

Following this, the SRI planners point out that the industrial nation-state is the one supporting the image of "economic man," but:

The industrial state at this point has immense drive but no direction, marvelous capacity to get there but no idea of where it is going. Somehow the breakdown of the old images has seemed to lead more to despair than to a search for new images. Despite the pessimism implied by a lagging dominant image, there are numerous indications that a new, anticipatory image of humankind may be emerging:

- Youth involvement in political processes.
- Women's liberation movement; black consciousness, etc.
- Youth rebellion against societal wrongs.
- Emerging interest in social responsibility of business.
- The generation gap implying a changing paradigm.
- The anti-technological bias of many young people.
- Experimentation with new family structures and interpersonal relationships.
- The emergence of communes as alternative lifestyles.
- The emergence of the conservation/ecology movement.
- A surge in interest in Eastern religious and philosophical perspectives.
- A renewed interest in "fundamentalist" Christianity.
- Labor union concerns with quality of the work environment.
- An increasing interest in meditation and other spiritual disciplines.
- The increasing importance of "self-realization" processes.

These disparate trends do not, when taken individually, signify the emergence of a new image of human being; yet when they are considered collectively, they suggest substantial societal stirrings which may eventually emerge into a new and guiding image.

This was published in May 1974, careful not to fully reveal their direct involvement in artificially manufacturing all these hideous, inhuman forms of countercultural zombie-ism. Six years later, however, in February 1980, Dr. Willis Harman, the Project Director of the SRI report, after lengthy collaboration with Marilyn Ferguson, induced her to come out fully into the open and boast that all this Sodom and Ghomorra was from the beginning the work of a deliberate conspiracy.

Crisis management: Aquarius goes public

The ordinary citizens react with horrified incredulity when presented with this situation. They simply refuse to believe that this conspiracy is at work. This in scientific terms is called hysterical reaction formation. On many occasions, for instance, when in past years I have discussed these matters with generally well informed and influential citizens, the virtually universal reaction was "Lies! I don't believe it. I don't accept conspiracy theories. Where are your facts!"

When in the course of time the facts were produced, and the conspirators themselves took to writing books, magazine articles and research papers to publicly proclaim that they have been for all these years engaging in this far flung, multibillion dollar conspiracy, most of our good interlocutors were still speechless.

The decent majority of citizens of the U.S. must force themselves to get acquainted with the facts of the conspiracy. Because the conspirators depend on producing a paralyzing shock-effect in order to succeed. In part, the reason that they have decided to come out and openly proclaim the conspiracy is to produce such paralyzing shock-effect.

The strategic foundation for the current form of the Aquarian Conspiracy were laid down during the 1966-67 period in a series of high level NATO conferences which at the time involved, among others, a famous NATO official, Aurelio Peccei, the then little known Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski in his capacity as a staff member of the State Department's Policy Planning Group and most of the leaders of those multinational corporations we mentioned earlier. The final decisions of those NATO deliberations were to apply a series of long term policies throughout the Western World for the purpose of inducing a transition to a technologically "steady-state," "zero-growth" "post-industrial society."

The Soviet bloc was supposed to be skillfully induced to gradually evolve toward a similar type of "steady-state" equilibrium system. Dr. Brzezinski, in the aftermath of those NATO meetings wrote his famous essay, the "Technocratic Era" and Aurelio Peccei his famous

"Chasm Ahead." Following that, McGeorge Bundy and the Council on Foreign Relations attempted to start the "inducement process" with the Soviets by jointly establishing the Vienna International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis.

The SALT and "non-proliferation" processes also got underway. The NASA program was gradually terminated and a massive increase in world drug traffic got underway. Aurelio Peccei went to Tavistock Institute at Sussex England and there he launched, the notorious Club of Rome jointly with Tavistock.

The brainwashing specialists of the Tavistock network internationally went to work. The era of government by "crisis management" had arrived. Some basic things ought to be said now about the social-engineering technique of "crisis management."

Kurt Lewin and topological psychology

The technique derives from the "topological psychology" doctrine of Dr. Kurt Lewin, the seminal theoretical influence in the entire field of social-psychology, the patron-saint of all the Tavistock-related think-tanks and the man upon whose theories the psychological warfare battles of World War II were fought.

To summarize the matter of Lewin's doctrine: all psychological phenomena occur in a domain defined as "psychological phase space" or "life space." This space is composed of two interdependent "fields," the "environment" and the "self." Life space is the domain in which human behavior occurs and that behavior depends on both environment and "self" or $B=f(E.P)$ (meaning Behavior is a function of Environment and Person.) This is accompanied by a tremendous amount of misplaced emphasis on mathematical/topological interpretations of psychological relations none of which makes any contribution to scientific knowledge but which is admirably suited for transforming psychological problems into computer-programmable problems, which was promptly done.

The concept of "controlled environment" arose from the common-sensical observation that if you have a fixed personality (one susceptible to being predictably profiled) and if you want to elicit from this personality a particular type of behavior, then all you have to do is control the third variable of the equation and thus produce the desired behavior. This was the standard social-psychology formula used for years in every type of situation from labor negotiations to army counterinsurgency operations, to major diplomatic maneuvers, until apparently some time in the 1960s. From that point on the greater emphasis of social-psychology practice and theory was placed on the problem of using the technique of "controlled environment" to produce not the desired B (behavior) but the desired P (personality) in the equation. It can be speculated that our brainwashers found it

very frustrating to merely modify the behavior of the victim case-by-case and they started puzzling over doing something drastic and permanent like altering the deeper structures of human personalities. Thus, brainwashing moved from the era of "behavior modification" to the era of "identity change."

The theory for this type of activity again relied upon the original formulations of two Tavistock theoreticians, Dr. William Sargeant's theory in his *Battle for the Mind*, and Kurt Lewin's own work on personality regression. Again in summary, Lewin observed that the inner self of individuals displays certain reactions when under tension from the environment. When there is no tension, then the normal "inner self" of a person is well differentiated, balanced, multifaceted, versatile. When a reasonable amount of tension is applied from the environment, then all the various abilities and faculties of the inner self go on alert, ready for effective action. When a intolerable amount of tension is applied, then this geometry collapses into a blinded, undifferentiated "schwarmerei," a primitivization, a regression of the personality occurs. The person is reduced to an animal, the highly differentiated and versatile abilities disappear. The controlled environment takes over the personality.

'Crisis management' theory says we have a 'controlled environment,' so what happens to people when we introduce 'environmental turbulence'?...Disassociation.

From this bit of nastiness emerged the theory of government by "crisis management." The social psychologists reasoned, more or less, in the following fashion: "since we are already in control of a 'controlled environment,' what will happen to the P (person) entrapped inside it when we introduce 'social environmental turbulence'?" The deliberately directed "turbulence" will create tensions for the P (person) and under those conditions we shall examine the effects of directed tension upon the personality and character structure of large populations.

A senior psychiatrist of the Tavistock clinic, Dr. Fred Emery, now at the National University of Australia and formerly a member of President Johnson's Kerner Commission, describes the following symptoms that large populations display under conditions of this sort of

“social environmental turbulence” i.e. the social crises that “crisis management” causes:

There will be three phases of reaction to social crisis.

The first is “Superficiality” in which the threatened population will react by adopting some shallow sloganeering ideals to which, however, it shall not attach any serious “ego investment.” This is a passive “maladaptive” response. Maladaptive because it fails to identify the causes of the crisis and therefore the crisis (tension) will persist. The second phase of reaction, since the crisis continues, will be “fragmentation” in which panic begins to strike, social cohesion breaks down and small social groups try to protect themselves from the crisis at the expense of other small and fragmented social groups. This is also a “passive maladaptive” reaction and, failing to identify the causes of the crisis, it degenerates further into a third phase: “disassociation” the victim turns away from the source of tension, from the induced crisis and goes into a fantasy trip of introspection, obsession with self, the so-called “self-realization” process of the Stanford Research Institute’s report.

Subsequently, Dr. Emery’s Tavistock report adds that these three “passive” maladaptive responses are each accompanied by an “active” but equally *maladaptive* response. Superficiality is thus paired with “synoptic idealism” as its opposite; “fragmentation” with “authoritarianism”; disassociation with “evangelicism.” The report then goes on to summarize the results of the last thirty years of combined applied social psychology and “crisis management:”

In the decade of the 1960s we had the “superficiality” of the New Left movement paired with the “synoptic idealism” of the Great Society.

In the decade of the 1970s we had the “fragmentation” of “community control” movements paired with the “authoritarianism” of the Nixon era.

In the decade of the 1980s we have the “disassociation” of “self-realization,” “transcendental meditation,” drugs etc, paired with the “evangelicism of all forms of mass religious fundamentalism.

So all these scenarios are in the computers of our pervasive social engineering think tanks. The scenarios are in operation at the present time. What is supposed to emerge out of the pair of “disassociation” and “evangelicism” of the present national crisis is the “Age of Aquarius.”

The snag in the whole project is that the brainwashers of our society are counting exclusively on the population responding with only “maladaptive” responses, i.e., responses to the crisis which fail to identify the causes of the crisis or “environmental turbulence.”

Should the population, or even significant minorities of the population, be able to identify what the causes of the crisis are, the whole social engineering operation of the last thirty years will collapse.

Interviews

Willis Harman

‘If you can force changed life-styles...’

Willis Harman of the Stanford Research Institute, mentioned as a leading “Aquarian conspirator” in Marilyn Ferguson’s book, The Aquarian Conspiracy, was the leader of the study group that produced SRI’s 1974 report, “The Changing Images of Man.” This interview was provided to EIR by an investigative reporter.

Q: When did your group at the Stanford Research Institute get involved in this line of study?

Harman: We started in 1967, but we sharpened up our line of analysis in 1969. That is when we issued our first report. By then, it was clear to us that changes were occurring of a very profound nature.

The way it happened was this: the U.S. Office of Education asked us to do a study on “The Generation of Alternative Futures.” We stayed away from computers, since we were analyzing *value* shifts. It was very expensive. We studied how to generate alternate futures. We came up with 40 paths to the future. Among them, there were very goddamned few that anybody would want to live through. We all said, ‘Holy Cow!’ So we looked around for other ideas, and we saw the counterculture, and so we began to input values from that direction.

I can with confidence say that we were the first futurist group that began to talk in these value-change and transformation terms.

For a couple of us, the whole experience was pretty traumatic. It was gut-wrenching. One of the senior researchers at the institute left. He just couldn’t take it!

What we are talking about is much more than just “alternative life-styles.” Only recently have we heard much talk on what really matters: What has to happen on the *institutional* level to meet what the Third World calls a new global order.

Q: This sounds very much like the current direction of work by the Club of Rome.

Harman: There are a lot of groups out there more important than the Club of Rome. For example, there is the Geneva-based International Foundation for Devel-

opment Alternatives. You must understand that there are two foci for this: first, changes needed in the United States; and second, the global order. For the global order, most of the important people are in and out of the United Nations circles. For the United States, they are scattered. Read Ferguson. She has all the groups. She is not tied to us institutionally, but the ties are very close with individual people at SRI.

Q: I have seen a reference to an SRI study on “voluntary simplicity.” What is it about?

Harman: That was a report which has since been picked up by the Co-Evolution Quarterly. It is about life-styles and beliefs, but it is low-key. We have just finished a more important study, for the California Energy Commission. It’s not public yet. It was an expensive study, and deals with the energy situation for the next 70 years. It is the most elaborate scenario yet constructed, cross-gridding energy with economics, lifestyles and values.

It is very critical. We discovered that with even a modest change of values, if held over half a century, you can bring about a remarkable difference! That is, even if less than one-third of the population undergoes a change less monumental than what the counterculture represented, and sticks to that change, there will be a 2:1 difference in energy usage by the year 2050. By then, we can be using only 70 percent of what we use today! With legislative help, this can be accomplished.

The point is that major life-style changes mean absolutely nothing over a year. The question is one of decades. Before then, you can show nothing. By the end of decades, you can engineer a shift in the capital goods base, and change the meaning of what capital formation itself represents, by forcing the use of solar power, and so on.

Q: Is this tied into Jerry Brown’s Novus advisory group?

Harman: Interesting you should mention that. William Whitsun is the key figure, the co-founder with Judith Skutch.

Q: Then you agree with Brown’s contention that California is a test-tube laboratory for new-age ideas?

Harman: There is definitely something to that. Brown is continuing to use Whitsun and Novus. In fact, Whitsun is more than ever a continuing consultant to Brown now that Brown has dropped out of the race. What this tells me is that Brown has good ideas. He’s no flake. He just has trouble in forcing us to get where we have to soon enough. Through Whitsun, we can get Jerry Brown’s collaboration with *anything*.

Whitsun’s idea is to work on alternative defense strategies. He is seeking the ultimate resolution, but not so fast that it is naked. He’s done a paper called, “Alternative Defense Strategies,” which has had a lot of impact into Congress.

Dr. William Whitsun

‘The key is how to attract the energies’

The following interview conducted by telephone with Dr. William Whitsun was made available to EIR by an investigative journalist. Dr. Whitsun is the founder of the California-based institution called Novus (for “New Age”), which he describes as part of the Aquarian Conspiracy. Dr. Whitsun is also the Director of the military and defense policy division of the Congressional Research Service.

Q: Is it true that you are now working full-time to inject “new age” ideas into the presidential campaign?

Whitsun: I and Judy Skutch (of Washington’s Foundation for Inner Peace) have spent a great deal of time talking about this. We are concerned with translating the ongoing shift in values into an institutional framework. This process of change is going on whether or not the candidates want it. Most candidates are looking backward, using the paradigms of the 1930s or 1950s, not the 1980s. John Anderson had this problem until five years ago, but his courage lies in his ability to change.

I worked very closely with Jerry Brown in Wisconsin; many of his ideas parallel those of Anderson. Anderson’s only problem now is that he doesn’t entirely believe what he is saying; maybe he doesn’t fully understand the ideas he’s in fact pushing. I may meet with him the next time I head East.

You should consult the book, *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, by Marilyn Ferguson. Let me lay out some statistics for you: The Gallup Poll of 1979—you can call George Gallup, Jr. at Princeton on this—outlined that 15-20 percent of adult Americans have engaged in mystical disciplines. They have essentially abandoned the rituals of traditional religion, are seeking an inner path, and are not satisfied with the aridity and sterility of traditional religion. Politically, on the surface, this *seems* to be not important. *But:* that adds up to 30-40 million Americans.

We at Novus alone have a mailing list of 100,000 and we have a *potential* mailing list of 2 million. What characterizes these people is they are fed up with the institutions, so fed up that until now they’ve copped out. That is, until now.



Transcendental meditation: millions of government research dollars are going to see if it can stop an ICBM.

To round it out, Anderson is looking for a new constituency. He is really attracting the genuine independent vote. You know, in 1976, the overall vote was way down. Most of these 30 million did not vote.

Pardon me a second, my wife is now bending her keys like Uri Geller [an Israeli 'psychic'—ed.] I have to restrain her when she is under stress.

Where were we? Yes, the independents. You have a 30-million-people boundary line that defines this layer. The question is, how do you reach these people? How do we bring value-structures into the presidential campaign?

There is a new paper on this by Daniel Yankelovich, "Values, Work and the New Breed." He argues that 52 percent of the American population are a "new breed." These are the 18-32 age layer and those in their 40s to some extent. They no longer measure success in material terms. The hallmark of the group is they don't think material rewards are important, and they are dubious about candidates who are concerned with material values.

Another report to be aware of is by Peter Schwartz at the Stanford Research Institute. *Any* company could give it to you. Schwartz is a futurist at SRI, head of the division on American Values and Life-Style Changes. What he has done fills out Ferguson's work.

A central problem for a presidential candidate is to sound coherent. As values change rapidly, there are problems for a candidate in addressing the changes. How can he translate all this into values? He'll sound like a kook if he moves too far out in front on issues like defense, inflation, and taxes. That problem dogged Jerry Brown. It's not easy to formulate a program that can incorporate this. I've travelled with Judy Skutch on the Novus project around the country. We don't have a program, but we tell groups to use their own creativity, their own building ideas. As Novus talks of the process of handling major issues, we say, "A shift is occurring away from macro-management," but we don't impose *one* way that this process can occur.

What this means is that we can appeal both to liberals

and conservatives. In both categories are people who are fed up, who haven't participated in the campaigns. Anderson appeals to both parties; that's why he's important.

Our emphasis is on small groups. Novus, you see, is a network of the networks. That network has already partially organized the 30 million. We take people out of the antinuclear or the anti-abortion movements, and we say, "convert from being 'anti,' be positive." This can converge on Ferguson's idea of the entry-point. We want to link personal transformations with social transformations. When you hit the entry point, you have the personal experience of realizing that there is a lot more to you than you think. We're not just entities linked to a computer with central nervous systems.

This notion is getting around. SRI has physics people involved in crucial psychic research, looking into themselves. There is a group on this at Princeton University under Bob John. Harman at SRI also heads the Institute of Noetic Sciences, which does psychic research. People are realizing that there's another dimension, which is mystical-spiritual.

'Psychic intelligence'

What is now appealing to our government is the stunning accuracy of intelligence derived from this. The government has been involved, investing in "distant viewing." You don't have to be there to see something! This idea is key. As you explore human potential, you realize that if I were to say to you, "Tell me what's on lateral x and longitude y , close your eyes, think. Watch the movie in your mind!" What you could come up with would be remarkably accurate!

This is the angle SRI physicists have been involved in for three years. They've written two books on it recently.

Q: Is this what you refer to by your work on "alternative defense strategies?"

Whitsun: To a certain extent, yes. There is a whole new line of technology coming up which could render defense weapons obsolete. We are already dealing with the people who are making decisions. Consider this: The targeting mechanisms for our ICBMs are on magnetic tape. By an active mind, Uri Geller has already wiped out information on such tapes. What happens if, as a war is initiated, you discover you've lost the guidance program because of enemy wiping out of the key parts of the tape?

Here, too, the key is the process of values, of shifts. It is a matter of shifts in who we think we are. This is like 100 years ago, with the breakthroughs made at the time in psychology.

All this is linked to the politics of the 1980s, because people are disgusted with the old paradigm. Thus, in effect, we have the capabilities for entry points on a wide scale. Read chapter 12 of *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. What happens is that individuals begin to explore their inner

space, and to move away from values of the American Dream.

John Anderson has been working his way around to the same notions as Marilyn Ferguson. He is becoming the social and political expression of that social theme.

There is another book by William McLaughlin, the Brown University historian, who is tracing out the precedent for an Anderson presidency. His book, *Revivals, Awakenings, and Reform*, shows there have been four great awakenings in the U.S., each of 30-year duration. The first was 1730-1760. The second was the Civil War. The third was the 1890-1920 McKinley period. The fourth was the 1960s—and we're right in the middle of that one. All the periods are very similar, and we can clearly see what's now happening in respect to the past.

We are now entering a very violent period. There is no way of avoiding it. It will be a conflict that will have, on one side, the traditional Republicans, along with some Democrats who believe in the old line. In this category, I include the neo-Keynesians. On the other side are the "new economists." A key one is Francis Kelly, who was director of research at Blythe Eastman Dillon. He is excellent. He deals with Ferguson's conspiracy idea from the economic standpoint. They show the power of a few minds being applied to particular problems.

Q: One thing that worries me about this is that if we denigrate basic science and math, the Soviet Union is going to take over the whole show, aren't they?

Whitsun: Not really. What you're leaving out is that the societal transformation is happening very fast over there. They invited me to the U.S.S.R. to discuss some of this in 1979. Curiously, in the Soviet Union, there is funding and support for psychic research. In fact, their athletes, when they train, are brought to the Institute for Yoga in Tashkent. This creates some interesting problems: How can athletes be atheists when they're told to study yoga? You should talk to Michael Murphy over at Esalen Institute. He's writing a novel about a Soviet athlete with psychic skills. He knows about small groups like Novus in the U.S.S.R. They're in Moscow and Leningrad.

A: How many Congressmen do you think have been brought into all this?

Whitsun: There are many very aware Congressmen. They'll see the impact of the Aquarian Conspiracy on them as they meet their constituents in the 1980 elections. There is a transcendental meditation group on Capitol Hill. But the center of the effort there is the Congressional Clearinghouse for the Future. They use futurist technologies such as Harman's ideas. There is also a more important private institution, the Congressional Institution for the Future. It is correct to say that the Clearinghouse is the creature of the Institute. Charles Rose (D-NC—ed.) is a key guy in this.

The whole approach reflects the growing Congressional interest in alternatives. Two years ago, the Joint Economic Committee asked me to study the social dislocations of the 1980s. But I was asked to stop the study when it became too unsettling for some people. I decided to take a leave of absence. I explored the country with Judy Skutch for months. It has been a stunning revelation to do this, to see the mood of the country. You see, Carter was elected as an advance person, in effect, profiting from the kind of spiritual tone of politics. We're right on the eve of a bigger thing now.

Anderson now believes it, or he listens, and is picking up that kind of energy. A lot of Congressmen are now trying to pick up on that energy. In the Congress, a lot of individuals are pursuing a private path, not an evangelical one. Some meet in groups to participate in transcendental mediation. This is neither crazy nor weird. It is just a new version of the old group prayer idea.

You see, the fear in Washington is palpable. Fear of



"John Anderson could be the lightning rod to attract all the energies of the Aquarian Conspiracy."

the Soviets, fear of inflation, and so forth. There is not much *inspiration*. Congressmen are paralyzed by the confusion, by the fear. The same is prevailing in the Executive Branch. Therefore, we must more than ever turn our attention to the grassroots, to the citizens, who can provide direction and guidance.

Novus, you see, is not an organization, but is rather horizontal. It brings into it many "new age" groups: citizens groups, consciousness groups, the California group, Citizens for Economic Democracy, the Oregon Fair Share group, and others. It is happening all over the country: meditation, Werner Erhardt's "est" and others. These groups reflect the search for a better way to solve problems. Novus is the catch-all. We tell all the individual groups: Become coherent by thinking of yourselves as a *movement*. Don't think of violence and confrontation since these are part of the old paradigm.

Q: It amazes me that a military-advisory professional like yourself could be against violence and confrontation.

Isn't that what military strategy and war are all about?

Whitsun: Look, remember what I said about the "awakening" process. In any such process, there is a split, between two groups: Those who say, we refuse to use the old, against those who are against the new. There is a polarization going on. Novus's job is to do the bridging. This means that we see, for example, in the Proposition 9 movement and related phenomena in the Reagan camp a possible bridging into the Aquarians.

There is no Novus *opinion* or *consensus*. There is only a consensus on *the process* of the decision, on the necessity of self-reliance. There is less and less faith in macro-management. This is true among corporate executives, who are thinking more and more of decentralization. Small groups, citizens groups are the key.

The power of the *network* is something that most leaders are not aware of because of the obsession with the macro, with the vertical. Something powerful is happening. McLuhan is right when he sees the medium, the means, as the message. All of this fits together. We have talked directly to 10,000 and are otherwise reaching 1 million. The process of *networking* requires catalysts. That is the importance of the Anderson campaign. Will he be successful as the lightning rod to attract the energies?

By 1982, I can tell you, we will see the impact of all this. Anderson could be the lightning rod for the Aquarian Conspiracy, because we are transcending the two political parties.

Computerized Aquarians

We are eager now to see the same happen in Europe. Do you know the Green Movement of Europe, in France, Germany and England? It, too, is attracting people from the traditional parties. The Greenies are the Novus of Europe. We'll contact them soon to make this more formal. They'll be joined by computer networking. These networks will be linked by a computer.

For example, if you want to know about holistic medicine, you input that request, and you get it out. There is one system already doing this, The Source at MacLean, Virginia.

We are getting into this now so that we can get an inventory of skills and viewpoints. Because of this, we will have quite a valuable campaign mailing list for the new presidential campaigns.

The political parties aren't important anymore. People in both parties are saying that the parties are dead, they're just skeletons. Congressmen no longer feel an obligation to party discipline. This is an expansion of what David Broder wrote in his 1972 book, *The Party's Over*. We have moved much further since then.

The network is pervasive. The next step is the computer link-up. After that, will we form one big group? A third party? I don't know yet.

Q: What corporations would you say are farthest along in pushing the Aquarian Conspiracy?

Whitsun: The best are those corporations modeling themselves after Japan. They are achieving the breakthroughs in productivity. Tenneco is one. Several insurance companies are doing it. A lot is done out of Hollywood and by the film industry. Television, too. Also, good science fiction lays the foundation for change, even if the author is not completely aware of it. You should talk to Dale Phillips of the Public Broadcasting System and ABC. Tell him you spoke to me. He is preparing for 1981-season futurist films, looking to the year 2000. There is also an important book called *Europe 2000* by Peter Hall. Oxford University Press published it.

Q: Which thinktanks are most involved?

Whitsun: Stanford Research Institute is getting into this very deeply. Schwartz and Harman, in particular. Other thinktanks are too hooked on the old paradigm, but SRI is different. The American Enterprise Institute is out of it. Rand only has a few good people. I was there for four years and I don't think much of it.

In terms of military-strategic thinktanks, there is BDM, for Braddock, Dun, and McDonald in Washington. It is doing a lot of work on alternative energies. Another good consulting outfit is Booz, Allen and Hamilton. A third is Arthur D. Little. Jim Gavin (Gen. U.S. Army ret.—ed.) there is very interested in these things. Not so much the new consciousness as such—it's too specific to put it that way. The reality we are in is too multidimensional to put Gavin in a box that way. It is a matter of value structures, institutions. You cannot focus on any one dimension.

It sounds kooky and silly but we are dealing with some very big numbers whose reality has not yet been manifested. The old precedents are being eroded. A typical awakening, remember, takes 30 years of ferment. We are now only slightly more than midway. And the last decade of the awakening is the most tumultuous.

Smug media, journalists, and television men who used to think otherwise will start joining the new wave. Right now in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento, things are changing. Reporters I know there are hitting entry-point! Why? The specific catalyst is hard to identify.

The media will change. I just spoke to Brendan Stoddard, ABC-TV's president, and he said: "I'm trying to get spiritual and consciousness-raising themes into shows." This is a powerful guy, who shows little of his intentions to his masters, out of fear of hurting the ratings. But the new show, "It's Incredible," which deals with psychic research and psychic shifts of the mind is at the top of the ratings! It is an awakening program.

Television will make things happen very fast. Television is the major catalyst.