

Comments On Spirituality William Allen LePar he Emptiness Within

"The great object of life is sensation, to feel that we exist even though in pain."— Byron

The middle years of the Romantic Period of English literature, and in particular the time of Lord Byron, lasted from shortly after the turn of the century to about 1824. To Byron is attributed the quote, "The great object of life is sensation, to feel that we exist even though in pain."

In Byron's time life was a relatively simple experience. It revolved around family and providing the family with the necessary needs to exist. The sensations of life that man experienced were the love and happiness within the family unit. The comfort of shelter and warmth and the joy of having enough to eat. Life was simple. The object of life in

those days was sensation, but sensation came from the goodness of the simple existence families had. In that good life, part of the sensation was pain, whether it came from the physical or the lack of the necessities of existence. Just as today those good people would prefer the sensations of joy as opposed to the sensations of pain, so they MADE their life to the best of their ability focused on the simple things that they had: family, food, shelter, and warmth. To them pain was part of life. They learned to accept it when it was inevitable, and through this pain they would pull together and become stronger as a unit and stronger as individuals. The end result being that life was enriched by that hardship. One learned to appreciate when life was experienced

without hardship and pain. Nothing was taken for granted. What you had and what you dreamed of, you worked for and earned it, which brought you a personal joy that was shared with the rest of the family.

How would we look at Byron's quote in today's society? Certainly we can say that life is not as simple as it used to be, it is not a matter of just sustaining ourselves. That's far too primitive and passé for our society today. Experiencing joy and happiness from the simple pleasures of life, we can hardly accept that if we are even capable of understanding something such as that. The great object of today's life is certainly sensation, and at this point in time it would be wise



variety of vehicles, but their significance fades as the distractions and glitter of life keep piling on month after month, year after year.

The first realization gained and regained from that particular segment of the trance in question is that a good teacher will often say things a certain way to rattle your cage. Why? To make you think, and often to make you think on many levels. (Like I

was somewhat bruised by those words, I missed the significance of The Council's additional comments.

That brings us to realization number two, and I'll put it in a slightly different way: If we have a tree producing bad fruit, don't just throw out the fruit or trim the branches, but go to the roots.

The subject was capital punishment, certainly nothing silly or trivial about that. The

A Capital Idea

The Council called it "a silly, trivial thing," and I still recall being upset by that description. But after reviewing that trance some time later, I came to a couple realizations.

It's kind of funny, how thick our skulls can be. The Council has said man too frequently has chosen to learn things the hard way, and that would seem especially true of the simplest but most important lessons for growth. These realizations have struck home more than once, through a

shouldn't have known THAT already!) The description "a trivial, little thing" certainly rattled my cage that night. But because of my thickheadedness, and an ego that

Council had just answered a question about the morality of the death sentence. Here's part of the answer:

Council: "... Is it moral? You must obey the laws of

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Web site at **www.solarpress.com**. Copyright ©1999 by SOL your society, and you are responsible for the laws of your society. God's Law is that you are not to take a life, but according to your society, you say it is rightful to take a life.

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So where are you? It seems to us that you are in the middle of it. Doesn't it?"

Questioner: "Yes."

Council: "You see, you have an obligation to fulfill the law of the land, but if the law is corrupt and it is not in the image of God's Law, then it must be done away with, but it must be done away with through the normal channels of activities. Violence is not the way of the Lord. ...

"... hear this and hear this truly well, you all are responsible for your society. If it is not God-loving, God-respectful, then your obligation is to make it so, either through your personal everyday efforts or any efforts beyond that."

I was feeling pretty smug at the moment, having The Council on my side while others in the room seemed to be grasping for a way to defend capital punishment. A few moments later, a questioner wondered if we could "fight" against the death penalty:

The Council: "You have to do more that just fight against a death penalty. You have to fight against the evil, the hate, the injustices of your world. ..., do not pick such a silly trivial thing."

Zing! My feathers were ruffled. But there was a reason, as made clear in The Council's subsequent words:

"Go to the cause and then you will not have to worry about changing such laws. You cannot eliminate something that is cancerous on the surface by scraping the surface away; you have to get deep down inside where the roots are. You are in a dilemma, all of you; you are in a dilemma...

"Some action must be taken, whether you eliminate the death penalty or you go deeper. The only problem with the elimination of the most obvious is that generally it is nothing more than a pacifier, and so only allows the door to open wider for even greater injustices. It is the superficial balm of healing put on, because the real sickness takes too much effort to get under control and cure. You cannot cure sickness by getting rid of the symptoms."

Going deeper, looking at the root of our problems has not yet transpired, and this particular trance was almost 20 years ago. Hopefully, (although that hope is slimmer by the day) we as a society won't have to come to this realization the hard way.

Some of you may be thinking, "But wait! Things must be getting better deep down, for violent crime has decreased in recent years. Isn't that a good sign?"

Afraid not. Even before the above-quoted dialogue, The Council warned us that the time would come when our statistics would give us that good news, but it would be incorrect.

The High Cost of Sexual Liberation

The Catholic Church has endured much criticism for its unwavering stance against artificial birth control and abortion. In 1968 Pope Paul VI issued his encyclical Humanae Vitae, (Of Human Life). Many anticipated that the use of the "pill" would be approved. To their surprise the traditional opposition to artificial birth control was reaffirmed and the Pope was roundly criticized even by Catholics.

Humanae Vitae stated that the widespread use of contraception would lead to "conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality." The Pope predicted man would lose respect for woman, considering her a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment and no longer as his respected and beloved companion.

Since the introduction of the "pill" in 1960, society has changed tremendously in ways that many feel are not for the best. Abortions have doubled. Out of wedlock births went from a yearly quarter million to more than two million, representing about a third of

all children born. Cohabitation registered a tenfold increase. Presently 40 percent of U.S. children live in fatherless homes. The abandonment by men of the women they have impregnated and their children have reached all-time levels of irresponsibility. When you attempt to take away the risks associated with sex, many more will experiment with sex out of wedlock. When pregnancies occur, abortions and illegitimate births rise. The children grow up without fathers and are likely to become more promiscuous and criminal as opposed to those raised by intact families.

So what has been the outcome of all this sexual liberation since 1960? It is

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Points to Ponder

Dr. James Ridzon

consequences for individuals and the society as a whole. Pope Paul VI was exactly right when he predicted a loss of respect for women. Feminists, rather than attacking the Church for his "disregard for women" ought to praise it for the lofty status of women. The Pope foresaw the consequences long before the concept of "women's rights" became fashionable.

In the LePar Trance of September 21, 1991, we find these words on the subject:

"When two people join together in a promise to unite themselves as one, they must remember that this is not a promise that is to be taken lightly. It is the creation of a point of greater creation. The union of two separate souls combining their best and highest qualities are a pinnacle of creating outwardly, creating good, creating positive situations, creating a path where man will venture back into the Light. When these promises or unions are made lightheartedly, without true commitment, they simply create another empty spot that must be filled, another niche that must be completed. They have taken an opportunity

and through disrespect have destroyed that opportunity, not only destroyed the opportunity for themselves but what may have come from that union and the respect for that union. Mankind has forgotten when two people join together as one, they must assume the responsibility of the other, and also the other must then assume the responsibility of their mate. It is exactly what the union indi-

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cates, two individuals merging their goodness and their greatness into a pinnacle of greater power and greater goodness." (9th. Human Sexuality Trance, 91-09-21, ll.42-60.)

I fear that mankind is paying a fearsome price for its "liberation" and the price is likely to go higher.

Medicine and Spirituality

Health Hints

Marilyn Ridzon

Historically, medicine has kept spirituality at arm's length. Fortunately, the medical community is becoming more receptive to linking faith and medicine. In 1995, a Spirituality and Healing Conference was sponsored by Harvard Medical School. Today, more than a third of the nation's medical schools offer courses in faith and medicine. Medical students now learn about the links between religion and health. Medical schools that teach the link between faith and healing are merely reinforcing the age-old notion that medicine is God's work.

Years ago, The Council taught us that all cures must be achieved in the spiritual first and medicine is merely the triggering device. "There are some who need a needle or a pill because this eliminates the exterior doubts and allows the inner knowledge to work. All afflictions are a direct cause of the spirit." So how does one get to the root cause of his illness? If you can conjure up enough spiritual and mental strength, then you can overcome any illness through meditation and prayer. But The Council advised: "It would do no harm to accept any outside help because you are not in a position to judge whether you can handle or bring a cure about through the efforts of a spiritual healer." Personally, I always ask for Divine help. But you must have absolute faith that help is always available. There cannot be any doubt that God will help you because any doubt will block the natural flow of this Divine help.

Sickness is a spiritual issue and must be dealt with at that level. The founder of the Mayo Clinic said: "Behind all sickness there is a cause deeper than any medicine can reach or a surgeon's knife can probe." One of the leading

cancer specialists in the world said if we found a cure for cancer today, there would be something else that would come along that would be just as incurable.

I recently heard of a woman who was told she had incurable cancer. She prayed for and received a total healing which was confirmed by her doctors. But she began to doubt her healing and six months later she died. Since her healing had been confirmed and there was no apparent cause of her death, the family requested an autopsy. There was no trace of cancer and no cause could be found! But she had doubted her healing and believed she was going to die and so she did.

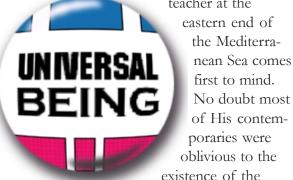
We bring about our own illnesses for many different reasons. Even though we bring all this illness and suffering on ourselves, God is willing and waiting to "bail us out." It is difficult for us to fathom God's great love for us. He is always there if we will merely ask, seek, knock and BELIEVE, BELIEVE, BELIEVE, BELIEVE!

Sign of the Times

Don Weisgarber

It seems that some of the greatest moments in history appeared at the time to be rather insignificant. The birth and tragic death of an itinerant carpenter and

teacher at the



Christ in their midst, or at

best heard only rumors of a teacher with a radical new message about man's relationship with his God.

One likes to think that, had you or I been alive at that time we would have recognized the significance of this Messiah, and become His follower, one of His disciples. More likely though, we would have been too busy with our own affairs, scratching out a meager living, happy to get the next meal on the table, with no time to hear talk about "the bread of life."

Perhaps the most important event of a physical, not a spiritual, nature, quietly took place in the middle of the 15th century. The introduction of the printing press to a world universally illiterate could not have meant much at the time. Only those in the Church could read, and the only books produced were painstakingly done by hand by scriveners employed by the Church hierarchy. But once printing made books and pamphlets available on a large scale, knowledge spread like wildfire, relatively speaking. One might say the invention of printing was the invention of knowledge—only through the printed word could the Renaissance emerge, and later our own literate

and shrinking world.

Well, what sorts of things might be happening now, whose import is more than we realize? Certainly the web is a possibility. Once we move beyond junk e-mail and auction sites, we may see the importance of instant contact with others anywhere in the world. A Bible that took centuries to find its way into a poor believer's hands, would be instantly available to all.

If The Council is to be believed, then we have a timely opportunity to be a part of an enormously important event in the spiritual realms. The Council says that their discourse with the physical world is as great an event as anything that has ever happened for believers of the spiritual since the time of Christ. As they put it:

"Many forms of belief have been created over the eons of time. Some of them have built, shall we say, a strong avenue of existence; others somewhat weaker; others have been totally consumed by other thoughts, other beliefs. This particular information, these attitudes, our efforts to clear away the misunderstanding brought by man's words and ignorance, by his desire not to accept

what is, will eventually develop into a form that will, how shall we put it, be equal to even the greatest thoughts, at least. . . It is like building another road to heaven. Some roads are well-built; others are thrown together quite quickly, and thus deteriorate very fast, with the season they crumble and fall away and the brambles grow over that spot, so that those passers-by who come tomorrow are never aware that there was a road there the day before; and in this experience you are building a very firm and wide road that will not crumble in your lifetime or in any lifetime to come. This road will exist long after all of creation has been, shall we say, done away with."

Will The Council's speaking to mankind be one of those pivotal points in history, that seem to pass unnoticed? Or perhaps it could be pivotal to each of us on an individual basis. How many times in your life will you have the opportunity to question spirit beings who exist at the very foot of the Divine? If you have longed to know the purpose of your life, it's here for you to find.



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to define sensation. For today's society, sensation is pleasure, personal pleasure. If we were to look at the average family, how many individuals would experience the pleasure of a strong family unit? Very few, if any. This would mean that one would have to surrender to the whole or what is best for the whole, and their individuality would be lost as they see it today. Would we be able to accept pain as part of the sensation of living? I think not. Pain is to be feared, and certainly not experienced. Our attitude would be, "How could anyone grow from pain? How could anyone find strength in themselves through pain?" And besides there is no need to experience pain today. There is a pill for everything. A pill to pep you up, to tone you down, to make you feel good about yourself, and pills to help us change our perception of reality when life becomes too ugly for us to deal with, when we no longer are able to see ourselves as a naturally born winner and deserving of having life served to us on a silver platter.

What are the sensations that are the objects of our life, the purpose of our life? We could go through a litany that is almost endless of all the objects, the things, that our life is focused on, the things that give us the illusion of pleasure, the illusion of self-worth, the illusion of

being a winner. To give you some idea of what I make reference to, simply turn on your television set and watch the commercials. They guarantee us that we will be happy if we have our SUV vehicle,

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we will be happy if we drink this particular kind of pop, we will look great if we wear this brand of clothing, we will be more desirable if we use this type of perfume or aftershave lotion, and we will be forever young if we constantly apply this facial cream or that facial cream. We can almost become immortal if we take the right combinations of food supplements. The great object of today's life is not to discover the inner strengths of one's self and the unity and strength of a family or the joy of having

enough to eat, a decent shelter and some warmth. This simple concept is totally alien to today's society. In society today the basic elements of existence are a given. We are entitled to this without any effort at all. Our sole purpose in life is to experience sensation of a pleasurable nature, not from what is an internal strength but from the outer trappings that create an illusion of self-worth and happiness and a temporary illusion at very best. We indulge ourselves in overpriced vehicles, in designer clothing, and forms of entertainment that allow us to strut the trappings or costumes we feel define ourselves as being happy and successful. Of course, as any thinking person would soon realize, the costumes and the external trappings have a life expectancy equal to the time that a friend or a competitor outdoes us. Society today is too busy seeking the happiness or the sensation of living through the means of external application or external window dressings. Society today has no comprehension of the reality of life which is to experience the sensation of life first from the internal selfworth and identity that becomes the external character that we share with others that we love and care for.

In the time of Byron, men and women were individuals that were filled internally with a value or selfworth. They earned life and all the sensations that it offered them, both the joy and the pain. They became better people, better individuals, they became strong individuals, they became real.

People in our society today appear to be real on the outside, appear to be happy, appear to experience the sensations of life that make life worth living. Again I say "appear." The reality of today's society is that we are nothing more than automated mannequins that dress in the latest styles, the latest fashions, striving to look eternally youthful, to reside in a plush home, to drive a vehicle that is nothing more than a status symbol. Like a mannequin, these individuals are empty inside, all joy and happiness is simply a mask, a costume, the internal state is nothing more than an empty black void. Today's society has lost the concept of dignity and true self-worth. They have forgotten how to develop an inner character that makes them truly strong and truly winners in life. As with any empty shell, when pressure is applied to the mannequin, it will collapse into shards of lifelessness. These individuals are as brittle as glass and break far more easily.

"The great object in life is sensation, to feel that we exist even though in pain." A beautiful definition of life in any period of man's history. The purpose of life is to feel that we exist, the object of life is to feel that we exist, to know that we exist because we have true feelings. And if some of those feelings include pain, welcome it because it emphasizes the reality of life and the goodness before the pain and the goodness to come after the pain. When we have respect for ourselves, when we have dignity, we automatically understand that we must respect others and we must respect their dignity. And so we sense or know that we are united, that we are a part of a much larger picture, and whatever part we play in that larger picture, it will never be complete without us. These kinds of people experience the sensation and the knowing of being truly real and full of life in a world that is purely illusional.

As you finish reading this, do you dare look to see what is inside of you? Will you find a real person? Or will you find an empty void?

Examples of Byron's poetry:

Oh! snatch'd away in beauty's bloom

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On thee shall press no ponderous tomb;
But on thy turf shall roses rear
Their leaves, the earliest of the year;
And the wild cypress wave in tender gloom:

And oft by yon blue gushing stream
Shall Sorrow lean her drooping head,
And feed deep thought with many a dream,
And lingering pause and lightly tread;
Fond wretch! as if her step disturb'd the dead!

Away! we know that tears are vain,
That death nor heeds nor hears distress:
Will this unteach us to complain?
Or make one mourner weep the less?
And thou—who tell'st me to forget,
Thy looks are wan, thine eyes are wet.

from Childe Harold's Pilgrimage

I have not loved the world, nor the world me,—
But let us part fair foes; I do believe,
Though I have found them not, that there may be
Words which are things, hopes which will not
deceive,

And virtues which are merciful, nor weave
Snares for the failing; I would also deem
O'er others' griefs that some sincerely grieve;
That two, or one, are almost what they seem,
That goodness is no name, and happiness no dream.

Calendar

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July 1, 2000. One on One at 7:30 p.m.

August 5, 2000. One on One at 7:30 p.m.

August 6, 2000 Family Picnic at Dogwood Park.

September 2, 2000 One on One at 7:30 p.m.

October 7, 2000. One on One at 7:30 p.m.

October 21, 2000. Universal Being 2000 Conference—The Millenium

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