

Chapter 28

Politics

The mystical gnosis directly effects only those who encounter it; and whether they are interested in it or not. Politics directly effects everybody on earth for the whole of their life here; and whether they are interested in it or not. Gnosis reveals what we are, where we come from, and what we are not, why we exist, why life exists, why anything exists. Politics is about our collective choice as to how we live work and play together on earth, and as to how we arrange and organise our society and lives here. That which we call philosophy is supposed to cover both of these issues. If one is interested only in spiritual/metaphysical things and experience thereof then gnosis might well be all that concerns them. But I for one am concerned only with this world, and as to what we might achieve with life here – for the rest can take care of itself; and is beyond my earthly powers anyway.

My only concern in life then is living it here and now and on this world. Why? That is also simple to answer, for I love it. Every blade of grass of it. Every laugh and smile with other living critters; all of it. What is the point of life if we do not live it to the full here and now; and to use all that we have to best effect? Moreover, here in time and space we are on the cutting edge or coal face of creation as it is unfolding; being constructed day by day; and we are a cosmic emanation for this purpose.

I had a vote yesterday (well actually I had two – but only used one of them – another civil cock-up due to not knowing what they are doing or why; good job I had a bowl of scruples for breakfast in which case). All I could do was to vote to keep the worst mob out of power – and it worked, for millions of others did too. But only about half of the population voted. And then they moan about it all !!! I like to moan about it all too, and I do, something rotten. But at least I tried to do something about it – and whilst without putting myself up for election and the doing the job myself – I would sure make a better and more honest job of it than some of them. But we are all human beings eh, including politicians – would you believe. Moreover, nobody would ever dare vote for me he says smiling; for things would be very different here; for no such political philosophy has ever existed here – and possibly will not anyway. However, political life must be decided by the existing consensus of society – not mystics. I will not then talk herein of what I would personally like to see in the long or short terms (for it would take too long anyway), but rather as to what exists here and now.

To run a country is no simple job is it; and I would not volunteer for it anyway. For there are so many people with different wants, needs, views, feelings, ages, attitudes etc, and no governing power is ever going to please them all – and it is just not possible. And is politics supposed to be about pleasing all the people anyway?

Well it is these days, and that is ALL it is about now. Trying to more or less please the majority at least – in order to get re-elected into power again. Political parties today do not even have a social policy or political philosophy or goal; but simply the desire to have that power. Many things which have to be done in a society (and life itself) do not please anybody, let alone all of them all the time. The products of society do not grow on trees; they have to be paid for in a world which uses money as a means of exchange for labour (and a means of exploitation of course). They all want good hospitals, good education, libraries, good efficient and clean transport which runs on time, and nobody seems to want to pay for it or even make it happen. So, problems. Politics today is the art of synthesising differences of opinions, wants and needs. It is not a job that can ever be done and completed, but only worked on, on a daily bases – like painting the Forth bridge.

I do not live in a democracy as yet, for governments are not elected by way of one person one vote, but by constituencies; not proportional representation; and that is not democratic even if they like to believe that it is. Moreover, if you vote for a person then you do not get them; you get a political party which they join, not a representative for your area; and they are told what to think and what to do. And if they do not conform to the party line then they are either ignored or kept out of the way. Some democracy to be sure. Is it any wonder then that half the population does not even bother to vote – total apathy; and totally understandable. But that ain't the way to go. Truly should everybody decide not to vote and not to elect a government until such time that it is proportional to individuals votes.

Each society contains the whole spectrum of people from the very bright to the very stupid; the very old to the very young, and all kinds of personalities and egos; some that care and some who do not. So, if one goes for a democracy then you get what the consensus of people ARE in that society. If they are all greedy and selfish then so be it – for that is democracy – and the will learn by it. Living the effects of greed and selfishness will eventually reveal to them that it is not only not good but that it cannot work for very long (for it amounts to anarchy – in the common meaning of that word), so they will wise up and evolve by virtue of it. One has to know the crap by living it in order to avoid it in the future. Thus, democracy might well not be an ideal in this kind of world (for the world is not an ideal world) but at least it works. Like life itself does in fact.

Governments have no money to do anything other than what they raise in taxes from the people in that state or country. The money will only come from people if they have a job and turn up to do it every day. So, you get what you pay for and work for; and it is that simple. Some want all this without working for it at all – well, we would all love that would we not. But society, civilisation, does not and cannot work that way. Paradise works that way, but this place does not and never will. So if people want to live together and have the benefits which that brings (and which are many) then how does one go about it? Who does one choose to do the job of arranging it all (Governing), and by what criteria; and how is it going to be done and put into effective practice? There is no one way of doing it, and it could be done many ways. And has been done many ways as we all know – or know of at least. And if one is going to use money as the means of exchange (I would not) then how much do we take in taxes from each person in order to do it? One could take a flat rate from everybody who is working, or one could take a percentage of their income.

One could either do just that or combine that with taxes on individual purchases of the products of society. So, if one person wanted ten cars then they would pay the tax on ten cars (you can only drive one at a time however). So, in principle there is nothing difficult about all this and it could all be done in many different ways. But which way do you like best? And they are never all going to agree on even that. Moreover, what do you do with those who go out of their way to disrupt civilisation and mess it all up for the others? Simple enough questions and there are many simple enough ways of going about it all. But they are never going to agree are they. Why do they not all agree? Simple enough, for they are not all at the same place at the same time; and so many people are simply totally selfish and greedy. And to say nothing of some being young and some being old. It will all work well enough one day. But not yet.

Beyond all this of course there is also trade and international relationships which befalls the job of government (well the way they do it here anyway). And then beyond all that that one has to decide as to whether a state is simply going to live for the day or to take the future of society into account or not. Do they care about further generations yet to come here? In the type of world we are existing in as yet all these jobs befall the lot of the governing mob. That is to say that the public is saying, I do not want to do any of this stuff so you do it all for us whilst I play golf. OK, fair enough if that is the way they want it; no problem. But do not moan when they do it their way – for you allowed them to be there doing it.

Then on top of all that they decide that a government can only last for four or five years and then we will vote another mob in to do it – just as they are getting the hang of learning how to do it all. Why? What is the logic in it? If it was not tragic it would be funny would it not. However, we know well enough that some people actually want to be in a position of power – and one of course wonders as to why exactly. It is obviously nothing more than an ego trip and the love of power for some – but not all. The government is not like jury service (alas) wherein they are told to go and do it for a while. One has to want to do it and then put oneself up for being elected. So, you can only elect somebody who wants to be in that power machine for some reason or another in the first place. And there must be many reasons of course – and despite the fact that they all say they want to do it to try and do some good (as if they would say otherwise). But we know well enough that it is not always the case do we not. Some just love power, and some just love to be known; and some want to make something out of it for themselves by way of that power. It takes all sorts to make this kind of a world does it not. At this point in time on earth some are living in a highly complex and integrated technological society; and some are running around in jungles as they did thousands of years ago. We are not all at the same place at the same time – but we are all human beings nonetheless.

Anyway, irrespective of how governments get into that power, and for whatever private reasons, they are there and there is the job to be done – and which the all will never be in agreements on as to how it should all be done this or that way and why. So, given that you cannot please all the people all the time, and given that you have to keep getting elected into power anyway – what do they do to try and convince folk that they are right for the job and hence vote for them? They cannot tell them the plain and simple truth of what they will in fact do, for that would only please a few, not a majority vote.

They cannot tell them what ought to be done, or nobody at all would vote for them. They would never get into power if they were totally honest and open about it all. Hence the saying – the people love to be deceived – so deceived let them be. Now, one can deceive people without resorting to blatant lies; by simply avoiding the truth and or hiding it all in a shroud of mumbo jumbo dialogue – and that has become their true art; and some of them are actually good at it – but not many.

Some can and do resort to outright lies. But in so doing they can sometimes (not always) be caught out. There is an old saying that power corrupts and that ultimate power corrupts ultimately. But this is not true. No amount of power could make one corrupt if one was not of a corrupt nature – never. So, those who are corrupt in politics were also corrupt before they got that particular job anyway. And they are just either very weak people or perhaps some are just outright villains and scumbags. You get them all in politics sure enough –and you get them in any other walk of life also. They are just people.

However, none of this is really due to governments as such, and in principle, it is due to the people that vote them into power. Politicians have no choice in avoiding the truth much of the time, or they would never hold the job. They often play on peoples emotions, ignorance, fears, whatever, and use ‘truth’ as one would use molten metal and mould it into whatever they want the public to believe that they are going to do. And let us face it, in this silly state of affairs (or affairs of state one might say) they are only there for four of five years anyway – so they could not make any long term plans for the future of that state anyway, even if the truly wanted to; for chances are they will not be there to see it through; plus it would cost more than people want to pay here and now today anyway. So, sod the next generation; let them take care of things for themselves when that time comes. And if you do not care then of course things fall apart – for civilisation is only a thin veneer and has to be held together every day – assuming you want civilisation of course. It is not compulsory however. Albeit the best and most efficient way of life on earth for human beings.

So, the real nature of the rock-bottom problem here is not in governing (anyone could do that) but in the fact that people do not agree on things in the first place – they all want different things here and now, and for tomorrow; and you cannot give them all what they all want – it just ain’t possible. But of course most people know that well enough (they are not that stupid); and hence most people (not all people) are prepared to compromise their wants, likes, needs, and ideals in order for a stable and more or less united state or nation. We give and take. But there are also those who only want to take and then give nothing. There is also the simple fact that governments do not give people all the information which they have – in order that they really could make their mind up on this or that issue. And they call it ‘national security’ reasons. Huh ! But then again they were elected in by the mob to do it all that way anyway. So, swings and roundabouts here once again.

Most of these problems of course would not exist in a dictatorship. A dictatorship of either one person or a given few. For then they are simply told to do what they are told to do or else! Indeed a good dictatorship could in fact work better than a bad democracy – but who has ever found a good and wise dictator? Nobody. We do not exist here on earth in order to tell other people how to live their lives – by threat or otherwise. And governing a society is hardly the best way to spend ones life is it – in

fact it must be a real rotten job, and I would not touch it with barge pole such as it is. Unless I was made to do it on some kind of roster, each taking a turn at the job for a while. However, in principle (not sure about practice however) a bad democracy is better than even a good dictatorship; for people should and must have a say in their lives here on earth and regard to the type of society they want to live in and bring their children up in – and live and learn by doing it and getting it wrong. Plus the fact that it works, and they soon come to see as to what is good and not good about it.

Other critters on earth of course do not have this problem – but we do. So what do we get in fact? If one is more or less (never totally) satisfied as to how their state is being run, then fine, they can forget it all and go about their busy lives in reasonable peace and quiet and safety; and make their music, sing their songs, make candle sticks and rice puddings, write their books and plays, sweep the roads up and clean toilets, bring their children up, and all the rest of it. No problem. No problem that is until for some reason or other they can no longer sell their products for this necessary money thing – and then all hell brakes loose. Oh Ker-Riced, China is making it all and much cheaper – oops my standard of living is going to go down. What do we do?

Well, that is but another problem caused by money is it not – and there are thousands of them. As things are on this world you can only live here if you have money. And yet there is no such thing as money in creation – we (or some silly bugger) invented it. We need food, air and water to live here – and money! But the power that be forgot to make the money and dish it out evenly to all people when they arrived here. Problem! All we got from life was different abilities that are useful and needed in a human society, and the physical and mental strength to do it – Labour. And as if that was not enough. It IS enough, and all that is needed. They falsely assume that money and personal profit is the only thing that motivates and directs people – and they educated the kids to actually believe this.

The real rulers of this world at the moment are not the governments at all, nor existing priestcrafty these days (they just mess peoples minds up) but the International monopoly business organisations (or those that own them) who have the monopoly on all this fresh air – sorry I meant to say money – the breath of life on this retarded little world. So who owns and runs this world then? Banks, Insurance companies, large Chemical manufacturers, large industrialists – they call the tune and governments (and science) has to dance to their tune. And that is it. Money makes money, and it makes power, and it divides man from man and nation from nation – and it separates life from fun. I need to eat friend, so could you lend me a dime for a crust; for I have no income !!! Sod orf chum !!!

Plus the fact that most people seem to want the things that these people are manufacturing and supplying anyway (simple brain washing again) – and of course it was the public that made them wealthy in the first place. Hence, so called democracy which we have today (and which it ain't) simply drags everything down to lowest common denominator in humanity – greed and hedonism. Satisfy the transient wants and forget the needs, let alone the long term needs and necessities of the world and humanity itself. A government is only as good as the people that elect it; and they get what they deserve. And nothing could be more simple to see and understand or more obvious to all – even children can work it out.

But what is ever done about it? Apathy never achieves anything worthwhile; and in effect condones what exists here and now. If we truly want things to change then we have to make them change. If you want a better world then you must not only make it but also pay for it. And that means YOU – not somebody else. As I say, gnosis is about life, and politics is about living it here – that is simple enough to understand is it not. And it is so.

Two guys are chatting and one says, this job of organising things has to be done but it does not interest me for I want to paint pictures, or write music, or repair peoples broken legs – so will you do it and organise it all for me? The other guy says, yeah, I do not mind, it is a useful job; it has to be done, and I think I would be good at it. Great, you do it then – and if I like the way you are going about it, and what you are aiming for, then I will vote for you. No problem. And so it goes just that far. Then again one could say, as in jury service; Oy, you, it is now your turn to take a stint in running the country in the house of political and social decisions. And this person could be just one of a thousand short term representatives of the people to do that job for a while – and whether they liked it or not – in one government (no parties) that remains when all the chosen or elected members of it come and go every few years to do their stint at government. There are many ways this could be done effectively, and fairly. A kind of national service, but for running the country.

Different people would be going into this organisation (government) every day, whilst some are leaving it when their time is up. But the government itself goes on. Perhaps five years at the job each would suffice – and perhaps even choosing ones own time for doing it – anywhere between the ages of twenty and seventy maybe. You and I might be useless at the job; but there would be many there that are not, and they would take the consensus decisions, not just one person. Government at the moment is like a retarded and Neanderthal comic opera. Nay, a tragic opera.

There were times when the guy with the strongest arm or the biggest sword took charge (they still exist in some places even now). There were times when the guy (no women to that point) who could shout loudest got put into power by this or that mob of backers. Kings, Queens, tyrants, lardy dah, etc. Until we reach a stage in social evolution where we have political parties and vote this or that party into power by a so called democratic majority vote – a form of so called democracy anyway. The party itself then decides who THEY will elect as their leader – not the people themselves. Sometimes this leader is simply the head person of that party and represents the consensus view of the party members (well I think that is how it is supposed to go anyway). And other times, the person chosen as leader of that party comes into some kind of near on dictator power – or president, and eventually makes all the final decisions himself – or her self as is the possibility just about now. Let us hope that they are not a fundamentalist Christian or some other kind of raving demented lunatic.

Now, nobody tells any of these people to become politicians for a while, nor do they do it by a kind of jury service system on a roster of some kind. So, these people kind of elect themselves to do this job anyway – some innate desire for power maybe. Or give some of them the benefit of the doubt and say that some of them may even be totally consumed with the idea of any good which they might be able to do in this kind of job. And just how bright are they anyway? But, we do not know that do we.

We do not know what their motives are or why they want to do it. They might just love the idea of power, or fame, or simply telling other people what to do and how to do it. They may also like the idea of any potential it might give them for feathering their own nest which a normal daily job of work could never achieve for them. So who knows why they do it – only themselves.

If in the course of all this the whole thing goes pear shaped and enough people truly get fed up with the way it is being done, or the unfairness, whatever, then they can and do riot and sling that mob out and start all over again with another system even if need be. And it happens – nearly every year somewhere on earth. No problem. Well, only short term ones for a while anyway. So, off with his head or give them the boot. It happens all the time and throughout all history. But nevertheless politics is not only important it is essential; for it is all about how we live work and play together, and structure our lives, actions, and human society here. Yup, we will allow everybody to carry guns and shoot who they like, or we will not. They are the decisions which you and I have to make – and a few million more besides. And nobody else is going to do it for us. And even life and the nature of reality does not dictate to us as to how all this must be done. But it is obvious as to why we have to do it – to make it work. IT is not going work and hang together by magic or a long series of accidents; nor by wishes or simply hoping for it – only working for it and paying for it can make it work.

When it comes to actual daily politics I only have any direct experience of the system which I live it. Naturally one has read of others, but not first hand experience of living in them for any length of time. And neither is it for any man or any nation to tell others as to how they should do it. A society has to do it from the reference point of where the sum of the people in that society are at; and what their needs and wants are, and of course their collective moral and philosophic persuasions. Some of the tiny new states of what they like to call the ‘third world’ could no more organise themselves and their state in the same way as more advanced and much older nations do over night; for it is impossible. It takes ages for a society to evolve and take this or that structured shape. And some idiots try to inflict democracy on to them. It cannot be done and does not work that way – it has to grow that way. One could not be a five year old child one day and a sixty year old matured person the next – it takes time, experience, trial and error; and much co-operation from all the parts. And of course it takes the will and motivation to do it. Try telling a bunch of kids to act like adults – it cannot work. And they see this around them every day – and turn a blind eye to it.

One should also point out the fact that the more organised and structured a society becomes then the less and less freedom of mere choice the individuals will have within it. It could not work any other way. So, a mature state is also a great compromise of individual wishes, likes and dislikes. One can never like everything about ones society and one can never detest everything about it. For if one did really detest everything about it then we would move to another place and not remain in it or a part of it. Or commit suicide maybe. So, if one stays in it then there must be some things about it which we like. However, the great cry in today’s so called democracies is the cry FREEDOM. Freedom from what exactly? And how much freedom? And freedom to do what exactly? And why?

And how will they each use that freedom? Man, that is what the human condition is about at this level of evolution is it not – learning to use freedom of choice in our actions. There is no greater problem to be overcome in the whole of human existence and learning than that of learning how to use our freedom of choice in our actions whilst we are here. We sure will not need it when we are not here.

If it simply means the freedom to decide ones own nation states way of going about things and governing themselves, then fine; no problem. But if it means freedom for anybody to do what they like and when they like; then that cannot work in a structured and organised society. It would result in chaos. If, for some people, it means the freedom to dominate and exploit others – then where is the freedom for the others? And should an almost half way civilised world let other new small states operate that way without some kind of either intervention or boycott, whatever? Should society sit back and observe it within their own society; and should a collection of societies sit back and watch it happening in others? These are questions and events which we are confronted with in life here on a daily basis. So, what do we do? And why do we do what we do? And who decides what we do as a nation state?

As for myself it should be obvious in reading this book that in existing political terms I am a kind of socialist (sort of), but that does not mean anti private initiative; and I always have been since a very young kid – it had nothing to do with my parents I hasten to add. However, and the point being, that in this day and age the state in which I live does not have a socialist party to vote for – so there is nobody to vote for in my case anyway. And they would not vote for one even if there was. And I sure cannot condone any of the others. So, it amounts to a negative vote does it not. Until we change the system that is – or do away with voting anyway, and which would be better still. Make it compulsory – Just like life makes it compulsory for us to eat food and drink water. We have to make decisions in this world – like it or not; so have a go at it yourself for a while. But even more important is that we have to live with the decisions when done and put into effect.

Whilst voting exists then you cannot vote for something that does not exist to be voted for. And it seems that the great majority of people in this country endorse rampant international monopoly capitalism and the dog eat dog philosophy– and I don't; simple as that. But so be it if that is what the majority want. However, life in this neck of the woods is not bad enough to make me want to move out of it as yet – for where on earth is even better anyway? Nowhere that I know of as yet. Mind you, I did like Slovenia very much, and the people there – and oh so nice and clean too. But I doubt if they would want an old fart like me there; and I would never ever get my head around that language anyway alas. So, there one has it; and there is far more to it than simply up and moving away for the sake of it. And I like well enough most of the people just where I am. One should also stay and fight ones corner and get the job done – not run away and hide some place else or with ones head in the sand.

There was a time of course when political parties had a philosophy, an ideal; and people used to join them for that reason. But it is not that way now. As it is now parties do not even have a philosophy or ideal, they just seek answers to what the floating voters want and then make policies accordingly to get into power. So, any ideal goes out the window and simply does what the consensus of floating voters want – and that is not democracy either; for it is not the consensus of the nation state.

People will get fed up with all this in due course – when they realise that it does not and cannot work well. So, accordingly this form of democracy and government has to cow tow to the momentary whims of the common herd which is not even the common herd, and what they think the majority of that minority want – for that is the only way in to power these days. And they have all this information about you on computers which can probably tell them how many times you fart each day. If this is not a little big brother then nothing is. The matrix! Huh, tis real. And what will they do in the West when the capitalists gits and money barons have taken all the jobs to the East? World war twenty eight maybe?

What if the large majority want nothing more than cheap petrol, fast cars, and dead straight roads, and a brothel on every other street corner, and a noisy disco on the others and nothing to think about? Give em what they want or get thrown out in five years time ! Is this really sanity? Is it good practice? Is it wise? One hears them say, I will vote for any damned party that gives us old age pensioners another ten quid a week – and sod the rest of their policies and philosophy ! And this of course is all freedom and democracy. And they wonder why so many people do not even bother to vote. Life is short, and we cannot change it over night, so let the buggers get on with it whilst I try and enjoy my life – kind of thing. Democracy in action and in effect. Leastwise, this kind of so called democracy – driven by the love of ever increasing profit for a mere few who own the means of manufacture, production, and distribution of human effort.

But it could be a lot different – and probably will be one day in the dim and distant future; one hopes anyway. But it will not happen by accident or miracles, or wishing for it. And all this is why mystics generally take the bigger picture and simply not bother with this lot. So, maybe I am not even a conventional mystic even. Anyway, it was their name not mine. This is not a book about politics so I will not be going into what I would like to see or as to how I would do it even; and it would take a few books in its own right anyway; and I have no time or even the inclination for that; for there is something even more important right now. It is for people to get themselves right first. And when they get themselves right then politics will take care of itself, and it will be obvious as to what we have to do. The society is the sum of its parts, even though it is more than just the sum of its parts when in effective action and in one accord and in one direction.

Moreover, the way I would like it to be is so far out from anything which yet exists (or has ever existed here) that there is no point in even mentioning it – and the whole idea as yet would go down like a lead balloon in this world. For I would not give them what they want – indeed I would not give them anything at all (they would have to work and pay for it); but the elected members of that house of representatives would do what had to be done and as best that they saw it for both the short term fix and the long term effects. And there would be no political parties and no money on earth. So, as I say, far too way out for this time and place. And neither could even that small part of it come about over night – only small steps at a time – but with an end goal in view – and kept in view all the time.

I guess the irony is, that things will go this way quite naturally anyway, and over a long period of time and change – for people change. As I say, I do not talk about tomorrow or next year – but way off in the dim and distant future when humanity has

grow up a little more. Too many it seems take in the small picture, but mystics look at the bigger picture, and form afar as well as up close. And dare one say that this will indeed come about driven and motivated by the perennial wisdom which resides at all of their roots; and exists to be known and motivated by, now and always. And what has our spirit of being got to do with politics? Everything. When I am not here I will not need politics – but we do whilst here. Make a good job of it then. And who will you vote for? And why? Would you vote for a hard time today for a better world for tomorrow? I would. One could only wish that they all would. But so many of them are simply greedy and self interested; and that is it. Something out here is in need !

Democracy, as it is as yet, stinks. But alas, everything else up to this point stinks even worse. I know a few people around here who are going to vote for a certain party simply because they will allow them to dress up in silly cloths and chase foxes around whilst on horse back and blow little trumpets into the air, and block up all the roads and make a bloody nuisance of themselves, just so that they can take pleasure in a blood sport. When they try to justify this abhorrent and repulsive activity they say that the existing politics (the government) is interfering with peoples freedom and rights. The right to torment and terrorise living critters. They say this is a part of country life and their heritage, for they have always done it. Well, there was a time when human beings had always lived in caves – and before that always swung about up in the tree's. But they would not like it if we hunted and terrorised them until they either dropped dead or were ripped to pieces by dogs would they. Oh they are only animals they say. Well, are they any better then? One truly would like to give them a taste of what they dish out. And would they vote for that?

But time moves on and things change here, and people evolve; and so too do their desires, needs and wants. Some say that they will vote for this or that party because the government is letting some occupations go out of existence – perhaps like sending little boys up chimneys to clean them out. Jobs come and jobs go, and we move on and have to do other things. And so it is, nothing here in physical form lasts for ever – and much of which these days does not even last for the duration of our life span here – and we simply have to get used to that fact and move on with the changing times and prevailing circumstances. So go and learn about nano technology; for it is on the way in, and it will be a big deal on earth. And we cannot vote to bring back yesterday or last century; or the jobs and vocations of those times. Shall we make gates for castles maybe? Who the hell wants them !

Some people and their businesses operate within the laws of a nation, just about; and some operate well outside of them. Some of their activities are of minor importance and not particularly dangerous to society as a whole – mere nuisance value. But some operations are deadly dangerous – such as the fly tipping of toxic waste, to mention just but one. But there is a lot of money to be made by doing it. The firms have paid them to get rid of the rubbish and they do not care where it goes – so dump it in some farmers field down the road; and you will get rich in a few months. Chances are you will not even get caught doing it. And if you do then just pay a little fine on the spot. Easy money. Does not matter if everyone around gets ill and dies. Some governments ignore it whilst some make some token gesture to pacify those who do rightly come to make a noise about it and the dangers involved therein.

Wherever money is to be made you will find the scum bags fighting each other to get in on the act. And so it is. And how much better are the official businesses such as banks, insurance companies, chemical industries, you name it? In this day and age our wages are paid straight into a bank account; and we have no short term choice in the matter. And then, in most cases, they charge us to get our own money out of the bank into cash. They have the whole set-up tied up and water proof – or as they used to say, the system has got us by the short and curlies. And who really cares. And they cannot do much about it even they do care can they. Unless most of them cared of course, and did something about it. Like a good riot for a start perhaps.

Even on this very day which I write this bit, a woman has been put in jail for shooting a teenager in the foot with an air gun. She broke the law right enough. But for years her family and her neighbourhood has been terrified by gangs of idiot youths on drugs who have been vandalising the area and threatening people. So one day, after years of this, this young mother flipped her lid and took the law into her own hands for five minutes; and she had the guts to do it. And they locked her up in the pokey. The gangs of youths are still of course out there and at it; and nobody cares. Is that justice? Is that a sensible society? Is that what you want? Are you going to put up with it? If not then yell and make a noise NOW. What is the point in even having a half way, or fully civilised state, and all the shops and amenities but in which some folk are even to frightened to walk their own streets? It would be better to live in caves in ignorance than that. This place is not civilised, they know it and they do not care. And why are so many of the kids of today like they are? Does society care about them? An unwanted, uninterested, and uninspired mind will reap the wind of what society brings them up to be.

Ah, one could write a thousand books on all this stuff alone, and go on and on and on. But this book is not about politics, governments and the social order. And some folk who came to communicate with me over the years, and know full well what I am all about, have even seriously asked me as to what is a person like me doing having an interest in politics. Huh ! Maybe they are right and I am wrong. But one is what one is; and that is it for the time being. Maybe one day I can go and sit by the river bank and give none of all this a second thought – and maybe not. But that day is not here yet; and at this point I do care and have to think about it, passionately. Paradise can take care of itself – this place and human civilisation cannot – we have to do it now, and for as long as we exist here.

Just to mention one of today's little problems – the toxic time bomb, as mentioned – then when will it go off? It will not go off in one big bang like a volcano or a bomb, it will insidiously creep up on us day by day and moment by moment; and it has already started its journey. And as for all the real dangerous scum bags of this world, then what will they do when the world no longer uses money for exchange of labour? They might even get around to doing something useful. So, how many people in this so called freedom loving democracy are simply voting for their own personal vested little reasons and interests? What of society as a whole, and its sound economic basis, the availability of jobs, education, art, medication, health, food; all of it?

And what about what the vast consensus of that society really want to see done, and why, and how – for it is their call, not small isolated little interest groups here and there – but the whole vast she bang lot of it – and for the long term view. For that is

what democracy is supposed to be – a government of the people, by the people, for the people. And where does spirituality (or whatever you want to call it) fit in with all this? It cannot be segregated from it; for it is all a reflection and activity of what we are and where we are at. Religions in politics must go; but ones own spiritual being can be no more detached from the decisions of daily affairs in our life on earth than can love and passion be eliminated from the root of our being. Did not Plato all those years ago tell them about the dark cave, and calling the mere shadows on the cave wall ‘reality’. When will they ever learn. And did he not tell them to step outside of the little dark cave of the ego; and that there was more going on out there in light beyond the cave – the bigger picture? And when they see it they will me amazed. And when amazed they will be illuminated. And when illuminated they will then be fired up, inspired, and motivated. And so it is; and ever will be.

Even when I was a kid many things, if not most things, were made to last. But today things are made to be used for a few weeks and then thrown away – more waste and pollution. That way the manufacturers never go out of business – sell them crap so that they have to come and buy more crap next week. How many aspects of modern day life can you think of where no money corruption has crept into it? If you ever think of one then let me know, for it will be a first. They even corrupt human mystical/spiritual experience for a profit. At the beginning of this book I asked if we could ever get it right here; or if it is all way beyond redemption or repair. What do you think? Yay, or Nay? It sure does not look too hopeful at this point in time does it. Some see all this and commit suicide. Is it wise to try and talk them out of it? I am not really sure. But they sure cannot even help to put it right if they are not here; and that IS for sure. We may never get it good enough here; but we most certainly will not if we do not even try and work toward it.

Every town and city on earth, in every nation that is, was, or will be, contains the whole spectrum of all the types of human beings which exist at the moment on earth. There is no good or bad town, or good or bad nation, we are all the same. We all need the same things, and many even like the same kind of things, with a little variation thrown in here or there. And every nation on earth, and indeed even some towns, contain their own ‘personality’ as it were. So, amongst all this sameness there is also wide variety of cultures and dialect; and that too is good – and even a global village of the future would not alter that fact; and neither should it even try to. It is inevitable that one day, (if the world lasts long enough; and the air is still fit to breath) way off in the dim and distant future, the world will have only one over-all major governing body, and with some laws that apply in all nation states. But those nation states will still keep their own individuality and identity, and local rules – one hopes. And there is no reason to assume as to why not. For, in the final analysis, there is only the combined community of Mankind on earth.

But Mankind on earth will also have moved on by that time, and become aware of more than that which it is aware of at the moment; and their understanding and commitments to life will alter accordingly. And could anyone indeed stop it or prevent it even if they wanted to for some reason or other? No. The deepest spirit and essence of man (life itself) is indomitable, and will not be put down in the mire. The becoming process is as real and effective as is that of being itself. It is not just enough to be, it has to become what it can become, and is, in its essential nature of being.

And our politics of that time, and our societies on earth, will be a reflection of it, and as to how far we have reached in that journey of becoming the more that we are – in form, and in time, as it is in essence, and in eternity. And if not here, then elsewhere. If life can happen, then it can happen time and time again. And what is there to stop it doing so. This, is not all there is, has been, or will be. In the meantime you can I cannot know as to what is absolutely best to do in any given situation in social and political terms (and right for whom exactly, one has to ask). But we can feel and know as to what is wrong, not good enough, and holding that growth up. We do not have to know where a society is going in the long term (and we could not know that anyway) but we do know here and now some of the things which have to be made better here and now – and not simply pampering to wants; but real needs for the good of the consensus and those who play by the rules here. And those who do not play by the rules have that choice and make their own bed in so doing. And they will not like it that way for long.

As I have said, life, existing in that transcendent state of being, is easy for us, for we do not have to hold it all together and make it work – something else does; and I know not what exactly. But here on earth only we can hold a society together, and by caring about it and sharing in the work and responsibility. In the final analysis it is as simple and straight forward as that. But, would everyone agree with that here and now? Or even in the near future for that matter? I doubt it. But one thing is for sure – nothing else is going to do it for us. It is going to get much worse here before it even starts to get better. Wait and see; for they are sitting on their own time bomb; and of their own making – and sure enough it will go off. It is inevitable of one walks that road.

But it is a strange thing is it not; and they often say your vote counts (even in this kind of system) and that is true enough – if enough of them do it. But it is exactly the same as in that your wishes and desires also count in life. You can bet your sweet life that you are not the only one that wants a better world for kids to be born into; and are prepared to both work for it and pay for it – and most decent human beings do it seems. And are we not the stuff that dreams are made on? And are we not the stuff that has the power and will to do it and bring it forth? We are. And they always have been and always will be. For that is something which is innate in our being. If they want to believe it is merely in the genes, then fine, let them say it and think it; for it makes no difference to the outcome if they believe that and act on it. The mystics and gnostics know that it resides deeper than that in creation – but never mind, not to worry. For if they were but to follow that dream, and work for it – then it would work here on earth. And I for one am only concerned about the bit here on earth – the rest is not my job and not in my hands. But this bit is.

So, let us collectively do something about it. And there is no better starting place than here and now; today. And what is the point of a dream if you do not go for it. Dreams are not just for dreaming. Oh, they say, but that will never happen. It WILL happen if you want it bad enough, and make it happen. Who or what is going to stop it anyway? Nothing. Look at those guys who built pyramids with hardly anything but the toil and sweat of their muscles and backs. It did not matter how long the job took – getting it done was all that mattered.

Were they any better in those days than we are at working and getting a job done today? No way. They were made of the same stuff as we are. But today we know more and can do more. Why waste it. Why let an opportunity slip away. Why sit and do nothing when you can do something? You cannot do it when you are dead and gone. But life is with you now. Use it now. It might be there even after you are dead and gone from here – and it might not. But even if it is then you still cannot do anything about it here when you are not here. So do it now – for your children will still be here, and their children, and so on for we know not how long. And it does not even matter as to how long – it matters what you do here now, today; and for tomorrow. So, politics is a strange and complicated old game is it not. Priestcraft, although it still brainwashes some people, does not rule the political roost any more – big business does. But of course priestcraft was big business in those days, and that is all it was. It WAS the government. And true enough fundamentalism still creeps into politics in some nation states – even powerful ones. But by and large it is simply the money barons who call the tune these days and own the world.

But when this phase, and craze is over (if the physical globe lasts that long) who will call the shots next? Will there ever be a true democracy on earth in which every single vote counts and all elected members can speak the mind of those who voted them into power? It is often said that mystics will inherit the earth – but this is not quite what it seems, for they already have on the inside of their being and their relationship to the all. But I go even further,- will there ever be a world here in due course in which they feel at home in that sense of the word? Will they ever form a majority of people on this world? I cannot see into the future, but simply make guesses from what I see around me here and now and what I know of people. I think it will indeed happen one day – if it lasts long enough. But not yet.

But I would not hold my breath; and I think in terms of thousands of years hence. I am an optimist with streaks of short term pessimism I guess. But my optimism is more for life itself and not specifically with any one planet which it may crop up on. In the final analysis, as far as I am concerned anyway, it is more to do with incarnate life making the grade and becoming in form a reflection of what it is at its root. As to whether that will really happen here or not then that is in the hands of the sum of the people that live here, and nothing else. This globe could and might last for millions of years as yet. Then again some catastrophe could take it out next week. Then again humanity could simply kill it by its chosen activities. The only thing that we can be sure of however, and as I have said many times – if it does come right then it will be down to nothing else but humanity itself. Other than the simple fact that they have all they need to do the job already within them. But it is not compulsory to use it. That is their collective decision; and the effort or lack of which comes from that choice and action. So it is really strange is it not, for in simple terms in the final analysis it is all down to whether they care or not. Bit like the growth and wellbeing of their own children for that matter. In the meantime the mystics, as does life itself, can only say – here is the stuff my love – do with it what you will. That is freedom of choice. For the short time that it lasts that is.

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