Thoughts as I have re-read Kazantzakis’ life in Saviours of God – and the words of colleagues as they responded to John Epps’ “The Order and Oaxtepec”. Jean Long

“Something was definitely dissolved at Oaxtapec, but it was not the order, only a particular form of the Order.” “What does this matter? … It matters because thinking that there is no long an Order prevents us from wrestling with *pertinent questions:*

How can we remain in touch with the Profound Mystery?

How can we continue to access our common insights?

How can we account to each other and support each other?

How can we stay on the religious and secular edge?

What … forms are appropriate for the globe and diverse participants in this historical dynamic? John Epps

**RESPONSES:**

“Thank you for reminding us of who we are ….and of how we stay on the journey.” Marianna Bailey

“There are moments when I am at a meeting … when I look at the people around the table and think ‘this a community, a profound reality, but it is not aware of itself. ‘ We were not like that because we had learned a discipline. We knew what was happening and had the language to discuss it. So that is where part of our non-ending mission is.’” Dharmalingam

“Passing on the tools that are in our kitbag – is where I am sitting.” Isobel Bishop

“ John – I totally agree (the Oaxtapec e-mail) and long for ways to sustain ourselves in our scattered state.” Joyce Sloan

**KAZANTZAKIS:**

“No one will understand that my *Spiritual Exercises* is meant to be neither at work of art nor a philosophy. He longed, it seemed to me, to transmute his vision directly from spirit into living action without the distortion of any intervening medium. Even words, the tools of his trade, were barriers to communication…” Kazantzakis

“We must not die the dead cry out within. ‘Finish our work, finish our work’.” Kazantzakis

**JEAN:**

In thinking about the work of the Global Archives and the quotes that I have shared, folks, the work being done to translate and context our methods to be placed in the new website is our response to The Cry from the world we are experiencing. We all know how our lives were transformed by methods that allowed us to see a new dimension of life and an effective way of being a human being and enabling others to see and be also.

This mission is large enough to bring us together again – to be sustained by struggling to make our methods and profound understandings available 60 or so years after we created them -- to beckon others to experience the Other World through the transparentizing of This World – to enable a new understanding of the Social Process. The work that is being done here answers every one of John’s questions and yours regarding the the future/task of the “Order in Dispersion”. This work cannot be accomplished in dispersion. This is not an invitation – it is The Call for us to come together again – during the Archives Sojourns - to make sure that the methods and experiences that transformed us will be available in an understandable form to enable Those Who Care in the future.

Our work is not finished. Please join us for one of the upcoming Archives Sojourns. We need your wisdom, care and commitment to ensure that all we were and are will not be lost to history. Jean Long, colleague

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