

The Transcendent Nation: Rainbow Warriors

“When the earth is ravaged and the animals are dying, a new tribe of people shall come unto the earth from many colors, classes, creeds, and who by their actions and deeds shall make the earth green again. They will be known as the warriors of the rainbow.”

- Old Native American Prophecy

If personal peace or enlightenment is possible in one lifetime, which many men and women have proven, then common sense informs us that collective or world peace or collective or world enlightenment is possible in our lifetime.

Recorded history can be seen as humanity's fall from Grace and exodus back to the 'Garden of Eden'. This is not necessarily a religious statement. Look where you will into the mythologies, histories and esoteric wisdom of all the cultures East and West. At some point before recorded history men and women were Gods and Goddesses. Whether we believe we fell from Grace, or not, all spiritual masters inform us that we can experience a state free from suffering, or nirvana, right here on earth. We do not need to die to experience heaven, nor do we need to incarnate for thousands of more lifetimes to reach enlightenment. In fact, the experience of the Supreme I Consciousness is always available, right now. Enlightenment, the Buddha realized, is not something you achieve, it is what you already are, your innate condition. Similarly, could it be that world peace already is, and we just haven't realized it yet? This paper addresses not only the possibility of world peace, but how to it can be realized.

In reality, the universe is paradise, and the earth is just as much Eden now as it ever was in some antediluvian past. At some point (ultimately it doesn't really matter when) an aberrant identity emerged in the consciousness of human beings. The self-referential aspect of human nature, or the ego, is in fact a contraction of the Supreme I Consciousness cognized as the limited 'I', individually and collectively. That is to say, each and every human being is actually a holographic aspect of God or Being that misperceives him or herself as isolated human being. Who we are in fact is the Supreme I Consciousness or pure subjective awareness. In other words, God is Consciousness Itself and this is our real Identity. We each say 'I am' to refer to ourselves, and that is because, in reality, there is only One I am, one universal Being.

Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world" Our power as individuals is unlimited. Imagine if there were thousands of people on Earth now that shared the same realization of Jesus or Buddha? The whole world can become enlightened and it is up to each individual to play his or her part. Actually all authentic spiritual masters and gurus say, "It is up to *you*."

Real spirituality is not religious. It is not dogmatic and has no agenda or beliefs. It is free, like space, and has to be discovered in the depth of one's own heart and soul. There are many paths to realizing oneself as Consciousness Itself (the objective view *of* the Supreme I Consciousness), or the One I am (the subjective view *as* Supreme I Consciousness), but only one Supreme I Consciousness exists to be realized. The nature of this Supreme I-Consciousness is divine and it is who we really are, in true Identity. It has been referred to with labels like God, Goddess, Buddha, Christ, Great Spirit, etc. (how one distinguishes the Supreme I Consciousness with labels is irrelevant).

Since there is only one true Identity, those that have realized identity with the One I am, are not at war with one another. There are examples, throughout history, of people in all cultures that have awakened to their true nature as Consciousness Itself. These men and women are the sources of the world's spiritual traditions. In order to communicate the state of Being that they realized as Reality, they taught people according to their capacities, and in the manner of the time and place in which they lived.

Enlightened individuals emerge from lineages that were initiated by these 'psychonauts', or enlightenment pioneers, throughout the history of humankind. Therefore, no path, or lineage can lay claim to the Truth exclusively, and no real Master ever does. All truly realized beings recognize that others have realized what they have, and that many have taken different paths than they did. Such understanding and transcendence of religious identity is a hallmark of union with Identity, or the One I am.

Humankind is on an exodus back to the state of Grace, known by some as the Garden of Eden or the Motherland or Shambhala. All wisdom lineages emerge from that state, which is transcendent of time and space, but is here and now. Heaven and Earth are one. Nirvana and Samsara are one. We have devolved from a state of Unity in Diversity, or Nonduality, into the duality of separate and fictitious identities and egos. The world is not out there. It is 'in here', inside our shared Supreme I Consciousness. In fact, the world and everything that exists is Consciousness Itself. **Therefore it is only through collective spiritual awakening that the suffering humanity experiences can be eliminated.**

If we are to survive, we must come to know ourselves beyond belief, beyond dogma. All esoteric wisdom lineages know that the Truth is beyond the limits of the human intellect. It is to be experienced, known and realized for and by oneself. Enlightened masters are not inciting war and violence. They are not arguing with one another about the Truth. They are embodying the Truth of Love and offering *that* unconditionally to one and all.

When we realize that we are citizens of a Transcendent Nation, one nation of all human beings established in divine Identity, peace will be possible on earth. There is no way to feed the world's starving children or establish world peace or cultivate global prosperity any other way. The world is a collective mind-field and reflects the state of the individuals who inhabit and create it. Each and every one of us is responsible for the state of the world. Absolutely responsible

The Master or Guru

The greatest benefit one can offer to the world is to realize who one is and one's place in the divine design, the natural order of life. In order to do this, it is usually necessary to have a guide, someone who can introduce one to one's natural condition, to the nature of our divine Identity as the Supreme I Consciousness. Many people these days assert that it is possible to achieve Self Realization without having a teacher. In some cases, extraordinary individuals have established a direct connection with the One I am, and have initiated new beginnings. But most of us must have a master to remind us of who we are and help us on the way to realize the One I am completely. All traditional spiritual lineages, from both East and West, emphasize the centrality of the master or guru.

Often these masters live beyond the confines of society's concepts of right and wrong. In India such characters were honored as Mahasiddhas, or 'Great Adepts' and were of every way of life, caste and creed. The 'Crazy Wisdom' of the guru, albeit often unconventional, is not subject to human judgment. Any real teacher is an ego-killer and a society-killer. No wonder egocentric people and society throughout history attempts to crucify them.

And yet, there are many people posing as teachers in order to gain a profit of some sort. It is vital that one investigate, firsthand, a teacher. Jesus said, 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' That is, the atmosphere of an authentic master is majestic and so full of the wakefulness of the Supreme I Consciousness and unconditional love that one 'knows', and 'knows that they know', when one is in their company. Buddha enjoined his students to test his teachings for themselves, not to only take his word for it. "As the wise test gold by burning, cutting and rubbing it. So, students, should you accept my words -- after testing them, and not merely out of respect."

There is a famous adage that when the student is ready, the teacher appears. This is because there are two masters, in fact. The secondary master, the outer teacher, and the primary master, the master within oneself. The secondary master leads one to the master within, until one realizes that the Consciousness of the two masters is one and the same. And ultimately, enlightenment is attained when one permanently delights in the Oneness of everyone and everything as the Supreme I Consciousness or the One I am.

Each individual who awakens carves a unique road to freedom and leaves their mark upon time and space. In many instances, their teachings have been perverted into exoteric doctrines used to control people, or at best, give people a sense of existential comfort. The only way to contact the living realization of genuine masters in the past is to connect with a living master embodying that realization. This wisdom has been passed down person to person throughout the history of the world.

The 144,000

Have you heard of the theory of critical mass? The theory of critical mass posits that there is a threshold value of the number of people needed to trigger a phenomenon by the exchange of ideas. Similarly critical mass is a term used in nuclear physics to describe the amount of fissile material needed for a sustained nuclear chain reaction. Is it possible that a creative nuclear chain reaction could be triggered in the world through the power of fission, or nondual awareness- i.e. cognition of the Supreme I Consciousness, or the One I am?

Actually, there is precedence for such a perspective, found in the *Book of Revelation*.

Book of Revelation 7: 4 And I heard the number of them, which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel

Grace Van Duzen, the late 20TH century Biblical scholar writes, “The number 144,000 has been the subject of extensive controversy. There have been many misinterpretations of who would be saved, or ‘sealed.’” Some groups have felt that this number would appear exclusively within their ranks because of shared ideals and ideas of worship. But the reference is to the 12 divisions of humanity, which corresponds to the 12 signs of the zodiac. The symbolism is the same on Earth as in the farthest reaches of the heavens. The responding body is described as a great multitude without number and without regard to any of man’s divisions. All are children of God with equal opportunity to share His salvation and know His Love There is the requirement of a core pattern, however, that can vibrationally steer the multitudinous body. Jesus gave first to his disciples, who then fed the 5,000.”

In other words, ‘The 144,000’ is a symbol that refers to the number of masters it takes to awaken the body of humanity. It represents the critical mass of enlightened individuals that would catalyze the collective enlightenment of the whole world.

Quantum physics recognizes that the Universe is fundamentally energy. It also is beginning to recognize that whatever is observed is affected by the perceiver. The final quantum leap for quantum physicists will be when they realize that subject and object are ultimately one, because everything is Consciousness. The Universe itself and all the sentient beings inhabiting it are Consciousness Itself, or the One I am. As it is written in the 9th century text the Shiva Sutras, the Yoga of Supreme Identity, “One who experiences the delight of Supreme I-consciousness in all the states of consciousness becomes the master of his senses...To such a yogi, all that is observed as an object-whether externally or internally, is an expression of consciousness.’ And, in another 9th century Kashmiri Shaivite text, the Spandakarika, “He who knows thus (i.e. it is the experient himself who appears in the form of the object of experience), and regards the whole world as play (of the Divine), being ever united (with the universal consciousness) is, without doubt, liberated even while alive.”

Therefore, unless we ourselves awaken to our true Identity with the One I am, we will be contributing to the illusion that is the world as we have known it, a world full of suffering, isolated egos. **Our collective priority must be to take personal responsibility for our own evolution.** It is only when we wake up ourselves that we can ultimately benefit others. Reaching a critical mass of enlightened individuals, or 'Gathering the 144,000', is not creating a segregated group of any kind, either spiritually or politically, but rather involves first and foremost waking up ourselves and then assisting those on the path to enlightenment to get there more quickly. Ultimately the 144,000 is all of humanity, since a critical mass of individuals of enlightenment would result in total, simultaneous enlightenment of the whole.

Simply put, we need to continue to evolve spiritually and help others evolve. It is not necessarily a matter of dropping out of society to reach an exalted state of awareness, separate from the whole. Nor is it to try and change people and the world externally at the exclusion of working on ourselves. It is a balanced interchange between us as individuals and the worlds that we inhabit that is required. And this looks different for everyone. Our paths are completely unique and at the same time unified. Unity in diversity is a way of describing the 'Garden of Eden' or our natural, collective condition. In this condition we realize that everything is one thing, Consciousness Itself or the One I am.

A critical mass of individual enlightenments is the only means to creating a prosperous global society. As more and more people awaken to the fact that real happiness and fulfillment comes from knowing themselves as the One I am, an attitude of love and respect will permeate all of our interactions with one another more and more. It is through the realization of interdependence as a whole body that we can realize a better world for all. And while there are many paths to this experience of divine Identity, there is only the One I am.

The Transcendent Nation

The Middle Way of enlightened activity is being ‘in the world but not of it’, a blend of the inner and outer, esoteric and exoteric technologies, of East and West. The power required to refashion Eden is within us and needs to manifest in our lives. Some will be drawn to serve from the mountaintop, others will serve in the middle of large metropolises. However one is called to serve, it is going through the process of enlightenment for oneself that is the core of the work. From that springs service and service leads to fulfillment.

World peace, or as Jesus called it, ‘the Kingdom of Heaven on earth’, will emerge through the power of spiritually conscious people. Enlightened citizens are the means to creating an enlightened society. The great insight of the 21st century is this: **the root of humanity’s suffering is spiritual ignorance, and a better world is only achievable through Self-realization.** If this truth could become intellectual currency the world around, we would be well on our way to world peace.

It is time for those stewarding the majority of the world’s resources to take responsibility and assist the spiritual visionaries in creating a global and enlightened society. It is this ideal of personal responsibility that is the very heart of the American Republic, bastardized though it may be currently by the media and straw-men standing before the world professing dedication to freedom. Freedom is an innate quality of Being and it is free! It cannot be bought nor sold. We need to step beyond the boundaries of belief and concept and fulfill the noble quest for collective enlightenment, to fulfill the vision of the American forefathers.

There is more than enough to go around in Eden and ventures can be win-win for all concerned, including the other sentient kingdoms and Mother Earth Herself. Environmental, holistic, fair trade and partnership pragmatics must pervade all business activity. All of our affairs must be conducted with the utmost integrity. For the free market to work, people need to be increasingly conscious. Only companies and products that are holistically balanced socially, environmentally, internationally and corporately should be made prosperous by the collective constituency of global consumers. This is a matter of education, spiritual education, since recognition of divine Identity includes innate knowledge of how to exist in balance with the whole. Despite the suffering humanity continues to inflict on itself, one should never lose hope and know that the Kingdom of Heaven is at always hand. Through the purification of our hearts and the recognition of the One I am, the Kingdom of Heaven is restored on Earth.

Collective Enlightenment is possible in this lifetime! It is up to you...

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Transcendent Nation Foundation

The Transcendent Nation Foundation is dedicated to achieving world peace in this lifetime through the power of spiritual enlightenment. As individuals in the body of humanity awaken, the collective awakens. A critical mass of individual enlightenments will catalyze collective enlightenment, just as when a light is turned on in a room, all the darkness disappears. The light is the awareness of the truth of Being, or the One I am, and the house is our Collective Consciousness.

TNF is a resource of vision and wealth for people of integrity, regardless of race, color, or creed, who have awakened to their place in the divine design. We support projects that serve at the level of Spirit. There are many wonderful organizations dedicated to addressing the immediate needs of the body of humanity. While TNF aspires to assist in this regard in the future, our primary focus is in removing the root of humanity's suffering forever, such that poverty of any kind shall be no more. To this end, our energy and resources are invested in enlightened individuals and their enterprises. When people awaken, not only are their lives transformed, their world is transformed. When enough people awaken, the entire world is transformed. This is the essence of our philosophy and spiritual approach to establishing Heaven on Earth.

TNF is a trust fund and treasury for those who know who they are and what they are here to accomplish. Ultimately, The Transcendent Nation is the apotheosis of the American 'Republic' realized globally. As each person realizes their inherent sovereignty as a God or Goddess, we will govern ourselves in Love and Truth, and let Life be refashioned into the Garden of Eden all around us.

TNF is taking responsibility in functioning as a treasury for the 144,000. As such, it is a fiduciary conduit for people and their enterprises that we deem spiritually conscious in nature. In turn, we seek donations from people and other organizations that recognize the value of our work, regardless of apparent religious, non-religious, moral, amoral, etc association. Our portfolio of people and their projects, while not the exclusive representatives of truth, is exclusively enlightening. That is to say, we endorse some of the finest spiritual gems on the planet today. We invite you to encounter these people in person and see for yourself.

Currently, TNF is also specifically dedicated to the continuity of four distinct esoteric wisdom lineages: Tantrik Kashmiri Shaivism, Vajrayana Tibetan Buddhism, Emissaries of Divine Light, and the Medicine Wheel Way of the American Indian Nations. Each chosen lineage transcends religious identity and reveals our nature as the divine Identity of the One I am. By demonstrating the compatibility of discrete streams of power, a larger wisdom heritage is acknowledged.

It is our conviction that humanity has fallen from a state of Grace into its current predicament of duality. This presumes that the restoration to Grace is the natural evolution of humanity's journey. Each lineage emerges from an individual who has recognized his or her oneness with Consciousness Itself and presents a unique system for others to do the same. The wisdom and compassion of these lineages acknowledges the uniqueness of each and every human being and honors the uniqueness of each one's journey of Self-discovery. As such the TNF transcends categorization and limitation of any kind. The Ultimate Truth is Love and is therefore unlimited and unbounded in nature.

We are not a religious or political organization. We have no beliefs or dogmas or rules and regulations. We are an aspect of the living organism of conscious souls dedicated to the collective enlightenment of humanity. Our services cannot be bought or sold. Our 'nation' cannot be joined since everyone is already a citizen of the Cosmos. We invite you to discover who you are and to play your part in establishing an enlightened Global society, a Transcendent Nation, on Earth.

PROJECT RESTORATION

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PROJECT RESTORATION is the first ever Enlightenment Simulator™- a global, new media game and entertainment platform that engages the audience in a process of personal growth and self-discovery. Conceived by a team of Harvard-trained religious study graduates, it consists of a film trilogy, a documentary, and an interactive Web 3.0 portal that serves up a Massively Multi-Player Role Playing Game (MMPORG) and an Alternate Reality Game (ARG).

The film trilogy is a riveting adventure-quest that leads the audience into the heart of the world's most profound esoteric knowledge, into the Apocalypse and beyond. It communicates spiritual ideas within the larger context of the narrative, advancing the understanding of the audience as the characters in the film move towards self-realization. This is the essence of Spi-Fi, or 'spiritual fiction', an emergent genre that has yet to be defined.

The contemporary mythos of the story is informed by a wide spectrum of wisdom traditions such as Hopi and Mayan prophecy, Tibetan tantra and the *Book of Revelation*. Imagine *The Matrix* meets *The Lord of the Rings*. Twelve archetypal characters uncover the secret to saving the world from the impending New World Order. A series of illuminating vignettes introduces the audience to our Twelve heroes as they choose different paths to the Truth. Their battle against evil provides the action; their evolving relationships fuel the drama.

The documentary will follow the cast's journey as they learn from living masters prior to and throughout the making of the trilogy, bridging fiction and reality. As such it serves as the rabbit hole for *Project Restoration: The Game*, an MMPORG. Gamers will start as ordinary people in a gritty lifestyle, but as they are thrust into an Apocalyptic scenario the game ramps up into a multiverse of magical and mythical dimensions. It begins as single-player and evolves to massively-multiplayer online and eventually ties in with a full-blown ARG, played in the *real* world, in *real* life. The 3D, avatar based website provides a context for ongoing content-driven community participation, education and commerce.

PROJECT RESTORATION utilizes bleeding-edge multimedia technology to draw the audience on a quest to reach collective enlightenment. It is a transmedia platform with an evolutionary and educational impulse, an Enlightenment Simulator™ that will open a huge Spi-Fi genre and market. Our trilogy and documentary will make it possible for people to start the journey in the theaters. Our game and website will make it possible for people to continue the quest online. No pilgrimages or severe austerities necessary for the modern truth-seeker, just **PROJECT RESTORATION**.

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