Before I talk about the shock of India, and the excitement of doing one of these programs there. I would like to mention what has impressed me about today's interchange of cultures. The truth in the background of this phenomenon is the fact that when one is in a moment of Resurgence, that Resurgence causes every other resurgent moment to come forward for renewal. I think that is why black music and become hillbilly music, and the resurgent music of the Twenties have/heren popular once more. It is even possible to think of the building of Do you live in a country where the pyramids in Egypt. Woxlinexinxexcountryxwhere Every resurgence your in history has trompled automs actross www.front lawns? In many areas of India, that description is pretty accurate. Every migration into the continent that ever took place came through your home. Every resurgence spread its tentacles into your home. The whole history of India might be understood as a series of spiritual resurgences. In its zeneiz ancient past, whatever was going wif on in the Indus valley cultures was a deep spiritual reality which the Aryans ran into when they arrived on the scene. Then there are the resurgences behind the Upanishads and the Buddhist movements. One could name fifty almost-forgotten resurgences of Buddhism or hinduism.

But these were all separate "thinks"xxxxxx/human beings struggling in their context to in find again the deeps of the spirit. That intense history is sparked; those ancient deeps begin to rumble.

With so much reality present, it is difficult to know how to move.

a Of course, we all know that/really profound appropriation of one's past is always difficult. All in all then, going to India is a spiritual shock.

2.6 It is also a cultural shock. Like no place else in the world,

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one has to master the reality of India in order to present an effecreal help in an assignment, tive program there. In order to be of/kekpx all of us must find a

way to love the country to which which have been assigned. It is easy to investigate fall in love with India, especially if you are a religious fanatic, for indinasium thousand India's history is thousands of years of religious fanaticism. But you have to be a very special kind of religious fanatic and learn very quikly what is going on around you. To be aware of what is going on around you in India is painful, however; therefore, it is constantly painful to be participating in the depth in the contemporary struggle of our colleagues and emerging colleagues in such a land.

Cultural shock begins in India the day you step off the airplane. On the ride in from the airport, you realize you are in the underin the world. developed world. In one sense, everywhere you go, you can find it is underdeveloped if your are looking. India is probably the best microcosm of the whole world in the sense of the contrast between developed and underdeveloped situations. On the mass country scale, you have a/xituation which has not moved forthrightly into the Twentieth or Twenty-First Centurty yet. While portions of India have of course made this transition, /the contrast between the developed technological civilization and/ with India's ancient with civilization/and its/problems is so dramatic it rocks you to the from the beginning.

Your first temptation is sentimentality. Perhaps it is expressed in giving coins to beggars. When you run out of coins, and there's still a hole, your sentimentality turns into a sort of numbness, which is your second temptation. You think, "I won't pay any

attention to this reality that is so overwhelmingly impacting me.

I will just become numb." That stance is somewhat practical in order to get something concrete done. To be numb to the constant impact on your being is somewhat helpful, but to be blind to the reality of the suffering is not right. So you have to be sensitive without being sentimental and **numb* detached without being numb.

anger, you say, "Why was I sent here!" You feelxxxxxxxxx maybe you would like to hurry this situation up. When you try to hurry up solving the tough social problems of India, you feel like you have a four thousand ton bouldersitting in front of you which you want to move up a rather steep incline. Nothing happens by kicking the boulder except damaging your foot. To move that boulder up the hill requires a certain kind of nonchalance and patience.

A long range plan becomes a new spiritual crisis for you. In the conventional, American "get things done attitude, you think a few swift kicks will move the rock up the hill. It will move up the hill, but not in the way you first conceived it would. One can not get angry overagainst the overwhelming demand of such a depth social struggle. If a job takes one week ing Chicago, period! in Bombay it takes two. You have to plan that way, Period!

Another thing you have to be aware of is the fact that everybody there lives in exactly the same problem, and thexxix native Indian does much better than you. It took me a while to learn how profoundly capable the Indian spirit is of enduring this kind of hardship. The reason I could not become conscious of it this ability at first.

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this ability at first was the fact it was too painful to realize a human spirit was capable of what those human spirits are in fact doing.

8 For example, a colleague and I went to Nagpur to do an RS-1 in order to recruit the ITI. We were being driven in a pedicab. aximx a bicycle with a two seat arrangement in back. I had been rather shocked by the drivers peddling up and down steep hills which you thought they could never xt get up without pushing the bicycle. Our driver had something wrong with his ankle. Here was this broken ankled bicycle driver peddling me up a hill. rocked me, when especially when I remembered an interview I had with a fellow who was organizing such driversx to improve their lot. He explained that they received about seven rupmees a day after they paid off the men they got their bicycles. With seven rupees, he could buy a beer. And so, he could never buy a beer, because he had to spend it on cheaper items which would allow him and his family to survive. Even if he advanced himself to a car, he would not do better than double or triple his salary. Even his best long range plans would not give him anything approaching what we would consider economic prospertity. His long range vision was pretty well doing the job he was now doing and possibly getting a little more to eat.

Our ankle, we would quit. We might even consider suicide. The remarkable part of this encounter with the pedicab driver was the knowledge that he was going to do his job tomorrow, and the next day, and so on. And he would go home, make love, raise children,

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and thus live his life. One asks, "How is it possible?" We know there are places where people refuse to participate in such a life, and, in fact, do not have the gifts to do so.

Underneath this capacity for life, if is a contemplative existence which examines continues to intrigue and address me.

You might remember the scene in Man from La Mancha where Don Templative sang the song "Dulcinea" who was just a village girl.

Man She was obviously nothing special, but to the Man from La Mancha she was special. This kind of relationship to the common, mundane experiences was present in the ancient cultures of India. It is still present today, however much it needs further recovery. An We saw an ordinary village girl dressed up in a sari, with the large proper color dot in the middle of her forehead, with a ring in her nose and two rings on each toe. The effect was elaborate. In the light of the "Dulcinea" image, one sees that this ordinary human being was being xi given contemplative symbology to appropriate some greatness.

Through contemplative eyes, one also sees that those cows which are complained about in our 20th century criticisms of religion were, in the ancient culture, a symbol of the horn of plenty. A great big cow, with a haxxx huge udder dispensing milk for any who sought it, was a symbol of the bountifulness of being which takes care of everybody. Everywhere one looks, some form of contemplative existence is going on.

There had to be a prerequisite to practicing the austerity of finding a way to participate in the deep struggle of India's overwhelming situation, while one remained aware of the powerful

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contemplative existence of its people. The prerequisite is understanding what the real gift of the Movement is in India. The real gift of the Movement, and perhaps of the Western culture as it encounters India, is the gift of prayer. By prayer, I mean the gift of commanding your fate to move and expecting it to change. Every people on the earth need this gift of course. After two or three days of practical work in India, however, one sees that prayer its a fundamental and primary contradiction in the spiritual life.

In encountering this contradiction, one must answer how it is that a person believes himself capable of forcing reality to get up and move in such and such a direction. How does an Indian believe that every positive force in India today is has rediscovered prayer and is par practising it, but practising it over against a powerful resistance.

The story of getting water into our ITI site dramatizes the problem of changing one's fate. We arrived at the site to find that in the midst of the drought we had been promised water was not find water is rather important to an ITI program, especially since your participants are dead set on taking two showers a day. Your whole program is at stake.

This is part II on the Asian ITI sub-title INdia . And I think I a like to talk alittle bit before I talk about the shock of Indian and the excient of doing these kind of programs in India of just sort of the things that have been impressing me all about the interchange of cultures as experienceing this everywhere I think what's the background insight behind this or the background truth is we are in a moment of resurgence like the moment of rersgence in the resurgence is aausing every resurgence that ever resurged ah to a come forward for ah renewal to come forward for an a re=resurgence, the I think that's why black music hillbilly music have had a run in our time, and why were able to go back to the little resurgence of the twenties and in some of the music we have now, and feel that resurgence . Why is's pooible to think of some thing like Egypt and building pryamids and Do you live in a country where evry resurgence in history has trombled though your front lawn that gives you a compelx situation in terms of your passed In many areas in Seapac that's pretty weld the way it is Evry migration that every took place ah came though where you lived, ah Every rergence spread it's theicalls out to where lived Boy if you live in a place like SeaPac the whole history of Sea Pac might be

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