Searching for Love in a better World – The New Age Movement

It can arguably be said that what is today commonly described as the New Age philosophy had its beginnings in "The flower children" and hippy movements of the 1960s, whose mantra was "peace", "make love, not war". Its advocates also wanted to promote "back to nature", with emphasis on a simple and holistic way of living. If there is a single word with which this movement was identified, it was LOVE.

Like everything that happens with men, even this movement had a spiritual impetus. But, again, because of our lack of awareness, or full grasp, of the nature of the spiritual driving force, many events veer off course, and the initial enthusiasm and great hopes placed in them soon fade away, as they morph into unexpected practices, or movements of their own. Often, their noble aims are hijacked and incorporated, usually distorted, by the same establishment that once saw the movements as working against the status quo. This is exactly the fate that was suffered by the flower movement of the 1960s. The successor movement is what we call today's New Age thinking or philosophy, a hodge-podge of ideas spanning "spirituality", free thinking, holistic living etc.

The spiritual roots that tried to take hold in the 1960s go as far back as two thousand years ago, when Jesus Christ himself preached the gospel of Love. At the time, this was a very radical idea in a world ruled by the philosophy of "might is right".

Again, the timing of Christ's coming onto this earth was not an arbitrary act of salvation as many think, or believe. It was, more or less, dictated by the state of mankind's spiritual development.

The spiritual development of mankind is supposed to progress along tracks delineated by the laws of creation. Thus, we see that in the early years of mankind's existence on earth, human spirits gradually became conscious of the forces and entities that operate in nature, which they worshiped as gods and goddesses. During this phase, spiritual development was guided by rituals and rules of conduct that demand unquestioning acceptance (faith). Similar to how parents dictate rules of good behavior, and expect little children to do as they are told.

Human spirits were, according to law, expected to have continued our spiritual development towards the recognition of the higher and higher forces of nature, ultimately ending in the recognition of the one source of all power and life – GOD. That recognition would have led to the recognition that all creatures belong to one universal family, and should have led to a form of love for one another. Already, in the pre-modern world, the notion of strong family bonds and fealty was already commonly accepted and practiced, which practice can be described as an expression of love for members of the family. Therefore, expansion to universal love would have been a natural transition arising from this recognition of the one unifying Supreme source of Power and Life.

Unfortunately, mankind's spiritual development became stifled and did not progress much beyond recognition of the beings and entities operating in nature. Indeed, some degree of retrogression started to occur, as belief and interaction with these nature beings was lost or distorted. Yet, the spiritual clock was still ticking, and the need for mankind's spiritual development could not be averted.

By the time Christ came to the earth, mankind was expected to have advanced to the point where the pathway to the recognition of GOD should have been established. The pathway that would have formed the gateway to the religion of Love. With that level of spiritual development, rules of conduct would now be given as advice, to be voluntarily taken. Focus would no longer have been on rituals. And belief was gradually expected to become conviction through investigation and gaining experience. Hence Christ's style of teaching in the form of parables, in which the activity of the laws of creation were depicted, and the consequences of failing to follow the laws of creation were also presented.

Since mankind should have matured to the point where they should have been ready for the religion of love, Christ made that the focal point of his teaching. He also made it clear that "Love" is the only power that can help anyone live successfully by the golden rules of life, and not be derailed. But that love must first and foremost start with the recognition of GOD, whose love brought the whole of creation into existence, and through that, the recognition that all creatures belong to the same universal family, and therefore, we should be our brother's keeper i.e. love our fellow human beings as we would ourselves, or members of our own family.

Many individuals and groups have since attempted to live their lives according to this teaching, but with varying degrees of success. The ideals behind the movement of the flower children is no doubt an example of a modern group attempt at cultivating universal love. But, like many others before, this too failed, and morphed into something else.

Given the long history of failed attempts, since Christ brought his message about 2,000 years ago, one may be justified in asking whether the goal of universal love is even attainable.

Abdrushin, the messenger to the modern world, has responded in the affirmative to that question, through his Grail Message (recorded in the book "In The Light of Truth"). He, like Christ, asserts that Life without Love is empty and meaningless. Indeed, it cannot exist in eternity. Therefore it is incumbent on any one who aspires to a meaningful existence to develop the ability to live Love. But, in order to be successful, one needs to know, acknowledge, understand and adapt their entire life to be in accord with the laws of Creation, which in their operation all manifest the Love of GOD.

Any objective person would have to agree that modern man's notion of love has become so badly distorted that for most people it has degenerated into lust, or indulgence, neither of which, we also sense, can form the proper gateway to true love.

To help the serious seeker of the right pathway to recognition of love, Abdrushin emphasizes that true expression of Love must include Justice and Purity.

This statement alone gives a clear answer to why most attempts at promoting love at any level, (i.e. personal or group interactions) sooner or later fail because the aspirants are ignorant of these critical co-requirements of Justice and Purity.

But, the true concepts of Justice and Purity have also become distorted for many, and Abdrushin clearly states that they too cannot be properly grasped, in their spiritual essence, without knowledge of the laws of Creation.

The following example may help in giving an illustration of how the cultivation and expression of true Love, must include Justice and Purity

A parent loves a child so much that they would do, and give anything, to satisfy the child's desires and whims. It goes without saying that such a child is most likely to grow up without a sense of balance in relationships, always expecting to take and not to give. The child will also most likely develop a very self-centered view of life. Both attributes definitely will not bode well for the child's future relationships with others, even in close personal relationships based on what we call "Love".

Now, let's see how this parent child relationship has ignored the principles of Justice and Purity.

First of all, this relationship cannot be described as balanced, with the parent giving-in to all of the child's desires. Balance, or the notion of giving and receiving, is the Spiritual equivalent of the Law of Justice. That the scale is our judicial symbol for Justice is already an intuitive awareness of Balance being synonymous with Spiritual Justice. Embedded also in the concept of Justice is that of responsibility. Thus, in our judicial system, we are held accountable for our actions, and ignorance of the Law is never a tenable excuse. It is therefore fair to conclude that any relationship that does not take this principle into consideration is not likely to be sustainable, and a person who has failed to develop this awareness will most likely be unable to practice or recognize "give and take" in any relationship, no matter the amount of good-will with which they entered into it.

The best way to envisage purity, in this context, is to think of "pure" in terms of "unadulterated". The adulteration referred to in this context is the contamination, or distortion, of a driving force, or source of power. Since there is only one driving force, or source of power, in all of Creation, it follows that the only pure power is that which emanates from the Creator. However, we humans, as all creatures, absorb this energy, and adapt it to use according to our nature. The more we

adapt and use this power in accordance with the WILL of GOD, the less adulterated is its use. But the more we absorb and use this power for our own selfish desires, the more adulteration we introduce into the energy. In our parent child example, it is fair to imagine that the child will most likely grow up to become very self-centered, and therefore less likely to consider any other will, but theirs in any relationship. It is also fair to imagine that the WILL of GOD, the source of the power that makes life itself possible, will be distant from this child's consideration, regardless of what ever lip service is paid if they have also had a religious upbringing. Even, the parent who indulged the child has adulterated the use of the power of life, in that they too have violated the principle of balance in everything, which is an inviolable law of Creation, and WILL of GOD. Therefore, based on this description, the true concept of purity involves a voluntary recognition of the WILL of GOD in creation, and decision to deepen one's understandings of this WILL, so as not to adulterate the power

of GOD that flows through creation. This adulteration occurs when we use the absorbed power for a self-will that is not aligned with the WILL of GOD.

Hopefully, this example has shed light on how the cultivation and expression of true Love cannot exclude Justice and Purity. The objective reader should be able to see how this same example applies to all relationships, be they interracial, international, or inter gender.

Abdrushin repeatedly tells us, in the Grail Message, that the laws of Creation are the expression of GOD's WILL, and that there can be no sustainable or harmonious existence without knowledge of this WILL. He also tells us that it is only a proper understanding of these laws that can open the gate to true knowledge of the powers that flow through creation, and how to use them aright. Ignorance of these laws automatically block access to full and proper use of these powers, causing us to run afoul of them, and thus creating chaos and confusion in our lives.

These laws of Creation are explained in the Grail Message.