

The Cycle of Conferences – The Geneva Accord

The Dynamic of the Third Way

Most spiritual traditions, and the spiritual paths that are born from them, recognise the value of working without attachment to results and to have faith in the process. With this being said, it is, however, nice to see progress being made as a confirmation of both process and faith. Each little glimmer of something positive boosts efforts and fires the imagination to go one step further. Evolution seems to work this way whether on individual, group, or international levels. Recent events in the realm of Israeli politics form one such spark that may result in the kindling of the flame that can burn through years of separation and misunderstanding.

The dramatic move by Ariel Sharon to leave behind the long-trodden path of stubborn confrontation, and to embrace a more realistic openness to change, shakes the roots of fanatical one-sidedness within the rigid elements of Israeli society. The old fighter seems tired of using old methods and weapons, and, like Hercules when confronting the Hydra, realises that a new approach is needed. On the other side of the political spectrum, the emergence of Amir Peretz as the new leader of the Labour Party reveals the equal dissatisfaction of the Israeli left with the age-old “we/they” mentality. Mr. Peretz’s close relations with Yossi Beilin, one of the chief architects of the Geneva Initiative leading to the Geneva Accord gives new impetus for the Geneva Accord to emerge and play a greater role within the overall Plan for the Middle East.

What can be seen beneath these external movements is the blurring of the distinction between the horizontal swinging from left to right and from right to left. This need to find a “third way”, to create a dynamic centre which is more than just the sum of the parts, is cropping up all over. Humanity’s mind, so conditioned by the energy of harmony through conflict, is realising that it must fuse the opposites in a new way; that it must draw upon a higher part of itself, which embraces both poles of the opposites and fuses them with love and creative intelligence. This dynamic third point, called by some the soul, creates a triangle of dynamic energy flow. By cutting across the square and bringing the opposites together, a pattern of triangles are formed, each square becoming four triangles. In a triangle, each point is equally important, radiating beyond itself to encompass both parts of itself and receiving equally from them.

This dynamic of the third way is the dynamic of harmony through conflict. Jonathan Alter, in his Newsweek article “Looking for a Way Out” (Newsweek Int. Nov. 28, 2005), discusses the frustration of American leaders when considering the Iraqi quagmire. His conclusion is that “Instead of ‘cut and run’ versus ‘more-of-the-same’, we need a few imaginative ‘Third Way’ alternatives”. The recent political changes in Germany as a result of the national election are another proof of this sensed need to try coalitions which draw on the experience and wisdom of both poles of the political spectrum. The reality of the Israeli/Palestinian situation is that both sides are beginning to realise that the Palestinians have a right to a state, that Israel also has a right to exist, and that somehow these new developments could lead to something that benefits them both. The fact that the Israeli government has asked the EU to get more active in the peace process indicates that it is looking beyond its borders to be included eventually in a greater community. It is thinking positively about what new possibilities peace could create; not a static peace born of constant tension and barbed wire, but peace based on increasing open right relations.

We have the special opportunity now to add our quota of lighted thought to the strengthening of the hands of all those working selflessly to bring about positive change in today’s seemingly polarised world. The Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers,

which occurs once every seven years, (most recently December 21-28,2005), is a time when the spiritual forces of the planet impact this group in a fresh and vital way. This group of world servers stands as a third point, as a dynamic centre between the inner spiritual energies of the planet and Humanity. It incarnates the “Third Way” by fusing love and intelligence, expressed as active goodwill. May our efforts in the coming year strengthen and encourage all those who seek the way of right relationship and express in their lives the vision and goal, “let inner union demonstrate, and outer cleavages be gone”.

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