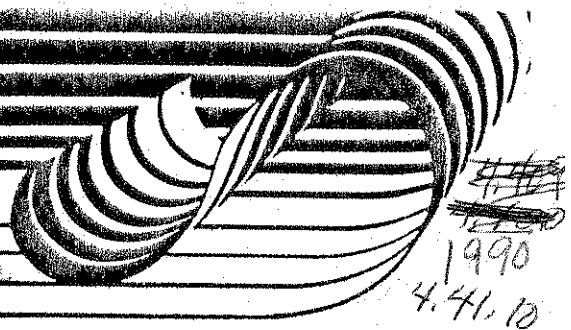


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INTRODUCTION SCRIPT

THE EMPTY PLATE PROJECT

The Human Rights Committees of the Association for Humanistic Education and Development and the Association for Religious Values in Counseling have chosen for their focus the Hungry and the Homeless. To that end they are sponsoring the Empty Plate Project.

We have agreed to participate in this project. In ancient times, it was the custom to provide a meal and overnight lodging for weary travelers so no one would go hungry or without shelter on their journeys. In later Christian and Medieval times, the tradition continued, in case that the weary traveler just might be the Messiah. Following in that tradition, so that no traveler on this planet goes hungry or without shelter, and recognizing the piece of the God, Head that resides in all of us, we are providing a symbolic empty plate at this meal.

Those of you who wish to do so may leave a donation for the FreeStore/ FoodBank, a local Cincinnati agency which provides basic survival assistance to hungry and homeless people. This is accomplished directly, through work with individuals in need, and indirectly, through a variety of services provided to a network of over 500 non-profit organizations spanning 19 counties in a tri-state area.

The intent of this project is to not only provide us with a way of directly impacting our host city in a positive way, but to take this idea back to our home communities and state ACD's. Any time you are involved in planning a banquet or reception, whether it be a church or sports banquet or a professional meeting, we invite you to replicate "The Empty Plate" and donate funds to an agency or shelter in your communities.