

“the politics of meaning,” as Tikkun Magazine would say.

Thirty years ago in the Port Huron Statement, we who began the 60s student movement wrote not only of political reform, but of the need to address “loneliness, estrangement and isolation.” We wrote that love and compassion should overcome the “idolatry of worshipping things.” We longed to fulfill the “unfulfilled capacities for reason, freedom and love.”

Now that the old frontiers are becoming exhausted, the agenda of the inner frontier calls us to be present. The question before California is that posed by Rodney King during the violence of 1992, “can't we all just get along?”

Our destiny depends on how well we answer that question. If we remain in the grip of old answers and old politics, we will fail. If we embrace a new politics of the spirit, we can realize a new California dream. As Emerson wrote, “When Nature has work to do, she creates a genius to do it.”

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