the stature of wisdom or spiritualism. The growth in the stature of wisdom does not mean accumulation of religious knowledge; but a process of being taught by the WORD, to be led by the WORD, (Divine Wisdom) in total submission.

We know the path which is right, which is wrong. Those, illiterate on religious affairs too know about these two. Among followers of traditional religions, many see these two paths only. Many strive to walk on the right road, avoiding the wrong. If you can rely on **Romans 8: 14** and understand all what we talked about, you will see that there is a supreme way more perfect than the right path. It has been amply described in the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John within the Bible and is called the Gospel Way. The WORD leads us in our journey through this way.

Reliance on what we can do and should do is a feature common to both the right and the wrong paths. Anything that takes place in accordance with the Gospel Way, is originating from God, empowered by God and is accomplished by God. If we are to walk along the Gospel Way, firstly we must identify the deeds which the Lord places before us. It is what I have chosen which should be executed in accordance with the right or wrong way. We must meticulously identify God's initiation in order to walk in the Gospel way. When the Lord places a task before us and commands us to walk through it, He is also ready to do what could not be done, in us and through us.

The perfect example for walking in the Gospel Way to the very end is Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus remained always opened to the Heavenly Father and correctly identified His holy will. Then He ensured to walk in that way irrespective of the difficulties encountered in total submission, even sacrificing His own life. *Father I have come to do your will.* It was the Theme Song of Jesus' life. The one and only thing Jesus did in His earthly existence of 33 years was to walk forward step by step in the way, His Heavenly Father showed Him. Through that obedience of His son, God the Father achieved many things. Lord Jesus said "**In all truth I tell you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing.**" (John 5:19) All what the son could do was to identify the road signs and work through the task placed before him by his Father. That is the Gospel way. This is the experience which saves the world, magnifies the world, brings forth a holy life.

Those who have dedicated themselves to these principles, and live according to that dedication, even at the expense of their lives have been called to the experiences of a cosmic soul. They will not become subservient to the ways and values of the world and therefore would be treated as non conformists, outsiders. They will produce a good harvest not only through their service but by their very lives. People of this caliber neither see faults in others nor criticize others. They will consider them least among the least. No doubt, they will join St. Paul in saying *I myself am the greatest among sinners; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the leading example of his inexhaustible patience.* (1 Timothy 1:16) - (The exterior of this based on the spiritual concepts, mentioned in "The Outsider" – a book by Collin Wilson.

For the wisdom of the world is folly to God. (Holy Bible - 1 Corinthe 3:19) May be, wisdom of God would appear a folly to the world. A wise man (righteous man) is born to the extent one arms himself with wisdom of God, which is seen as a folly by the world. On sight, a contradiction may be observed between what is said and done by such a person. But that contradiction itself is an equivalent truth. That contradiction observed on sight would be solved within a person who is delicately led by the Spirit of God. The absolute truth is a Paradoxical Reality.

Do you earnestly desire to grow into an upright, righteous way of living? God asks the same question from you too. To the extent to which you express your

desire and open yourself for the works of the spirit, the WORD will lead you to that aim and objective. The Lord knows the way in which you should be led in this regard. (The Lord never asks you as to whether you can grow in that direction, as He is aware of your inabilities. If you are able to do such a thing, it will remain within your boundaries and control. If you are able to accomplish it, a need for the WORD does not arise). Therefore, not success, but candid and clear intentions and heavenward cries are the basis of holiness. Not volume of work, but a submissive life within the station & status assigned by the Lord is holiness. Jesus said "***He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest in much.*** (Luke 16:10) Therefore, whatever the tasks you are faced in your daily life, do it with dedication and devotion. The Lord will gradually establish yourself in the life - He called you to live in - when He sees that you are honest even in little things.

Wisdom is a gift of God. We briefed you above, about the Wisdom bestowed by the WORD, when one lives in accordance with Dhamma. Another way to receive wisdom is to associate with higher forms of art. A poet or an artist indulging in higher forms of art will love nature and the tranquility therein, and a simple way of living. There is a close affinity between the WORD and such characteristics. When a person of such character masters his mind in the total silence of his environ, it is not his intelligence but the wisdom of the cosmic mind which floods into his creativity. The creative works of an eminent artist communicates that which is delicate. The WORD - the Creator is the founder of the cosmic beauty of the universe. The way He communicates with us is exceedingly delicate. To the extent we build up a sensitive mind by associating in higher forms of art, the more we will be able to comprehend the delicacies of the WORD's communication. - (The elegant, eminent higher forms of arts are regarded as a religion by some. It creates a tender heart, a sharp empathy, and a degree of craftiness within ourselves. It is only a like mind which could interact with the sensitivity and empathy of the WORD. When people behave like deaf and dumb in face of the Lord's gentle guidance, He will be compelled in the name of love to address them through rough, vituperative language or through tempests or turmoil's - which they could understand. But, the Lord desires that we remain always receptive to His interactivity.

Having mentioned that some are in search of knowledge on religion rather than living according to religion, and some are looking for miracles, St. Paul says "**But we are preaching a crucified Christ.**" (1 Corinthis 1: 22-23). Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross as the High Priest signifies three types of deaths

1. Death against rights (**Poverty**)
2. Death against cravings (**Chastity**)
3. Death against self-win (**Obedience**).

An upright righteous life could be born only through a life that voluntarily embraces these three types of deaths. These three types of deaths are the only

yardstick of a person's spiritual life and the perfection therein. There should be death against self-will until the end, if You are growing in the correct spiritual way.

A life which submits itself to the breaking and making process of the WORD, for the salvation of human family is never a 'one man' show. It is a community activity. ***When two or three meet in the name of Jesus (in the name of Love, in the name of the WORD), He is then among them*** said Jesus. (**Mathew 18 :20**) Therefore, it is important that we communicate, on and off at least, with a person who is growing in a righteous life now or with a person who in earnest prepares himself for such growth. Then, the WORD (Jesus) Will be manifested through each of you and lead you.

At a glance it may be observed there are many who are involved in affairs related to spiritualism. But, a real harvest of spiritualism is not seen. Why is that? If one tries to fulfill what he desires through this, it is egoism. It will be the highest form selfishness and greed, if a person tries to make a name for himself, assemble people through miracles using the power of spiritualism.

Righteousness or Holiness - witnesses - by life

The good as well as the evil orientation that we could see in a man, mostly originates from the fountain of selfishness. Therefore **St. John of the Cross** said. "The sum total of goodness said to be present in all men is mere evil in the presence of God's boundless goodness". Therefore, the real spiritualism is opposite of selfishness and represents death against self centeredness and resurrection and elevation to a new status. Therefore, the man, who has made the decision to go in search of spiritualism would have to enter his own nothingness. In other words the Lord will take you into the point of nothingness. For that, you have to yield, submit yourself "The extent I was raised when I journeyed deep into my nothingness, emptiness was such that I reached my objective." **St. John of the Cross** witnessed so. (The truth about a righteous life has been described in his book, **Ascent of Mount Carmel, Dark Night of the Soul**. It is the *Song of the Soul*, a state, as described by him, reached by passing through the physical and mystical dark night.)

Pride and prestige of the physical should fall apart in order for pride and prestige of divine to emerge and grow in you. Human rights must fully evicted and give way to be filled by divine rights. The esteem at which you are held in the society, and you have accorded to yourself should diminish, in order for Christ's image to be formed within you. Therefore the journey towards true spiritualism winds up its way through narrow and thorny paths. So. witnesses - **St. Therese of Lisieux**.

I am a poor, weak child. Oh my Jesus it is the same weakness which encouraged me to offer myself to you as a loving sacrifice. In the ancient past, the Almighty God accepted only pure, unblemished sacrifices. Immaculate, pure offerings only were accepted in the presence of divine Justice. But, the law of love has been set in force in place the law of fear. I, a weak, imperfect creation has been chosen as an offering by love. Is it right for me to be chosen by love'? Yes, because love, in order to attain total satisfaction, should delve into the nothingness and transfer that nothingness into a burning fire of love. Lord, I know that love needs repayment by way of love. So, I have found the way to unload the burdens of my heart. It is to compensate for your love with my love.*

- **St. Therese of Lisieux - Autobiography**

"If I have ever done something important it has not been performed under the guidance of my logical mind. It has been done under the guidance of the gentle voice in me." says so **Mahatma Gandhi**. He added further; "Though purity of soul is an invisible spiritual weapon, it is a very powerful way to change the external environment and eliminate all forms of outward obstructions. It works delicately and stealthily. Though it appears as a slow and tedious process, it is very swift. It is the most sure, most quick and straight path which runs towards freedom. Any effort, spent in this regard would not be large enough. All what is needed in this regard is devotion. A devotion like a mountain, never retreating, come what may."* (**Dr. Sri Krishna Kripalani - All Men are Brothers.**)

Dedication never turns useless. Also, dedication does not bring in immediate results. If a person dedicates himself to any truth, and lives according to this dedicated truth; if he has to suffer on account of his dedication, even face death, then that truth will pass to the next generation as a birth right. That is the cycle of expansion. The cycle of expansion becomes operational only through dedication and suffering.*

- **Subash Chandra Bose**

The whirl winds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerge. And there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice; In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.....you have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

- Part of world famous speech delivered by Martin Luther King in 1963 at Washington

Does self dedication in the cause of social liberation amounts to self destruction? No, not in anyway. It is a reaping of fruits of a person's life. Book of Sirach Chapter 6 versus 23-31 in the Holy Bible bear ample testimony to this. Herein, Divine Wisdom has been referred as she.

*Listen my child, and take my advice,
do not reject my counsel.
Put your feet into her fetters,
and your neck into her collar.
Offer your shoulder to her burden,
do not be impatient of her bonds.
Court her with all your soul,
and with all your might keep in her ways.
Search for her, track her down, she will reveal herself;
once you hold her, do not let her go.
For in the end you will find rest in her,
and she will take the form of joy for you.
Her fetters you will find a mighty defence,
her collars, a precious neckless.
Her yoke will be a golden ornament,
and her bonds be purple ribbons.
You will wear her like a rob of honour,
you will put her on like a crown of joy.*

- Sirach 6: 23-31

A view of this noble vision through the eyes of other religions

We will turn our attention to the way of Maithri, Karuna, Muditha and Upekka. Maithri refers to the mind which is possessed with an all encompassing concern for the welfare of all living beings. When this concern is put into action it becomes Karuna. When a person walks in the way of Maithri and Karuna he has to weep with all those who weep and rejoice with all those who rejoice. And this is Muditha. When a person proceeds further in the way of Maithri, Karuna &

Muditha, he would be misunderstood by the society, he would have to face brickbats, ignominies and humiliations. Only a few would have the courage and resolve to continue in the way. As he walks against stones thrown, muddy grounds encountered, the society will praise him, admire him, garland him. At this point, some might run their lives by subjecting themselves to the evils of pride and egoism. Upekka or equanimity is accepting garlands or brickbats, praises or upbraiding alike. Progress towards Upekka, traversing through the path of Maithri, Karuna and Muditha produces an innocuous, harmless character.

A grand vision about spiritualism, which even the ordinary people could easily grasp and comprehend is symbolically embodied even in a Dageba and a Moonstone. The base of the dageba represents all worldly affairs and cravings in which the life is immersed. The bubble like dome of the dageba reflects the impermanence of human life and all its cravings. They are set to burst and go decay like a bulb. The construction of a dageba represents a control over human cravings or freeing of self from egoism. The development of a person through wisdom towards spiritualism dictates that he should ascend from the base to the dome, from the dome to pinnacle and then to the summit. Does not the gem that shines the summit say that reaching that state, as well as the person who reaches that state is more precious than the gem itself? He will join with the boundless universe and the endless eternity by reaching the summit.

You can comprehend the vision about spiritualism embodied in a Moonstone as you study the treaties of Professor Senarath Paranavithana on moonstones. The ardent followers as they climb steps to worship Buddha, firstly step into a crescent of the moonstone which has been depicted as a glowing fire. Then they step into the crescent containing figures of horses, elephants, lions and cattle representing death and diseases. The third crescent contains a strand of creepers representing the meaninglessness of *sansara*. The fourth crescent displays a line of swans which depicts sages freeing themselves from the circle of *sansara*. The lotus flowers emerging from the mud depicted in the centre represent the moment of entry of those lives freeing themselves from the cycle of birth.

(Is it not profitable to engage in a voyage of discovery on spiritualism relying on the fact that “invisible forces will come to your aid when your integrity is above board” rather than depending on your mental facilities? **Jeremiah 17:9** in the Holy Bible says that "**The heart (mind) is deceitful above all things.**" **Wisdom 6:16** in the Holy Bible says that wisdom herself (The WORD, Dhamma) searches everywhere, who is worthy of her and if found resides within him and reveal her wisdom totally to him. The man who is true to his objective is worthy to become the seat of wisdom.)

Ensha - Allah stands for "If the Lord willeth (God Willing). A righteous life is born when a person correctly identifies God's will in all what he does in life, sees God's guiding hand and dedicates himself to fulfill divine will.

A Scientific and Philosophical view of this noble vision

We all have heard of Socrates, a great philosopher who lived in Greece and sacrificed his life in BC 399. He was of the view that the world will change, will become better when a man changes himself totally or goes through the process of total purification. The generally held view then was that transformation in a single individual is of no use, but transformation en masse is needed. We have heard of a story on Socrates connected to this matter.

The story runs as ... Socrates, having torn a map of the world into pieces, presented them to a group of people who came to reason out with him and requested them to re-do or reset the map. Though the challenge was accepted no one could accomplish it. As they rumble through the pieces they found parts of a human hand and leg on the reverse of the pieces, and they realized that there should be a picture of a man on the other side of the map, and they started to assemble the parts of the human picture hoping to complete the world map. They could easily re-arrange the world map. Then Socrates addressed them and said: "You endeavoured to build the world, but failed. You made a man. See the reverse. Building the world has accomplished." This reveals to us what is total revolution, what is the revolution of love.

Dr. E. W. Adikaram was a great philosopher. He dedicated himself in enlightening the society through his books *Sithuvili* (Thoughts) and *Sithuvili* clubs he formed. Let us meditate upon the spiritual messages emanating from following versus taken from his books *Sithuvili*.

Is there a place for a good man in a society full of evil men? What is the service that a good man can provide in such a society? The society may corner and set aside a good man. If not it may try to annihilate a good man totally. Human history is full of such incidents. But, history also shows that the society is saved by one or two people of such caliber.

A good man represents a form of emptiness, a vacuum. He is empty of wealth, power and position. He least intends to hurt others. The good man is capable of bringing about change in the environment through powerful means, far exceeding turbulence created in the environment by a storm, that breeds from an empty spot, devoid of air. It is a service rendered by him to the society freely, naturally. It is through this power that one Lord Buddha, one Lord Jesus and one Socrates could change the course of civilization.

All things visible and invisible are made up of atoms. A mass of energy is stored within each atom. If an atom could be penetrated, the energy stored therein could be released. Neutron, a particle of energy stands as the only means by which an atom could be penetrated.

The Neutron is one among the three main particles of energy contained within an atom. By this, we do not intend to present a scientific description about an Atom or Neutron, but, to show that a quality, which helps us to solve some of the problems that crop up in our lives could be seen in a Neutron.

Electrons, Neutrons and Protons are the major components found within an atom. Protons and Neutrons - energy particles occupies the centre of an atom. A group of electrons circles around this centre at great speed. Penetrating an atom is a near impossibility, because of Electron's speedy circular movement and their tendency to react with whatever that comes across the way. It is only Neutron, a particle, devoid of attractions and reactions which could gain entry into an atom. Thus the Neutron becomes capable of releasing the mass of energy stored within an atom. (Electron is a negative particle, therefore negative particles encountered by an Electron will be repulsed, positive particles will be attracted. It is only the inert Neutron, which remains immune to the forces of attraction or repulsion.)

(Freedom from cravings and confrontations (devoid of attractions and reactions) means a life totally dead to egoism and esteem. This, will appear as an inert molecule to a world immersed in a host of activities).

- Sithuvili - Dr. E. W. Adikaram

A view of this noble vision through higher forms of Art

"If you do not change and become like unto children, you will not be able to enter Heaven" said Jesus. Prophet Isaiah (11:6) describes as follows, the new world that emerges through such children. "The wolf will live with the lamb. The panther lies down with the kid, calf, lion and fat-stock feast together; with a little child to lead them."

A special feature of Great Poet Ravindranath Tagore's creative works is the presentation of deep revelations (wisdom) through realistic and simple creations. Given below are some verses taken from his book **The Crescent Moon**. This does not speak about a child of flesh and blood. Is not this the same child presented by the above Bible verses? Delve deep into this and relish the wisdom lying therein.

He loves to rest his head on mother's bosom, and cannot ever bear to lose sight of her. Baby knows all manner of wise words, though few on earth can understand their meanings. The one thing he wants is to learn mother's words from mother's lips. That is why he looks so innocent. This dear little naked mendicant pretends to be utterly helpless so that he may beg for mother's wealth of love. He knows that there is room for endless joy in mother's little corner of a heart, and it is sweet fairer than liberty to be caught and pressed in her dear arms. He dwelt in the land of perfect bliss.

This song of mine will wind its music around you, my child, like the fond arms of love. This song of mine will touch your forehead like a kiss of blessing. When you are alone, it will sit by your side and whisper in your ears, when you are in the crowd it will fence you about with aloofness. It will be like the faithful star overhead when dark night is over your road. My song will sit in the pupils of your eyes, and will carry your sight into the heart of things.

Child, how happy you are sitting in the dust, playing with a broken twig all the morning! I smile at your play with that little bit of a broken twig. Child, I have forgotten the art of being absorbed in sticks and mud-pits. I seek costly playthings, and gather lumps of gold and silver. With whatever you find you create your glad games. I spend both my time and my strength over things I can never obtain.

Bless this little heart, this white soul, that has won the kiss of heaven for our earth. He loves the light of the sun; he loves the sight of his mother's face. He has not learned to despise the dust, and to hanker after gold. Clasp him to your heart, and bless him. He has come into this land of an hundred crossroads. I know not how he chose you from the crowd, came to your door, and grasped your hand to ask his way. Lay your hands on his head, and pray that though the waves underneath grow threatening, yet the breath from above may come and fill his sails and waft him to the heaven of peace.

They clamour and fight, they doubt and despair, they know no end to their wrangling. Let your life come amongst them like a flame

of light, my child, unflickering and pure and delight them into silence. They are cruel in their greed and their envy, their words are like hidden knives thirsting for blood. Go and stand amidst their scowling hearts my child, and let your gentle eyes fall upon them like the forgiving peace of the evening over the strife of the day. Let them see your face, my child and thus know the meaning of all things, let them love you and thus love each other. Come and take your seat in the bosom of the limitless, my child. At sunrise, open and raise your heart like a blossoming flower, and at sunset bend your head and in silence complete the worship of the day.

(Human lives could be won towards religious ways only through child like soft, tender and human manners and not by royal decrees or power that wealth could bestow. The poet says so.)

“Come and hire me, I cried, while in the morning I was walking on the stone-paved road. Sword, in hand, the king came in his chariot. He held my hand and said, I will hire you with my power. But his power counted for naught, and he went away in his chariot. I wandered along the crooked lane. An old man came with his bag of gold. He pondered and said, I will hire you with my money. He weighed his coins one by one but I turned away. It was evening. The garden hedge was all a flower. The fair maid came out and said, I will hire you with a smile. Her smile paled and melted into tears, and she went back alone into the dark. The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly. A child sat playing with shells. He raised his head and seemed to know me and said, I hire you with nothing. From thence forward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.”

- **The Crescent Moon - Ravindranath Tagore**

This is the time for you (This is your hour)

I shall open up rivers on barren heights, and water hills down in the ravines; I shall turn the dry ground into a lake and dry ground into springs of water. So that people may see and know, so that they may all observe and understand that the hands of the Mighty Lord has done this. They will see the Glory of Yahaweh, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees, and say to the faint-hearted, Be strong! Do not be afraid. Your God is coming to destroy the evil. He is coming to save you..... water will gush in the desert, and streams in the wastelands.

- **Isaiah 41:18,20, 35:2,3,4,6**

All should be a desert, before the Lord creates the water spring. Now it has been accomplished in the utmost manner. The birth pangs for the new birth of an eminent creation have become intense. The entire universe including the earth is marching forward to Omega the summit of perfection. It glitters as a ray of hope in this dark hour. People of the world are caught amidst a severe most clash of opinions in the human history. You will realize that this phenomenon, when viewed through the vision presented by this publication is merely the birth pang for a new life. Therefore "this is the worst of times, this is the best of times". The most appropriate moment for **Charles Dicken's** words is this.

An individual is a mere particle of the total universe. The totality influences the particle in the same way as the particle influences the totality. We discussed about this truth by many examples. The total revolution, the revolution of love -is this. The Lord agreed to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah if there were ten righteous men (**Holy Bible - Genesis 18:32**). It is necessary that a number of righteous persons are born in order to minimize the loss of life in the turmoil leading to the dawn of a righteous era.

It is a paucity of wise men, which exists in the world today, not a lack of learned or intelligent people. Through this publication, we described the way which produces wise men. It is the wise not the learned, neither the intelligent who could contribute to resuscitate a nation, a society caught up in the throes of destruction and degradation. The problems, the inequalities of the world remain unsolved and unanswered in spite of the many debates engaged, decisions reached and strategies adopted by mankind within their limitations. They become aggravated day by day. You could contribute (for a realistic change) only following the way of life described in this publication. It is only through the spiritualism, which emerges from an increase in the number of righteous lives or innocent, innocuous characters that the change, which Zacchaeus experienced, could be brought about in people and in nations. Zacchaeus said to Jesus "**Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.**" " **And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house."** (**Luke 19: 1-10**) Anything less than this will not be an answer for a just, sharing and caring world.

The period for giving simple answers to solve the human problems has come to an end. The time has come for giving the great response. The great response is an increase in the number of righteous people. The people who identify themselves as anti-religious do not perceive that they are also against righteousness (Dhamma). Therefore, this invitation is for all those who follow or not a religion, except for those who are against righteousness. May an upright, holy character may emerge from within you by true repentance for dawning of the righteous era. This is the time for that, for you.

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