



WHOLENESS IN LAW AND GOVERNMENT

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Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream of a gentler world, one in which the dignity and rights of all are protected. His vision is becoming manifest through a greater awareness of wholeness and the interconnectedness of all creation that has emerged in many disciplines. It has become a defining characteristic of such diverse fields as quantum physics, the environmental movement and medicine. Lagging behind, however, are law and government which continue to support and promote separation among people, often serving the interests of one faction at the expense of another.

The failure of those who design and implement our laws to recognize our source in wholeness becomes increasingly apparent as science surges forward and the holistic movement grows. If transition to the new order is to be achieved in orderly fashion, it is imperative that the profound implications of the wholeness revolution on relationships among individuals, families, communities, nations, and the world as a whole be addressed by legal scholars and practitioners. It is herein that the design for new concepts of justice will be found to serve the people of a new millennium.

Present scientific knowledge indicates that beyond the physical phenomena of the universe exists an infinite unified source of existence, a wholeness more vast than the sum of all the parts contained within it. Physicist Fred Alan Wolf suggests that all external events are part of one consciousness. Moreover, a growing number of scientists believe it is from this field of unified consciousness that we create the physical world we experience. In other words, we create our reality and control our destiny by our intent!

Wolf writes:

If you have fearful images, they tend to come into reality; whatever you can imagine begins to appear as if we called it into experience...The Universe says whatever you create as imagery, so will it be. Why?

Because at the core of the universe, at its most fundamental level, it is not solid stuff. It is not hard reality. It is capable of forming reality into whatever our images produce.

All political and social systems are produced this way. They are all magnifications of this basic misunderstanding of the nature of this hidden aspect of reality. If people could comprehend the imaginal element in all matter, then what they envision would eventually come to pass...It may or may not come to pass at this instant, but it begins to manifest at the level of dreams.

Modern medicine has come to accept this power of the mind in altering physical states, after many experiments have proven it to be so. Imagine the power of the collective consciousness if we could intentionally share thoughts of peace and joy and design public policies based on wholeness!

We are all literally part of one great body, like a quantum soup, with no empty space between the bits of matter as had always been believed - at least in the Western World. Moreover, our existence on the physical plane mirrors our existence on the nonphysical plane. As above, so below is now scientific, as well as religious, doctrine.

This new view places the age old theme, "all men are created equal," in a new light. Equality does exist on the non-physical plane, although it can never exist, literally, on the physical plane. But when all is said and done, the new physics indicates the non-physical plane is where reality actu-

ally is. Imagine a world in which those in government protect the dignity and equality of the soul of every citizen! Isn't that, after all, what our laws and public policy should do?

The truth of this is found in the fact that the power of a people lies not in its physical might or the bombs contained in its arsenal, but rather springs from the spirit. A nation is a gathering of individual souls that, together, form the collective consciousness of a people. When unified in a collective intent, there is nothing that a people cannot do and no tyrant that can subjugate it, as evidenced by the fall of the Berlin Wall.

A nation can no longer be seen as separate, disconnected parts or as merely the product of its laws and institutions. It must be seen as the unfolding of every element of the whole, the totality of relationships, process, constant motion, attracting and repelling, transforming, according to the consciousness of its people. If this premise is accepted, is not every aspect of the whole critical to what becomes manifest, and therefore every citizen warrants attention? This view mandates protection of the dignity and rights of all, just as King envisioned.

With our new understanding of our relationship to one another in the quantum field, the Biblical teaching, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is more accurately stated as, "As you do unto others, you do unto yourself." An attack on another is an attack on ourself. Until everyone wins, no one does. When we judge other guilty, at the most fundamental level, it is a judgment laid upon ourselves.

How can seeking retribution through our criminal justice system be reasonable if we are all in the same quantum soup? When we "get tough on crime" by treating men and women

behind bars as though they were no longer human, denying them exercise equipment, meaningful work, and most of all, a journey to self esteem, isn't it machismo of a passing era that spoils the quantum soup? Aren't we compelled to focus on rehabilitation, now that we know we are literally all in this together?

In tort law the end result is a money judgment that, in theory, is supposed to return the injured party to their former state - something we all know it does not do. But if the end result that we sought was healing between the injured party and the wrongdoer, something that impacts the non-physical more than the physical, it is possible that both would end up more healed than they were before the injury occurred, i.e. a win/win solution without attack or retaliation. Perhaps

this is why win/lose is so unsatisfactory and mediation often feels more congruent with our true nature. In mediation there is less attack, we come closer to a win/win situation, and sometimes a healing even occurs.

In my novel, *Destiny*, I set out Seven Spiritual Principles for Governing a People that I believe are consistent with this new understanding of wholeness. Through this, it is my dream to contribute to a collective consciousness that manifests a new world order based not on fear, but on love.

The new physics teaches us that our oneness in the quantum realm is actually our reality, not our physical state that gives rise to the illusion of separation. Alone we are all lowly, but together we shine with brightness so intense that none of us alone can even think of it.



The law must come to shine in this brightness. Herein lies the civil rights movement of the 21st century. May leaders with the courage and vision of King step forward to lead us from the chaos of separation to the truth of our nation's motto - *E Pluribus Unum*. The Many are One.

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THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES FOR GOVERNMENT

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The First Principle, **FEAR SHALL NEVER BE USED TO MANIPULATE THE PEOPLE**, addresses the destructive nature of fear when used as the basis of our public policies. Indeed, many political consultants advise candidates to play on the fears of the voters to stir them from complacency. But this self-serving practice destroys the very system it seeks to control. Fear used as a political weapon produces hatred, greed and social decay. It divides a People, one group against the other, instead of promoting harmony and peace within a Nation. Its misuse by those who govern will destroy a Nation, lead to war within, and eventually without. Its use to manipulate the very people who are to be governed is the greatest offense a leader of people can commit - sedition of the worst nature.

The Second Principle, **JUSTICE SHALL BE DELIVERED WITHOUT JUDGMENT**, must be understood in light of the distinct difference between justice and vengeance. In our minds, the desire for vengeance is seen as good, because we believe it is just. This mistaken belief then undergirds the legal system, for all laws are set up to protect the continuity of the system in which the lawmakers believe.

Our focus has been the material world for so long that when hurtful acts are committed we focus on the body that carried out these acts. But it is the mind that tells the body what to do and the mind is guided by the beliefs the mind holds. Therefore, to change how one acts, we must change the beliefs the mind holds, not punish the body that carried out the acts, as we have done for so long. There is only one way to change beliefs and that is by extending love, not by attacking. All beliefs are real to the believer, so in the moment the hurtful acts were committed, that person believed what he or she did was justified. In their mind, what they did was just. If we were to see as God sees we would see that those who commit crime actually believe themselves to be so despicable they desire their own crucifixion? And that the State blindly participates in their plan! So in the end, it's the criminal's plan, not the State's, that is actually being achieved. Because of our investment in fear, we lack resources to build school where children can be taught love. Is this a price we are willing to pay for vengeance? In the

end, the one who judges cannot escape the penalty he imposes upon another.

When one commits a wrong, it is a cry for love. You must see your fellow citizens in their perfect sinlessness and proceed from that point. Only then can justice be delivered without judgment.

The Third Principle, **THE EQUALITY OF EVERY CITIZEN SHALL BE HONORED**, is an old theme, "all men are created equal," seen in a new light. The crucifixion of Christ teaches us much about this concept.

Each of us is equal in our power and freedom to elect what our intent shall be and to choose the outcome of every experience. I believe that it is this equality that is referred to in the Declaration of Independence.

The Fourth Principle, **THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE SHALL BE INVIOLENT**, hinges upon the distinction between power and control. A leader who believes the power of the People rests in the physical domain has an intense need to control all that surrounds him. He manifests fear by building armies to impose control over everyone he deems a threat, including the People themselves.

The whole Universe is available to us if we but recognize our power. To do us, however, we must understand that this power exists only in the Oneness. If we were in fact separate, such power could not be ours. The power of the People is inviolate because in coming together, the whole is far greater than the sum of all the parts.

The Fifth Principle, **CHANGE ONLY COMES FROM WITHIN**, assures that each of us does our part in bringing the Nation to unity of consciousness so that peace and prosperity may flourish in an atmosphere of love. The way in which our Nation will change is through each of us, changing from within. On this mission to heal our Nation, the first step in such "un-learning" is to witness your choices. Before acting, you must ask if your choice is based on the perception of separation. If you experience any fear, you will know that it is, for only your mind can produce fear. It does not arise from a threat outside of yourself. The process of correction is nothing more than the determination to change your mind. As the Fifth Spiritual Principle is learned by greater numbers of citizens, change will occur within the Nation with increasing speed, until it appears

effortless.

The Sixth Principle, **LOVE IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF POWER**, is at the root of this new way of seeing. We can witness the power of love and justice only if we abandon the belief that any of God's children merit vengeance. When we extend love, we are exercising our power to co-create with God, and that is our only assigned task.

The Seventh Principle, **E PLURIBUS UNUM - THE MANY ARE ONE**, is one nation's motto, adopted at its founding over two hundred years ago. Just as individuals have a spiritual presence, I believe Nations do as well. Wherever a collective consciousness exists, it must have a purpose. Before the American Revolution, some theorize that this laud was carrying out the purpose of the British Colonies, i.e., uniting peoples of the world by developing a common language, uniform laws, and even similar religious traditions. But the American Revolution marked the end of that epoch.

From that moment of its founding, the United States of America was meant to foster a major step in human evolution. All citizens are equally endowed with the right to life, joyous and complete in every way; to forgiveness and recognition of their total innocence; to perfect peace; and to love. This is the only justice Heaven knows. The laws and governments of Nations must be employed to facilitate the realization of such justice. We know that spiritual symbols were made an integral part of the very structure of government by our Founding Fathers, many of whom were Freemasons. They followed closely the precepts used by the Medieval stone masons in building their majestic cathedrals - physical metaphors of the spiritual realm. The three branches of government, the executive, legislative and judicial, for example, reflect the "Rule of Three," an important element in construction, be it on the spiritual plane or the physical. Just as the mind must be trained to use the body only to communicate love, so it is with Nations, as well. The labor of our people, our natural resources, the material wealth of our Nation must be used only to communicate love. It is in so doing that such a destiny for our Nation can be achieved. May these Seven Spiritual Principles for Government guide us in just such a journey.

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