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## Recession or Reformation?

It is quite clear that we are experiencing a major world economic crisis. Economists have called it a recession. I suggest that the truth of our situation is that we are not in a recession but rather in a process of reformation. According to the dictionary, to reform is "to amend or improve." One says we are going backward, and the other says we are going forward to something better!

There are several reasons that I think we are in a process of reformation. The first reason is that there is no simple solution to the many complex challenges of this apparent recession. This has been aggravated by the basic issue of the growing number of human beings needing food and energy to survive. There is nothing that can assure us of a new solution more than the fact that one is needed. We are always provided an answer when the energy for finding a solution is high enough! So my number one reason for affirming "reformation" is that we need one!

Another reason for reformation is that there is a need for rediscovering the qualities of life as opposed to the things of life. We are caught up in a world of technology that has moved so fast that life's qualities that give it meaning are often lost in the process.

Technology is the knack of so arranging the world that we don't have to experience it. There is a present danger of a world that is so satiated by the world without that it ignores the true source of joy and fulfillment that is within.

Back in the Great Depression, thousands of families went through a long period when it was not certain where their next meal was coming from. People who refused to think about what they did not have and instead thought of all that they did have continued to find that they did have all that they needed and came through that hard time.

During this period of recession we have the opportunity to experience that feeling of prosperity inside ourselves. Then we can experience the reformation that is truly needed for our country and world. To live with certainty that we are always provided for is to never respond to scarcity by expecting less. This eliminates the true cause of a recession – our fear of being without.

One more reason that I think we are in for a reformation is that our present challenges are going to bring us into a greater sense of oneness with all people. The challenges of recession are not localized to this country. The impact is felt in almost every country in the world. The solutions that will come forth can only come out of a joint effort for change and cooperation. I believe that out of the present world of chaos will come a new world blessed with lasting peace.

So we are really experiencing a reformation – a change for the better. I invite you to hold that thought and share it with others. As we do so, we can become a growing center for energy that is expediting this change for the better. Every time you turn on the world news, read a newspaper or hear people talking about the economic challenges of our day, put yourself in the driver's seat by declaring silently or out loud, "We are experiencing a reformation" – a change for the better!

Reformation is not a new concept. We can find it in history where it changed the Western world. We can be the leaders of reformation today by declaring a prosperity reformation. Out of today's challenge our world is awakening to the reality that we are always provided for and given exactly what we need in every step of our journey. The key is to recognize that our source and center is not out there somewhere with more "things" but within us, and it is put into action in our lives by our faith and imagination. As we believe and see our needs being met, so will it be.

I invite you to see the many blessings in your life and the prosperity that we all enjoy....

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