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**What Will The World Be Like Post COVID-19?**

The question, 'what will the world be like post COVID-19' is on many peoples minds? Much of what has been written or spoken about this, leaves people unsure, ranging from near apocalyptic visions to a re-imagined world of greater peace and good will. But whatever this 'new world' will look like, it will not simply happen, but will be of our making. Mahatma Gandhi once wrote "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." The simplicity in this phrase, is immensely powerful. To be the change you want to see in the world, you don't need to be a politician or someone in power. Rather, we most urgently need to recognize and accept, that power is not something that has to be granted to another before it can be exercised, or that it can be taken from you because someone does not agree with your vision. Power is something that we acknowledge dwells within each and every human being. It does not need to be a tool or weapon used to rule or subdue another, but can be an energy meant to further create and animate good will and harmonious wellbeing. If we have learned anything from this pandemic, it is that we are to accept our place in this world as global citizens. And as a citizen of the world, it is our obligation to become increasingly aware of the problems that "our" world is facing today. It starts by spreading that knowledge and taking the initiative to change the habits which harm our planet, our home and the home that hosts all of creation.

a great power that is both beyond our imagining and is not of our creation, but has the potential to transform ourselves and the world we live in, into something that more closely resembles an existence free of unnecessary conflict and malice towards everything. If we allowed ourselves to let it come forth and teach us how to live and move in this world, free of fear, then that world would become the change we wish to see, both before us and within us all.

This power is not magic, fantasy, or even hopeful desperation. It is not even something supernatural, which is beyond us or separate from who we are. No, this power is the gift that has been given to us all from the Ground of our Being, and it is Awareness. Before I suggest what it might look like, let us begin with a world that is devoid of awareness.

We have come to accept as our way of living and being in this world, to think that we and everything else on this planet, is somehow separate from everything else. This leads to ideas that allow for the creation of definitions that both encourage and proliferate the disillusion of the very fabric of wholeness and oneness. The result is that we accept that it is perfectly fine to hurt or to harm anything that is not us. And whatever we believe is not of us, is less than us. The power of Awareness is the end to the Us and Them, the You and Me, and what emerges is what has always been, the Singular Whole.

Perhaps where we begin is to consider that there is a power that dwells within us all, that may in turn challenge our continual obsession to look outwardly for someone to save us from ourselves. That he or she will provide for us a "one-easy-quick-fix" that is going to resolve the crisis we are presently facing. Rather, I would hope that all people might take this moment of great frustration, to be a time of awakening to the potential that dwells within us. If we could accept for a moment, that there is at the core of every human being

Through Awareness, we are awakened to the truth that everything is influential and bound inextricably. What we see as separation, does not in fact exist in reality. Everything that exists, what we call organic and inorganic, does not exist as such. There is no separate forms of beingness, there is only the one. We break things down into parts, so we can understand it, and this in and of itself is the problem. We are not "a part" of something, or to live apart from anything, but to be the Singular Whole. And what is this? pah

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## 4th Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2020

“The Merciful love of the Lord, fills the earth”  
Ps. 32.5



“Learning is finding out what you already know.  
Doing is demonstrating that you know it.  
Teaching is reminding others  
that they know just as well as you.  
You are all learners, doers, teachers.  
This is a test to see if your mission in this life is complete,  
if you are alive, it isn't.” Richard Bach

*We all go through tough times in life with some being more difficult than others. From breakups to losing the dear ones we love, shattered dreams or finding oneself in lock down for an undetermined time. Any one or more of these events can often cause your life to come to a halt. We can become stuck and feel like we can't move forward.*

*However, to move forward in life we must be positive & consistent in our efforts because regardless of what happens, life goes on. Here are a few quotes of encouragement during our hard times to motivate us, or your mother, kids, father, friend, to be strong and to keep going.*

“Fall seven times, stand up eight.”— Japanese Proverb

“You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.” - Bob Marley

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” - Confucius

“The world breaks everyone, then some becomes strong at the broken places.” - Ernest Hemingway

“Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles. It empties today of its strength.” - Corrie ten Boom

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” - Winston Churchill

“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.” - Martin Luther King

“It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others.”  
- Dali Lama

“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” - Thomas Edison

When you look deeply into your anger you will see that the person you call your enemy is also suffering. As soon as you see that, then your capacity for accepting and having compassion for them is there.” - Thich Nhat Hanh

“We are all dealing with a challenge of some kind. Some of us are just better at hiding it than others.” - Karen Salmansohn

“When someone is going through a storm...your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words.” - Thelma Davis

And finally, “Just keep swimming.” - Dori

We Remember our Faithful Departed **especially Richard Boivin and Jerry McAndrew ...** through our sadness our love shines through, helping us back in time to remember them with Joy

AND

**We join our prayers for those who are ill at this time ...**

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Pamela Festing, Joe Hanrath, David Phillips, John Schreurs, Connie Gregory, Kristina Lenart, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Michael Brown, Diana Snowden, Brian Dittmar, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez & Ruth Anne Foley

*And let us pray for those who are so tirelessly working to take care of those who are ill at this time.  
May they remain safe, healthy and well.*

“Let your love be upon us , Lord, even as we hope in you” Ps. 33

## Next Sunday May 10th- 5th Sunday of Easter

“The tragedy of an attachment is that if its object is not attained it causes unhappiness. But if it is attained, it does not cause happiness – it merely causes a flash of pleasure followed by weariness, and it is always accompanied, of course, by the anxiety that you may lose the object of your attachment.” Anthony De Melo



### Prayer of Consecration of Canada to Mary **May 1st**

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, in this time of pandemic, we turn our gaze to you, and in Christ consecrate to you the faithful of our Diocese together with all the people of Canada. At the Annunciation, fear gave way to trust as you embraced the mysterious and loving plan of God, who through his providence, care and concern brought about newness of life in you and through you. Intercede, we pray, on our behalf as your children, Virgin most faithful. Grant us faith, hope and perseverance, as we strive to serve and bear witness to all persons, responding to the needs of those affected by this virus.

Standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary, you united yourself with the sufferings of Christ and so uniquely contributed to the mystery of our redemption. We beseech you as Health of the sick, draw to yourself in maternal compassion the brothers and sisters of your Son Jesus and all those who are grieved by this pandemic. Strengthen the dying and comfort those who weep so that all may experience the healing grace of Christ our Divine Physician. At the Cenacle, after the Resurrection, you accompanied the Apostles with prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In your maternal care as Consoler of the afflicted, accompany healthcare professionals, all who minister to the sick and those who seek a cure to end this pandemic, that the Holy Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

To all of us, dearest Mary, Mother of all the living, be present and show forth your tenderness, as we raise our eyes to you who shines forth before the entire community as a merciful and compassionate companion on our journey. Time and time again, with burdens weighing heavily on their hearts and in their many necessities, the Christian faithful have sought refuge under your mantle of protection.

Come quickly to our aid at this time, Mother of Mercy, and deliver us from the dangers that surround us in our hour of need; watch over especially the elderly, the weak and the infirm, our children and the unity of our families, and all those who give of themselves selflessly in pastoral care to those in need until in your arms and in your gentle embrace we all find safety and solace.

R. Amen.

We are encouraged to “physically distance” ourselves, for the common good of everyone's health. This is no reason to “Socially Forget.”

Reach out to those who maybe most vulnerable at this time to ensure they are well, or whether they are in need of anything. Be Safe, Be Thoughtful

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