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In a recent News Letter I wrote of the necessity of having a class in the Crown Mysteries. It has been concluded. Two or three groups and individuals in distant parts of the country wrote that they were going to study their notes during the same hours the class was in progress in Los Angeles. It was a wonderful educative experience for all participants.

My reason for giving class at this time was the darkness of the Night of Caliban (1) involving the assassination of the President, and the many other unregenerate forces that seemed to have gained strength and are running rampant. These forces are nothing more than many forms of aberration; other names symbolic of them are Oswald, Ruby, Dallas. For it is, in the final analysis, the illness of the individual that produces the tragedy and evil in the world.

Pearl Harbor, Dallas, Oswald, Ruby --- all these words are bitter in our mouths but this acrid malevolence rises from within us. It springs from the inertia and apathy of each man making up the grand body of society. These word-symbols are aspects of irresponsibility that extend to all mankind. We must not forget they do not preclude anyone but, rather, include everyone. No one is so ordinary or insignificant as to not count. You may say "He has many to say this to and he doesn't really mean me." But I do mean you and no one else. I want you to write indelibly in your mind that not one of us can afford to rationalize and ease ourselves out from under our responsibility.

President Johnson is not the only one having at his command the fantastic obliterative power of today. While Oswald did not have at his command the arsenal of the United States, he did have enough of an arsenal, puny though it was by comparison, to rock the world,... and, possibly change its course. This is true of us all and it seems sad that we can't see that the same little bit of energy put on the positive side of the ledger can make as much difference in the world as Oswald's negative, sick use of energy.

The arsenal of America contains thousands of explosives. Some of these contain more force than the combined explosive power of all the bombs and shells used in all the previous wars in history. "In toto, this destructive force represents the equivalent of 30,000 pounds of TNT for every person on this earth."

We, the public, are given these facts so we may feel more security in these days of crises. This accumulation of power is not security. Our national, or individual security shrinks as our atomic power increases. The general availability of explosive power and instruments of destruction, the more psychotics can get their hands on them, as in the case of Oswald and Ruby; no one is secure, even when in protective custody in a police station in full view of millions of TV viewers.

It is obvious that all the talk about control of, and bans on explosive weapons is more than beside the point. It is man that must be brought under control. Not at international levels but at levels of Oswald and Ruby. That's your level and mine. All the talk of unilateral control is nonsense.

There are many ideas of how man can come to control himself, most of which are equally nonsensical as unilateral control. There is only one way -- MIND. Not just to win men's minds with ideological warfare, but the understanding of man as MIND, how the mind works, the systems of working it intelligently. This is the most sorely needed education in the world today.

It is manifest that man must not repeat his history, individually or collectively. How to keep from repeating our individual history is the most valuable knowledge in the world today, far surpassing the need for research in atomic areas and moon shots.

There are many means of accomplishing this on various levels but Releasing the Hidden Splendour is the most immediately practical system for the individual to not repeat his history, and all Prosperos should be excessively devoted to its practice and promulgation.

We are, in this sense, confronted with issues concerning man's destiny, which go far beyond our own personal concerns. Yet this should be the major personal concern of everyone. All this includes the next generation. Anything and everything we do daily should always be done in the light of the next generation, as Woodrow Wilson said, although right now there seems to be reasonable doubt as to whether there will be a next generation. A melodramatic fact, but a fact just the same.

On the primal level there is no doubt because there are unnumbered loins and generative systems throughout the world pumping away around the clock, like Old Faithful, producing a new generation. Who knows, in light of the population explosion but what this repetitive history needs a new culture? It's quite possible that these calibrated pistons and their receivers need a new use, one that is different than being just a procreative machine.

Man has never had a greater burden laid on him throughout his long history. It is imperative that everything we do is for the future, and not just the semen-ovum future of mechanical man. As we teach in Releasing the Hidden Splendour, our orgasms must be at the service of love, our curiosity at the service of responsibility.

We are caught between two worlds. One is trying to be born. This