

Dare to Dream

To imagine a better world, without the suffering of war and famine.

A world without the disparity of wealth and poverty.

A world where all needs are met without the grinding struggle of desperation.

A world of credible hope and stability

Where man can live in peace and harmony with his fellow man.

A world where reverence and respect is afforded to all living things

A world that is cared for with love and kindness and understanding.

And the voice of cynical realism says:

"never happen, man is too... It's just not a realistic hope."

Such dreams, so often short lived, curtailed by a sense of incredulity at man's ability to achieve these grand designs and yet, man's impassioned sole and driven ingenuity can have him be the greatest of "creators": from a spirit of the aesthetic that captures the beauty of the world in art, to great buildings, dams and bridges, even to fly and travel to the moon. Yet, in spite of all the complexities, and spiritual passion that these endeavor demand, it appears he can not be the master of his own behavior!

Why is this so beyond his capabilities..... To build his Utopian dream?

Dreams fade, like morning mist, when the awakening light of dawn, heralds a new days realities. Hopes can be like a butterfly's wings; tantalizing flashes of beauty that flutter past to capture the imagination of what might be; so easily damaged when a careless hand brushes off their substance: fleeting, transient,

But:

Hopes should not be built on the whim of "wishful thinking" but on the substance of considered belief. Beliefs are born in understanding the nature of our existence, and from that take root in solid principles to govern our attitudes, and flower in the emblazoned passion of faith. The first understanding we must see, is that we have, set deep within our psyche, a motivational programming that dictates our current attitudes; The sole of man is woven with the intricacies of is own rationale, of feelings and emotions set by this motivational force. We like to think we are in control of our destiny. we do not want to see ourselves as puppets.

We are not in control.

To **"Survive and procreate"**; the simple programming key to the dynamic of evolution for all life, it is the reason we are the most successful of all animals. There is no pejorative or blame for man living in his animal nature but to see it and deny it, is the folly that prevents the realization our dreams and that denial it will be our condemnation. What is it, in the minutiae of this instinctual imperative to survive, that robs us of our ability to live in harmony? We are blind to the hidden coercion and manipulation we live our lives too. We do not recognize the influence of this coercion day to day: of hunger, thirst, tiredness and pain, imbibed so completely in our perception of reality, we delude ourselves into believing that we have autonomy and power that runs our lives but in reality we are enslaved to living: surviving at any cost and all by the fear of death.

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Within this programming, I see my struggle to survive as in a competition; to be better than others. such thoughts sets attitudes; fear of possible failure towards my self, of critical mistrust towards my fellow man and of non-empathetic attitude to life. This constant comparing makes "enough" never enough; driven to a life of excess, of greed and disregard for those that "fail". Attitudes set to "Survive": 7 billion people! Our collective survival is not an issue, nor for the affluent few that can indulge their decadent life styles to excess. The bridge to our eutopian dream lies in nothing more than the consideration and acceptance of a simple truth, if bitter pill to our ego: **"we have lived from a motivational program that is the instinctual nature of all life. But this programming is now inappropriate. We have no natural predators (except perhaps each-other), The "Survival mode" for man (as a species) is not only inapplicable, it is, or is becoming the means of our destruction. So yes Dare To Dream of a better world, build our bridge with visionary understanding, humility of spirit and a focused belief"**.