

Whitman has been accused of grossness and even obscenity, on account of the presence of some dozen lines of a physiological nature in a volume of 450 pages. It is a distorted mentality that refuses to read the Bible because there are dozens of obscene passages in it. It is the intention that soils, and neither in the Bible, nor in "Leaves of Grass" is this taint of intentional obscenity to be found. That is left to the reader. This cry is raised by the "Anthony Comstocks" of public life, not for the sake of purity, but to discredit the whole philosophy of life, which, universal in its outlook takes note of good and evil, of just and unjust alike. The Lord is the maker of them all. The great nations of the future must seek this harmony of innocence and knowledge, of purity and use, living in the world, but not of it, and those who wish well to Canada, cannot ask better than that Kanada be her guide and Whitman her prophet, and democracy her true faith. We have the keynote in the "Song of the Universal":

"The measur'd faiths of other lands, the grandeurs of the past,
Are not for thee, but grandeurs of thine own,
Deific faiths and amplitudes, absorbing, comprehending all,
All eligible to all.

All, all for immortality..
Love like the light silently wrapping all,
Nature's amelioration blessing all,
The blossoms, fruits of ages, orchards divine and certain,
Forms, objects, growths, humanities, to spiritual images ripening.

Give me, O God, to sing that thought,
Give me, give him or her I love this quenchless faith,
In Thy ensemble, whatever else withheld, withhold not from us,
Belief in plan of Thee enclosed in Time and Space,
Health, peace, salvation universal.

Is it a dream?
Nay but the lack of it the dream,
And, failing it, life's lore and wealth a dream,
And all the world a dream."



Come to Bon Echo this Summer and have a good time
with the returned Young Old Veteran Corps. Let us give them
a hearty Welcome Home.