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## YOU CAN IF YOU TRY!

IT SEEMS TO ME...a great hunger is spreading across our country. Never in man's history on this planet has there been such a pervading longing for and active seeking of personal freedom -- yet so little of it found.

Maybe, as always, we're looking in the wrong place. Because we begin life by being cared for, it's easy to continue the process of expecting to be managed, provided for, and even rescued. Most of us chase rainbows. We really believe that success, power, prestige and approval provide the well-being that we need for living at its best.

There is so much of the small child left in us that we find it easy to believe that all the answers are "out there" -- or "up there" somewhere. The last place we seem to look is within ourselves. "*How could anything really worthwhile come out of me?*" we ask ourselves. Like the little old man watching the Wright brothers tinkering with a "flying contraption," we, too, feel, "If anybody's going to fly -- it won't be anybody from Dayton." Even the New Testament skeptic asked, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?!"

Each of us can write our own ticket to serenity -- if we will but try. The first step is the big one. It is, at best, a groping, uncertain and ambivalent movement into a whole new conceptual territory. The answer is within! Just saying that is scary -- for we have all been taught otherwise. Accepting human responsibility is not arrogance. It is the open door to faith and peace and hope -- all qualities we have looked for outside ourselves.

Try an experiment! For a stated period of time, quit looking elsewhere for anything from anybody. Just "go it alone" for a while, trusting your inner awareness and strength. You'll probably be very surprised to find that the answer to your search is already in your own heart!

The Old Testament says:

*"Keep your heart with all diligence -- for out of it are the issues of life."*

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