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Prologue by Carl Sandburg



And God said, let there be light Genesis 1:3

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The first cry of a newborn baby in Chicago or Zamboango, in Amsterdam or Rangoon, has the same pitch and key, each saying, "I am! I have come through! I belong! I an a member of the Family."

Many the babies and grownups here from photographs made in sixty-eight nations round our planet Earth. You travel and see what the camera saw. The wonder of human mind. heart, wit and instinct. is here. You might catch yourself saying. "I'm not a stranger here."

People! Hung wide and far born into toil, struggle. blood and dreams. among lovers, eaters. drinkers, workers. loafers. fighters, players. gamblers. Here are ironworkers, bridgemen, musicians, sandhogs. miners. builders of huts and skyscrapers. jungle hunters, landlords and the landless, the loved and the unloved, the lonel! and abaudoned, the hrutal and the compassionate-one hig family hugging close to the ball of Earth for its life and being.

Here or there you may witness a startling harmony where you say, "This will be haunting me a long time with a loveliness I hope to understand better."

In a seething of saints and sinners. winners or losers, in a womb of superstition, faith, genius, crime, sacrifice, here is the People, the one and only source of armies navies work-gangs the living flowing breath of the history of nations. ever lighted by the reality or illusion of hope. Hope is a sustaining human gift.

Everywhere is love and love-making. weddings and babies from generation t" generation keeping the Family of Man alive and continuing. Everywhere the sun. moon and stars. the climates and weathers, have meanings for people. Though meanings vary. we are alike in all commes and tribes in trying to read what sky. land and sea say to us. Alike and ever alike we are on all continents in the need of love. food. clothing, work, speech, worship, sleep. games. dancing. fun. From tropics to arctics humanity lives with these needs so alike. so inexorably alike.

Hands here, hands gnarled as thorntree roots and others soft as faded rose leaves. Hands reaching. praying and groping. hands holding tools. torches. brooms. fishets, hands doubled in fists of flaring anger, hands moving in caress of beloved faces. The hands and feet of children playing ring-around-a-rosy-countries and languages different but the little ones alike in playing the same game.

Here are set forth habies arriving. suckling, growing into youths restles and questioning. Then as grownups they seek and hope. They mate, toil. fish. quarrel. sing. fight. pray. on all parallels and meridians having likeness. The earliest man. ages ago. had tools, weapons. cattle, as seen in his cave drawings. And like him the latest man of our day has his tools, weapons. cattle. The earliest man struggled through inexpressibly dark chaos of hunger, fear, violence. sex. A long joumey it has heen from that early Family of Man to the one of toda! which has herome a still more prodigious spectacle.

If the human face is "the masterpiece of God" it is here then in a thousand fateful registrations. Often the faces speak what words can never say. Some tell of eternits and others only the latest tattlings. Child faces of blossom smiles or mouths of hanger are followed by homely faces of majesty carved and worn br love. prayer and hope along with others light and carefree as thistledown in a late summer wind. Faces having land and sea on them. faces honest as the moming sun flooding a clean hitchen with light. faces crooked and lost and wondering where to go this afternoon or tomorrow morning. Faces in rowds.

laughing and windblown leaf faces, profiles in an instant of agony, mouths in a dumbshow mockery lacking speech, faces of music in gay song or a twist of pain, a hate ready to kill, or calm and ready-for-death faces. Some of them are worth a long look now and deep contemplation later. Faces betokening a serene blue sky or faces dark with storm winds and lashing night rain. And faces beyond forgetting. written over with faiths in men and dreams of man surpassing himself. An alphabet here and a multiplication table of living breathing human faces.

In the times to come as the past there will be generations taking hold as though loneliness and the genius of struggle has always dwelt in the hearts of pioneers. To the question, "What will the story be of the Family of Man across the near or far future?" some wonld reply. "For the answers read if you can the strange and baffling eyes of youth."

There is only one man in the world and his name is All Men.
There is only one woman in the world and her name is All Women.
There is only oue child in the world and the child's name is All Children.

A camera testament. a drama of the grand canyon of humanity, an epic woven of fun, mystery and holiness-here is the Family of Man!


Introduction by
Edward Steichen

1 believe The Family of Man exhibition, produced and shown first at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and now being circulated throughout the world. is the most ambitious and challenging project photography has ever attempted.

The exhibition. now permanently presented on the pages of this hook. demonstrates that the art of photography is a dynamic process of giving form to ideas and of explaining man to man. It was conceived as a mirror of the universal elements and emotions in the everydayness of life-as a mirror of the essential oneness of mankind throughout the world.

We sought and selected photographs, made in all parts of the world. of the yamut of life from hirth to death with emphasis on the daily relationships of man to himself, to his family, to the community and to the world we live insubject matter ranging from babies to philosuphers. from the kindergarten to the university. from primitive peoples to the Councils of the United Nations. Photographs of tovers and marriage and child-bearing. of the family unit with its jovs. Irials and tribulations. its deep-rooted devotions and its antagonisms. Photographs of the home in all its warmth and magnificence. its heartaches and exaltations. Photographs of the individual and the family unit in its re-


Ezra Staller's phatogroph of the enlrance into the exhibit. Poul Rudolph was the orchitect
actions to the beginnings of life and continuing on through death and burial. Photographs concerned with man in relation to his environment. to the beauty and richness of the earth he has inherited and what he has done with this iuheritance, the good and the great things, the stupid and the destructive things.

Photographs concerned with the religious rather than religions. With basic human consciousuess rather than social consciousness. Photographs concerned with man's dreams and aspirations and photographs of the flaming creative forces of love and truth and the corrosive evil inherent in the lic.

For almost three years we have been searching for these images. Over two million photographs from every corner of the earth have come to us-from individuals, collections, and files. We screened them until we had ten thousand. Then came the almost unbearable task of reducing these to 503 photographs from 68 countries. The photographers who took them-273 men and womenare amateurs and professionals, famed and unknown.

All of this could not have been accomplished without the dedicated efforts of my assistant, Wayne Miller. and the tireless devotion of our staff.

The Family of Man has been created in a passionate spirit of devoted love and faith in man.


Coroline Hommorskiold


. . . and then I asked him with my eyes to ask again yes
and then he asked me would I yes . . .
and first I put my arms around him yes
and drew him down to me so he could feel my breasts all perfume yes and his heart was going like mad and yes I said yes I will Yes.

James Joyce




U.S A. Rov De Carava
U.S.A. Lovis Faurer



France. Robert Doisneou Rapho Guiflumette


U.S.A. Ernst Haos Magnum



Fronce. Robett Doisneau Ropho Guillumett





We shall be one person
Pueblo Indian


Czechaslavakia. Roberl Capo Magnum


India. Fronk Horval Black Stor

rance. Henri Cortier-Bressan Magnum



Mexico. Woyne Miller Life




Kordafon. Gearge Radger Magnum

U.S.A. Roberl Frank



Mexica. Manuel Alvarez Brava

## U.S.A. Robert Frank



U.S.A Woyne Miller

U.S.A. Wovne Miller

The universe resounds with the joyful cry I am.




And shall not loveliness be loved forever?
Euripides

U.S.A. Wayne Miller

U.S.A. Leon Levinstein


Austrolio. Dovid Moore


U.S.A. Elliott Erwitt Mognum

Bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh . . . Genesis 2:23


Indio Gitel Steed



Belgion Congo. Lemmort Nilsson Block Stor


Guatemala. Lisa Larsen Life
U.S.S.R. R Diament Mascow Journolists Club



Incia Satyair Ray

U.S.A. Irving Penn Vogue


Laplond Anno Riwkin-Brick


Austria. Ted Costle Magnum, AFSC



She is a tree of life to them . .
Proverls 3:18



Indio. Eric Schwab UN


Germony. Hannes Rosenberg



Bechuanaland. Not Farbman Life

The little ones leaped, and shouted, and laugh'd
And all the hills echoed . . .
William Blake




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U.S.A. Shirley Burden

U.S A. Edward Sreichen



U.S.A. Yosuhiro Ishimoto




England Bill Brandr

U.S.A. Russell Lee Bureau of Mines




Jova. Gorthord Schuh


US.A. Yosuhiro ishimoto

U.S.A. Homer Poge





U.S.A. Dorotheo Longe

When I am a man, then I shall be a hunter IFhen I am a man, then I shall be a harpooner

When I am a man, then I shall be a canoe-builder
IF hen I am a man, then I shall be a carpenter
When I am a man. then I shall be an artisan
Oh father! ya ha ha ha



Jomoico, British West Indies. George Silk Life


U.S.A. Bob Jakobsen Los Angeles Jimes




With all beings and all things we shall be as relatives



Japan. Corl Mydans Life



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Before me peaceful,
Behind me peaceful,
Under me peaceful.
Over me peaceful,
All around me peaceful


U.S.A. Homer Page

U.S.S.R. Rabert Capa Ladies Hame Jaurnal



The land is a mother that never dies

Maori


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Italy. Dmitri Kessel Life


U.S. S. R. Robert Copo Mognum, Lodies' Home Journol

U.SA. Loomis Deon Life


Irelond. G. H. Mercalf Block Slor









Denmork. Wermund Bendtsen

U.S.A. Ernst Hoas Magnum, Argasy


Belgian Conga. Dmitri Kessel Life


Balivia. Gustav Tharlichen

U.S.A. Homer Page Argosy


Belgian Congo. Lemnort Nilssan Block Stor


Germony. Wolter Sanders Life

U.S.A. Roy De Corava


Bolivia. Marcas Chamudes Magnum


Germany. August Sonder


Wales. Frank Scherschel Life

U.S.A Hamer Page Argasy

U.S.A. Carl Mydons Life

U.S.A Steinheimer Life
$\square$
If I did not work,
these worlds would perish . . .

Bhagavad-Gita


Chino. Dmitri Kessel Life




U.S.A. Gion Mili Fortune

U.S.A. Russell Lee form Security Adm.

Bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest.
Deuteronomy 14:29


Polestine. David Durican Life


Malland. Eva Besnyo

U.S.A. Simpson Kalisher Scope, The Texas Co.


Austria, Emil Obravsky

U.S.A. Dorothea Lange

U.S.A. Barbara Margan


England. Bill 8rondt







Peru. Pierre Verger AdeD



Eat Bread and Salt and Speak the Truth.
Russian Proverb


Yugoslavia. Walter Sanders Life


Sicily. Vito Fiarenza


Germany. Rudolf Pollok Institur fur Bildjournolismus


Fronce. Hons A. Schreiner


Austrio. Leopold Fischer

Belgion Congo. Lemnort Nilsson Block Stor


France. Henri Cortier-Bresson Mognum


Fronce. Brossoi Ropho Guillumell


# HAMBURGERS 



New York. Robert Frank

Japon. Yashisuke Terao


Belgian Congo. Lennart Nilsson Black Star





Roumonio. Werner Bischof Mognum

Peru. John Callier Stondard Oil of New Jersey


Germony. Erich Andres


Fronce. Vero Vue


Iroly. Dovid Seymour Mognum, UNESCO


. Rabert Capa Magnum


Garky, U.S.S.R. Sovlaro
he thoughts of men in other lands . . .
John Masefield


Japan. Hirashi Hamavo

U.S A. Paul Berg St. Lauis Pasi Dispoich


China. Dmitri Kessel Life


Germany. Hermann Claasen


Israel. United Natians
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Sing, sweetness, to the last palpitation of the evening and the breeze
St.-John Perse


U.S.A. Barbare Margan
U.S.S.R. N. Kolli Sovfolo
U.S.A. Som Folk New York Times


U.S.A Brodley Smith

Fronce. Robert Daisneou Rapho Guillumetle

U.S.A Sal Libsohn Lodies' Hame Journal



Japan. Werner Bischof Mognum


Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul.
Plato


U.S.A Gion Mili Life


Uruguay Leonard McCombe Lile

U.S.A. Roy de Carova

U.S.A. Ed Feingersh Pix

Toly. John Bertolino
When

U.S.A. Hugh Bell Populor Phologrophy

U.S.A. Bob Willoughby



The hills and the sea and the earth dance.



New Mexico. Ernst Hoas, Magnum, Life

The world of man dances in laughter and tears.


Portugal. Sabine Weiss Rapho Guillumelle


Scollond. Hons Wild Life



Colambia. Kurt Severin Block Stor



Mauritonio, Alrico. Eric Schwob UNESCO

U.S.A. Bob Schwalberg Pix



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And the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.


Fronce. Eddy Von der Elsken Ropho Guillumetle

U.S.A. Gearge Strack Forlune


San Francisco. Wavne Miller Life


Conodo. Ronny Joques Weekend Magozine



Borneo. Hedda Morrison Camero Press


Spain. Frank Scherschel Life


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France, Fronk Scherschel Life

U.S.A. Nick De Margali Vague




Halland. Henk Jonker Lile


U.S.A. Harry Lapow


Canada. David Broaks


U.S A. Gorry Winogrand Brockmon Associotes


Chicogo. Froncis Miller Life


U.S.A. Musva S. Sheeler

Chevy Chase, Md., U.S.A. Edword Clark Life


Jones Beach, U.S.A. Leonard McCombe Life



Bechuanaland. Nat Farbman Life


Czechoslovakio. Alfred Eisenstaedt Lile

But such is the irresistible nature of truth,
that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing.


Iroly. David Seymour Mognum, UNESCO

Polestine. Jahn Phillips Life


Indio. J. De Pietro Lodies Home Journal



Univ, of Colifornia. Orra Hagel Forrune
U.S.A. Ruth Orkin Glamour


England. Esther Bubley Lile



Theologian, Burma. Bert Hardy Pix, Picture Post
. . . the wise man looks into space,
and does not regard the small as too little, nor the great as too big;
for he knows that there is no limit to dimensions.


Institute for Advanced Siudy, Princeton. Eisenstaed Life

Allentown, Pa. Nino Leen Lile


Institute far Advanced Study, Princetan. Ernst Haas Magnum, Vague


U.S.A. Andreas Feininger Life

U.S.A. W. Eugene Smith Life


Radiatian Labaratary, Univ. of Cal., Nat Forbman Life


Inst. far Advanced Study, Princeton. Eisenslaedt


U.S.A. Ernst Hoos Magnum

Every man beareth the whole stamp of the human condition.

U.S.A. Altred Eisenstaedr Lif





U.S.A. W. C. Rouhouser

U.S.A. Roy De Corova

U.S.A. Henri Carlier-Bresson Magnum

U.S. A. Homer Page

U.S.A. Edward Weston


England Bert Hardy Picture Past

U.S.A Corl Perutz

U.S.A. Dorathea lange fortune



North Caralina, U.S.A. The Vern



Germany Herbert List time inc.

U.S.A. Peter Stackpole Life



France. Peter Maeschlin

U.S.A. Victor Jorgensen Scape


France. Jean Marquis Magnum


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U.S.A. Lisetle Model

U.S.A. Henri Leighran

Germany. Dovid Seymaur Mognum, UNESCO


France. Eleanar Fast


U.S.A. Mildred Grassman

France. Not Farbman Life


Germany. Ted Cosile Magnum, AFSC


Saudi Arabia. David Duncon Life




Spain. Leonti Plonskoy

As the generation of leaves, so is that of men.

Homer


Mexica. Monuel Alvarez Brava

U.S.A. Motthew Brody, Circo 1801


New Guinea. Arnald Maahs Black Stor
Englond Keystone Press



Mexico. Lalo Alvarez Brava


Germany. Willie Hultrg


England. Bill Brondt


Korea. Margaret Baurke-White Life


Austria. Robert Halmi




Flow, flow, flow, the current of life is ever onward . . . Kobodashi

Spain. Robert Frank

U.S.A. Rondal Portridge


Germony. Mildred Grossman

. . I am alone with the beating of my heart . . . Luichi

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U.S.A. Lovis CIYde Stoumen


Peru. Raberl Frank

U.S.A. Daniel J. Ronsohoff



India. Margaret Bourke-Whise Lile

For Mercy has a human heart,
Pity a human face. . . .
William Blake

U.S.A. W. Eugene Smith Liie


Koreo. U.S. Signal Corps, AI Chong

Jomaico. George Silk Lile


Greece. O. Horrissiodes Life


Indio. Gitel Steed

U.S.A. Ben Shahn Farm Security Adm.

U.S.A. Doris Uimann

U.S.A. Doratheo Longe


U.S.A. Dorotheo Longe Form Security Adm.




Behold, this dreamer cometh
U.S.A. Nell Darr

U.S. A. Hamer Page

. . . . . To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting

U.S.A. Ellionl Erwith Magnum, Holiday
itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty . . .



Fronce. Henri Cartier-Bresson Magnum


Portugal. Sobine Weiss Rapho Guillumetle


Czechoslovakio Margarel Bourke-White Lile


U.S.S.R Morgaret Bourke-White Life


Mexico. Moy Mirin Jubilee



Burmo. Bert Hordy Pix, Picture Post

U.S.A. Doris Ulmann


Fronce. Brassai Ropho Guillumelle


Colombio. Ronny Jaques Town \& Country


Korea. Margorel Bourke. White Life

U.S A Poul Himmel
. . . I still believe that people are



Sauth Africa. Constance Stuart Black Siar

U.S A. Tana Hoban Rapho Guillumelle


England. Esther Bubley Life

## really good at heart.

Anne Frank. "Diary" ( 14 years old)


Moscow. Thomas McAvay Lite

Yugaslavia. Fenna Jacabs Black Star


U.S.A. Raiph Crane Black Stor, Lile

You are the young wonder-tree plant, grown out of ruins. Baronga - African Folk Tale


## i




Humanity is outraged in me and with me.
We must not dissimulate nor try to forget this

indignation which is one of the most passionate forms of love.

. . . the mind is restless, turbulent, strong and unyielding . . . as difficult to subdue as the wind. Bhagaval.Gita



U S.A. Cormel Vitullo


Shanghai, China. Henri Carlier-Bressan Magnum


Germony Ralph Crane Lite


South Atrico. Homer Page

Who is on my side? Who?
II. Kings 9:32



Fill the seats of justice
With good men, not so absolute in goodness
As to forget what human fraily is.
Sir Thomas Noon Talfourd




I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society
but the people themselves . . .
Thomas Jefferson




Behold this and always love it! It is very sacred,

France. Dmitri Kessel Lile


Jopan. John Florea Lile

and you must treat it as such . . .
Sioux Indian

China. Eastlota


Turkey Herman Kreider Black Siar



Mexico. Revo Brooks

U.S.A. Joan Miller


Italy. Ernst Haas Magnum


Africo. Peter W Haberlin Du


Nogosakj, Jopan. Yasuke Yomohota G. I. Sun Ca.

Dovid Duncon Life



Indochino. Werner Bischof

. . . the best authoritics are unnnimnus
in saying that a war with hydrogen bombs
is quite likely to put an cnd to the human rone.
. . . there will he universal death-
surdiden only for a fortunate minority,
hut for the majority
$n$ slnw tarture of disense and disintegrntinn . . .

Who is the slayer, who the victim? Spenk.


Hollond. Emmy Andriesse


We two form a multitude.

Chino. Dmitri Kessel Life


We two form a multitude.


We two form a multitude.


We two form a multitude.


We two form a multitude.

Sicily. Vira Fiarenza


We two form a multitude. Ovid

We, the peoples of United Nations
Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetine has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small . . .

Charter of the United Nations




Jacan. Unosuke Gamou

## O wonderful,

## wonderful,

and most wonderful wonderful!
and yet again wonderful . . .
William Shakespeare


U.S.A. Allan Grant Lile


Sava Henri Cartier-Bressan Magnum

U.S.A Jerry Coake YMCA

U.S.A. Don Ornitz

U.S A. Homer Poge


Tongiers. Chorles Leirens

S.A. Bapney Cowherd Louisville Courier-Journol \& Times


Morocco. Irving fenn Vogue


Switzerlond. Sobine Weiss Rapho Guillumette


U S.A Suzonne Szosz

U.S.A. Gian Mili


Germany. Annelise Rosenberg

U.S.A. Barbara Margan

U.S.A. Toni Frissell

U.S.A. Helen Levitt

U.S.A. Helen Levilt

U.S.A. Guy Gillette Brackmon Assoc.


Italy. Hello Hammid


England. Lee Miller


France. Mary and Kate Steichen Edward Sleichen

U.S.A. Corter Jones


U S.S.R. Saviala

U.S.A. Edward Wollowitch

U.S.A. Horiv Callohan



Morocco. Chorles Trieschmonn


Englond. Lewis Corroll Circo 1862


Englond. Ruth Orkin Popular Phologrophy


Fronce Edovord Boubot

U.S.A. Forrell Grehon Populor Phologrophy

U.S.A. W Eugene Smith

A world to be born under your footsteps . . .
St.John Perse


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