

Daily Meditation 09/20/2022

Gandhi's Wisdom on Social Cohesion, continued

Good morning.

We are meditating again on Gandhi's list of social sins. And one of them is what he calls "education without character" -- without educating for character or integrity.

This is one of the ten C's that we teach in our Y.E.L.L.A.W.E. program and in my book, *The A.W.E. Project: Reinventing Education, Reinventing the Human*, that lays out the philosophy of our educational pedagogy for teenagers. And one of these ten values that we name is that of character building, character development.

And I cite the keen observation by David Korten, who says that over 5000 years ago our society chose the following: (This on page 140.)

"Faced with the organizational challenge of dealing with growing population densities, our forebears made a choice for the dominator relations of Empire. A self-destructive era of warfare, greed, racism, sexism, and suppression of the higher orders of human consciousness followed."

So, notice that he connects the political actions of empire-building with these so-called values of a relationship with domination that builds empire.

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So clearly, we're still in that state today. That is, a state of patriarchy.

Now, I think the solution to character building is to build up the seven chakras. And I lay that out in the next few pages of my book.

But the point is that if we're talking about truth, for example, that's the fifth chakra. If you're talking about compassion and love, that's the fourth chakra. If you're talking about dealing positively with our moral outrage and our anger, that's the third chakra.

If we talk about balancing relationships, that is the second chakra. If we're talking about taking in the beauty and the wonder of the universe and the cosmos, and not becoming arrogant over others that may be different from us, that is the first chakra.

And the sixth chakra is about balancing both hemispheres of our brain--what Einstein calls our intuitive brain, where values are to be found, and the rational brain which, as he says, do not give us values, they give us methods. But we need both the rational brain and the intuitive brain operating in a parallel fashion.

And finally, that seventh chakra, which is a chakra of community that sends our light out to build community with others--humans but also other light beings, ancestors and the spirits, or angels, as well.

So, all that is an outline for how we can be building character through education--education that takes into account the importance of integrity and character building.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.