



We Mercies

Care for Creation

As you take the next step, remember the traditional custodians of the land

THE LURE OF THE FUTURE A NEW EVOLUTIONARY LEAP?

Diarmuid O'Murchu, in his recent book *God in the Midst of Change Wisdom for Confusing Times* postulates that the current awakening of global consciousness is luring us into a new evolutionary leap. He reminds us that Teilhard de Chardin had already postulated the evolution of the *noosphere*, the sphere of human consciousness. We are not so much pushed onwards from the past as lured into the future by the forces of evolution. OMurchu proposes that the present awakening of global consciousness is luring humanity into a new evolutionary leap. It may, he says, be one of those emergent possibilities that occurs only once in every several thousand years. Its propensity for change is enormous.

By the close of the 20th century, our way of viewing the world had changed dramatically. Quantum Science and its implications and applications has led us to a more intricate and mysterious way of seeing the world. Consider for example some of these statements:

- Every breath you take contains an atom breathed out by the Buddha.
- An atom can be in many different places at once, the equivalent of you being in New York and Singapore at the same time.
- One percent of the static on a television tuned between stations is a relic of the Big Bang.
- The faster you travel, the slimmer you get.
- The entire human race would fit in the volume of a sugar cube.

These statements may seem unbelievable but quantum scientists tell us they are indeed believable.

What do we mean by consciousness? OMurchu describes it as **a psychic giftedness**, an inner driving force that animates and energizes from within – the universe, planet earth, the person, and each bacterium. The one and the same consciousness endows all created reality. It is the wisdom within all living, evolving processes, a central feature of the within-ness of everything. It is a transpersonal life force, the primary source of the creativity which gives birth to and sustains everything in creation.

Many of the great mystics seem to be grounded in an experiential sense of cosmic consciousness, a deep sense of sacredness pervading all reality. Carl Jung's collective unconsciousness is another attempt to describe it. Jung traced its origin to the Divine Life permeating everything in creation.

Do You Know?

Evolution is not a thing of the past –

It is a reality of our present world.

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THE CONTRIBUTION OF SCIENCE

The discoveries of modern science, especially the biological ones, have helped move us to realize that **all existence is the expression of an all-encompassing wisdom that pervades the universe**. Science is currently encountering a deep sense of the sacred with increasing frequency.

We might see this shift in consciousness in a renewed interest in meditation and the spiritual exploration of interiority – the pursuit of inner meaning. There is, very significantly, the growing realization of the sacred nature of creation itself. The spirituality of indigenous peoples substantiates this connection: the land is the primary sacred reality. OMurchu suspects that it is the living earth itself that is crying out for liberation from human despoliation and so giving rise to this new consciousness.

Evolution will continue – with or without us.

We can resist the flow of evolutionary becoming or we can flow with its rhythms and creative possibilities for a different future. We can be open to the **lure of the future**.

The same Spirit who evoked meaning and beauty from the original chaos of creation is once more reweaving patterns within the evolving web of life. Our spiritual attunement to that Spirit is probably our single greatest resource from the transitions we experience, and our surest guide to the future opening up before us.

Concluding Blessing

Creative God of Light, give us courage: to transform the dreams hidden in the darkness and to take prophetic action.



Creative God of Peace, give us hope: to unleash our capacity for justice and to transform our despair and apathy, so as to be agents of change in our sometimes hostile world.

Creative God of Life, give us energy: to engage with all that challenges, inspires and excites us, so that we will be sparks for a new flame that will burn in our world.