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Introduction to New Being

Religion enters in as humankind's age-old quest for the ideal heroism within human and planetary limitations.

-First breakthrough in evolution was development of language- gave him an precise identity; a consciousness of himself. Result?



-Unprecedented freedom and mastery over planet - able to continue his adaptation but also create a void of instincts - became a symbolic animal.



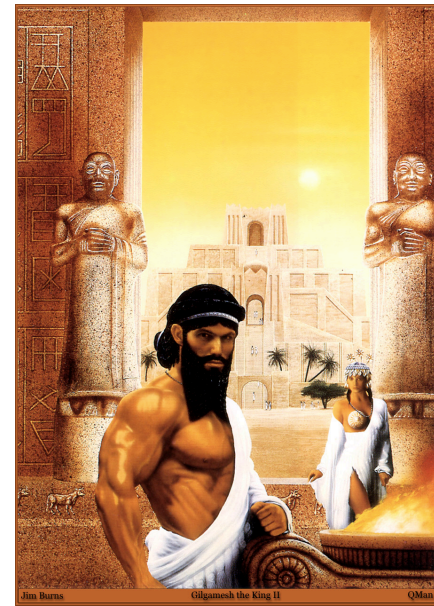
-It was evident that the symbolic mode of behavior was not the great step in attainment of freedom from the natural order that it had seemed. The anxiety-prone higher primate overcame animal instincts only to fall slave to the symbol-reflexes of his trainers and his social group.

Ideal Heroism Develops:



Perseus

-Individual is a sacred center- free and pure and can not be measured by material yardstick.
Break free from symbolic world, break free from tyrants, the power-leader, who attempt to stamp humanity out of a mold and turn human beings into manipulated objects which have only external, physical value



Gilgamesh



Heracles



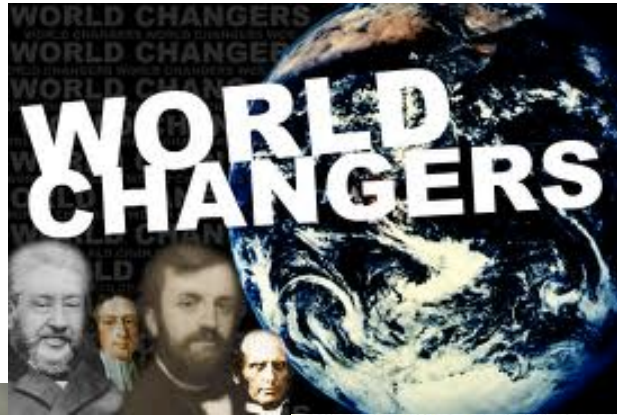
Genghis Khan



Rama- The Ax Weilder

Introduces the great religious ideal of the New Being (Term coined and developed by Paul Tillich)

The New Being was the ideal of the *perfectly free* man, the man who *introduced newness into* the world in his own being and through his own *perception*; he was the man who cut through earthly illusions and categories by the inner depth, harmony, and openness of his individuality.



Jacob
Boehme



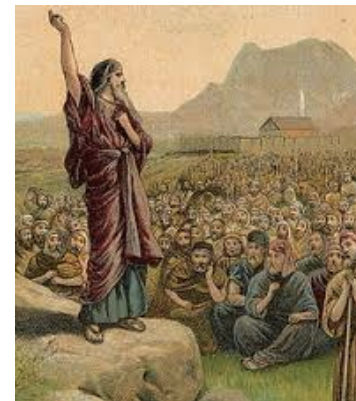
“Anything less than the emergence of New Beings in the world spells the stagnation of mankind” - Boehme



Paul Tillich

What is this New Being?

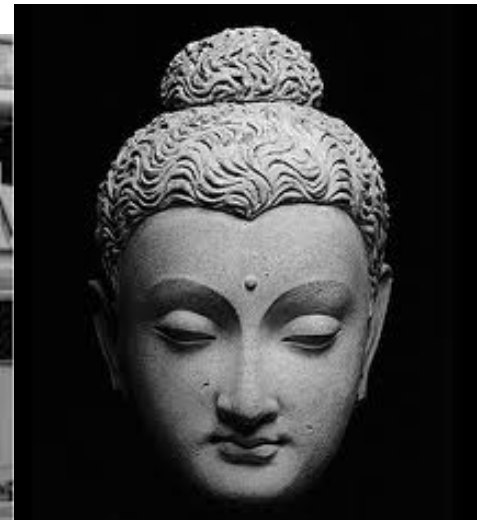
The New Being is not something that simply takes the place of the Old Being. **But it is a renewal of the Old which has been corrupted, distorted, split and almost destroyed.** But not wholly destroyed. Salvation does not destroy creation; but it transforms the Old Creation into a New one. Therefore we can speak of the New in terms of a re-newal:



QUOTES FROM PAUL TILLICH: “What is this New Being?”



Where the New Reality appears, one feels united with God, the ground and meaning of one's existence. One has what has been called the love of one's destiny, and what, today, we might call the courage to take one's self as one is, although anxiety has been removed. The astonishing experience of feeling reunited with one's self is not in pride and false self-satisfaction, but in the strength of one's self as one is. God, a New Being, has appeared, and it is especially important to be really loved, personally accepted. The disgust that one's self is afraid of one's self has disappeared. There is a center, a direction, a meaning for life. All healing—bodily and mental—creates this reunion of one's self with one's self. Where there is real healing, there is the New Being, the New Creation.

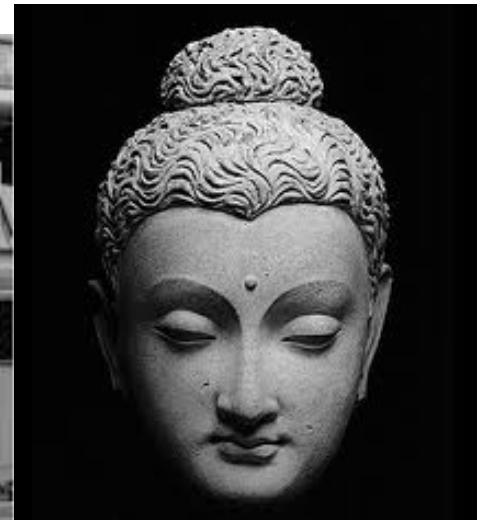


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He says: No particular religion matters, neither ours nor yours. But I want to tell you that something has happened that matters, something that judges you and me, your religion and my religion. A New Creation has occurred, a New Being has appeared; and we are all asked to participate in it.

Where one is grasped by a human face as human, although one has to overcome personal distaste, or racial strangeness, or national conflicts, or the differences of sex, of age, of beauty, of strength, of knowledge, and all the other innumerable causes of separation—there New Creation happens! Mankind lives because this happens again and again.



Four levels of power + meaning:

1. Personal. It is the level what he feels himself to be deep down inside, the person he talks to when he is alone, the secret hero of his inner scenario (ideal hero)
2. Social. Most immediate extension of oneself to a select few intimate others: one's spouse, his friends, his relatives, perhaps even pets
3. Secular- symbols of allegiance at a greater personal distance and often higher in power and compellingness: the corporation, the party, the nation, science, history, humanity (Totem?)
4. Sacred. It is the invisible and unknown level of power, the insides of nature, the source of creation. Read pages 187-189. then highlighted sections to 194.
5. Conclusion: if humans considers all the dimensions and levels of power and reality he has a chance of approaching hope from within the human condition.



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