

Mankind's image of itself (and all of us in it individually) begins after God tossed out Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

We have little idea about what ~~the Garden~~ Eden must have been, except that we think it was a "place" of peace and harmony. We have no idea at all what the progenitors of humanity were like before they were forced to exit Garden. We only know what they were like afterwards. They were then as human as the rest of us then, and the mess that has become humanity began with their after-Eden status. Since that long-ago time, mankind has tended and to think of itself as noble, /rational and ~~reasonable~~ and that its history is governed by reason.

But if humanity were suddenly to become honest with itself, it would have to admit that it has not been very noble at all, certainly not rational and that the course and destiny of mankind has never been ruled by reason for longer than two minutes at a time. These are unpopular words. But if we look around us, at a world mankind now in planetary contact as a whole, we can easily see that mankind is a mess, that its ideas of itself are ~~not~~ gobbledegook, and that most of us are at one level or another suffering tremendously as a result.

force, violence and degradation, and everywhere men and women are insisting on their "rights" to practice their own beliefs and their "rights" to enjoy their self-designed and self-sanctified pleasure domes, even though it is by now adequately clear that beliefs and pleasures have become totally irresponsible.

No, humanity is just one big technological Roman arena designed after Caligulan standards and humanity is not basically good, but rotten to the core. We pretend this isn't so. History tells us it isn't so, society says it isn't so, our programming is mounted upon the idea that it isn't so, and we try to treat ~~xxx~~ each other like it isn't so. And when something of the real truth gets through, we get angry and take steps to silence the intruding source. And if we can't do that, then we convulse and collapse into neurosis because, after all, we were brought up (that is, programmed) to identify with this chief dream.

Well, so much for mankind after Eden. But what did Adam and Eve leave behind when they left, what were they forced by God to leave behind when they were expelled? It is absolutely amazing how little human energy has gone into wondering about pre-expulsion mankind. Humanity, as a whole, steadfastly refuses to think about what Eden was actually like, save for foisting back on it some definitely human-oriented utopian illusions.

The epitome of human achievement is thought of as becoming wealthy and powerful, which only a few can do, and this standard leaves the rest of us as slaves of one kind or another to the achievers. No, this is a lie, for money and power, of themselves, make their possessors more unhappy than not. Yet this single "rational" concept dominates the life energies of men and women everywhere, and with it, the battle for control of Earth is about to be waged, and mankind is getting ready to take this supreme lie with it as it sets about extending itself into space and the planets and stars beyond.

Mankind desperately needs a new Edenesque image for itself, yet ~~ix~~ it is so over-dosed on its human history, and we are all so programmed by that history, that we cannot step outside the human "dilemma" and take an objective look at the true condition of mankind. We know it stinks to high heaven, but we can't permit ourselves to admit it. We are existing in the greatest cover up of all times, and we sooth ourselves with the palliative that "mankind at its roots is basically good," and then believe it.

Yet, the chief economy of the world is drugs, half the population has taken to coke or worse, cancer and all illnesses are on the rise, the world is armed to the teeth with nukes, bio and chemical weapons, ^{predominate} the/arts and games are those brutal