

Like a candle in the darkness, Ryan's poetry book, illumines that exquisite journey toward our destiny that we, as humans, are traveling. With gentle words and heartfelt emotion, his spiritual inspirational poems about life share with us a message of love, joy and lightness. He celebrates as we make our transition from seed to bloom, from child to adult, from apprentice to craftsman.



Hallow Reed ~ The Master Within

This is a introduction of selected poems and a word about spiritual reality from the Author.

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"Reading Ryan Daniels has always been a great delight for me. My Impression of him is that he writes inspired pieces of poetry -- quite delectable to the heart, the mind and spirit. An analogy that instantly comes to my mind is one of "nectar" -- his inspirational poems nourishes and uplifts your spirits. To me, he is like the English Romantic poet Shelley's skylark who embraces the dark blue in his flights and from those lofty heights sings with full-throated ease of humanity's essential nobility and goodness. And his poetry has a certain charismatic power to make us believe in ourselves. To read his poems is essentially to enter into a soulful communion that brings us closer to all of God's creation in a spirit of loving kindness and compassion, even as it exhilarates our hearts and fills our minds with the sublimest of thoughts. I have no doubt Ryan's poetry will instantly endear itself to the readers and affect them with a blitheness of spirit that will catch on."

CR Mittal/Poet and Scholar

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The Oneness of Humanity

With the maturity of the soul comes the prosperity of humankind.

This force of maturity arising in the world, sometimes small, sometimes quiet, but altogether a reflection of a changing attitude in the world.

Our current generation is an impatient one, and tendencies lean toward quick solutions. Taking a moment to reflect on how much we've accomplished in the past century, it becomes apparent that as consciousness expands so inevitably does our humanity. A consciousness based on the concept of the oneness of humanity, will not only help solve the world's ills in the future, but it's already beginning to do so. Anything that harms some part of humanity hurts us all. It's essential for humanity to accept this principle.

The world has become so interconnected today that it is no longer possible to ignore and be unaffected by injustices in other parts of the world. All Human Beings have been created equal; we all are deserving of fair treatment and equal opportunity. This view promotes the unity of humanity, and that the people's vision should be world-embracing which does not mean uniformity, but instead advocate for the principle of unity in diversity where the variety in the human race is valued.

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Historically, the differences that have existed between ethnic groups are attributable to disparities in financial and educational opportunities, cultural traditions, racial prejudice and oppression. Having a conscious awareness of unity, of the oneness of humanity eliminates all forms of prejudice, and it entails non-discrimination against individuals on such things like race, religion, gender or class.

Unity must be expressed by building spiritual principles within the soul. This means making a conscious and knowledgeable decision concerning one's own path to God. In this view, the fundamental purpose is then to create a society that is favorable to the healthy development of all its people. As humanity becomes united and has common global perspectives or principals of reality to live by, these perspectives will create peace within the world. I believe our ultimate destiny as humanity.

This is what the poems in my book, Hallow Reed The Master Within are about. They are inspirational and uplifting poems about the spiritual realities of life!

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Come Together

*Far beyond our imagination
There is a great destination
From our preparation
We will see the great dispensation.
To help our situation
In this mass of complication
Of our own creation
Open our heart
Let the Universe
Contribute to our Nations!*



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"I can feel the sincerity of Ryan Daniels' poems; they are words of wisdom coming from his heart. I can say they are the reflections of his spirit. Every word radiates hope and healing. They are like songs to searching souls thirsty for enlightenment. His poems rhythmically speak of patience, integrity, contentment, courage, humility, meekness, submissiveness, gentleness, purity, and charity. They teach one how to draw strength from deep within, how to set the spirit free from sorrow and grief.

His poems are a strong and an effective mirror of the nature of mankind; it beautifully displays the divinity and nobility of the human race which should be treasured and kept sacred. His poems see life in a very different yet ideal way, a life full of hope, happiness, success, strength, blessings, beauty, peace, and love. They see life in a positive way despite the heart-breaking trials and challenges one can face.

Once you start reading his poems, you will not just be "reading," you will be pondering, realizing, and internalizing the things written. You will be brought into a world of sudden calmness. It seems like you will be transported into a new dimension, one that makes you feel something you've never felt before, an inexplicable feeling for which words are insufficient to describe and elaborate. They evoke genuine happiness, something that money cannot buy. Spiritually uplifting words artistically penned, indeed!" ***Liz Journa/Writer***

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"When I was recommended Ryan Daniels' book I was skeptical at first because I am very particular about poetry that uses strong, dreamlike imagery. Once I read, "Immortal Bliss," I knew I had found a poetic genius. Daniels really stands out against many poets who do not really get to the heart of the topics they choose to poeticize. I hope that you readers out there will give Ryan Daniels poems about life the chance he deserves, and buy a copy of his book." **Nicole Reptar/Writer**

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A peaceful and enlightening write! I really enjoyed it. I love the rhymes thrown in and vivid-detail you display in so few lines. **Thomas/Poet**

A verse about enlightenment, elucidated by beautiful metaphors of the sun and the rose. The first stanza reminded me of Gautama Buddha's philosophy of "Kshanabhangavada", i.e the ephemeral nature of all material things. I loved the expression "feed the soul" and the lines that followed speaking of the journey from a "seed" to a "rose"... Spiritual and splendidly so! **Augustus/PhD in Physics Institute of Science, Poetry**

By the means of writing my experiences in short poetical form and then sharing my poetry has become truly a remarkable journey. The responses that I have had with people of all ages has been deeply rewarding for me, how it is capable of truly touching a person's heart as the poem speaks to them or even yet helps them in some way.

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I prefer to focus on the beauty of reality in my poetry and not to be cynical. I have come to realize, a great lesson in life, that "darkness is the absence of light; ignorance is the absence of knowledge". We have a need to express the spiritual inner truths we have come to learn and feel deep within. My inspiration comes from a place of an enriching experience.

Poetry is a wonderful exercise for stimulating the brain. Becoming open to new experiences, and a change in previous ways of thinking about ones experiences is the key. The fruits that can come from revealing our inner expression can help our spirit to soar and reach such great heights that it can branch to other grand opportunities as we expand our thoughts.

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What a Lovely Work of art. Amazing write thank you for sharing. It really sings to my Heart and has a beauty that makes one cry in its loveliness. God Bless. **Lilly**

Following in the next 3 pages are poems that are contained within my book. *Note: Uploading them into this PDF file has blurred the poems, though they are not in the original book.*

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Roots Of Growth

*Goodly deeds
Water the seeds
Of wisdom
For all to see
How glorious
It is to be
To quaff from
A mighty sea.
Receiving heavenly
Bounties
Over flowing
Like a fountain
And the roots enjoying
The fertile soil
Free from toil.
Blossoming flowers
Promising
Fruit that ripen
In paradise
Where it is priceless.*



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The Word Is Wine

*Drinking the wine
That pours from
The heavenly Divine
Handed from our Lord
Helping my soul to soar,
Intoxicated with love
Like the spring floods
From the rain of bounty
That spreads to all humanity
By sharing what is given to us
With God's trust
To make a divine world
Out of dust.*



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Heaven's Door

*When we ask
For assistance
It comes in
With persistence
Many candles
To light the fire
That people so desire
Because it
Takes us higher.
The glory is forever
It is our
Beloved's endeavors
He opens the gate
So we can participate
Which shows us
So much more
With unity
That is the beauty.*



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You might agree that we humans need educating in all aspects of life and more importantly the soul. To become united and have common global perspectives or principals of reality to live by, perspectives that create peace.

My inspiration comes from The Baha'i Faith that is today a recognized independent world religion. The history and teachings center around the Nobel person of its Founder Baha'u'llah.

The character traits He has displayed throughout the course of a long and turbulent life, His comprehensive body of written works, and the impact He has already had in the world, undeniably qualify Him as a major figure in world religious history.

Bahá'u'lláh has taught that there is only one God, that all the world's religions represent stages in the revelation of Gods will and have been the chief civilizing force in history.

He states:

"He Who is everlastingly hidden from the eyes of men can never be known except through His Manifestation, and His Manifestation can adduce no greater proof of the truth of His Mission than the proof of His own Person." "Inasmuch as these Birds of the celestial Throne are all sent down from the heaven of the Will of God."

Such as; Adam, Noah, Moses, Abraham, Zoroaster, Buddha, Krishna, Jesus, Muhammad, and now since 1844 The Bab and Baha'u'llah. Whose common purpose has been to bring the human race to spiritual and moral maturity.

He tells us in His message that humanity is now coming of age. It is this fact that makes possible the unification of the human family and the building of a peaceful, global society.

The Prosperity of Humankind

This following statement was released in preparation for the United Nations World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, by the Bahá'í International Community's Office of Public Information, examines prevailing attitudes and practices in social and economic development. It redefines the roles of all those involved and questions underlying assumptions about the nature of true global prosperity.

Statement:

To an extent unimaginable a decade ago, the ideal of world peace is taking on form and substance. Obstacles that long seemed immovable have collapsed in humanity's path; apparently irreconcilable conflicts have begun to surrender to processes of consultation and resolution; a willingness to counter military aggression through unified international action is emerging. The effect has been to awaken in both the masses of humanity and many world leaders a degree of hopefulness about the future of our planet that had been nearly extinguished.

Throughout the world, immense intellectual and spiritual energies are seeking expression, energies whose gathering pressure is in direct proportion to the frustrations of recent decades. Everywhere the signs multiply that the earth's

peoples yearn for an end to conflict and to the suffering and ruin from which no land is any longer immune. These rising impulses for change must be seized upon and channeled into overcoming the remaining barriers that block realization of the age-old dream of global peace. The effort of will required for such a task cannot be summoned up merely by appeals for action against the countless ills afflicting society. It must be galvanized by a vision of human prosperity in the fullest sense of the term -- an awakening to the possibilities of the spiritual and material well-being now brought within grasp. Its beneficiaries must be all of the planet's inhabitants, without distinction, without the imposition of conditions unrelated to the fundamental goals of such a reorganization of human affairs.

History has thus far recorded principally the experience of tribes, cultures, classes, and nations. With the physical unification of the planet in this century and acknowledgement of the interdependence of all who live on it, the history of humanity as one people is now beginning. The long, slow civilizing of human character has been a sporadic development, uneven and admittedly inequitable in the material advantages it has conferred. Nevertheless, endowed with the wealth of all the genetic and cultural diversity that has evolved through past ages, the earth's inhabitants are now challenged to draw on their collective inheritance to take up, consciously and systematically, the responsibility for the design of their future.

It is unrealistic to imagine that the vision of the next stage in the advancement of civilization can be formulated without a searching reexamination of the attitudes and assumptions that currently underlie approaches to social and economic development. At the most obvious level, such rethinking will have to address practical matters of policy, resource utilization, planning procedures, implementation methodologies, and organization. As it proceeds, however, fundamental issues will quickly emerge, related to the long-term goals to be pursued, the social structures required, the implications for development of principles of social justice, and the nature and role of knowledge in effecting enduring change. Indeed, such a reexamination will be driven to seek a broad consensus of understanding about human nature itself.

Two avenues of discussion open directly onto all of these issues, whether conceptual or practical, and it is along these two avenues that we wish to explore, in the pages that follow, the subject of a strategy of global development. The first is prevailing beliefs about the nature and purpose of the development process; the second is the roles assigned in it to the various protagonists.

The assumptions directing most of current development planning are essentially materialistic. That is to say, the purpose of development is defined in terms of the successful cultivation in all societies of those means for the achievement of material prosperity that have, through trial and error, already come to characterize certain regions of the world. Modifications in development discourse do indeed occur, accommodating differences of culture and political system and responding to the alarming dangers posed by environmental degradation. Yet the underlying materialistic assumptions remain essentially unchallenged.

As the twentieth century draws to a close, it is no longer possible to maintain the belief that the approach to social and economic development to which the materialistic conception of life has given rise is capable of meeting humanity's needs. Optimistic forecasts about the changes it would generate have vanished into the ever-widening abyss that separates the living standards of a small and relatively diminishing minority of the world's inhabitants from the poverty experienced by the vast majority of the globe's population.

This unprecedented economic crisis, together with the social breakdown it has helped to engender, reflects a profound error of conception about human nature itself. For the levels of response elicited from human beings by the incentives of the prevailing order are not only inadequate, but seem almost irrelevant in the face of world events. We are being shown that, unless the development of society finds a purpose beyond the mere amelioration of material conditions, it will fail of attaining even these goals. That purpose must be sought in spiritual dimensions of life and motivation that transcend a constantly changing economic landscape and an artificially imposed division of human societies into "developed" and "developing".

As the purpose of development is being redefined, it will become necessary also to look again at assumptions about the appropriate roles to be played by the protagonists in the process. The crucial role of government, at whatever level, requires no elaboration. Future generations, however, will find almost incomprehensible the circumstance that, in an age paying tribute to an egalitarian philosophy and related democratic principles, development planning should view the masses of humanity as essentially recipients of benefits from aid and training. Despite acknowledgement of participation as a principle, the scope of the decision making left to most of the world's population is at best secondary, limited to a range of choices formulated by agencies inaccessible to them and determined by goals that are often irreconcilable with their perceptions of reality.

This approach is even endorsed, implicitly if not explicitly, by established religion. Burdened by traditions of paternalism, prevailing religious thought seems incapable of translating an expressed faith in the spiritual dimensions of human nature into confidence in humanity's collective capacity to transcend material conditions.

Such an attitude misses the significance of what is likely the most important social phenomenon of our time. If it is true that the governments of the world are striving through the medium of the United Nations system to construct a new global order, it is equally true that the peoples of the world are galvanized by this same vision. Their response has taken the form of a sudden efflorescence of countless movements and organizations of social change at local, regional, and international levels. Human rights, the advance of women, the social requirements of sustainable economic development, the overcoming of prejudices, the moral education of children, literacy, primary health care, and a host of other vital concerns each commands the urgent advocacy of organizations supported by growing numbers in every part of the globe.

This response of the world's people themselves to the crying needs of the age echoes the call that Bahá'u'lláh raised over a hundred years ago: "Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and center your deliberations on

its exigencies and requirements." The transformation in the way that great numbers of ordinary people are coming to see themselves -- a change that is dramatically abrupt in the perspective of the history of civilization -- raises fundamental questions about the role assigned to the general body of humanity in the planning of our planet's future.

Section I

The bedrock of a strategy that can engage the world's population in assuming responsibility for its collective destiny must be the consciousness of the oneness of humankind. Deceptively simple in popular discourse, the concept that humanity constitutes a single people presents fundamental challenges to the way that most of the institutions of contemporary society carry out their functions. Whether in the form of the adversarial structure of civil government, the advocacy principle informing most of civil law, a glorification of the struggle between classes and other social groups, or the competitive spirit dominating so much of modern life, conflict is accepted as the mainspring of human interaction. It represents yet another expression in social organization of the materialistic interpretation of life that has progressively consolidated itself over the past two centuries.

In a letter addressed to Queen Victoria over a century ago, and employing an analogy that points to the one model holding convincing promise for the organization of a planetary society, Bahá'u'lláh compared the world to the human body. There is, indeed, no other model in phenomenal existence to which we can reasonably look. Human society is composed not of a mass of merely differentiated cells but of associations of individuals, each one of whom is endowed with intelligence and will; nevertheless, the modes of operation that characterize man's biological nature illustrate fundamental principles of existence. Chief among these is that of unity in diversity. Paradoxically, it is precisely the wholeness and complexity of the order constituting the human body -- and the perfect integration into it of the body's cells -- that permit the full realization of the distinctive capacities inherent in each of these component

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