

VISION 2050

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” #

By the year 2050, I desire to live in a world at peace and in unity, where all of its peoples are enjoying unlimited educational opportunity and economic prosperity, while accepting of each person’s diversity, living in spiritual freedom from government or religious tyrants.

Call Your Highest Aspirations into Being that they Be Manifested on Earth!

At the age of eight years and nine months, during the heart of the *1970 Black Power Revolution* in Trinidad and Tobago, I pledged within myself to help in bringing about a change in the world’s economic order. The goal was to establish greater equity and opportunity for all the peoples of our globe. This vision has taken me on a wide ranging adventure in diverse places of the world. Now at age 54 years of age, I am confident that I have been prepared to help play that role along with all of humanity -- my fellow world citizens.

I have studied in many institutions of learning, worked in various industries, associated with multiple ethno-cultural groups of people and have lived and travel throughout one half of our Earth. From the Caribbean islands of Tobago and Trinidad, to the United States of America and the state of Israel I have lived. I have visited and traveled in the continent of North America, part of South America, many islands of the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe.

My academic and socialization training, work experiences and associations with different peoples have prepared me to work with others to help realize the vision of establishing a world economic system which is equitable and laden with opportunities for all.

I am aware that the fortunes of mankind progress through the alternating phases of crisis and victory, opportunity and triumph, negative and positive. *“Yet in this wrong there are a thousand rights.”*[@] In my reality, I give negativity no power over my objectives and subdue it through the power of FAITH, in the crucible of divine destiny. Though naysayers are a reality that may arise, since every idea, whether negative or positive attracts its opposite in creation, I endeavor to always imbue my own mind and those around me with that God-confidence which refuses to dwell in the realm of doubt.

Vision 2050 Plan

In order to accomplish any significant project in any field of endeavor, an appropriate and adequate plan is required. An emerging global economic plan can be built on the strength of the micro plans of each individual who inhabits the planet. Therefore, the vision and role of every individual are critical building blocks in bringing about a new consciousness, with the necessary actions for the transformation destined to create a re-conceptualized and revitalized global economic structure. Thus the development of these elements are of special significance:

- A Common set of Values or Virtues by which Individuals should Endeavor to Operate
- Individual Education, Training and Experience
- Family Support and Encouragement
- Community Support and Encouragement
- A spirit of Reciprocity and Common Empowerment towards all People

A Common set of Values or Virtues by which all Individuals should Endeavor to Operate

In order to guarantee the wellbeing of all people within a community or society, a set of laws, norms, virtues, rules and standards must be universally recognized for the establishment of unity through justice for everyone in that society. Thus, within the matrix of a community, individuals should be truthful, act justly towards all, nurture genuine divine love within their hearts for all, empower every human who crosses their path to fulfill that person's highest virtuous purpose, peacefully resolve differences through consultation, and work for the unity and strength of the community.

- Truthfulness [To state what happened and what you think without fear or favor]
- Justice [The faculty to treat others as you would like to be treated]
- Divine Love [The understanding that individuals are components of a oneness in God's image]
- Empowerment of Self and Others [Well-wishing and working to develop self and others]
- Peacefulness [Individuals should be peaceful in their disposition and resolve conflict with consultation and respect for all]
- Unity [This is the highest collective goal and achievement of any group]
- Strength [If a community achieves unity, it will be strong and capable of great accomplishments]

Individual Education, Training and Experience

An individual is an embodiment of limitless potentialities. It is primarily through education and training from early childhood that a person becomes able to unleash one's latent talents and faculties.

Education's purpose is to unleash human potential. The individual's success is usually the highest aspiration of her or his parents and should be that of the entire society from which he or she emerges. For it is evident that a great and noble individual brings honor to the citizenry, while a petty and ignoble person brings shame and disgrace to the community. Therefore, we should endeavor to assist each other to bring forth the best within all or to develop honorable qualities through life's tests and difficulties. This can be one reason why scholars are tested, so as to prove their capabilities to themselves and the teacher.

An individual should be exposed to all possible fields of learning and knowledge. This can include all the fields of the sciences, arts, mathematics, languages and technologies, including the noble trades and crafts which have transformed humanity's environments from the early reaches of civilization.

“Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.” &

Since diverse individuals have differing tendencies, propensities, abilities, desires or inclinations, after a wide range of exposure to learning, individuals should be left to choose their favored profession(s). In the current and future economic environments of the world, many individuals will work in multiple fields and professions before their working life span is complete. People should be encouraged to pursue what they like and are happy doing, and be free to change, learn and adopt new skills as time passes. Knowledge is a veritable treasure and its acquisition is a source of honor and glory.

- ✓ Expose yourself to various fields of learning
- ✓ Be entrepreneurial in your outlook, for only those who can pay themselves first are truly economically free or independent of an employer
- ✓ Choose a profession(s), be it(they) academic and/or practical, and acquire experience in the field(s)
- ✓ Write a vision of your highest aspirations for the future, dividing it into long, medium and short term vision statements: long term (20-50 years), medium term (5-20 years) and short term (0-5 years)
- ✓ Within each time period or phase, identify the critical goals that you need to accomplish in order to propel you to the next stage of your vision plan with confidence
- ✓ Share your vision plans with the members of your vision circle (at least two people who love you unconditionally), these may include your parents, siblings, cherished friends and/or mentors. They can help you to refine or clarify your vision

Example of a Personal Vision Plan (Based on your current stage in life)

TO HELP TRANSFORM THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

Fields of learning: Agriculture, Sports, Science, Mathematics, Music, Banking, Finance, Business, Accounting, Economics, Engineering, Computer Technology, Education, Journalism and Trades

Entrepreneurial Outlook: Establish firms for - Accountancy, Teaching Trades, Engineering Works, Business Management, Post-Secondary Training, Author and Publish Articles, Books and Films

Choose a Profession(s): Accountant/Economist/Educator/Author/Web Designer/Mathematician

Long Term Vision: To be a world transformer with a PhD in Economics/Mathematics, Own various Businesses and Investments worldwide (20-50 years, by the year 2065)

Medium Term Vision: To be a world transformer with a master's degree in Mathematics, own various Businesses and Investments worldwide (5-20 years, by year 2035)

Short Term Vision: To be a world transformer with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics, own various Businesses and Investments worldwide (0-5 years, by year 2021)

Family Support and Encouragement

The family is the smallest collective unit of a society and is the first environment in which children learn language and understand the social norms of a culture. All efforts to strengthen the fabric of the family through adequate economic opportunities and social support are critical to the wellbeing of this basic interactive group. Various research studies have shown that children who are raised in a supportive, print rich and empowering household outperform their peers without that support. There are always a few anomalies to these statistics.

Community Support and Encouragement

Remember, it takes a village to socialize a well-adjusted member of society. When all the members of a society can view each other as the members of the same family and are imbued with the virtues of truthfulness, justice, divine love, empowerment consciousness, peacefulness through consultation, unity of purpose and strengthened by their collective oneness realization, then the members of that community can discover their highest destiny by exploring their inherent and latent potentialities.

A spirit of Reciprocity and Common Empowerment towards all People

No man is an island. One of the reasons that I believe humans are born helpless is to teach us the law of mutual dependency and reciprocity. A child depends on its mother for that milk, nourishment, cuddling, love and warm in order to survive in an inhospitable world outside of the womb, before he or she can support her or his self. Childhood provides the first lessons in reciprocity and as we grow and acquire abilities, we should reach backward and forward to help the other members of our family. A community which is blessed with the spirit of reciprocity, standing on the achievements of its ancestors, in a common attitude of empowerment towards all its members, will truly progress in all the worlds of existence.

The Present Imperative

Let not your heart be troubled, for as the legendary Bob Marley once said, "Don't be afraid of atomic energy, none ah them can stop the time." Here we are in 2015 CE, 5775 of the Jewish, 1436 of the Islamic and 172 of the Bahá'í calendars. It is self-evident to all that the order of the world is in a state of severe disequilibrium. The dynamic equilibrium which is longed for, in the form of unity and peace are within humanity's grasp, however, a lack of vision, a hopeless dearth of unity of purpose in the body polity, shortsighted educational objectives, fissures in the social and economic systems, and a lack of will by those in authority with lofty titles in all areas of human endeavor, blight us all.

It is in response to this redeemable state of affairs that I am launching **VISION 2050** to awaken our inner consciousness and propel us through collective discussions, consultations and actions to manifest the world that God has destined and bequeathed to us all. Please write your own vision for your future - start a vision circle - using all the means of communication, including social media, telecommunication, music and public media to start a conversation and make your dreams real.

*IN THIS DAY everyone must be tested, as the time of the "chosen ones" to prove their worth is indeed very short. The day of attainment is drawing to a close for them. The "first fruits" must be ripened in spirit, mellowed in love, and consumed by their self-sacrifice and severance. None other are acceptable as first fruits, and all who fail to attain to the standard through the tests are relegated to the "many who are called." **

"Ah me I am waiting, waiting, to hear the joyful tidings that the believers are the very embodiment of sincerity and truthfulness, the incarnation of love and amity, the living symbols of unity and concord. Will they not gladden my heart? Will they not satisfy my yearning? Will they not manifest my wish? Will they not fulfil my heart's desire? Will they not give ear to my call?

*"I am waiting, I am patiently waiting." **

Proverbs: 29, 18
@ The Mathnavi
& Bahá'u'lláh
* Abdu'l-Bahá

PS. A friend suggested this song by John Legend as an inspiration for this initiative.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvWhSUqpQBk>