

THE TIMES		DYNAMICS		QUALITIES		THE STORY	
SHIFT IN UNDERSTAND- ING OF TIMES	BOLYANT OPTIMISM	CEASELESS HUMILIATION	SLAUGHTERED DAILY	PATIENT PERSISTENCE	CONSTANCY	FULNESS OF LIFE	MY CUP RUNNETH OVER
	DISILLUSIONMENT		FUTILITY AT SOCIAL FAILURE		INTERIOR STRENGTH		MAGNIFICENT MUNDANITY
	RAINING AGAINST STRUCTURES		ENDLESS TRAGEDY OF LIFE		ENGAGEMENT		OVERWHELMING EXPLODING REALITIES
	JOURNEY TO THE CENTER		INSIDES CRACKED BY UNRELENTING BURDEN		CEASELESS PAIN		EVERY THING'S BECOME A BLESSING
NEW AFFIRMATION OF THE TASK	GLOBAL RELATEDNESS	TOTALLY RELATED	RADICAL INTENSITY	PASSIONATE NON CHALANCE	DESTINAL VISION	LOVING GOD	I BE THE PARTICULAR
	WORK WITHIN STRUCTURES		UNPLUMABLE DEPTHS		ONTOLOGICAL PAIN		I BUILD GOD'S NEW FACE
	TRANSFORMING CHAOS		SELF AT THE CENTER		TRANSPARENT BEING		I CHASE HIM
	CREATING COLLEGIABILITY		RESPONSIBLE TO GOD FOR ENTIRE WORLD		CONTENTLESS RELEVANCE		I FIND MY DEED WAS HIS DEED
MANIFESTA- TIONS OF AFFIRMA- TION	BURDEN OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	SIGNAL ELECTION	CHOSEN BY BEING	GLORIOUS DRAMA- TIST	INDICATIVE EXPLORER	PICK UP THE WORLD	IMPOSSIBLE BURDEN FORBID A POSSIBILITY
	SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION		BIRTHING A VISION		DRAMA RELEASER		NOTHING'S EVER TOO SMALL TO CARE ABOUT
	RECREATING RELATIONSHIPS		EMBRACING ELECTION		DIRECTOR/ACTOR		INEXTINGUISHABLE SENSITIVITY
	STYLE OF NONCHALANCE		EMBODY DECISION I AM I		SPIRIT EXTRUDER		CREATIVITY IS EVER BUBBLING
INDICA- TIVE ENGAGEMENT	I AM UNIVERSAL CARE	PASSION UNBOUNDED	ACTIVE ANTICIPATION	DECISIONAL SERVANT- HOOD	FAITH IN NO THING	IN CONCERT WITH THE UNIVERSE	RELINQUISHED OBEDIENCE
	PERMISSION TO DO TASK		THE DANCE WITHIN		HIS OWN MAN		UNFOLDING WISDOM
	RECOVERY OF VOCATION		JOYOUS ENGAGEMENT		RESPONDS "YES"		PERPETUAL WAITING
	ABSURD JOY		EARTH-BUILDING PASSION		UNSPEAKABLE JOY		VICTORIOUS ABANDONMENT

SANCTIFICATION

BOUNDLESS AFFIRMATION: TIMES

SHIFT IN
UNDERSTANDING
OF TIMES

The last decade has seen the creation of a new understanding of the times as we moved from bouyant optimism into disillusionment and finally broke into a radical journey to the center. The mid-60's were expressed in a bouyant optimism that enough money, personnel and concern could solve the great social ills of our times as seen in the War on Poverty and the Peace Corps. Slowly a creeping disillusionment with these programs appeared and it was clear, all good intentions aside, that there were no easy answers to the complex problems of our day. When the ills of society exploded in our face, with the riots and expanded involvement in Vietnam, and refusal to yield to our first attempts, we took to railing against the institutions and sought to find the enemy within which kept them from yielding to our assaults. This journey threw us literally to the center of the stage with the realization that we stand in the position to take the steps required to reconstruct the pattern of societal relationships. This has been the sociological journey to Boundless Affirmation in which we have begun to take our burned out lucidity and use that to build the earth.

NEW ARTICULA-
TION OF
TASK

The new articulation of the task is experienced as global relatedness which works within social structures in order to transform the chaos and create collegiality in local man. Global relatedness is the new relationships that are developing across the globe as seen in Chou En Lai's speech saying that Nixon's resumption of bombing in North Vietnam will hinder the development of relations between the two countries. Secondly, people are now concerned to work through existing structures to bring about social change as seen in the youth's participation in the political process. The transformation of chaos by the overlay of rational patterns, rather than its attempted elimination, can be seen in the creation and implementation of the 5th City Model. Creating collegiality across the globe can be seen as the decision to see every man as potential colleague and therefore paying attention to every human encounter.

MANIFESTATION
OF
AFFIRMATION

Manifestations of boundless affirmation are seen where man experiences the burden of social responsibility which calls him to social resurgence and recreating relationships with a new style of nonchalance. The burden of social responsibility is felt by individuals across the society as they recognize the effect of their action on the total social fabric as illustrated by welfare recipients who are aware that their role has an effect on how society functions. The signs of Social Resurgence have become more evident as men see the necessity of the long march toward social reconstruction. This is evidenced in a new commitment to jobs within the collapsing structures, such as teaching and the ministry. The decision to stand at center stage and be

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responsible for the recreating of the network of societal relationships is seen in the instance of the advertising industry broadening their concern to include societal issues as well as clients' sales interests. A new style of nonchalance is seen as groups and institutions in society seem able to take one step back from their immediate interests and consider the broad picture as Gulf Oil's new advertisement which points to the need to look to the future of energy sources.

INDICATIVE
ENGAGEMENT:

Indicative engagement is present in the sense of "I am universal care" which gives permission to do the task, resulting in a recovery of vocation and a releasing of absurd joy. After the first photos of the earth from the moon, man became awake to the fact that the universe is one and man is responsible for that globe this is being experienced today as universal care. There is a new permission given to act and a new recovery of ethical power which destroys the illusion that some "one" is in charge. This has allowed an affirmation of the mundane everydayness of task and catapulted this into a recovery of vocation. The outflow of this experience is the absurd joy which is the endless "YES" to life.

BOUNDLESS AFFIRMATION: DYNAMICS

CEASELESS
HUMILIATION

The first of the dynamics of Boundless Affirmation is Ceaseless Humiliation. This is waking each day knowing that your task is to be slaughtered that the Lord's task may get done; and knowing that you will forever experience the futility of being looked at by society as a failure; and, on the other side, not knowing what to do with your total success. It is forever living in the pain of the fact that everyone's life is tragic, and that one's insides will forever be cracked by the unremitting burden of bearing the universe on your shoulders.

TOTALLY
RELATED

Within Boundless Affirmation the dynamic of being Totally Related holds the radical intensity experienced in each particular situation, calling forth a 40-year decision; it reveals the futility of ever probing to the bottom the web of relationships, of ever finding definitive solutions; it is discovering one's self at the center of every situation or relationship, and daring to name that incredibly complex relationship as being responsible to God for the world.

SIGNAL
ELECTION

Signal Election is the dynamic by which you become aware that in being given your particular situation of humiliation and relatedness, you have been chosen by being to be being's man. You birth a vision that defines and compels your embracing election, which is to embody the decision. This is Don Quixote's "I am I".

PASSION
UNBOUNDED

Passion Unbounded points to man's authentic engagement in the humanizing process in the midst of God's world. This boundless passion is manifest by active anticipation or waiting on the Lord. In the midst of his life there is a dance going on in the depths of his being that is everpresent and endless. He is released and engages in the building of the earth with an unspeakable joy.

Boundless Affirmation: Qualities

PATIENT
PERSERVERENCE

The qualities of the boundlessly affirming man are Patient Perserverence, Passionate Non-chalance, Glorious Dramatist, and Decisional Servanthood. The sanctified man is first of all patiently perservering, which is to say he exemplifies constancy in perserverence; interior strength as he lives on second wind with boundless energy, engagement as he seizes every moment with a focused thrust, and ceaseless pain.

PASSIONATE
NONCHALANCE

The sanctified man is passionately nonchalant. He sees before him the destinal vision to which his race is called. He feels deeply the ontological pain which fills the world in which he lives but he is not paralyzed by it. Instead that pain is the spark which triggers his unrelenting passion. As transparent being, he moves with intense passion into every situation and yet his passion is never consumed. His caring as he acts out his responsibility for the human destiny, is always right on target. Contentless relevance is that which allows his actions always to be in response only to God and, therefore, timeless.

GLORIOUS
DRAMATIST

The glorious dramatist explores each situation discerning beneath the mundane that bubbling of human spirit. He sets the stage to release the drama of humanness as did Cervantes in his initial encounter with the people of the dungeon. He acts in this drama at the same time directing it always able to improvise when the situation requires it as Cervantes did in creating the final scene of the play. Like Don Quixote calling forth new life in Dulcinea, he extrudes the qualittites of human spirit perceived by him.

DECISIONAL
SERVANTHOOD

The man who lives in boundless affirmation of all of the crushing demands of life is the one who has faith and trust in no thing but is bound only to the mystery. He is hos own man and therefore God's alone. Yes is always his response and his happiness or unspeakable joy illuminates that his every decision and action is forging out the Will of God and is to the glorification of God.

Boundless Affirmation: Story

FULLNESS OF
LIFE

The boundless affirmation of the fullness of life is analogous to the expression "my cup runneth over"-a feeling which is like that of a too-full suitcase-as when Francis experienced awe before the mundanity of sparrows, thus exploding the reality that everywhere one turns everything is a blessing whether it be sorrow or joy. The astronauts returning from the moon flights have known this fullness of life as they saw the grandeur of the totality of the universe and that the earth is part of this totality.

LOVING GOD

In loving God, I be this particular, build God's new face, chase Him as he moves beyond the face I build, and find that my deed was His and his love never left me. The Sibyl found that just living her moments, crisis by desert by wonder, created a vast and terrifying destiny for the universe and her, and came to see her compulsive love of God was His love for her.

PICK UP THE
WORLD.

In the decision to pick up the whole world, the impossible burden forever becomes a possibility. The experience of caring expands steadily so that it is as if nothing is too small to be cared for. Sensitivity to all of life in every particular is inextinguishable and now present is a ever bubbling creativity. The story of Schweitzer in Africa is that even in the midst of his deep concern for suffering humanity he found himself caring for the smallest insects and unwilling to crush their life.

IN CONCERT WITH
THE UNIVERSE

One's particular task, such as Abraham's command to offer Issac's life, called for his unrestrained embracing and yielding his personal heartbreak in the state of relinquished obedience; only to experience the increasing demand that Issac not blame God. When Abraham met this demand in such obedience he was actually taught new possibilities as he experienced unfolding wisdom as exemplified in his plan to draw Issac's anger to himself with his own angry face. Yet the interior demand called for quietness, consideration or utterly seeming to be in perpetual waiting as he went about the preparations for the event and actually made the trip to the mountain top, where in glad leaping up of spirit the necessary is accomplished in victorious abandonment, so that without cursing or praising Abraham returns with Issac to father all nations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4 x 4 x 4 on Boundless Affirmation.

16 paragraphs.

Chance to see a man who lives out of a wild dream (Man of La Mancha).

Creation of the image of Glorious Dramatist.

Prepared ourselves for work on new course; more confidence.

Drew us together on our edge.

CONCLUSIONS

Historical shifts within last 5 years labelled as sanctification.

Sanctification as a secular reality concretized.

Sanctification is sociological not individual.

Sanctification first presupposes standing on the mountain of care.

IMPLICATIONS

Further PSU on sanctification for consistency, new mythology,
clarity on whole triangle.

Dynamics for lecture's clarity need to be utterly clear.

Check out relationship to NRM and OW charts

Probe relevance to Guild, LCX, parish tactics, & whistlepoints.

Seek out good classical literature illustrations.

Review the documents.

Work out conversation methodology for summer.

Distribution to Religious House priors.