

Occupy the Wall?????

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"The only devils in the world are those running in our own hearts. That is where the battle should be fought." Gandhi (*if there is a battle to fight – my comment*)

I would like to begin this article with a fully-quoted news article. I have included the link to the original from Art Cashin from www.zerohedge.com ~

"It May Be That Way In 99% Of All Places - The office of one of the regulars in the Friends of Fermentation is in a building that faces Zuccotti Park, the campground for the Occupy Wall Street crew. Being a sociable type (he's in sales); he sometimes stops to ask someone where they are from and why they are here.

"Last Wednesday, he began to chat with a young man with a tambourine who was seeking donations for the group. After a brief chat, my FoF pal told the young man - "I'm not gonna give you any money." When asked why not, my friend replied - "Cause you guys screwed up the drum thing."

"The allusion was to an incident in which an anti-protester had snuck in one night and slashed the leather heads of several drums with a razor knife. The drum owners had asked the protest leaders for a portion of the donations to repair the drums. The leaders, rather publicly denied the request.

"The tambourine guy tried one more time. "No," maintained my friend, "The drum thing was stupid."

"The tambourine guy looked to his left, then to his right as if to see if anyone was near. Then he leaned in toward my pal and whispered - "I gotta admit, management here is pretty dumb. They don't have a clue."

"Welcome to Wall Street friend, that's a phrase you'll hear a lot around here."
<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/art-cashin-exposes-fracture-within-ows-movement>

I continue:

Anger breeds anger, contempt breeds contempt and confusion breeds more of itself. What is occurring in a very significant way with all of the Occupy movements is a general distraction from an individual's goals in life and a chance to make a definite, profound, personal difference.

In addition to there being a definite lack of focus within the groups, in the long run all of the riotous chaos assists those whom the protestors are rioting against since it uses the various different ideologies to divide the protestors into separate camps. As the many implications of controlling a large group of people become more and more apparent, the internal disagreements rear their heads and begin to assume the same appearance as that which is being protested against.

Since the discomfort in the air is so palpable, it is natural for human beings to constantly stretch only as far as the individual's comfort zone. The various collapses of governmental bodies and financial institutions will come with or without a demonstration. This is a large portion of the discomfort. It is a feeling of lack of control; helplessness. When one is feeling this intense sense of insecurity, it is very easy to align with others who do not push the edge too far – just far

enough. It gives the stressed individual a sense of community, no matter what the group might ideologically express. The sense of belonging to something greater than oneself is the heart's cry to know itself as Source. It is not found in a crowd.

Many people are reminding each other that even Jesus threw the money changers out of the temple. What most people don't realize is that the reason Jesus did so (if, in fact, he *did*) was because they had set up their tables within the sanctuary rather than in the appropriate area where foreign money was changed into Jewish coin. The money changers were in the wrong area of the temple for their business. It is not a useful analogy.

At the same time, the New York Occupy movement has raised more than \$500,000 to support their demonstration. Now the protest organizers are beginning to see how money creates its own headaches due to so many protesters wanting a share of the pie. They are also looking for banking institutions that share the movement's philosophy rather than creating a bank of their own while keeping the funds at Amalgamated Bank. 40% of this banking institution's stock is owned by two of America's best known investors, Wilbur Ross and Ron Burkle, both billionaires. (As an aside, the OWS movement is paying 7% of its takings to an Alliance for Global Justice, a Nicaraguan solidarity activism non-profit group, for bookkeeping, tax returns and donation processing so as to be under their financial umbrella.) Back into the fray, so to speak, without being prepared for what the inevitable outcome. (Note the rabbits and quail in today's movie.)

(Wilbur Ross buys and merges distressed companies in industries such as steel, coal and auto parts while Ron Burkle is best known for his investments in grocery companies and has good relations with unions.)

There is a somewhat universal feeling that the horrors of this world, the starving children and the pain and fear must be assuaged somehow. Ignoring the major difficulties of living in earth is seen as uncompassionate, unloving and unkind. I do not suggest that you ignore that which occurs around you. What I do suggest is that rather than rail against that which you do not like or desire, you use free will choice to choose again. What choice in your life can you make to bring a greater sense of compassion into your own life first and then into that of the world?

Do you know that by making changes in your own life, you affect the Whole? Yes, this is a metaphysical/spiritual concept, yet through *consensus reality shifts* you can see the same result in the physical. It is much more than simply deciding that you are going to be better or that you are going to lose weight next year. It is an opportunity to transform your feelings and thoughts that echo out into the chamber of the collective. There is no separation because even the idea of being separate is within the Whole. In this moment, **right now**, you can change the outcome for the earth and all of humanity . . . plus much, much more.