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“We hold it to be self-evident that all persons are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, & the pursuit of happiness.” – Article 1, Section 1, NC Constitution. (See NCCQG Issues)

4 years, 6 weeks, & 5 days ago, We brought forth to this city a new idea, a new vision, a new paradigm – Quality Government – by the people & for the people: @ least once each week, someone would say: “Good Luck!” ‘Luck’ has nothing to do with it. As Emerson said, “Weak men believe in luck; strong men believe in divine providence.”

There are 2 things that no human authority can control: 1) physical planetary events; 2) spiritual awareness. (Scientists have demonstrated that it requires only the square root of 1% of a population to ‘change the consciousness’ of the entire population. For the city of Asheville, that # is 27. Thank Spirit for the ‘magnificent 27’ & the ‘magnificent 7’) & for Buncombe County - 40.

Tonight, we have Quality Management in Washington - & it’s on its way to North Carolina! What a difference a few years makes. The President has requested that all Americans remain active & involved in our government.

A great # of changes has been made & is being made; but as we all know, the greatest change that MUST be made is the change in our consciousness – individual & collective. Life is consciousness! Real change requires us to change our thoughts & keep them changed. Life is what we think; every thought creates! There is no use trying to reform our political, economic, & social systems if our minds are not transformed. A change in our culture & course requires a change in consciousness. Spiritual principles are the foundation of active, positive citizenship. (*Ephesians 4:6 / John 4:24 / 1 John 4:16*)

If the root cause of all our so-called political, economic, & social problems is spiritual ignorance then, the solution must be spiritual education (knowledge, understanding & wisdom). Spirit is ONE; ONE is All; All is ONE. The greatest threat to any extreme radical religious or political practice is the simple truth. (The False Sense) We are not different & separate; we’re all energy, we’re all connected; we are ONE! God by any other name – Spirit, Truth, Love, Creator, & Father – is still God! God is Law, also! All things (systems, planets, individuals) are governed by Universal Law - the greatest of them is to Love! “Master, which is the greatest law...” (*Matthew 22:36-40*)

It's T<sup>5</sup>, Time to Teach the Truth: We are ONE! A Quality (healthy/happy) life begins with a quality education; The foundation of our community lies on the education of our youth. Nothing is more important to improving the Quality of Life than Quality Education. Without a doubt, education is the most powerful instrument for reducing poverty & economic inequality; improving health & social well being; ensuring life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness; & laying the foundation for sustained economic growth & ‘real democracy’. (Ignorance is - NOT bliss – lack of knowledge of the Truth: We are ONE!) The highest wisdom of the ancient Greeks was expressed in but two words: Know Thyself! (*"Be still, & know..." Psalm 46:10*) When we know ourselves, we know the Truth that makes us free - free to fulfill our destinies for health, wealth, love & perfect self-expression. (*Colossians 1:27*)

We can't have a quality life or quality government without Quality Education. It's time for change - 'real change' – It's time for quality education in Asheville, Buncombe County, & North Carolina. It's Time to Teach the Truth: We are ONE! Ignorance is Not Bliss! Ignorance is a lack of quality education. The root cause of crime, drugs, dropouts, violence, & war is a lack of quality education (knowledge of Truth). Let's have some prose & music appreciation in our schools & listen to "Truth" by Robert Browning & "The Greatest Love of All" by George Benson. (A Quality Education plus Quality Government equals a Quality Life for ALL!)

As Dr. John Hagelin said, "We need to create educational systems that develop the full potential of human consciousness of every student." He is absolutely correct. We should 'leave no child behind'; & we will – leave no child behind! We are glad to learn that the Buncombe County Board of Education is undertaking a 'needs' assessment & determination of qualifications/requirements for the superintendent. (ISO9001:2000E-6.0)

Life is not a matter of chance over which we have no control; life is controlled by Universal Law. Success or failure in life depends on knowledge & use of Universal Law in general & The Law of Thought in particular. (*Hatred causes cancer & Divine Love heals*) Many teachers are 'seeing the light' & inspiring students to develop their minds, talents, & skills. (**John 8:32**)

As Masaru Emoto proved one may change the structure of water with one's thoughts; the invisible world of thought creates the visible world of things. (Emily Cady – "Lessons in Truth") Love is the most powerful attracting force in the Universe; through it you attract healing, right companionship & harmonious conditions & prosperity.

If there were only one thing children could be taught, it should be the Universal Law of Thought. A mind is not a 'terrible thing'; but to waste it – is! Think Truth, think Life, think Love!

Thank you. Peace be with you. Namaste. February 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

'The False Sense'  
Quoted from ("Beyond the Superconscious Mind")

In our ordinary state of ignorance, living only on the lower planes of existence, we identify ourselves with our bodies & lower minds. We feel ourselves to be different & separate from the world & from our fellow Human Beings; & we erect social barriers to demarcate our sense of psychic separation – walls of creed, cast, sex, race, or nationality. We draw narrow circles around ourselves & those whose bodies & lower minds (philosophies, beliefs & prejudices) are similar to ours; & then we say to others: "Get out!" "You do not belong to our circle!" "You are foreigner!..." "You do not belong to my church (temple, mosque)." This false sense of identification with our lower selves has created endless conflicts in the history of the Earth. (*e.g. The root cause of crime, violence, & war is ignorance of Truth.*) But in fact, only our physical bodies & our conscious & subconscious minds are different & separate from one another; on the level of superconscious mind & the infinite self, all are one. (*e.g. We are Spirit; we are Love, we are One!*)

Over 100 years ago Emile Cady said, "Every man & woman must take time daily for quiet & meditation. In meditation lies the secret of power. No one can grow in either spiritual knowledge or power without it." (Be still, & know that I am God.) (**Psalm 46:10**)