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MESSAGE

Around the authority of a person or an ideology co-operation becomes meaningless and leads to various forms of conflict. All of us are working together in a spirit of real co-operation in which there is no authority: it is our interest in the teachings which brings us together and helps us to work together. So the authority of a central directive ceases; each of us is important and we all help each other.

To make this possible the Krishnamurti Foundation is the new organisation without the psychological belonging and dependence which most organisations bring about. This is very important to bear in mind in all the work we are doing together. Co-operation is necessary but the ugly and brutal side of organisation has no part in what we are trying to do. There is a great deal to be done which has not been done in the past.

We must meet together at least once a year to talk things over as friends, expose our problems and resolve them. Organisation does not draw us together, rather we are drawn together as human beings to resolve our human problems.

J. Krishnamurti



Krishnamurti in London. September 1968.

Photograph by Mark Edwards.

EDITORIAL

As was publicly announced at Saanen this summer, Krishnamurti is no longer associated with Krishnamurti Writings Inc. of Ojai, California. He has inaugurated a new organisation, the Krishnamurti Foundation, with its central office in England.

The Krishnamurti Foundation has only one object which is to help Krishnamurti to carry out his work. The Foundation will organise his extensive travelling, and, with the help of the Associated Committees, his meetings in various parts of the world, including the Saanen Gatherings which will continue to be held each year. (Names and addresses of these Associated Committees will be found inside the back cover of the Bulletin.)

The Foundation will in future handle the publication of all Krishnamurti's talks. It will also issue a regular Bulletin containing information about his activities. The first two numbers will be free. Details of subscription to subsequent Bulletins will be given in the next number. Each number will contain an unpublished talk or discussion by Krishnamurti himself.

The following agreed to act as Trustees of the new Foundation and were appointed by Krishnamurti on August 28th:-

Mrs Dorothy Simmons, who has had eighteen years educational experience in a Government school in England.

Mrs Mary Zimbalist.

Mr Alain Naudé, Krishnamurti's personal assistant.

Count Hugues van der Straten-Ponthoz, Doctor of Law and Industrialist.

Mr George Wingfield Digby, author and Keeper in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Legal adviser: Mr Michael Rubinstein of Rubinstein, Nash & Co.

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Bankers: The Westminster Bank Ltd., Horsham, Sussex.

Secretary: Mrs Mary Cadogan.

A Publications Committee has also been formed under the chairmanship of Mr George Wingfield Digby. Mr Wingfield Digby is now the principal editor in England of Krishnamurti's talks and discussions. Details about the future publication of Krishnamurti's talks will be announced in the next Bulletin.

All those who have so generously given of their time and money to Krishnamurti's work, and those who are prepared to help in future, can feel assured that their efforts can never be used for any purpose which has not originated with him and does not continue to have his blessing. His is the inspiration; the Trustees exist solely to implement the more material aspects of his work.

Help is greatly needed to build up the resources of the new Foundation. In future the Foundation will not ask for donations for specific aspects of Krishnamurti's work but for general funds which the Trustees will use where they are most needed.

A full financial statement is being prepared and will be published in the next number of the Bulletin. In the meantime all donations, however small, will be most gratefully welcomed. Cheques should be made payable to the Krishnamurti Foundation and addressed to the Secretary, Mrs. Mary Cadogan, 9 April Close, Horsham, Sussex, England. Any information about bequeathing money to the Foundation can be obtained from Mrs. Cadogan, who may also be consulted about any difficulties in sending money to England.

It must be a great disappointment to all concerned to hear that the property in Hertfordshire which it was hoped to acquire for a school and centre for the new Foundation turned out, after surveyors' reports, to be too expensive to put in first class order.

It is sincerely hoped that the many kind friends who have already contributed so magnificently to the Foundation and its educational work will have no objections to their donations being used for the purchase of another suitable property which every effort is now being made to find as speedily as possible.

LETTER FROM THE OFFICE

Krishnamurti has carried out a very busy schedule this year, and it seems likely that 1969 will be equally full for him. He gave talks in the spring and early summer in Rome, Paris and Amsterdam: at the Saanen Gathering in July and August ten public talks and seven public discussions took place. In addition he held many discussions there with young people; in fact he has given a great deal of time this year to talking with students and young people everywhere.

He has just completed a series of talks and discussions in Puerto Rico, and in New York, and is now holding meetings with students and professors at the following universities in the U.S.A.: Claremont Colleges, California; Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts; University College, Berkeley, California.

During 1968 radio and television programmes of Krishnamurti have been broadcast in Holland and in the U.S.A.

Krishnamurti has already planned his 1969 programme, provisional details of which are given below. Confirmation of these dates, with times and addresses of halls, etc., will be given in the next Bulletin.

LONDON:	March 12th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd.
PARIS:	April 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th and 24th.
AMSTERDAM:	May 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th and 14th.
SAANEN GATHERING:	Talks: July 17th to 31st. Discussions (daily): August 3rd to 9th.
AUSTRALIA:	Autumn 1969.
INDIA:	Following the Australian visit.

Tape recordings and disc records of Krishnamurti's Talks:

Many people have asked if these can be made more widely available and we are working out ways and means of production and distribution. (Details will be announced as soon as possible.)

Publications:

A list of books currently available, with details of new and forthcoming books, appears on page 12.

Much work has already been done (particularly by friends in Australia) in placing Krishnamurti's books in public and university libraries. We hope to extend this work in many countries when funds and volunteer help make this possible.

Office Expansion:

As Krishnamurti's work is growing, so too is the work of the office. We are therefore appealing for voluntary help from friends in England who would be willing to work occasionally at an office in the South London area, to be established in the New Year, or to do typing at home. We urgently need help with typing, packing books, and with sending out circulars and the Bulletin. In addition, a full-time, salaried position will shortly be available in the office for an expert audio-shorthand-typist, preferably able to help with accounts.

Mary Cadogan

Alain Naudé reports:-

Krishnamurti's recent visit to Puerto Rico was a great success from many points of view. He and I were the guests of Mr and Mrs Biascoechea who most kindly put at our disposal a bungalow they have just built on a hill overlooking San Juan, about an hour away from the city. One of the discussions and two of the public talks took place there.

The other three public talks were held in the main hall of the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan and each was attended by at least 1,500 people, mostly young people. All the University students present could speak English well and the intelligent questions they asked showed their intense interest. Some of the older people who could not speak English seemed quite content to sit and absorb Krishnamurti with their eyes. The second talk, a very thrilling one covering the whole field of human existence, went on for almost two hours.

We paid a visit to Pablo Casals who lives on the island. He is now ninety-two but still practises regularly every day. He spoke of the wonder he experiences at discovering each morning that he is still alive.

Krishnamurti was also able during this visit to make contact with delegates from all the South American countries and discuss with them their relationship to the new Foundation.

During October he gave six public talks in New York which were received with a fresh, intelligent and beautiful enthusiasm.

NOTES ON THE SAANEN GATHERING OF 1968.

This year Krishnamurti held the eighth annual International Gathering at Saanen, Switzerland, from July 7th to August 6th. A thousand or more people of every class, colour, race and nationality make the journey each summer to come to these gatherings - the young and the old, the long-haired, the short-haired and the white-haired, beatnik and aristocrat, student and professor, artist, writer, philosopher, analyst - they all come. And why is this so? Because, it seems, that this man, Krishnamurti, can open up and touch the very root and core of our human problems and despairs as no other person, living or dead, can do.

As is usual at these gatherings, the first two or three meetings this year did not see the full influx of people, although at the first meeting there was already a crowd of several hundreds in the brand new pavilion. The beautiful domed tent which has served for several years is worn out and this new pavilion, made from corrugated rigid plastic sheeting, stood up well to the teeming rain which was so often our lot this summer. The terraced seating made it possible for everyone to see and hear the speaker, and nylon netting gave ample fresh air and light.

The pavilion is sited in most beautiful natural surroundings with the mountains as a back-cloth, green hills and pine trees on three sides and on the fourth the lovely swift-running Saanen river.

The public announcement at the second meeting of the breaking away from the old organisation in California was received with gravity, and after Krishnamurti had spoken on the understanding of co-operation there was a real sense of hope that a new approach altogether might be made to the whole problem of 'people working together'.

Krishnamurti opened the last meeting by asking us what we would all like to discuss on this last occasion. A number of suggestions were put forward: 'Can we go into the actual quality of our observation?' 'Could we discover what is the actual quality of the religious mind?' 'What does it mean "to die to the past"?' 'May we discuss the whole subject of authority?' 'Can we discuss order and discipline?' 'Can we talk about education?'

And then a little voice piped up: 'What shall we do when we get back home?' This produced much sympathetic laughter. 'I think that's about the right question,' Krishnamurti replied smiling. 'How shall we live when we get back home? But aren't you at home here? (More laughter.) I wonder what you call home? The house, the children, the husband, the wife, the furniture, the little garden if you have one, the flat, the accustomed things, the usual worries, the habits, the little sexual satisfactions, the office, the daily routine - is that what you call home? Rather an interesting point, isn't it?'

D. P.

THE LAKE

By

J. Krishnamurti

The lake was very deep, with soaring cliffs on both sides. You could see the other shore, wooded, with new spring leaves; and that side of the lake was steeper, perhaps more dense with foliage, and heavily wooded. The water was placid that morning and its colour was blue-green. It is a beautiful lake. There were swans, ducks, and an occasional boat with passengers.

As you stood on the bank, in a well-kept park, you were very close to the water. It was not polluted at all, and its texture and beauty seemed to enter into you. You could smell it - the soft fragrant air, the green lawn - and you felt one with it, moving with the slow current, the reflections, and the deep quietness of the water.

The strange thing was that you felt such a great sense of affection, not for anything or for anyone, but the fullness of what may be called love. The only thing that matters is to probe into the very depth of it, not with the silly little mind with its endless mutterings of thought, but with silence. Silence is the only means, or instrument, that can penetrate into something that escapes the mind which is so contaminated.

We do not know what love is. We know the symptoms of it - the pleasure, the pain, the fear, the anxiety and so on. We try to solve the symptoms which become a wandering in darkness. We spend our days and nights in this, and it is soon over in death.

There, as you were standing on the bank watching the beauty of the water, the one issue that would solve all human problems and institutions, man's relationship to man, which is society, - all would find their right place if silently you could penetrate into this thing called love.

We have talked a great deal about it. Every young man says he loves some woman, the priest his god, the mother her children, and of course the politician plays with it. We have really spoilt the word and loaded it with meaningless substance - the substance of our own narrow little selves. In this narrow little context we try to find the other thing, and painfully return to our everyday confusion and misery.

But there it was, on the water, all about you, in the leaf, and in the duck that was trying to swallow a large piece of bread, in the lame woman who went by. It was not a romantic identification or a cunning rationalised verbalisation. But it was there, as factual as that car, or that boat.

It is the only thing which will give an answer to all our problems. No, not an answer, for then there will be no problems. We have problems of every description, and we try to solve them without that love, and so they multiply and grow. There is no way to approach it, or to hold it, but sometimes, if you will stand by the roadside, or by the lake, watching a flower or a tree, or the farmer tilling his soil, and if you are silent, not dreaming, not collecting daydreams, or weary, but with silence in its intensity - then perhaps it will come to you.

When it comes, do not hold it, do not treasure it as an experience. Once it touches you, you will never be the same again. Let that operate, and not your greed, your anger or your righteous social indignation. It is really quite wild, untamed, and its beauty is not respectable at all.

But we never want it, for we have a feeling that it might be too dangerous. We are domesticated animals, revolting in a cage which we have built for ourselves, - with its contentions, wranglings, its impossible political leaders, its gurus who exploit your self-conceit and their own with great refinement or rather crudely. In the cage you can have anarchy or order which in turn gives way to disorder - and this has been going on for many centuries - exploding, and falling back,

changing the patterns of the social structure, perhaps ending poverty here or there. But if you place all these as the most essential, then you will miss the other.

Be alone, sometimes, and if you are lucky it might come to you, on a falling leaf, or from that distant solitary tree in an empty field.

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It is hoped that all friends of Krishnamurti will join in making the new Foundation a success. It is not only financial help that is needed; ideas and practical suggestions will also be welcomed, addressed to the Editor of the Bulletin, c/o Mrs. Cadogan, 9 April Close, Horsham, Sussex, England. Brief letters of special interest from readers will be published in future Bulletins.