

The following is an expanded version of a brief text written for the April, 2020 issue of Share International magazine. It contains references to important content in the magazine.



We know now that the world will never be the same again. Share International readers have always known that we live in extraordinary times, and this is clearer now than ever before. This is the turning point. All outer security has gone; we can no longer plan anything, the future is on hold. We are outwardly curtailed, forced back onto our own resources and obliged to stay in 'the now'. The frailty of our financial, economic and social structures has been laid bare. It is obvious that capitalism can play no major role in a better future. Sustained and shameful social injustice, neglect, and austerity have played their part in creating the current crisis. The world is being stripped down to the essentials. Incomes have disappeared

overnight; if ever there were a time for introducing universal basic income it is now.

As the media daily reports on the global crisis it will be obvious why 'The future beckons', an article by Benjamin Creme's Master, was chosen for the April issue (available shortly). "Daily, the evidence mounts to show men that the world is One, that humanity is an organism whose well-being depends on the health of every part, and that to ignore the signs of danger and of disease is no longer possible or wise. Many now see this and call for justice but only the cry of awakened humanity will suffice to shift the Powers from their positions of greed. ... Maitreya will lose no time in bringing home to all, this truth."

These thoughts find an echo in the announcements and advice of Orthodox rabbis who say that the Messiah is here and about to reveal Himself (See 'Top rabbi says the Messiah is here' in Share International) They urge people to pray, to keep to their religious observances, to be prepared and watch for the signs of His presence. Their advice is a call to all to evaluate priorities and values, and to know where we stand.

The world's response to the new coronavirus could be the fresh start most people are longing for. Although we are urged to 'self-isolate' and generally avoid contact with others, this time may be the trigger for embracing a shared experience of oneness. It could encourage us to accept simplicity and sufficiency, sharing and universal social justice.

Daily it dawns on people around the world that we are not simply interdependent but essentially one being, totally intertwined and dependent on one another and all other life forms. We are also realizing that we have potentially entered a new state of being and a time of unlimited potential. Appalling though the circumstances are, here is a unique opportunity never to be given again. It is not a question of waiting, but rather preparing, of being poised and alert as we examine all past assumptions and priorities. By what standards do we live, individually and collectively? The new coronavirus could cause us to call into question every aspect of our lives to arrive at

a new understanding of the essential or the essence – of ourselves and our relationship with all other life. We are also waking up to the fact that we have plundered the environment; our planet needs to be restored to health. Certainly in the nervous hush many are beginning to feel chastened. Share International readers were forewarned in a letter about an experience with a ‘special visitor’ who called himself ‘Ronnie Tsunami’, in November 2019. In conversation he emphasized the need for justice and warned: “There is a tsunami coming!! A tsunami-like wave after wave!” (The South China Morning Post reported recently that the first case of Covid-19 infection probably happened in November 2019.)

The rabbis referred to above challenge us: we are being tested and we need to respond by readying ourselves for the inner and outer changes needed in order to be able to move forward into a re-made world.

“Can you not feel the new rhythm which is entering your lives? Who can ignore the new impulse which quickens men to action? All will be remade, and soon the darkness will give way to revealing light.” (‘The future beckons’)

The following brief article by BC’s Master encapsulates precisely the opportunities and requirements of our time.

A gift from the Highest

Men stand at a point of revelation, which soon will sweep away discordant voices and attitudes. They will know more keenly the meaning and purpose of their existence, and the means by which that knowledge is brought into their awareness.

Soon, very soon now men will grow, overnight as it were.

This new knowledge will chasten and surprise many but inspire and enlighten them into a complete adjustment of their understanding. This will give a new value to what they call the meaning and purpose of life. A greater seriousness and a greater joy will permeate their beliefs and actions, and gradually involve them all together in a new dispensation. That time is not far off. The Great Lord is eager to appear and to grace the world by His open, recognized presence.

Have no fear. A new world is in the making, which will restore men’s faith and courage in equal order. (10 May 2015)

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