

Healing our OWN circles

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If I knew I was going to die tomorrow what would
I want to express ? What would anyone of us express?

I'd say to traditionalists, visionaries, atheists, Christians...
Look deeper in and deeper out...you see that?..
That's cool right?now look further!
there's MORE than our wildest imaginations could picture
And if you look careful....HE is drawing ALL

Now that HE is lifted up
NAME-ABOVE-ALL-NAMES is drawing ALL PEOPLE to himself

Peace Maker is free from restricting flesh and blood
He's loose he's everywhere and He's unstoppable
Grace does not depend on me
SPIRIT moves with me or without my help

Some Traditionalists are now experiencing UNIVERSAL Creator
evolving further from the appeasing of lesser spirits.
A wider broader vision is evolving among our own people.
Christians, PLEASE don't try to convert traditionalists!
"If they aren't against ME(Creator) they are for me"
Grace is doing its work
"...step out of the way if you can't lend a hand,
For the times they are a changin..."

I get so excited when I see this MOVE OF SPIRIT
Among our traditionalists

And then...the joy fades
I see Christian's come to call....
Convinced they themselves are the sole distributors of grace
They pull converts away, to leave our own circle-societies.
Infecting Our people towards Hit and run evangelism,
drive-by-recruitings, Fly-by-night revivals, dance and duck crusades.
They Entertain/evangelize strangers they will never take
The time to know

What is going on here?
Are we really called to leave our own wounded tribal circles to suffer it
out, with alcoholism, drug abuse, physical and sexual abuse, and poverty?
Are we going to leave all the grunge work for strangers, the government, or

our traditionalists to do all the ceremonies prayers and healings? Aren't we to help them? Have we bought a line that our ceremonies are ...satanic?

I hear Creator calling TRUE HEARTS to RETURN to our OWN
And face a deeper reality of tribal responsibility.
The move of the SPIRIT is healing our broken circle societies
The SPIRIT is moving among our own tribal spiritual leaders

How will "every tongue and nation" be represented beyond
If we don't even know our own tongue
Or if we aren't even known by our nation?

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