

Leadership in the coming era

It goes without saying that the drastic changes anticipated in the existing social order means that the style and role of leadership is also bound to change. This means that we should expect to see changes in approaches, systems, focus, or priorities in public, religious and other social settings. We have already witnessed the changes, starting the 1980s, in business organization structures and executive leadership.

Who knows the extent of the changes that will occur, and who may suddenly find themselves playing a role of leadership in the new social order, or having a significant role as an influencer? Therefore, for what it is worth, there may be something to gain in reflecting upon the Spiritual concept and role of leadership in general terms.

From a spiritual perspective, leadership's duty is to create and foster an environment that will sustain and enable the spiritual development of all members of that community. This is done through ensuring that the rules that govern all activities in that community are based on the laws of creation.

A primary focus for the new era will be the law of giving and taking, i.e. the law of balance.

Under the new system, taking must be commensurate with giving, regardless of whether it is in business, family or social relationships. It will also be recognized that balance must apply to both the giving act as well as the receiving act. For example, a parent would not give to a child what it has not earned/deserved, or will not benefit the child's spiritual development. The same would apply in the work place with respect to excessive and demoralizing compensation that can push the receiver into a life of reckless extravagance, that is very evident today.

By the same token, a receiver's expectation should reflect the law of balance. Thus, children, for example, would be taught to recognize that they too need to contribute in the give and take relationship in the family, even if simply by showing genuine appreciate for what they are given. As they grow older, they should be given the opportunity to contribute to the household, through assuming responsibilities and duties suitable to their age. At a minimum, they should be taught to contribute to the peace and harmony of the household through their behavior. The same would apply in the work environment where the employees, through their growing Spiritual awareness, will be guided to set balanced expectations commensurate with an honest assessment of their contribution to the organization. Equally importantly is the sense of contentment with living within ones deserved and earned income. Of course, employers, who will also have been taught to be guided by the law of balance will also, quite naturally, set compensations that are commensurate to the contribution of the employee, and also to the needs for their Spiritual growth. Thus, the workplace, like the home, will operate a system that averts any imbalance that could create disharmony.

No doubt, a successful implementation of this law alone should result in a gradual decline of some currently rampant vices like greed, avarice, discontentment, envy, or keeping up with the Jones. Many today are led by one, or a combination of these vices to live way above their means, which in turn fuels their ever-increasing need for more money to support their life style. The least social result of this is the crippling effect of inflation on those whose increase in pay cannot keep up with the cost of living. The more devastating effect on the Spirit/psyche caused by the extra time and effort needed to find other sources of income, or the strife caused by demands for higher pay to keep up their life styles are seldom given any consideration by today's leaders and policy makers.

This same disregard for the law of imbalance is also reflected in the huge deficits spending policies by which many governments' today run their economies, or today's bloated consumerism that is funded by increasing huge personal and corporate debts.

Any objective observe would have to admit that the few examples given above are arguably stepping stones to so many of the other vices that plague most societies, often times leading to crimes like

embezzlement, fraud, even unto murder.

Since the majority look up to leaders, it follows that the influence or examples of leaders are crucial. As such, leaders should be guides, especially from a spiritual perspective.

But true guardianship requires an intimate knowledge of the laws of creation which, if fully imbibed, will manifest in the ennoblement of the guardian's nature. Such knowing ones can become so permeable to the radiation of the rays of Light that in the naturalness of their being they become beacons of Light for others.

However, to accomplish this, a true spiritual guide will also need to imbibe a knowledge of human souls at their various stages of maturity, and develop the inner ability to survey the widest possible division of human maturity. To attain such a wise recognition of the soul, the guardian needs an enlivened intuitive perception for a finer assessment of people.

Knowing ones say that the coming times will require a radical change in man's spiritual orientation, and only those who regain their conviction in the laws of Creation and the supremacy of God, and want henceforth to live according to the Will of God will survive the upcoming drastic changes, a process that may last centuries. This **abiding by the laws of Creation** will then remain the criteria by which anyone will be allowed to exist, after all of the drastic changes have ended.

Knowing ones also advise that it is important for the new type of leader today to be able to assess a fellow-man's inner spiritual inclination, in order to discern how much he or she yearns for the Light, because only this will be crucial in being able to help them properly in the current and coming upheavals. Any leader who gets confused by externals, or intellectual knowledge will ultimately fail, and the time he rendered to people will prove to have been wasted and lost. Given the importance of the present times, help should now be given only to those who truly seek.

This last statement sounds very harsh and strict. But those who wish to survive the drastic upcoming changes appreciate and acknowledge that all it takes is one bad apple to ruin a barrel. We already know this today, but ignore it in our misguided understanding of compassion or being non-judgmental.

Nevertheless, a leader should have a truly living capacity for compassion, coupled with wisdom to be able to offer real help. Only he who is inwardly ready to empathize with the inner pain and sorrow of others can understand such people's thinking and mindset that has been forged through their experienced pain, and thus will know how to help open their path to the Grace of the Light.

Finally, the true leader who wants to help must heed the free will of others!

Like all human spirits, those in leadership also have to pursue their own paths for development, which they cannot afford to forget.

Thus, spiritual leadership is indeed a grave responsibility that one should not take lightly.

From a spiritual perspective, anyone who can influence another person's development or future has in effect taken on the duties and responsibilities of a leader. With this awareness, we can see that the responsibility of leadership applies to much broader activities than many associate today with the term "leadership". For example, having a child, being a teacher or parenting implies accepting the responsibility to lead another person's spiritual development!

In undertaking, accepting or usurping leadership, a person is accepting the responsibility of guiding and supporting the spiritual development of other people. The failure of even one person who is misguided by a leader can be fatal to that leader, if he or she has consciously or through negligence contributed to it.

Perhaps this will make anyone think twice about usurping or thoughtlessly undertaking leadership because, whether they are aware or not, they have accepted the spiritual responsibility that comes

with that position! In the new times that we are entering, the consequences will be more instantaneous and drastic.

The irrefutable law in the new era is, "To whom much is given, from him is much required"!

Anyone who nurtures the honest desire to help others to live an honest and harmonious existence with nature and their fellow creatures is encouraged to investigate The Grail Message by Abdrushin. This work goes into greater detail on the thoughts covered here. It also offers the fundamental guiding principles or laws upon which such a society needs to be built, and explains very clearly why anything short of this will inevitably result in the same collapse that litters human history.