

MEETING WITH THE ORDER
LABOR DAY

JWM began the meeting with a relatively long spin on his experience of staying in the hospital.

He announced that he would have surgery on Wednesday, September 7, at 8:00 a.m. He stated that while in the Lake Forest Hospital they discovered that he had cancer of the pancreas, a tumor on the pancreas, and that they believed it was inoperable. For the upcoming surgery they planned to do a 12-hour procedure involving about a 60/40 chance of success.

He then talked about his intuition of having cancer on what he is calling "1977 August 15th, Monday."

I wanted three miracles. I guess that about two hours after my emergency surgery (at Lake Forest Hospital) I had the experience of a rapid fire sequence of pictures flash before me, finally culminating in intense pain in my head--immediately I heard Lyn say "Joe."

The three miracles I wanted were (1) the miracle of a direct encounter with Being, my "Father"; (2) I did not want my illness in any way related to my not taking care of myself, and (3) the third miracle has to do with usefulness. Being nobody is the only rule in the universe. If you want God to share his being with you, then it is being nobody. This miracle has to do with time.

If I am granted this third miracle, what would I be interested in?

In Global Social Demonstration we have got to find out how to do replication. We cannot do replication, but we have got to find a way of enabling others to do replication. Just think of 2 million villages! This is our experiment this year in India. We have got to find out the methodology of doing replication in India or fail. This year, next year at the most. In this regard we have got to cultivate the historical church, especially in Asia, but all over the world. Replication probably has to do with massive Town Meetings plus the School. The key again is being nobody. The structures must do the job of replication. I am not really interested in this, but you have to be.

What I am really interested in are the questions: "What hath God wrought?" and "What do we do with it?" Every form of us throughout the world is a religious house. In a year or two we need to do the religious houses.

Unity. I would look at Chardin's Building the Earth. It is based on the fact that God is one. It has to do with the community of the saints. It is being a human being. It has to do with forgiving one another.

Decision. The exchanging of silver rings has to do with a life decision that has already been made. It is a decision unto death. I was reminded that for Jesus the time between John's death and the crucifixion could have been as short as 6 weeks. As a matter of fact, the day of his crucifixion was the