

Daily Meditation 09-22-22

Gandhi, Character Building, Truth-Telling, continued

Good morning.

In today's meditation, we continue to listen to Mahatma Gandhi and his warnings about what tears societies apart.

And he says that intrinsic to building and maintaining a society and community of humans is character-building, education as character-building, and truth telling. Of course, they do go together.

Now in my book, *The A.W.E. Project: Reinventing Education, Reinventing the Human*, I lay out ten values -- I call them the 10 C's -- that are part and parcel of how we should be training our children and ourselves, I think at all levels of education, children, high school, college, professional schools.

And among the Ten Cs is character and chakra development, because I use the seven chakras to kind of help name how to teach character.

But I cite Buckminster Fuller: he says that he

...values the power of personal integrity as a force in the world, available to each of us, that transcends our position in life, our particular abilities and skills, and the specific circumstances in which we find ourselves.

This is on pages 138 and following of this book. He saw this power of personal integrity "as a force capable of steering humanity towards the realization of a world that truly works for everybody."

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And he saw our crisis as a species in educational jargon. He calls it an exam that we are undergoing:

For the present evolutionary crisis of humans on planet Earth is that of a final examination for the continuance in universe.

In other words, do we have a right to continue in this universe and on this planet? He goes on:

It is not an examination of political, economic, or religious systems, but of the integrity of each and all individual humans' responsible thinking and unselfish response to the acceleration in evolution's ever more unprecedented events.

So I think this is a very interesting way in which to understand the crises we are facing today: climate change, war and growing gaps between the haves and the have nots. And, of course, the wounds and trauma inherited through generations of empire-building, colonialism, and racism.

All these energies that are coming home to roost in this time of what I call the great reckoning. All this does focus on that word that Buckminster Fuller chooses, our integrity. And this is the exam: Do we have the integrity to, on the one hand, acknowledge the suffering that's going on, and on the other hand, do something about it: to instruct and unleash the creativity that powers the transformation that our species is capable of, but that we must choose at this time?

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.