

Reflection

I wonder
I seek
Like everyone. All of us
Ask in our own way:
What is the meaning of life?
Of our own individual lives?
Our roles
Our responsibilities?

Or is it the community's life? Humanity's life?
Too much emphasis on the individual.
We all seek
In good times or bad each of us wonders.

Then an event may accelerate the process
Like Twain's 2x4 and the mule
It concentrates the mind wonderfully.
That happened to me.
And I read
And pondered
And the answers seemed to come together like little pieces
Pieces of a puzzle.

And the way I heard it
Felt it
was like this:

We're all part of something much bigger than us
Each of us is created with essentials of goodness within us
Part of the All
Quiet, peace, love, caring

In all we do we must try to reach and be led by those parts of us
And the oneness and All of things.
We need to be quiet,
To listen to what is within and around us.

We need to study:
What is the All?
What are we meant to be part of?
Shut out the intrusions from time to time
Live fully in the moment

Drop the burdens of self - of past - of future
Have faith in the on-going, the continuous...the All of things
Have faith that this - only this - will lead us to know
What is - what should be - what path to follow.

There is no timetable

But rather a continuing process or path
A direction we must try to discern
Try to follow,

Accomplishments mean little

Success of the self means nothing
But our direction means everything.
So we need to dream
To envision
To weigh events on those scales
And we find
Humanity's efforts are often puny
Absorbed with the self
Never future generations
Not often the other parts of humanity
Yet alone the All
Neglecting the essence of the creation
- and most of its resources
This will not last.

But we can last

We can be continuous

Part of the ongoing

Part of the process of life

The direction of life
Not the direction of death

This is the faith we need

To go on
To work
To help

Call it God. Call it Yahweh. Call it Allah. Call it Buddha.

Call it Mother Earth.

Its will be done.