

TRIBUTE TO AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PROPHET

Fred Robinson, Australia's First Prophet of the New Age peacefully passed on, on the 11th April, 1983, ten days before his 92nd birthday.

Ever since our first meeting in Cairns thirteen years ago Fred had been a great source of inspiration, vision, hope, wisdom and strength.

Since 1933 Fred was totally dedicated to teaching about a sane, humane and sustainable lifestyle based on abundance, generosity and goodwill. Fred practiced what he preached.

As a farmer bankrupted by the Great Depression, he forever abandoned the golden calf and began bartering his surplus fruit and vegetables and founded the Universal Brotherhood, Western Australia's most successful community, as a pioneer model for "Practicalizing the Spiritual and Spiritualizing the Commercial".

He thought of himself as a modern Robinson Crusoe. Even in his late 80's he was often seen happily hoeing in the garden at 4a.m. He worked enthusiastically at lifting the burden of our ignorance and grounding his vision of a place where human beings could live "in harmony with Mother Nature and Her Laws of Life" particularly, as he often said, for "The Children, it's all for the children, the pure air, the pure food and the farm."

For decades Fred was sensitive to our destructive environmental practices, to wasteful consumerism, to pollution and contamination and he warned us of the consequences of defying Mother Nature. In his article on 'The Economics of Health and Happiness' he wrote "The modern disintegration of Western Civilization which is the World Problem, can only be solved by the individual . . . No one can compel me to keep my blood as chemically pure as a new born healthy baby but myself; or to insist upon a natural balanced environment for my children".

Fred often warned of impending disaster and would add that "I would rather be one thousand years too early than a second late". For decades he proclaimed: "The Time has now come when all sincere souls of all Races and Creeds can be united on the one common ground of 'Survival'. We need to "throw off old world values and 'beliefs' and become open and receptive as 'A Little Child' to the new values and understandings".

Fred was a beacon of light with a big, joyful heart radiating great love and purity. Indeed his last word was "love".

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Often he would part saying "I must be about my Fathers business". His presence, love and vision lives on strongly in the hearts and minds of those that new him. To celebrate Fred's 92nd birthday (22nd of April) the Universal Brotherhood gathered to plant a tree, symbolic of the New Life he is now living. The following poem, one of many dedicated to Fred, was read at the tree planting ceremony:—

*"What do we plant when we plant
this Tree?*

*We plant what Fred was to you
and to me.*

*We plant a culture to grow in the
sun.*

We plant a family united as one.

We plant a child born to be free.

*We plant new life when we plant
this Tree."*

Let our tribute to Fred Robinson be "Inspired right action" and our own embodiment of the truths we gleaned from Fred's words and indeed, his life.

To live a life of love, harmony and truth was his universal message. Let it be so.

