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A NEW VISION & ADVENTURE FOR THE UN OF THE 21ST CENTURY: A VALUES DISCUSSION WITH JEAN HOUSTON

HOW CAN THE UN LEARN TO DISCOVER THE ART OF CREATING SELF-RELIANT COMMUNITY IN A GLOBAL AGE? THIS REQUIRES A MOVE TOWARD POLITEIA, A GREEK WORD MUCH RICHER THAN POLITICS, WHICH DERIVES FROM IT. POLITEIA IS A CIVIC SOCIETY CARRIED TO ITS UTMOST. IT IMPLIES THAT ALL FREE CITIZENS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CREATING AND MAINTAINING THEIR COMMUNITY, EMPOWERING EACH OTHER TO FURTHER THEIR COMMON SOCIAL AGENDA.

THREE POWERFUL FORCES THAT HAVE RISEN IN THIS TIME ARE PROPELLING THE CURRENT STATE OF COLLECTIVE POTENTIAL GROWTH. THEY WORK IN PARALLEL AND FUEL ONE ANOTHER. THESE FORCES MAY BE DESCRIBED AS

1. THE RE-PATTERNING OF HUMAN NATURE.
2. THE RE-GENESIS OF SOCIETY.
3. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE MEMBRANE BETWEEN PEOPLES, CULTURES, NATIONS.

UNDERSTANDING, DEFINING AND WORKING WITH THESE FORCES AND THEIR EVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK AND FOUNDATION FOR THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORK OF SOCIAL ARTISTRY.

SOCIAL ARTISTRY SEEKS TO BUILD AN ALTERNATIVE PLANETARY SOCIETY BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN-BASED NEEDS AND VALUES, UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND THE SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLES WORLDWIDE. - JEAN HOUSTON

DR. HOUSTON WAS THE PROTÉGÉ OF THE LATE ANTHROPOLOGIST MARGARET MEAD, WHO INSTRUCTED HER IN THE WORKINGS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND POWER STRUCTURES IN MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES. WITH THE LATE MYTHOLOGIST JOSEPH CAMPBELL, JEAN HOUSTON FREQUENTLY CO-LED SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS AIMED AT UNDERSTANDING INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ANCIENT MYTHS AND MODERN SOCIETIES.

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