

## **SEEDS OF HOPE**



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**I make no claim of being a prophet. Three years ago - October 2018 - I posted the following article - "The Garden" - for the first time. That article was based on something I had read some 20+ years earlier from another author (name forgotten) who predicted what is happening today all around us. It was one of the most shared, copied and requested articles I have ever written. The original article is copied below the divider.**

**Unfortunately what was foreseen in the original article has come to pass. We live in a badly fractured land filled with mistrust, corruption, anger, finger pointing, hate and lies.**

**I have been tormented with the realization that there is little that I can do to "fix" what is wrong in Washington D.C. or Sacramento or so many of the broken cities around the country. My readers know that I have written about these issues for some 12 years. While I receive much appreciated comment and agreement, little has changed in what has become a downward spiral that I witness continuing. I don't have the power to correct what is happening.**

**I vote for change and nothing changes. I have no representation at either a State or Federal level to Champion my Values.**

**The one area where I can make a difference is in my own life. I can practice what I believe and try to plant seeds of hope in my own sphere of life. My family, friends, neighbors, where I worship and those strangers I come in contact with in the normal course of living. I can demonstrate that I am not a racist, or a "whatever-phob". I can tell the truth, keep my word, help a neighbor or friend. I can practice what I believe, not just in words but by what I do.**

**If enough of us do this we can carve out a space or sanctuary around us that resembles, on perhaps a smaller scale, the world I grew up in and cherished.**

**I can't fix the mess in Washington or Sacramento but I can work on fixing "me". I can plant seeds of hope in my own little garden.**

**So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12**

**Here is the original article**

## **THE GARDEN**

**Many years ago, twenty or more, I remember reading about a time in the future when the writer believed the United States might very well “Balkanize” itself. That is turn into a fatally fractured land and people, where reconciliation into any kind of unity becomes impossible. Or, in other words, goodbye “E Pluribus Unum”.**

**A people who become so divided along ideological as well as cultural, religious, political, and ethnic identities that a unified effort for the “greater good of all” becomes impossible.**

**A time when our national diversity, instead of being our unifying strength, is instead used as a weapon of destruction.**

**Elements within our previously “United” government and society become fortresses of non-negotiable demands. These elements threaten the total destruction of our way of life unless their specific demands are granted. They will use any means to achieve their goals. Violence, fear, intimidation, destruction of families, corruption on a national scale and any other means to get their way.**

**Following the leadership of writers such as Saul Alinsky and funded by anti-American zealots such as George Soros, these elements seek to impose a society which is in direct conflict with the values and institutions envisioned by our Founders and treasured by most. For their agenda, co-existence is not an option.**

**In the process they are planting a garden, the rows of this garden contain the seeds of Lies, Hate, Anger, Rage and Bitterness. Tell me, what do you harvest if these are the seeds you plant and cultivate?**

**They have also infiltrated and corrupted many previously thought incorruptible government agencies and departments like the FBI and Department of Justice, just to name two.**

**These, and other Agencies and Departments have become populated too often by self serving unelected demigods wedded to the principle that they are entitled to lifetime pay and benefits and are not answerable to the taxpayers. What is now being referred to by many as the “Deep State”.**

**If the average citizen did the things these bureaucrats are allowed to do, the citizen would find him or herself in prison while the government employee or elected official seems to have an endless “Get Out Of Jail Free” card.**

**Cross them in any way and they have the power and the taxpayer paid for resources to hound you, bankrupt you and ruin your life just for the fun of it.**

**I don’t think of Washington D.C. as a Swamp. It is better defined as a “Cesspool”.**

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