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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CULTURE
By Leo French

True Culture is the quintessence of life.

Simplicity of subtlety:—that begins where analytical complexity ends. A flower, a machine,—these illustrate, respectively, the subtle simplicity of creative art, and the ponderous complexity represented by industrial applied science.

But a distinction must be made between pure science, the passion for knowledge, and the concrete materialisations thereof applied to industrial and commercial ends; for the former deals with great ideas and principles, and is the ally of the philosopher and poet. Neither chemistry, nor engineering, for instance, are in themselves materialistic, dealing as they do, with the mysteries of magnetism and the marvels of electricity, two occult and mystic forces. Yet the average chemist and engineer by their exaltation of physical matter, and all that is visible and tangible, as the be-all and end-all of human self-concern, profane the mysteries with which they ignorantly tamper,—to their own damnation i. e. (temporary) spiritual death. The pseudo, the half-baked, whatsoever their sphere of activity, proclaim the depth of darkness of their fall into matter.

True culture is the power that raises mind and spirit from the death of this fall. It alone gives alchemical, as distinguished from chemical, values and proportions to human life, and enables the poet-artist to triumph over the sybarite and millionaire.

The basis of culture is that being and vision matter more than the learning of the schools, “grammar” or “technic”. It is what we are, essentially, our starry, as distinguished from our physical-atomic constitution, that “fixes our flux” i. e. proclaims our place, functions in the scheme of things, the
BEAUTIFUL GARDENS
By Professor Nicholas Roerich *

Greetings! Your General Meeting on March 24th in the name of Culture and Peace, in the name of Knowledge and Beauty builds up one of those milestones of humanity which will imbue the future generation with new vigour and achievements. For some people in the future it will be deeply significant to know and to feel in their heart that pilgrims passed earlier, not only thought for themselves about the treasures of knowledge and beauty, about the true values of the Spirit, but also manifested this in their lives. May the newcomers realize how these manifestations of the Beautiful proceeded, even during most difficult times.

Let us not hide from ourselves the fact that the present time is indeed exceptionally hard. Both material and spiritual crises reached what seems their apogee. But where is this apogee in the Infinity? In other words, will the accumulation and deepening of the crises stop, if the people who think of the Good will not come together in full confidence, in full realization in order to uphold the constructive foundations. Every abstract thought should be conceived as a reality, because in the world of reality there are no misty abstractions, but there exists One Great Reality.

Not in the name of petty household affairs, but in the name of this Great Reality you assemble. Instead of senseless waste of time on egoistic pleasures you are trying to strengthen by united efforts the consciousness of the masses in the name of the Beautiful Reality. You have understood that true idealism is great realism. You understand that rest should be the same joyous labor in the name of the same spiritual treasures. The joyful passing of time should be the joy of spirit. Thus every ennobled merriment will not be a feast during the plague, but a true joy of the spirit, clad in the beautiful armour of all-conquering valour.

Some one fossilised may say: "Is there time during the days of material depression to think about spiritual enlightenment?" Such a stony heart should be ashamed, if this conception of shame is at all possible at such state of fossilisation.

Yes, my dear ones you know that just during depressions the most tensified striving towards education and enlightenment is needed. Let us turn to the pages of history and we shall see that the Renaissance—the time of flourishing—was built by the power of Spirit. This is not a truism, but this is a timely affirmation which we must all repeat to each other. The monster of doubt approaches to tempt at night and during the day. And wherever it can find for infection a suitable cell, if ever so small, it immediately sows the seed of hatred. How terrible is the monster of doubt!

By what became fossilised the heart, which dared to oppose education and enlightenment? To our regret the number of such stony hearts is by no means small. This fossilisation began on the ground of the tiniest doubt, which like bacilli grew up in the dirt of ignorance. The greatest disasters were caused by the smallest doubt. The doubting one will not cross the abyss, nor the roaming mountain torrent. Yet at present not only rages the Armagedon, but as if huge bottomless abysses have opened up, threatening the very cultural existence.

We are positivists and optimist, and therefore we speak of abysses not from pessimism, nor from despair; we simply speak of actual facts. We would be cowards if we would try to conceal the actuality. The example of the ostrich hiding its head in the sands, thus believing that he has saved himself, because he himself cannot see the danger,—is inadmissible in human life. No, in the contrary we must especially far-sightedly and vigilantly watch around in order to be aware of all destructive and decay-causing sources.

If doubt comes from ignorance, then hatred, falsehood and treason after all emanate from the same source. Therefore the real education and enlightenment, these true disciplines of the mind and spirit, are the saving panacea from all destructions. Let no one grumble at us because we have to reiterate such axioms, which are many thousands of years old, but the present condition of the world is so obviously shaken, that repetition as a mantra becomes a necessity and urges us to assemble, in order to vouch in our hearts our desire for constructive Good.

* Address to the Roerich Societies on the occasion of the Founder's Day, March 24th 1932. In all the 55 Roerich Societies all over the world, the 24th of March is celebrated as the memorable Founder's Day. This address answers the needs of cultural workers. —Editor.
Should we mourn because of all these depressions? Such attitude would also be of old thinking. He who strives to Reality is far away from mourning and despair; in the contrary he is saturated with intensified striving. He knows that strengthening himself by accumulated subtle energies he becomes invincible, if his heart is in reality directed towards Bliss. Such a joyful builder knows what the fire of the heart signifies. Such a builder realizes that if the powerful talisman of the heart became radiant, then the blackest darkness shall be dispersed under the rays of Light.

In the name of Light you have assembled to-day. In the name of joy of the Spirit you want to cognize closer each other and want in cooperation to strength yourselves mutually. In the name of Culture and everything Beautiful you proceed joyously up the mountain paths; even blessing the sharp stones, because on a smoothly polished surface you would find no grip to ascend to the Heights. Without such hardships, if the Armagedon would not be already ravaging, you, our friends, wouldn't perhaps have come together.

Attainment and heroism do not grow on a field of daily ease and comfort. Without cataclysms and disasters we wouldn't have many beautiful examples of heroes, as recorded by human history. If obstacles and hardship would not forge the sword and shield of heroes, then humanity would be deprived of many blissful achievements. Aeroplanes are ready for flight, trans-oceanic and sub-marine communications are open, hundred thousands of tonnage are at hand, radio sounds all over the world and perhaps even far beyond. Thus one detail of real achievements is already there. One has but to agree, with what to load the steel birds of the air and waters, and what to lay into the mouth of the radio.

Enlightenment, enlightenment, enlightenment! Education, education, education! Knowledge—Peace—Beauty! Whatever may say those who are afraid of every great conception, whatever may whisper the destructors, but you who have come together in the name of the Beautiful, will not fear any whisper of malice.

Flames consecrated the high attainment of St. Jeanne D'Arc; and thorns of the highly enlightened path of St. Sergius are like radiant monuments of human achievements. These flames and these thorns call and prove that absolutely everything up to the Highest is possible here in our earthly life.

BEATITUDES OF GOTAMA BUDDHA

And the Blessed One said:—

"Son of Light! To shun the company of the foolish; to pay homage to the wise; to worship what is worship-worthly. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To dwell among the good; to guard well the actions. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To hear and see much, in order to acquire knowledge; to study all science, that does not lead to sin; to use right language; to study right manners. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To treat parents with tenderness and love; to guard wife and children; to do no evil when tempted. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To make offerings and give nobly; to follow the precepts of law and virtue; to assist relations and friends. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To avoid sin steadfastly; to abstain from drink; to lay up great treasure of good deeds. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To reverence those who are worthy of veneration; to walk in humility; to dwell in content and gratitude; to hear the teaching of the Law. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To be patient and to endure sufferings; to rejoice in good words; to visit saintly persons; to talk on high matters. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To practise holy austerities; to walk steadfast in the Truth with eyes fixed on the attainment of the Peace. This is the greatest blessing!

"Son of Light! To be of serene mind, exempt from passion, composed and fearless amid all earthly dangers. This is the greatest blessing!

"O Son of Light! Whosoever possesses these blessings shall never be overcome; shall in all things find joy. Son of Light! Mark them well, thus attaining the peace of the Arhats,—the Perfected Ones!"
Thus on earth and above let us meet friendly, in firmest conviction of the necessity of joined labor of enlightenment and education. Everyone in his own way, everyone in his own garden, let plant the best trees and water them daily, in order that the young growth may not dry up from drought. For there is nothing worse than spiritual drought! And in the daily labor in your garden will be the same great joy which to-day has brought us together.

Where the great magnet of the heart acts—there is attraction and there benevolent forces are multiplied! Remember, Bliss is attained by effort! These sacred efforts are transmuted into a true Festival, for which many torches are required, in order to disperse darkness.

Hail! Let us smile! Let us set aflame the torches of Joy, of Benevolence! Let us leave all quarrels to the beasts. And let us strive towards the Good, in the radiance of inspiring work.

Be united, be friendly and take untiring care of your Beautiful Gardens!

THOUGHTS AND ASPIRATIONS

Without prayer, our spiritual life thirsts, languishes and expires.
—Chrysostom

A peasant woman was carrying a little babe in her arms.
The babe smiled up at her for the first time in its life.
I watched her crossing herself devoutly.
“What are you doing, my dear?”—I asked.
“Each time God in heaven beholds a sinner praying to Him with all his heart, He feels the same gladness as a mother who sees the first smile on her baby’s face”. This was her answer to me: this profound, subtle and truly religious thought. This is the fundamental conception of Christ.
—Dostoivesky

In a circle the rays converge to the centre, and the closer they are the central point, the nearer they draw together; while the further they are from the centre, the greater the distance between them. Even so with men: the further from God, the further from each other.
—Philaret (Archbishop)

The way of meekness is lowly, but it leads to the highlands,—to heaven.
—Zadonsky