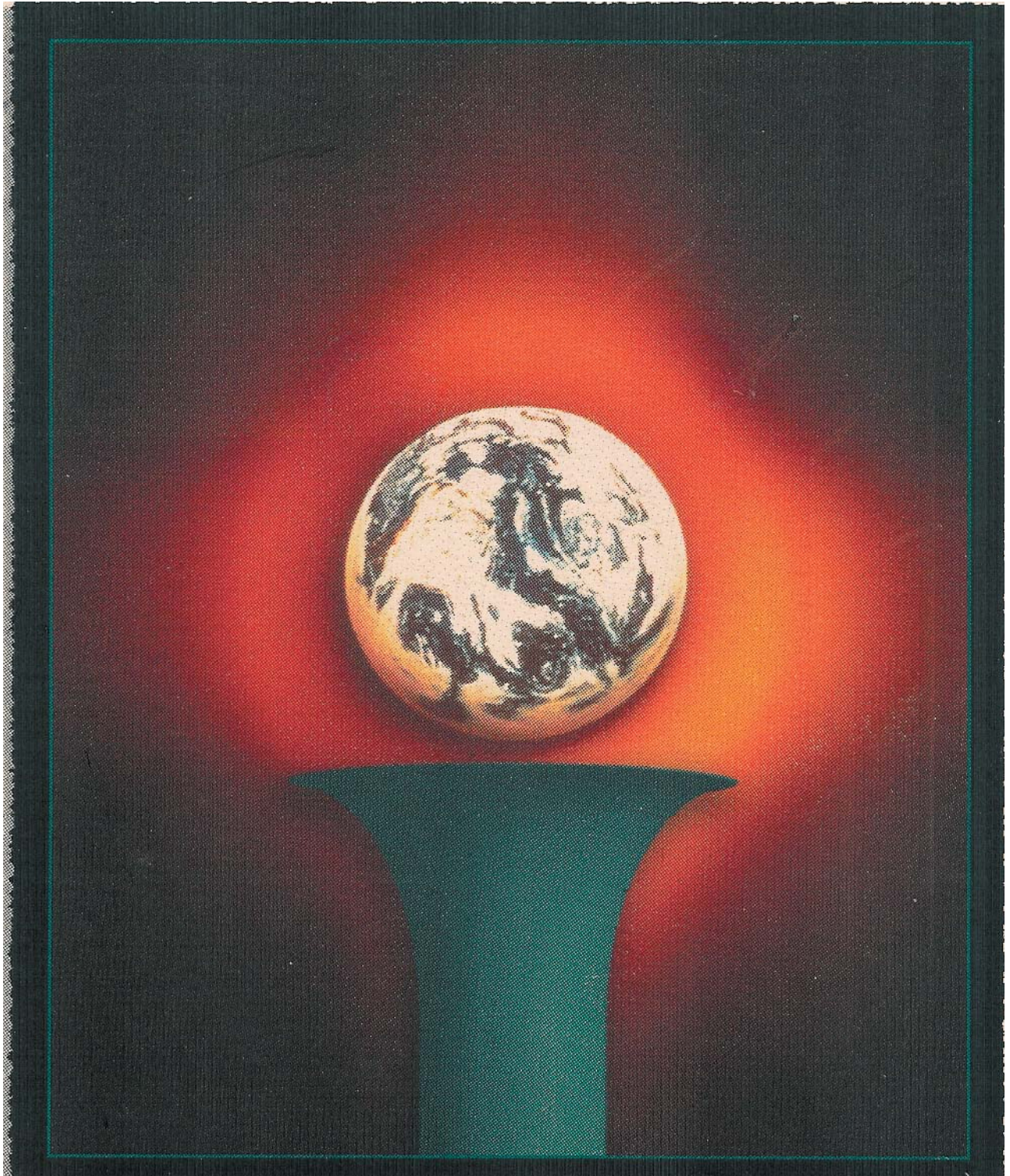


Nation Builders... Investing Ourselves



“...captivate their minds & hearts.”

What will the new day bring?

A wall is torn down. Iron-fisted dictators topple. Powerful empires dissolve. Twin towers collapse. Indelible impressions are left without a response! Vivid scenes flash across our living room screens and continue to linger in our minds.

Teens wonder how these events will impact their lives. Is there

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some power greater than us at work in men’s affairs? Are these acts of an Almighty God? Depending on your world view you will shape this historic

evidence you own way. Most likely we can all agree that history has been changed forever. But is that all there is to it—redrawing boundaries and selecting new leaders? And what meaning do these events have for me? Chaos or Opportunity? And how do I fit in professionally? Is each day a new adventure or a burden to be reckoned with? Can I go it alone anymore, or am I called to community and action?

“... In the second Reformation, the Word and Work of God is integrated into the lives of ordinary Christians; consequently, the Word of God lives among all peoples.”

Edward Chang
Oracle

“Nation Builders embody a refreshing dynamic, which restores and unifies the sacred and secular, by living out their professional calling in the marketplace.”

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Why go it alone?

Many younger teens sense that America is at a crossroads, a turning point in time and space. History is being written before their eyes, vividly, poignantly, sorrowfully, joyfully. For most of them it is a personal experience. For others, it is a call on their lives to BE and to DO.

It is a call:

To Commitment
To Action
To Creating the Future

Many say they cannot be involved. After all, they have their own lives, their own responsibilities, their own problems. And, of course, they are correct! But others who look at this evidence with the same burdens of responsibility are blessed with a different perspective. They are the ones given a vision encompassed by a PERSONAL, LOVING, and ETERNAL GOD. They understand that God himself is the majority, and that they only need to obey him. There is no reason to be frightened and alone in this world of monumental change. They need only to press on to know Him, and as they know Him better, to know others in His community. It is, then, God's almighty power working through us and we, in total abandonment, responding. Not alone anymore...but vitally connected.

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invisibly while
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Extending a Lifeline

The mountain climber epitomizes the rugged individual—one who doesn't need anyone else. Alone. FREE. "Just me and the mountain." To be sure, climbing a mountain is an individual experience. But others who have gone before help make the climb feasible. They have forged the trails, designed the special tools, drawn the detailed maps, and created a model for a successful climb. And each time one makes the climb, the lifeline is extended a little farther, making it possible for each individual to scale new heights. It is no longer just the most daring of us who can make the climb. Such teamwork makes it possible for many others to participate. It may not be our mission to scale a mountain. But after we've heard a moving story told by a missionary or seen a vivid television report of calamities, misfortunes, and disasters elsewhere in the world, which of us does not desire to help in some way? Our emotions are stirred up, our senses are engulfed. We stand ready to do something. But, what can we do as individuals? The task seems to us as formidable as climbing a mountain. If only we could connect with others we would become part of the lifeline ourselves. So what stops many of us from taking action? Is it because we separated the sacred from the secular? Is that why we so often leave the job to others?

"Nation Builders respect and nurture the local culture by creating—rather than transplanting—technology and professional expertise appropriate to the culture."

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Who Will Prevail?

The battle between the secular and the spiritual has held us apart and made the things of God a professional adventure, better left to those best suited and trained to deal with spiritual matters. But is this the battle to be fought? For God's intervention in the affairs of man has made it clear even to the casual observer that one cannot separate the Spiritual, Social, Economic and Political. Social engineers have been tinkering away, promising a better tomorrow that does not come. But the world is changing, and the tinkerers have been found out. How did this happen? At one time those in power held all the information, and thus all the power. Recently, in many lands people are becoming empowered through programs like Nicholas Negropontie's \$100 computer program. Their empowerment comes in the form of information and knowledge. A quiet revolution ensues, and we have witnessed the breakup of empires and nations into smaller units that promise greater economic and social stability, where citizens have more responsibility for their own destiny. Large international companies are out-sourcing and creating opportunities for the entrepreneur. Free market economies are the watchword of the day.

“Nation Builders actively pursue professional opportunities utilizing their God-given talents and gifts to promote renewal, hope, and reconciliation through the investment of themselves.”

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The Stage Is Set

The performer and the athlete share a common purpose—they discipline themselves to fulfill their passion. We marvel at their discipline and applaud their success. A lifetime of preparation for a few minutes on the stage. Has the stage been set for you? Have you been readied? Is NOW your time? Should we involve ourselves? Only you can answer these questions. But clearly there is an opportunity to serve as never before. Our service will take many new forms. Electronic communications, linking computers, television and telephones, are radically altering the way we interact with the world. These innovations have made us all neighbors. Truly, we live in a most remarkable time. A time in which, because of these empowering inventions, a small investment of ourselves can produce a bountiful harvest. A time in which, because of the political upheaval, we can truly make an enduring difference. A time in which the secular and the sacred are reunified. A time in which each of us is needed—NO, Commanded!—to contribute.

“Nation Builders seek to establish, encourage and enhance local professionals by bringing together people who have the experience, expertise and wisdom to solve problems as well as create solutions effectively.”

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One Nation Under God...

“One nation under God, with liberty and justice for all...”

How many times have we said these words? Words that stir us. We fervently wish this for ourselves, our children, our neighbors, our nation, other nations. Yet the cynic in us says, “This is not possible!” The dreamer says, “If only!” The pragmatist says, “How?” But the vision is true; nevertheless—Solid, Pristine, full of Hope and Desire. Insatiable FREEDOM! Wherever we find groups of people, diversity abounds. Cultures clash! But one hope runs true:

“THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL!”

True enough...but does our abundant wealth make us “more equal?” Is everyone “Endowed by Our Creator with Certain Inalienable Rights,” OR ARE THESE JUST WORDS? Can we truly celebrate the diversity of global cultures while maintaining these truths? Or will we continue to uproot native species and plant vast closes of ourselves and our institutions in soils, climates and cultures where they cannot take root? For any living ecosystem needs a vital diversity of interdependent species to remain healthy and vigorous. The economic giants of the industrialized world have not created a society perfect enough to justify mass transplanting as a strategy for nation building.

“Nation Builders celebrate diversity while recognizing the truth that all men are created equal in God’s sight.”

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Historically, “gifting” met only immediate and visible needs, thereby keeping a nation perpetually dependent upon outside assistance. This leads to hostility and rejection.

Nation Builders see each country as part of a global forest. Our responsibility is not to mass transplant our economy, industrial base, values or culture to other countries. Rather, we strive to graft our professional experience, our know-how, and our wisdom onto the already existing system present in a nation’s culture. We build important national capacity by choosing not to withhold our best.

This creates healthy interdependent relationships. We are no longer outsiders—we are a valued partner in a viable community.

- Nation Builders do not go into a county primarily to meet immediate needs or to take advantage of cheap labor.
- Nation Builders complement existing relief organizations which perform wonderful services by meeting immediate needs.
- Nation Builders capitalize on the current international trends toward a free market economy and privatization; since these economic forces have given people renewed hope and energy.
- Nation Builders understand the inherent value of education, health care and full employment. Without them a society cannot sustain a large middle class.

“Being Integral”

Christ’s disciples are integral to a culture. Our view of people, including women and children, has transformed institutions and cultures. This will be accomplished as it has historically through proactive involvement, persecution and intercessory prayer.

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- Nation Builders focus primarily on creating organizational capacity that can produce value added products for local consumption and international export.
- Nation Builders encourage the creation of value added services that are essential to product and headquarter creation.
- Nation Builders take an active role in capital formation to establish, support and strengthen the grafting projects.
- Nation Builders develop interdependent relationships by:
 - Creating trust relationships,
 - Developing products and services that meet unperceived needs and
 - Re-purposing professional organizations using marketplace methodologies, e.g., one-to-one marketing.

Will you us in discipling a nation over the next one hundred years?

Original Commission in Genesis 1

“...multiply, fill, subdue and rule.”

Great Commission in Matthew 28

“...disciple the nations...”

Disciple individuals: transform attitudes & behavior

Disciple institutions: re-purpose values, practices & policies

Disciple a nation: create new institutions with appropriate values, practices, policies and structures.

Lay persons will abdicate to a lesser degree their kingdom roles. Apostolicly gifted teams will be community-based and gift-focused in meeting needs. Full-time ministerial staff will return to their rightful role in equipping the saints. People will be trusted because of their historic contribution to the community. Results will flow from an authentic “oneness” relationship with God, inner character and a willingness to be transparent.

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