

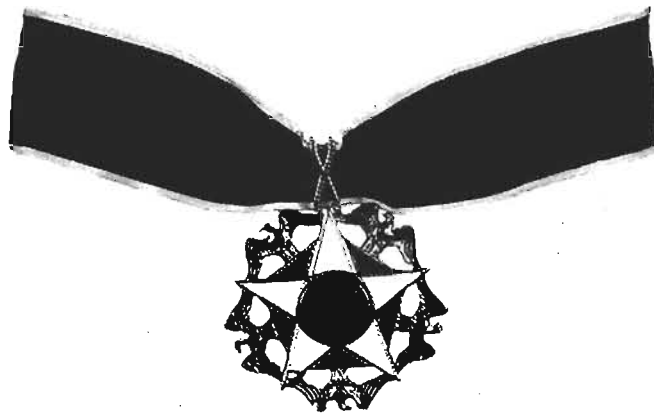
BUT NOW, YOUR CHANCE IS TO MOVE PEACE AWAY FROM THE SIDE SHOW TO CENTER STAGE—TO MAKE PEACE NOT AN ISSUE, BUT THE ISSUE—TO HARNESS FOR YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY, AND YOUR WORLD, THE POWER OF PEACE.

AND I HAVE ONE SMALL WORD OF ADVICE BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE TOUGH; BREAK YOUR MIRRORS!!! YES INDEED—SHATTER THE GLASS. IN OUR SOCIETY THAT IS SO SELF ABSORBED, BEGIN TO LOOK LESS AT YOURSELF AND MORE AT EACH OTHER. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FACE OF YOUR NEIGHBOR AND LESS ABOUT YOUR OWN. YOU HAVE SUCH A CHANCE! OH, HOW I WISH I WERE YOU.

I SUGGEST THIS: WHEN YOU GET TO BE THIRTY, FORTY, FIFTY, OR EVEN SEVENTY YEARS OLD, YOU'LL GET MORE HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT OUT OF COUNTING YOUR FRIENDS THAN COUNTING YOUR DOLLARS. YOU'LL GET MORE SATISFACTION FROM HAVING IMPROVED YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR TOWN, YOUR STATE, YOUR COUNTRY, AND YOUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS THAN YOU'LL EVER GET FROM YOUR MUSCLES, YOUR FIGURE, YOUR AUTOMOBILE, YOUR HOUSE, OR YOUR CREDIT RATING.

YOU'LL GET MORE FROM BEING A PEACEMAKER THAN A WARRIOR. I'VE BEEN BOTH, SO I SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE. BREAK THE MIRRORS!

I HOPE YOU REMEMBER TO BELIEVE IN THINGS 'TIL YOU DIE. I HOPE YOU REMEMBER TO BE GUIDED BY BELIEFS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CHANGE THE WORLD. I HOPE YOU REMEMBER THE EXAMPLE OF THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, THE HEAD START PARENT, THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE. THEY EACH IN THEIR OWN WAY ARE WAGING PEACE. MAYBE YOU WILL EVEN REMEMBER ME AND MY FAMILY... REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY—OF GIVING AND RECEIVING—OF LOVE.



I AM A MAN

I AM A MAN WHO WAS BORN AND HAS TRIED TO LIVE COMMITTED TO BEING OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE, NO MATTER THEIR DIFFERENCES IN NATIONALITY, RACE, RELIGION, OR GEOGRAPHY.

I AM A MAN WHO IS FULL OF ENERGY AND HEALTH.

I AM A MAN WHO TAKES HIS RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY. I AM COMMITTED TO DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO SUCCEED.

I AM A MAN WHO IS ORIGINAL AND CREATIVE.

I AM A MAN WHO IS UNENCUMBERED BY THE PAST AND BY EXISTING HIERARCHIES. I FEEL FREE TO INVENT.

I BELIEVE THE WORLD WAS AND IS CREATED BY GOD. I BELIEVE THE WORLD IS GOOD BEYOND DESCRIPTION.

I BELIEVE THAT WE HUMAN BEINGS WHO SEEK LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS DO SO BECAUSE GOD HAS GIVEN US THESE THINGS. THEY ARE A GIFT.

I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO DO GOOD THINGS FOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE POOR.

I BELIEVE IN IDEALS. I BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD CAN BE BETTER IF ONLY WE FOCUS ON ACHIEVING OUR IDEALS.

I BELIEVE THAT ANY FAILURE TO ACHIEVE OUR IDEALS SHOULD ONLY RESULT IN A REDEDICATION TO THEM.

I BELIEVE IN FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE POWER.

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