

## The Needed New

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*Do we have the desire and the energy and the diligence and the courage  
to join our disparate voices into one singular choir  
that refuses to stop loudly singing songs of freedom for everyone?*

– John Pavlovitz

This Is How Holocausts Happen, How Nations Lose Their Humanity  
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In this calendar year of 2020, our world is faced with areas of concern and distress that are of immense importance for us today and into our future. As the Journal is ever dedicated to exploring and promoting the fulness of health as a human experience, each of our editions promotes what it truly means to be both human and truly healthy.

In the past, I have written about some reflections concerning the definition of health that have struck me over time. It always intrigues me that our English word “health” has its origins in the Latin term, *salus*. Fascinating. *Salus*. And what always catches my attention in this ancient word is that it also is the basis for the English term “salvation.” No, not “salvation” as in a necessarily religious term. Rather, like its Italian usage, *saluté*, it also means what we “salute” and that to which we raise up our lives, most especially the Unforeseen Possible!

This is a most broadening appreciation of what health really is. And it moves us to consider deeply how we must face those things in our world that are far from being healthy at all. One of these deep areas is the lack of insightful awareness of the immense number of situations in our world today that are anything but healthy. Are we really aware of what is going on in our lives, our nation, and our world? Do we see with all reality the nightmares that are being perpetrated by power-mongers and suffered by the most vulnerable? Do we see all this with the fulness of our interior soul-vision; or have we turned our minds and selves away because of the pain of acceptance and the price that must be paid for standing up and fighting for The Good?

Indeed, in this year, we have a need for something new. And it is to this need that all of our Journal editions this year are dedicated -- dedicated to a unique theme in this unique 2020 calendar year. In this year, we are caught up in a special and powerful call:

*Reclaiming Our 20/20 Vision!*

## From the Editor-in-Chief

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In this Spring edition, this special theme is movingly enflashed as we remember this year the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. The horrors of the Holocaust are importantly thrown before us this year. Indeed, this critically important anniversary reminds us as we are often told: **Remember. Never Forget!** Indeed, we must. We must always remember what is possible. We can never forget the pits of hate and discrimination into which our world has fallen in the past – and into which we still can fall at any time. We are all very much aware that the same nuclear hatred that fueled the Holocaust is fueling actions today that are destroying people's lives and decimating our common calling to social justice and human rights.

Indeed, we must remember. We can never forget. Always we must have our awareness dilated to take in the fulness of what is going on in our world. We cannot close our hearts or eyes or ears to those who ever cry out for freedom, happiness, loving, and the fulfillment of life itself. We must be moved in every possible way to see with greater clarity, to join our voices together to sing and shout for every freedom, to feel most deeply all that is needed by all who suffer, and to stretch our arms and legs to stand up and fight for and build a world dedicated to freedom and justice and peace. Indeed, we have an imperatively and most urgent need today for a new 20/20 vision of life that empassions us to stand up against every evil -- and stand up for Every Good.

Our various works in this edition are, as usual, amazingly powerful. Covering so many areas, this edition once again calls us to be moved. The readings you are about to enjoy will provide you with extraordinarily powerful multidisciplinary opportunities to explore what it truly means to be human and healthy.....to be Salus-People! This edition presents deeply moving explorations from all across the globe. And in these explorations, just like Alice experienced in Wonderland, a doorway will open through which we are invited to enter into The New so as to see with ultimate clarity what is needed by all, what we can do to bring The New to birth, and how we can raise up one another into a liberating freedom whose sight and voice can never be destroyed again.

*The door is opening.*

*Onward!*