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KAHLIL GIBRAN THE RELUCTANT VISIONARY ~ *Looking for the Spirit of Gibran*

Genre Documentary Feature

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Our film, “The Reluctant Visionary,” explores the spirit one of the 20th Century’s most celebrated poets, Kahlil Gibran, through his most prized work, *The Prophet*. First published in 1923 and translated into well over 40 languages, Gibran’s poem has inspired over 100 million readers worldwide: men, women, and young people from all walks of life. They are among those who guide us along our global search to discover the Spirit of the Man, the Poet, and the Visionary. Along our journey, we hear from some of the most momentous minds of modern day: the rich, the poor, the famous, and the infamous, whose lives were inspired by this amazing work. Through each of these readers, we hope to realize Gibran’s poetic outcry as he bridged the sea of humanity while urging us to seek the beauty within and celebrate the unity of our spirits as One. Are you one of us? Then join us on our journey and become a contributor. Click here to find out how.

Who is “The Reluctant Visionary?”

The Prophet, first published in 1923, established Kahlil Gibran as a cultural and literary icon, alongside the likes of Shakespeare, Emerson, and Dante. For decades, over 100 million readers have carried his words, translated into over 40 languages, in their hearts, earning him this honoured place in the upper echelons of literary history.

Gibran’s entire life was a labor of love, devoted entirely to conveying his message through his art. He once confided to Mary Haskell, his soul mate, “The whole *Prophet* is saying just one thing: ‘You are far, far greater than you know – and All is well.’”

He later wrote to Mary, “This book is only a small part what I have seen and of what I see every day, a small part of the many things yearning for expression in the silent hearts of men and in their souls.”

On receiving her first printed copy of *The Prophet*, Mary wrote to him, “This book will be held as one of the treasures of English literature. And in our darkness we will open it to find ourselves again and the heaven and earth within ourselves.”

We ask, “What spirit, what truths have Gibran’s words opened in the souls of his readers?”

To answer this question, we need only delve into their stories, the stories his readers have not kept silent over the decades. With their help, the spirit of Gibran’s own story can be revealed. Only then can we claim him to be the “Reluctant Visionary,” the one who through sheer will of spirit forged a poetic voice that continues to change the world.

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