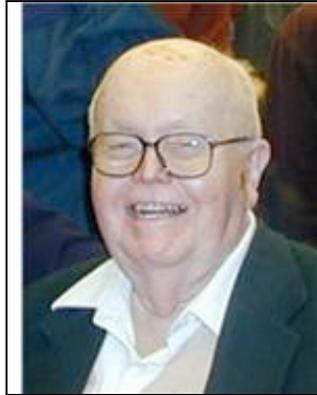


Humanity's Future: Creating a Global Republic of Conscience



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Throughout my life I have encountered one glorious being after another. I gradually became aware of the tremendous role played by humanity in the development of the amazing planet called the Earth.

Thanks to the writings of the Gospels and the soaring poets, ranging from Rumi to Shakespeare, from the creators of songs in all languages to the greatest composers, I learned that there are no limits to the creations pouring forth from the human soul.

In my 92 years on this planet, I have been appalled by the human capacity for evil and uplifted by the enormous capacity for good. We are evolutionary giants with origins linked to the cosmic explosion that brought the universe into beings. We are composed of whirling atoms and glowing molecules beyond our comprehension. Albert Einstein the greatest thinker of the 20th Century concluded that we were created by a Spirit we could never understand. We can never understand how far we have come and how far we may have to go.

We are electromagnetic fields of energy and many of us may become Glorious Beings rising like mountains on new horizons. As the poet William Blake said, we can kiss joy as it flies and live in eternity's sunrise. We can respond to the never-ending allurements we were born to enjoy.

The fact that we live in a nuclear age when enough weapons exist to destroy all nations and bring down our whole civilization must awaken in every one of us a sense of personal responsibility for getting rid of those weapons. The leaders of the nuclear powers are not carrying out that vital task. So we the people must demand action to get every government to act for human survival.

The Declaration of Interdependence adopted by this Institute on July 4 thirty years ago indicates the right path for humanity's future.

You affirm my belief in the statement of Ralph Waldo Emerson who said: "The life of man is a self-evolving circle, which from a ring imperceptibly small, rushes on all sides outwards to new and larger circles, and that without end."

We are rising together in Eternity's sunrise!