



CHURCH OF THE GARDENS

Church Advocates Address

Opening of the Olympia Chapter - April 30, 2017

My name is Scott Stafne. I am the advocate officer for the Church of the Gardens. A primary goal of the Gardens is to promote justice. To us, justice is a word with meaning, not a label you attach to institutions. To members of the Gardens justice requires a commitment to truth and fairness. It is not achieved simply by following laws, especially those which are not fair and not based on truth.

Throughout history there have been winters of darkness, inequality, and fear, which given way to seasons of liberty, justice, and plenty. This is because darkness cannot hold back light. Because inequality promotes the creation of abundance by free and moral people in communities which have no incentive to enslave their neighbors to debt.

It is in times of great fear that great courage becomes the norm.

When spiritual warfare rages all about us, we must be alert to those spiritual synchronicities which will guide humanity beyond the greed and power of a few.

In closing, I want to read several sentences from the Church of Gardens' "Statement of Faith":

We believe that as part of its spiritual mission and religious beliefs the Church of the Gardens must minister to and protect one another so that all can prosper and receive the bounty of the garden. The Church of the Gardens has created ministries, and will create more ministries, to protect, empower, and enhance the opportunities of all to prosper, including the hungry, the sick, the poor, the homeless, the indebted, the enslaved, the vulnerable, and all others denied their rights to share the growth of the gardens.

We invite all persons, regardless of their core religious beliefs to join Church of the Gardens quest to promote social, spiritual, and economic empowerment and opportunity worldwide. Church of the Gardens is an inclusive faith, which seeks to affiliate with all other churches, faith based

organizations, associations, secular corporations, and individuals in a manner consistent with our mission to create a spiritual movement to empower the world's people to achieve their inalienable God-given natural rights. Such rights include, but are not limited to, the right to live freely, with Dignity. ...

It is a core belief of this church that its spiritual and religious purposes cannot be achieved without political and legal activism. Accordingly, it is a part of this Church's faith that it will engage in those political and legal activities necessary to promote these spiritual beliefs.

For those of you who would like to know, the Ministries of Church of the Gardens at this time include:

Ministry of Affiliate Organizations;

Ministry of Social and Economic Empowerment;

Ministry to Oppose Governmental Injustice; and

Ministry of Education, Worship, and Outreach

In times of spiritual warfare we the people must chose the standards by which we will be judged for eternity.

We have the right and moral responsibility not to follow unjust laws so long as we are willing to accept the consequences.

By acting together spiritually and with good intent we can change those laws of the 1% which are intended to enslave most of humanity and create our own just and moral societies.