

PERMANENCE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

As a culture, as a civilization, as an eco-system, as a unit of consciousness, we rush towards the eye of the needle. We rush towards the unknown. Nothing is constant and everything is changing.

Some will tell you that the end is near. Armageddon is just around the corner. They will suggest that you repent and sign up for deliverance. Or, they will suggest that you seek liberation at any cost and caution you about service projects. For them, it is too late and all we can do is set an example of One Who Gives Up All.

Some will enrol you in Save the What-Ever Projects. Few questions will be encouraged as to whether something needs to be saved in the big scheme of things. Participation in such projects are guaranteed to ease the pain of transition.

Some will suggest that you eat, drink and be merry. They will argue that there is little that you can do to change things. So, why not make yourself happy in a series of temporary moments.

Some will suggest that you make yourself secure with more things. They will suggest that you engage in cosmetic surgery or anything that denies the steady progress towards death and decay.

And, many will suggest that nothing of any significance is changing. There is no ecological crisis. All of the problems with humanity and the planet face are ones that have always been with us and always will be. And, even if there were big problems up ahead, we or “those in the know” will know what to do when we get there.

Behind all of the concern and the reaction to rapid change are some philosophical questions. Essentially, the question is: Is there anything that is permanent? And, the short answer is: no.

The only thing that is permanent is the God With No Name. The No Thing. The One who has boundless potentiality and no actuality.

All things by their very nature have duration. Whether it be a galaxy, a planetary Logoi, a kingdom in nature, a person or an atom, each thing comes into being, experiences duality and dies or goes into pralaya. In this “real” world, the only thing that is constant is change.

Within the manifested universe there are levels of subtlety. As human beings we incorporate the three lower kingdoms in nature and, as an aggregate, we vibrate at a much lower level. Beings or Gods at higher levels of vibration incorporate us as cells within their bodies.

At the level of personality, life is a rapid series of crisis, a few moments of illumination and death. At the level of soul (individual causal body) life spans millions of years and is also characterized by moments of illumination and death. At the spirit level (Monadic), life spans a period of time we have no measure of, yet we know that it also has moments of awareness and death.

Depending at which level we identify ourselves as being ourselves, we have relative permanency. Only at the level of the personality are we troubled by the issues of the transitory nature of reality. Time pushes us about when we are personalities and time stands still when we are souls. (We say, "I am in the Now.")

A knowledge of cycles is a psychological aid to dealing with change. For instance, as a parent, it is helpful to know that there is a cycle called adolescence. And, it helps to know that the mid-life crisis is similar to adolescence, but also has characteristics which indicate the potential for a different outcome.

Initiations are also cycles. The first initiation occurs as a result of a series of changes/crisis. An old life ends and the process of the soul controlling the personality begins. The third initiation is so similar to the first that some who are taking the first think that they are taking the third. At this imitation a fierce battle is fought between the personality and the soul and the soul wins control of the three-fold personality. The difference between the two initiations is partial control of the personality versus full control.

Such is the crisis today. Humanity is taking the first initiation. (The planet is also taking a minor initiation). Death and impending death is all around us. Life, as we know it is ending. We are experiencing a minor Armageddon.

And, we are fluctuating between the fears of the personality and the trust of the soul. The personality fears that there is no permanency/all is chaos and reacts appropriately to its type. The soul celebrates the moment knowing that millions of years of struggle and achievement has now culminated in an opportunity for Humanity to sense its self as One and act appropriately in accordance with the realization.

The real Armageddon will occur thousands of years from now. (Read the Book of Daniel in the Bible for a full description). Humanity will then be taking the third initiation. Life on this planet will end for two-thirds of human souls. And, Humanity will be in full control of its soul-infused personality.

In these times of change, we need not panic: the world is not ending; it is just ending as we know it. We are experiencing change in our personality lives at a rate that is often disorienting. But, if we centre in the truth of who we really are, we can hold to the permanence of the soul. And, we will act accordingly.