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Philosophy is defined as the love of wisdom. The highest philosophy, however, is no other than the wisdom of love. This is that altruistic love which awakens unity over separateness.

In the history of human thought, philosophy is the mother of science, the father of theology, and the midwife of the inspiration of art.

Theosophia is the source and unity of the noblest philosophies, the spiritual essentials of all religions, the universal unity between the sciences and their discoveries, and the intuitive perception of the arts.

Philosophy tempers the knowledge of science into the wisdom of its application. It is philosophy that balances the emotional propensity of religion with the appeal to reason. Art is enriched by the philosophical significance of beauty.

Theosophia unites the wisdom of philosophy, the truths of science, the ethical precepts of religion, and the significance of the beauty of art, into one ordering reality which can be directly perceived and experienced.

The quality of our individual life on earth is determined by our philosophy of living. But the quantity of goods by which we surround ourselves does not necessarily bring those inner qualities of goodness that make life worth living.

A materialistic philosophy and a narrow religious belief tend to strongly influence our approach to life, compounded largely by a state of unawareness disguised by a false righteousness. There is a measure of understanding of ourselves and of the universe that is imperative toward wholeness. And philosophy brings to us the wisdom of its treasures.

It takes great courage to question and to think for ourselves, to investigate and to be honest, to inquire and to pursue truth or the real, to be patient and persevering for the answers we seek.

For example, What is the origin, the nature, and the destiny of our universe and of our humanity? What is consciousness?

And why? Our answers, or the absence of any, set forth the kind of decisions and actions we make in life.

Many who have been frustrated with the study of philosophy have renewed their interest through theosophia. Those who have found theosophia have enthusiastically branched out to include other studies in philosophy, religion, science and art.

It is not theosophia that substitutes our beliefs with another system of beliefs, no matter how rational and convincing. If there is anything that theosophia provides for every individual, it is a very workable hypothesis of an understanding of ourselves and the universe, with a broadly defined path toward realization.

There is a laudable prerequisite calling for a quality of life that approaches the fulfillment of every virtue and ideal that appeals to our own innate goodness.

In the verification of a theosophic hypothesis, we are our own scientist and the object of science, the philosopher and the philosophy, the spiritual seeker and religion itself, the artist and the art, altogether in the process of realization.

Nowhere else is awareness turned on or tuned inward, except on awareness itself. There to fathom the secret of the full continuum of consciousness, from the human to the non-human, from the mind and beyond, on to highest reaches of divine consciousness.

There are those who have touched the fringes and into the very center of that underlying reality within their own being. Their declarations of discovery have found their way throughout the history of philosophy, appropriate to the clamoring need of every clime and culture. The same may be said for religion, science and art.

The reality experience is an awakened insight into the unity of life sustaining the multiplicity of form. There, theosophia illumines the highest philosophy, where the true love of wisdom becomes a living experience expressed as the wisdom of love.

On East-West Culture

The most important role of culture is the refinement of human character. The dignity and nobility of a people are shown by its culture. Cultural sites and events may be geographical. But its influence transcends political or national boundaries.

To know what refines human character is to come to the essence of a culture. The confluence of cultures, whether East-West or North-South, are in the ethical values and spiritual ideals that are truly universal, multidimensional and ageless.

Principles that rest on the foundations of virtue transcend directional compass readings. These ideal principles are central to the higher aspirations and spiritual possibilities of all cultural heritages.

The real development of culture is in its evolution towards the real. The highest realities are of the nature of universal truths. What are these truths? They are those truths that make for unity, compassion, peace, creativity, understanding, enthusiasm, beauty and other qualities that elevate our humanity.

Seek these ideal qualities embedded in the symbols, rites, rituals, customs, ceremonies and traditions of cultural themes. Your findings will yield the universal and spiritual elements that reveal the oneness of humanity on this planet.

Our oneness with every human being, gone past the outer differences of dress, gesture or convention, is central to our global compass readings of culture. This ethical centrality is not separate from our own highest spiritual center. In the time scale of history, the supreme effort of every culture is to evoke what truly is our divine potential.

Nowhere on our planet is the interaction between cultures as intense and widespread as can be found here in America. The potential for explosive encounters are as equal to the tremendous opportunities for drawing forth and for bringing together the best and highest in each one of us. Out of this crucible will emerge a new humanity.

May we who are parents or seniors, help usher our next generation into the hastened emergence of this new humanity. May we have the vision and the wisdom to engage ourselves in these troubled transitional times.

May our youths grow into the full potential of their higher possibilities. May they find the ethical strength and the spiritual guidance that will make manifest those dreams for a better world, expressing the unity of all life on earth and in the heavens. May every triumph lead to even greater triumphs in the future made now. ~ Δ ~