

All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.



Spoke truth to power against both King & Priest.



Four Purposes of Christian Community

God is love.
Whoever lives in love
lives in God,
and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16

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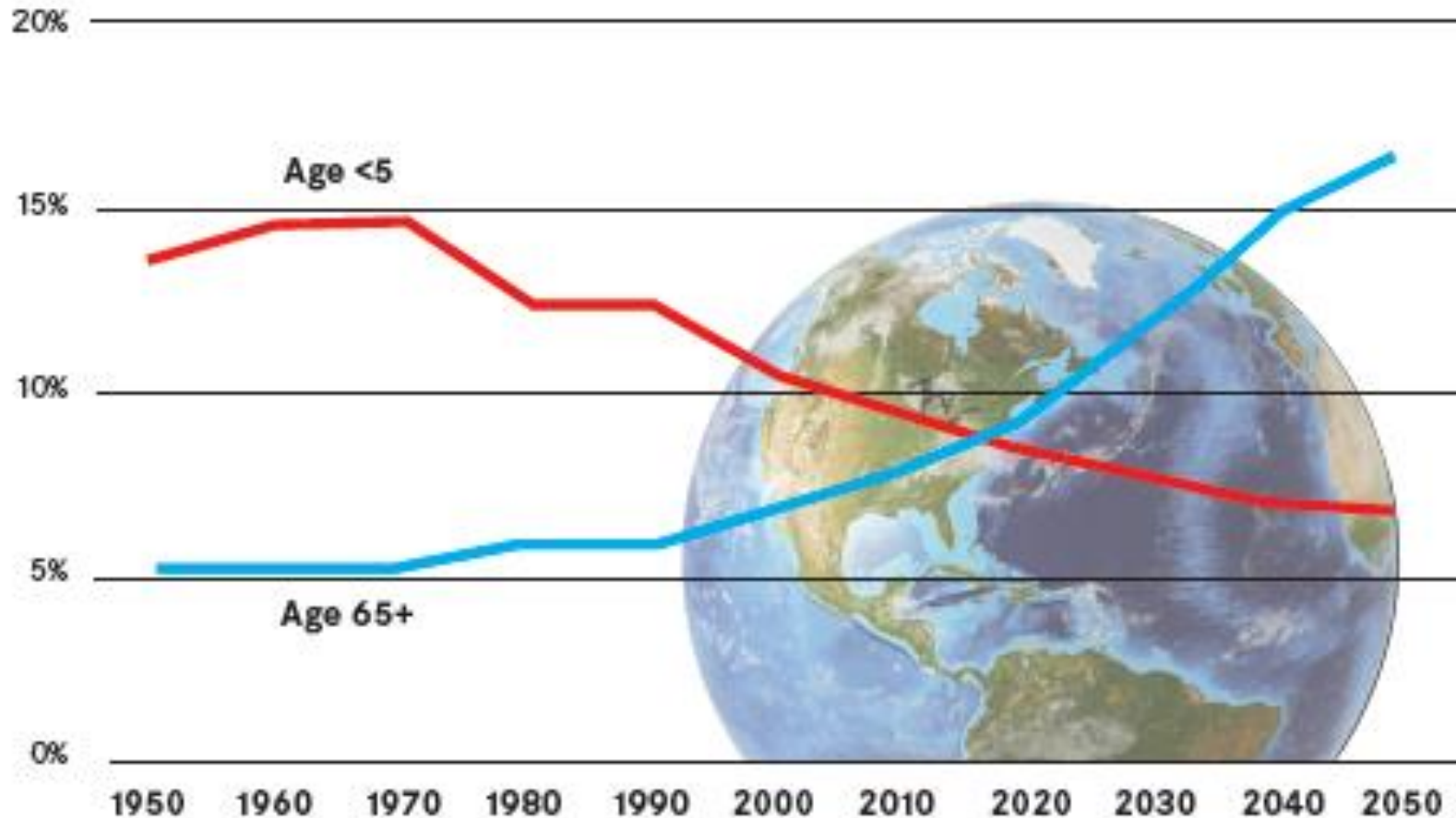


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The Demographic Shift

FIGURE 1: YOUNG CHILDREN AND OLDER PEOPLE AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION: 1950-2050¹



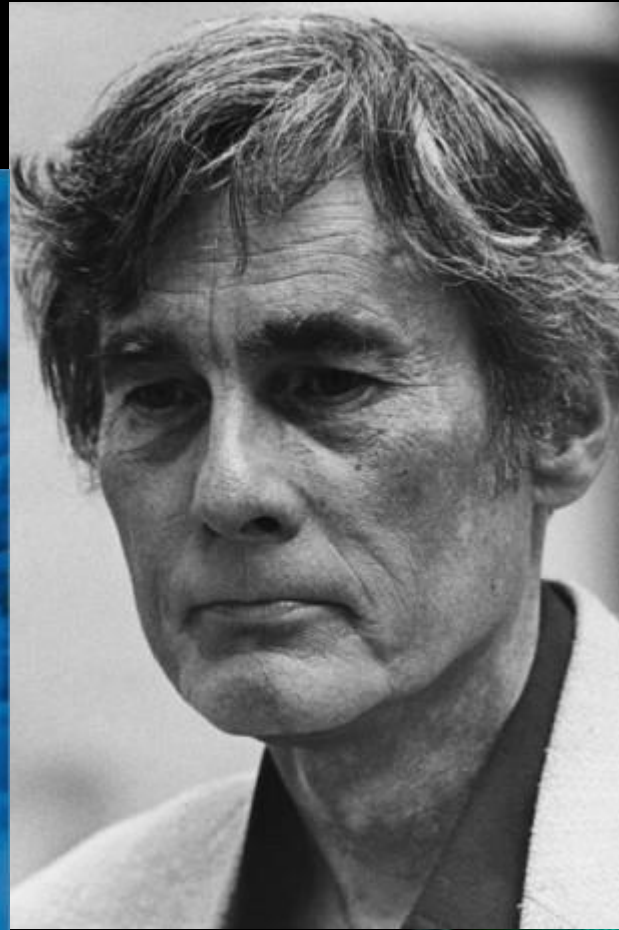
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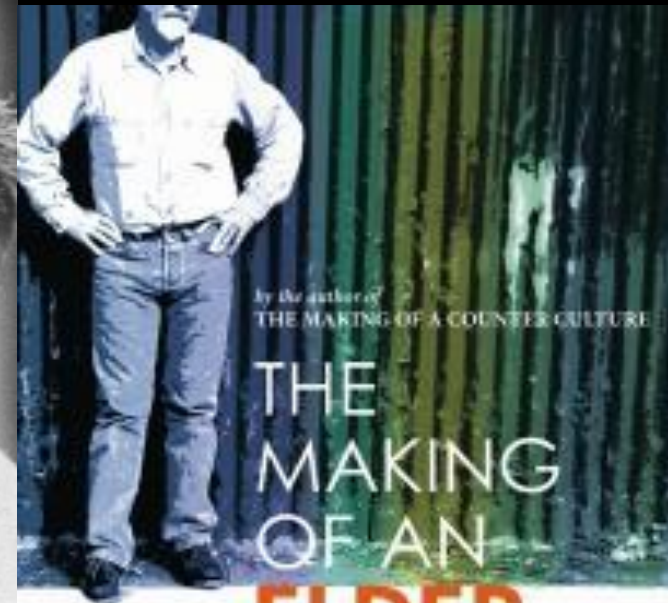


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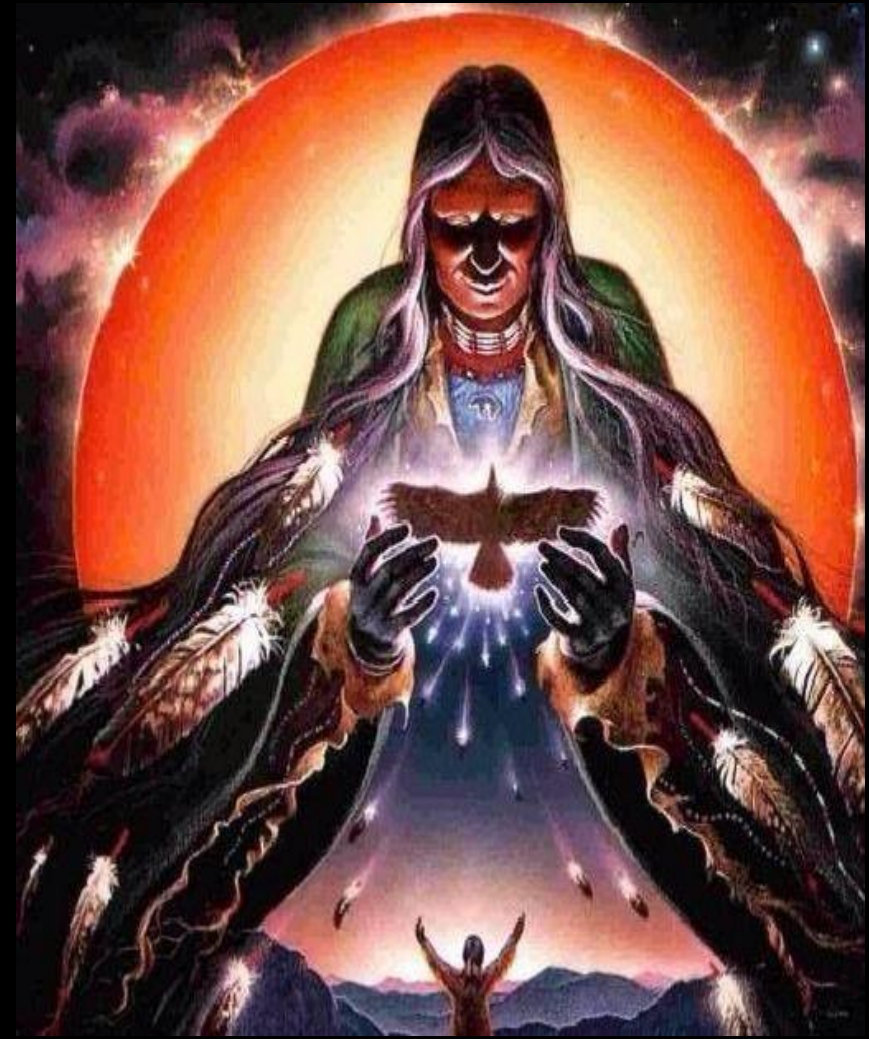
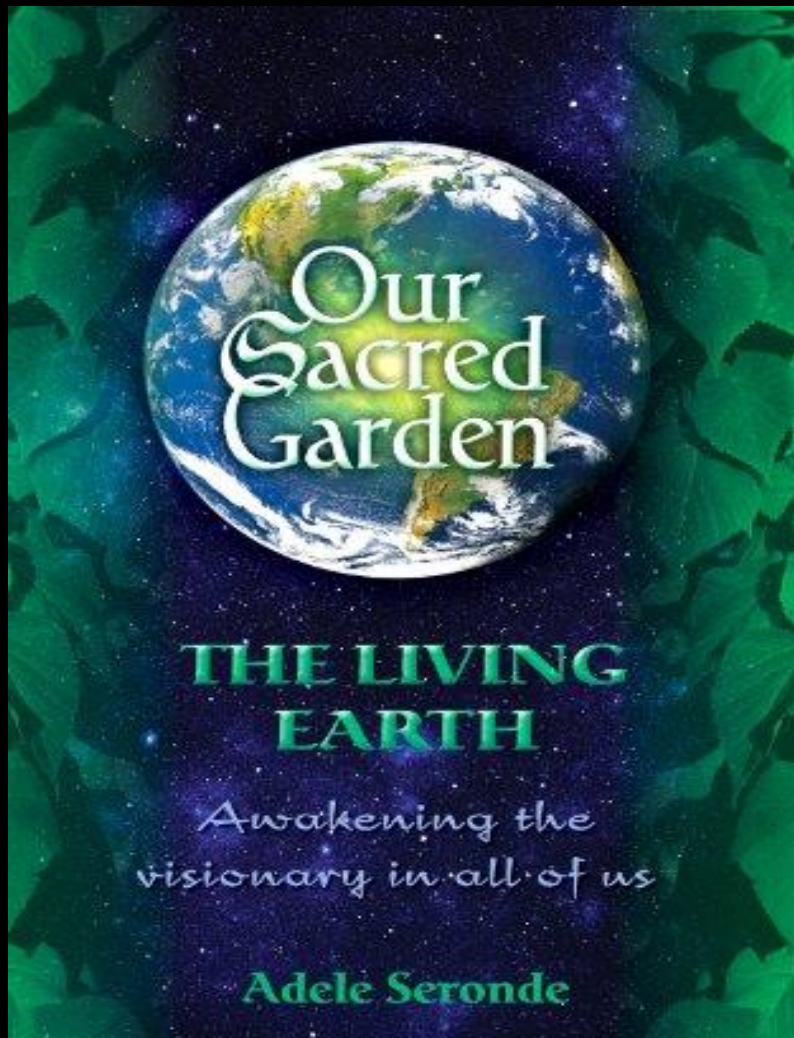
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