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## All the lonely people

by J. Taylor Block

"Ah, look at all the lonely people..."

Elenore Rigby --- The Beatles

The world is a crowded place, with billions of souls inhabiting every nook and cranny. There are nearly 250 million people in America alone. Isn't it surprising that in this ever-growing mass of humanity there are so many lonely people?

While raised to believe that we will find that "certain someone" to love and share the rest of our lives, we are never told that as fulfilling as this might be on one level, there are other levels within our multidimensionality as people that will also need to be fulfilled. Our mates might satisfy us sexually, but they might be deficient in other areas that need to be satisfied as well. We might need intellectual stimulation, or a physically challenging relationship that transcends the normally accepted boundaries of marriage and companionship.

Quite often these needs are filled by friends and associates we spend our time with in addition to the time that we spend with our mates. These people become a part of the fabric of our lives, and enrich us through their participation in our lives. But there are times when even this is not enough and, while intellectually we know that the "perfect" mate probably doesn't exist, we pine for the individual who will be all things rolled into one. He or she would be our lover and friend, our mentor and student, our helpmate and child. They would mirror the multiplicity of our own personality and complement our existence with their own.

If you've ever felt that way, take heart. You are not alone. Even the most successful and gregarious of people are lonely at times. There are times when we all lie in the darkness and wonder why we feel isolated and alone, despite good families and close friends. We all get the feeling that somehow, there must be more to life and relationships than the day-to-day sameness of it all.

"Okay," you say. "What's the answer? Where do we go from here?"

I'll be honest with you. I don't know. If I did, I'd be the wealthiest man on earth. Truth be known, I'm just as lonely as the next guy. I may cope with it better or hide my loneliness with a little more success, but there are times when I am lonely even in a crowd. I think the difference is that I've found that it's all right to be lonely. In fact, I think that it might even be necessary for people to be lonely from time to time.

People need to search for that elusive something that is missing from their lives. It's a quest for knowledge and understanding that I believe is inborn and part of the grandeur of the human spirit. Our search for the "perfect" mate, the "perfect" job, the "perfect" house, and all the other quests on which we find ourselves are, in actuality, holy quests for "the grail." We are searching for the "godliness" of our existence, not in a religious sense, but in an effort to define our lives in terms of self-realization.

We meet others in the execution of our quest that bolster our resolve and give us the strength to go on, yet in the final analysis, life is a quest that is ultimately travelled alone. We are born alone and we die alone, and in between these ultimate mysteries is a sharing of consciousness that leads us inexorably to the goal of self-realization.

I am of the belief that each of us "finds ourselves" at sometime during our lives, unless we are taken by some quirk of fate or circumstance before we reach that realization. The discovery may not always be to our liking, but we are what we are, despite what we ultimately wish to be. We all wish to be "perfect" or "perfected" in some way, and therefore, long for a person that will be our "perfect" complement. What we are actually seeking is our ultimate self in the narcissistic guise

of another. While in theory it would probably be wonderful to find someone who is like of mind and spirit, equal to our expectations in every way. In actuality, it would probably be the ultimate in boredom.

We are multidimensional in our own right, requiring stimulation on several important levels in order to grow. It is not logical to expect that any one individual could possibly be all things to us, any more than we could ever expect to be all things to all people. Nature has constructed a world in which we need to socially interact with a wide variety of people, to mix and meld, becoming an ever changing species. It is necessary for our survival.

Human beings need to be stimulated. We require mental stimulation to grow as thinking individuals, emotional stimulation to grow as nurturing individuals, erotic stimulation to grow as sexual individuals, and aesthetic stimulation to grow as creative individuals. In this list of needs is shown the reason that we are seldom, if ever, totally satisfied by that "special someone."

My personal method of coping with the loneliness of life is to live each day as if there are no tomorrows. This is not to say that I'll squander my resources, living a hand-to-mouth existence, but I try not to become obsessed with my personal needs as they relate to interactions with others. Instead of thinking of how another person's life might augment my own, I try to think of how our mutual association might enrich our lives. I ask nothing, and try to accept genuine friendships graciously, returning mine as genuinely as I am able.



#### COOPED CASTLE TO THAW

snow falls on snow daily this April...  
it is stalled Spring causing Rapunzel to be  
a creature-uneasy...she flails  
her symptoms moonward like a mime --  
too many letters-written months  
too much TV beer Milwaukee brewed  
and excesses of brazen brown things built up..  
some sort of sanctum sanctorum breakout  
is long overdue  
though few eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming curtainings behind  
this re-writhing tension in her loam

Looking into the lives of others, I try to find things about them that are similar to traits I possess, but I also seek out those who lead "interesting but different" lifestyles. Eccentricity, to my way of thinking, is a virtue. Mostly, I like to associate with people that like themselves. It doesn't matter to them whether the world approves of them or their lifestyle. They only ask to be left alone to enjoy life on their own terms.

If you spend your entire existence mired down in awful despair, sitting on the sidelines of life, you've only yourself to blame for being lonely. But if you open yourself up to new people, new opportunities and new ideas, the loneliness factor becomes less and less in your life. Interesting people attract interesting people. It's hard to be lonely when you are with interesting people.

Here's a little exercise. When you are alone in the house, stand in front of a mirror and meet yourself for the first time. Take a look at yourself as others see you. Improve what you see if you are not pleased. Straighten your posture, smile and keep good eye contact. Now sell yourself to the image in the mirror. It's okay. You're alone. Nobody will think you've gone bonkers.

Tell the image something about yourself: who you are, what you do, things that you are proud to have accomplished. Be proud of yourself. Remember that you are the sum and total of all that you have been and what you hope to be. You're a unique individual and one that people would like to get to know.

Okay, exercise completed. That wasn't so bad now, was it? If you can stand up to your own worst critic and lat it on the line, you don't have much to fear from people who are interested in meeting you. You might just find that they have the same fears and worries as you and that they are just as lonely, looking for someone like you to fill a gap in their lives. Maybe you can share your unique talents and interests as friends.

When you get right down to it, that's pretty special.

stripped to mud --  
far willows have hoarded the breezes too long  
and the suddenly-soaring songs  
of a faraway wedding day to burst...  
the café becoming au lait...  
the minds of Minoltas stealing disagreeable shots  
from Chestnut Hollow  
and even the vowels in  
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tale-telling...yes it has clanged the apt hour  
for the comicless opera side of her life  
to spring renewed

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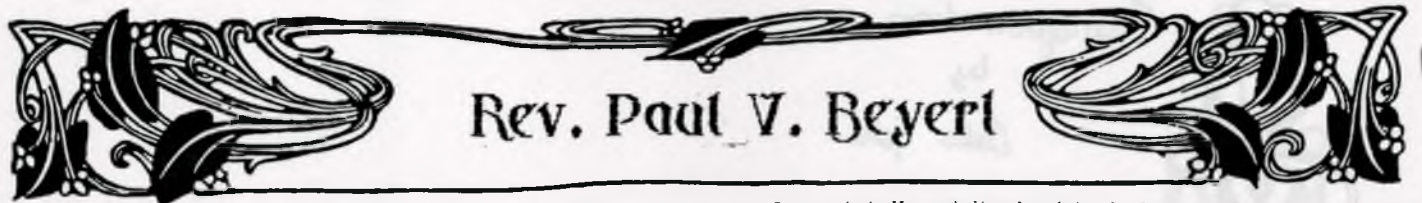
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Sadie: I first learned about your church through your publication, The Unicorn. I only had a chance to just skim through it, but it interested me enough to want to get in touch with you and your church... How long has your church been incorporated, and how long have you yourself been interested in similar forms of spirituality?

Rev. Beyerl: The Rowan Tree was incorporated legally in 1979. In the 1970's... actually I could go back further than that... When I was very young, I wanted to be a musician, I wanted to be a priest; I wanted to be a teacher, I wanted to be a publisher, I wanted to be a writer... eventually, I became all of those things.

I was naturally a water doer. I worked with forked willow branches from the family tree for quite a number of years until I was almost in High School. My father would cut forked branches from the family tree, which when we moved we re-rooted -- took a cutting, re-rooted it and started over -- my parents still have some of that same willow growing on their property in Wisconsin. I moved away from Christianity by the time I was out of High School. But even while in college did work to understand and develop psychic phenomenon, having always had some level of propensity for things outside of normal perception.

In the 70's, early 70's, I read I book, a biography of Huxley and that about gave me a readign list; I read the Bagavad Gita, books about Taoism, the Te Ching, went through many things and that eventually, after several years, led me to the Craft, and many teachers. And I found that their perspective was no different than what I had been reading and in many ways their perspectives were closer to me, because I am a product of Western Civilization

So, I've been actively involved in Wicca since 1976, I was trained to be a teacher and the coven that I was originally studying with fell apart. The Priest and Priestess were married --not to each other-- but they were both married and their romantic relationship collapsed. I continued studying with them and very quickly had alot of students, people who were interested... Through the growth of the Unicorn, which originally started out as promotion for a mail-order herb business for it's first two issues... Through conducting some workshops at Circle Farm long ago, long before Selena developed the whole thing that is going on now... Attending some of the old mid-west Pan/Pagan festivals... I got very connected with alot of people and what I was doing grew so solidly and quickly that incorporation became an important thing to do.

Sadie: I'm truly not familiar with the tradition of Lothlorien, what do you consider to be this Tradition's central, core concepts?

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from a totally spiritual point of view between self-initiation and being initiated by someone else into an organized church?

Rev. Beyerl: First, I should clarify, our church has numerous solitaries in it and people who do not practice Lothlorien. The church itself provides resources and support when possible, but not financially. But for people who want contact with others or who want access-- we have a large library, a couple thousand, maybe 2500 volumes which are housed in Minneapolis-- we provide gatherings, we work with alot of stuff like that, people who want to get together.

I believe strongly in self-initiation, but, there are some differences, the primary one being that it is not as powerful as a ritual conducted by people who are trained to take a person into an altered state of consciousness and channel energy... for example energy transferred into a person to promote transformation. Done by 3, 4, 5, 6, trained people, there's a big difference in that level. Not only is there that big difference in empowerment, but it is almost essential that you have access to people who can provide support and guidance when you have to learn how to make alot of changes in your life, as a result of those spiritual changes which take place as a result of initiation.

Sadie: What are your personal views towards environmental activism? How have your spiritual beliefs molded or changed your ideas about environmentalism?

Rev. Beyerl: The students in the Mystery School, and I teach through the Mystery School concept because it's more stable than a coven is. When someone approaches the concept of a school structure, they seem to have a more open mind about being told that you have to learn a variety of subjects. But also it's more open that people can, when they need to study herbalism, or Tarot, or Te Ching or any of the disciplines which are required they can go locally through teachers or through books or through a variety of sources. It is also not disruptive to the whole when someone decides that they need to move elsewhere.

We require vows of people that say that they cannot harm anything, that includes the environment.

I feel that humans are not capable of destroying the earth, many pagans have the view that it is terrible that we could destroy the earth. I feel that at the very worst, we could destroy the ability of the people to live on the earth, we might lead to the destruction of the human species. If things got really bad, humans would no longer live on the earth, in a sense we could be spiritually sent to our doom, which means having a couple million years before we could come back, in whatever form that would be. The earth went through far more cataclysm, and turmoil on it's surface that we could ever reek upon her. So if we had nuclear holocaust it would not fragment the earth into little bits of rock, it would just make surface life uninhabitable and eventually the roaches would survive, bacteria would survive and it would lead to the recreation of life all over.

Everything in my life is magic, whether there is weather, or fires, whether we have war or peace, love or rape, that is all part of the whole and in many ways it has always been. I'm not saying that I prefer one over the other, but I look at evolution of knowledge as a process in which we as individuals tend to make alot of mistakes... It's always been that way and probably always will be.



Your interview was excerpted because of space and to blend w/ other themes thanks again, Sadie



Transformation  
by  
Sodie Gohl

A people without an agreed-upon common basis to their actions is neither a community nor a nation. A people with a common ethic is a nation wherever they live. Thus, the place of habitation is secondary to a shared belief in the establishment of a harmonious world community.

---- Bill Mollison

Oh, how terribly dependent we all are on this present and confused society that we live in. I have been thinking this thought every day for weeks, as I watch the evening news, filled with violence, crime, natural "disaster", political war, and other typicalities of the decay, thinking it and considering how deep it permeates everything.

And in some ways, that fact is what saves so many people allows them to live "regular" lives. I think, because life is a much more harrowing, complex (and beautiful) experience when we choose another path, even if just having to deal in a more difficult way with the many different roles we adopt to play with.

And even then, when we've fully accepted the fact that we are going to grow and change whether or not we understand to which path our way of life will flow, it's hard to maintain the endurance to create what life we want.

What kind of role will you choose during your personal and our eventual planetary transformation? Where are you going from here?

These are the questions of growth and very unfortunately, most of the time, especially if you are young, these roles will be forced onto you, and also accepted by you as being real, which is more unfortunate.

How will you be able to influence change if you are manifesting from a place of weakness? If you are allowing others to choose the person that you should be, then your level of energy will eventually weaken.

That's why the problems of society can seem so real and unchangeable, because they are caught up in a vicious circle of outright brainwashing to create dependence, dependence to create fear, fear to create supremacy, supremacy to create government, government to create politics, politics to create brainwashing, and on and on.

Government is based on self-interest, beliefs, impractical theories, and power centers that control by means of fear and polarity. Our present social reality can be said to be created out of and to be creating the same things. Did society create government or is it really vice versa at this point?

Some problems won't adversely affect your perception of reality as much if you re-consider society's role in creating them (instead of viewing them as just bad news, confront the real problem) and also how easily these ideals can be changed with just simple, individual choice of lifestyle.

Over-restrictive bureaucracy creates the inability of people to grow their own food in integrated farms, to compost, to get one's water from roof-collection, to build their own home with natural and local materials in many areas. Even though these are obviously sustainable, correct practices they are limited by zoning laws and codes all over.

Economic growth in our society involves exploiting nature's precious resources at an unlimited rate and is accompanied by the exploitation of our other resource, people.

This is the way it is set up, that is why when someone's house and farm is flooded or destroyed by fire or rocked by an earthquake, people become rattled, they realize how polarized our own lives have become from the Earth's needs and how out of touch we are with her

We always know what our path is, we just sometimes don't find it, or aren't allowing ourselves to. This itself is a sad situation that can only be solved by trusting our inner self, and creating reality that opens doors for ourselves and for others... towards a more sustainable culture and more enjoyment of life.

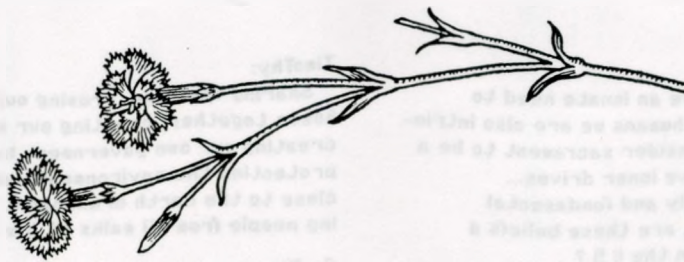
The following was reprinted from the 1993 Rainbow Guide (Box 3213, Madison, WI 53704) it is a great list of transformational roles that we can relate to ourselves as we continue to network and grow. Remember, your being here is wonderful, life is a gift to be enjoyed.

To understand yourself and others, and what you are doing together we have included the following. The roles and interactions with one another in the coming years as we positively shape the process of transforming our present society into a sane, humane, ecological one are:

1. people whose aim and skill is to speed the breakdown of the old system by helping to make it inoperable and destroying its credibility; theirs is a demolition role.
2. people who oppose proposals for change which would lead society in a hyper-expansionist or authoritarian direction. These include opponents of nuclear energy. Theirs is a opposition role.
3. people who are trying to improve the old system by introducing changes which will make it better and stronger; their aim is to avert the breakdown of the old but they may only ease the transformation toward the new. Theirs is a reforming role.
4. people who are creating and developing the growth points for a new society. Theirs is a construction role
5. people who aim to liberate themselves and other people from their present dependence on the existing system. Theirs is a liberating role.
6. people who are working to ensure that the old system breaks down as painlessly as possible for everyone who is dependent on it. They are managing the collapse. Theirs is a decolonizing role.
7. people who as liberators or decolonizers are helping other people take more control over their own lives. Theirs is an enabling role.
8. people who are changing their personal way of life and helping other people to change their own so that their lives will be more consistent with their image of a sane, humane, ecological future. Theirs is a lifestyle role.
9. people who are exploring and communicating new concepts of power, wealth, work, growth, learning, healing and so on appropriate to a sane, humane, ecological society; they are paradigm shifters, the ideological revolutionaries. Theirs is a metaphysical reconstruction role.
10. and finally, people who recognize that all of these different sorts of people will contribute positively to the transformation of society, and who are working to make sure that the transformation, though polycentric is widely understood, widely shared process of conscious evolutionary change. Theirs is the strategic role.







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BEYOND THE KNOWN LIMITS



Sadie:

You've written at least one article that I've seen on bene-  
 ficial use of sacramental herbs (summer '93, All Ways Free)...  
 obviously the first question I want to ask is which etheogens  
 do you consider to be sacramental? And what is the difference  
 between beneficial and non-beneficial use of such sacrament?

Timothy:

All entheogens are sacramental, both those known and those  
 yet to be discovered, as well as those known to the ancients and  
 now forgotten which may never be rediscovered. How something is  
 used makes a huge difference. These are tools for learning,  
 through direct experience. All ancient cultures that used them  
 had learning rituals, and guidance by those who had a lot of  
 personal experience. Help was available from knowledgeable peo-  
 ple who could be trusted. That was beneficial use.

The non-beneficial use is to use them for fun. What can  
 happen if used excessively, is the depletion of energies that  
 take a long time to replace. As a result, you don't have as good  
 an experience and it gets worse and worse, as you are less able  
 to extract the positive realizations that normally come your way  
 and will instead be inundated by material that you cannot digest.  
 It goes right through you, and is wasted, because you didn't  
 get anything out of it. That is not beneficial.

Sadie:

The only bad thing about the idea of sacramentally-based  
 spirituality is that the public opinion of such beliefs is very  
 bad... we have right now a society that is so fascist in it's  
 ability to have control over its citizens choices and even ideas  
 that the mainstream population is extremely leery of "drug use"  
 ... how do you respond when people are extremely negative and  
 say "Oh, that'll never happen... you can't practice that"?

Timothy:

I tell people like that that it already has happened, it is  
 now happening and it always will be happening. Fear of insanity  
 is behind most of that. But instead of taking the positive atti-  
 tude of exploring all the unknown and possibly unlimited realms  
 of sanity, a pessimistic attitude has prevailed, that we better  
 not find out what lies beyond the known limits, because what we  
 find out may cause us to have to make a radical change in our  
 belief systems, which could be too much for us. Truth is seen as  
 a dangerous enemy that we must guard against.

This temporary prohibition period following it's rediscovery  
 is a lot like insanity, which is the refusal to accept what is  
 real and choosing to go into denial instead, and it should be  
 expected. It takes a certain amount of time to recover from a  
 traumatic shock, before everything can be integrated. As sanity  
 returns freedoms will be expanded.

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Sadie:

I really believe that as humans we have an innate need to change our consciousness and since as humans we are also intrinsically spiritually-oriented beings I consider sacrament to be a perfect combination of two very positive inner drives... however, religions, probably mostly early and fundamental Christianity pretty much chastized it... are these beliefs a major cause of sacrament prohibition in the U.S.?

Timothy:

The whole thing is seen as a threat to their very survival. They use their beliefs to bypass The Journey, and to find what can only be called, premature contentment with a false rationale that defends them from having to earn the real thing. You don't have to think anything through for yourself, if you just select religion A you're covered, in case it turns out to be true. That is the end of your personal growth. Then they try to impose their beliefs onto others to reinforce "the end of personal growth" for everybody else too, because how would it be if you were allowed to continue on your quest with the finest tools known to man, while they are left behind. Your knowledge increases your power which is a threat to them because the person with more knowledge always has an advantage, and that puts them at a disadvantage. New knowledge is also a threat to their belief system.

I believe the early Christians also probably used sacraments as a part of the early rituals. I believe that if we could now go back in time and see first hand what went on, the early Christians wouldnt be recognized as Christians at all, but would be called Pagans by church people today, because it has been re-packaged to serve an entirely different purpose. It is now used to provide stability to society. It has become a means of controlling the people by controlling their beliefs.

The religious leaders in power want to control our minds as they did in The Dark Ages, and keep us in the dark. New truths are seen as a threat to that control. So they teach those who they do control to fear insanity, to fear anything outside of their belief system, to fear the unknown, and to cling to a fixed belief that is unable to grow and expand.

Sadie:

Another idea of interest to you is intentional communities... can you tell me how intentional communities relate to what we've been talking about? How could spiritual/sacramental use of herbs be integrated into an intentional community?

Timothy:

We can't change the mainstream which flows very slowly. They aren't ready for any of this. But we are. Some of us have survived the conditioning process intact, and we are still open-minded and ready to go. What we can do is all come together and form a New Country, our own country in which we can set up a new way of life that is unlimited in potential. Freedom of ingestion is an obvious right that is self-evident and will ultimately be recognized around the world, but we don't have to wait for that. It is the oldest law. All animals practice it. We are free now.

Prohibition only generates paranoia. We need to create safe spaces where we can explore new ways of experiencing things, openly, and where we can share new spaces together.

Sadie:

What various elements would your "ideal" intentional community incorporate?

Timothy:

Sharing The Land, growing our own food, building our own homes together, creating our own jobs, creating our own schools, creating our own government by consensus, having Co-Housing, protecting the environment, using alternative energy, living close to the Earth in alignment with the ancients, and integrating people from all walks of life in the support of Global Unity

Sadie:

How do you believe we can better balance intentional communities so that there wouldn't be only one "type" of person living there? I mean, usually, people consider intentional communities to be made up of all Buddhists or all Krishnas or all Christians

Timothy:

We will incorporate all religious persuasions together, seeing our differences as positive sources of energy and new growth. Out of this will come a new unity that is Universal which the world needs now. We will be planting the seeds of a Unified Earth, and will be able to support that process out of what we learn.

Sadie:

How far have you personally gone with the intentional community concept?

Timothy:

I became involved with intentional community in the early '70s and am now putting what I know into practice. We are coming together to form a community this summer. We will be Gathering on The Land for three days to celebrate the Summer Solstice, and to come together as One People, and to hold a council of All Beings, and to share in the consensus process, and The All Out Love Experience. The Gathering is free and anybody can get involved by sending \$3.00 if you can afford it and \$2.00 if you can't and a letter about yourself and why you would be interested... to: Timothy, POB 849, Glen Ellen, CA 95442

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