

The vision of oneness

What the world needs now

by Rob Johnstone

George and Joelle Emery had a wonderful idea one day. They created the Foundation of Universal Unity.

So they sallied forth amid all the hatred, pestilence, greed, and vice of the world and began to lecture about exactly what this old world needs right now.

They called their lecture "The Vision of Oneness," and, before long, people everywhere were coming to listen to them chat about "personal wholeness" and "integrity in action."

As fate would have it, I found myself at the Emery's small get-together on the night of September 20. The word surprise does little to describe my reaction to this dynamic couple. Anyway, there I was, at the Rowand Suite of the Four Seasons Hotel, clad in jeans and an old sweater, chatting with George Emery. "George," as everyone present fondly referred to him, sat beside me, rattily attired in a herringbone tweed and assorted accoutrements (including about \$400 worth of optical gear on his face).

"What exactly are you all about, George?" I asked. "Well," he replied, "things in the world today are falling apart, but in the midst of that there is a body of people coming together." As our discussion wore on it became ever more evident that "George" was extremely fond of such profundities, for he never said anything that I could challenge.

This, then, is the essence of the Foundation of Universal Unity.

By never saying anything you don't like, these people become very attractive indeed. They claim their organization is non-profit, non-religious, and non-sectarian. So how, if at all, can anyone say anything bad about the cute-as-a-button couple that are George and Joelle Emery?

Simple - you can't. "Are you a pessimist?" I quizzed George. "I would say there is a great deal to be pessimistic about."

"But you're more or less optimistic about man's future on this earth?"

"That's a very good way to put it," he answered. Strangely enough, George agreed with most of what I said.

So what are these guys really all about? To find the answer to this question one must attend one of their meetings. Knowing that I was a member of the press, George saw to it that everyone made us feel right at home. Unfortunately he failed in this respect, because, as I have mentioned, I was an obvious slob amid this exquisitely dressed group of people.

Why was the meeting in the Four Seasons Hotel? Why was everyone there so obviously wealthy? Why do George and Joelle Emery travel the globe (Zimbabwe, Nigeria and England are but a few examples) spreading their message of self-enhancement through self-discovery?

All these question burned into my ever-inquisitive brain.

And I could come up with only one answer: money. Lots of it. Heck, probably whole bundles of it. Sure, George likes to tell me his organization is non-profit, but is it?

Let's face it, George and Joelle have got it made. They sport around to all the major cities in the world, spend two hours "working" in each place, eat all the best foods, and sleep in all the best hotels. "How, exactly do they do it?" you ask. Donations. Yup, that's right, donations.

Firstly, the kind of people who go to these affairs are, for the most part, very wealthy. Second, they are also very lonely. Then this duo comes along and tells them if they only try to "realize their potential," they can be "everything they can possibly be, and the world will be all it can possibly be."

"Gee whiz," they must tell themselves, "a couple hundred bucks would be a small price to pay for so much joy."

So much, indeed. I must admit I was rather transfixed by the pair. But then, again, I'm an easy mark. I listen to all the encyclopedia, vacuum cleaner, and Persian rug salesmen that come to my door. Only I don't buy anything because I'm just barely subsisting as a student. But what if I was a few hundred grand in the black, say, and I met George and Joelle Emery? Like I say, I'm an easy mark.

So they're salesmen, you cleverly deduce. No, not exactly. They're not selling you anything you don't

Experience

THE VISION OF ONENESS

with George and Joelle Emery



George and Joelle Emery

This dynamic couple are the founding directors of The Foundation of Universal Unity, a worldwide network of people whose concern is for wholeness and integrity in their living. George and Joelle have travelled extensively assisting many in awakening to this experience. They are presently working out of The Foundation headquarters in Loveland, Colorado.

In these days of satellite communication when we can bring Princess Diana or Pierre Trudeau into our living rooms with a flick of a switch, it has become increasingly difficult to deny the oneness of mankind. We feel loneliness, resentment and hatred towards our fellows in direct proportion to how much we remain self-centered and ignore the fact that we have a part to play in the whole. It's obvious that if mankind continues on this path, we won't be around much longer. An alternative exists.

Join with George, Joelle and others in recognizing, and acting on, this alternative.

already have. No siree, what these two are doing is offering you a chance to find yourself. And, once you've travelled to their Eden Ranch in Loveland, Colorado, you just sort of feel obliged to dole out some cash. Bingo, you're human, just like the rest of us.

What, then, is the point of all this? Is the Gateway so desperate for filler material that it will accept a story of such minor relevance? Or is it something more? What I'm saying is that some day you'll be leaving the hallowed halls of the U of A with a little scrap of paper that might mean you'll be on easy street for the rest of your life (Unless, of course, you get an Arts degree, like me). Well, I'm never one to tell you what to do with your money, or what happiness is really all about. But maybe you'll remember, if you're ever rich and lonely, my example of George and Joelle Emery. And, maybe, you'll not be so quick to accept everything someone else is so willing to enlighten you with.

But, if you do, perhaps you'll look me up some time, because I'll have half a dozen Persian rugs that I just won't know what to do with.

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