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~ After you finish your own garden you get to weed your neighbors. ~

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A thought of the day in passing . . .

You can't get there from here.

To help and to serve one's fellow beings seems engrained in human being. In some form, it is espoused as a moral standard in ethical thinking from the philosophers to the varied religions. How precisely, and to what extent, this should be done is the question; and opinions as to this vary greatly. This is, in fact, the great debate of our day; individual sovereignty vs. the believed good of the whole, and quite appropriate for this new age in the Enlightenment of humanity.

My view briefly restated is this: we have an 'Ultimate Reality' and a 'relative reality', as said by the Buddhists. They are completely different modes of being. In our Ultimate Reality we are One; omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and 'All There Is' - but this cannot be lived in the world of form - *as* - an individual. We are in one as a wave; and in another as a particle, simultaneously. One should not confuse these two.

Well-intended persons, often because they have glimpsed the intrinsic 'Oneness' or because they are disenchanted with the world they perceive, are trying to impose attributes of 'The Oneness' reality upon 'relative reality' - and it turns out badly. As long as a large portion of the people are not fully purified, a noble ideal will become an experiment gone bad, with the new powers in charge become as the old but with new faces. Power will always lead to corruption and tyranny in the hands of ignorance. Utopia exists, but may not be of this world. At least not for a very long time to come, when we become a fully enlightened society.

Until that time charity is not a bad recourse, it is good for the soul, whereas enforced giving is not. People are predominantly good; and we tend to help our neighbors, communities, and the world at large, and actually, do it quite abundantly and well in our society. (If no one has ever made a complete list of the private and public charities, the amounts given each year and for what purpose, someone should - it's huge.) We must just keep doing it, still more, yet better.

In 'relative reality' we are free beings, unique and of different capacity and destiny. *We are not equal.* We are only equal in a life of opportunity. We did not create ourselves, nor are we responsible for all, *at this level of our being.* We are only responsible to live our highest and best possibility from our own given set of circumstance and to help others, to whatever our capacity and willingness to do so, to fulfill *their* highest and best capacity - not to enforce our views or circumstance on the rest, or make us all the same.

Learning to function awake and aware as both 'the whole' (One Self) and 'the part' (Individuality) becomes a primary question in the after Enlightenment process, as is, 'right thinking' regarding the life of relative reality; and we explore it in ever detail in the forthcoming days.

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