

BREAKTHROUGH TO ENLIGHTENMENT

We are all living in tomorrow's past.

What we think and do today will shape our tomorrow.

This is as true for us as a species as it is true for us as individuals.

When a carpenter or electrician or plumber comes to fix a problem they come with the right tool kit to do the job. What tool kit do we have to fix our problems: individually and collectively?

There are a lot of problems in our world; more today than ever before.

In spite of all our knowledge and amazing technology our problems do not just persist, it seems they are getting worse. Why is that?

In order to stand a chance of fixing any problem, materially or spiritually, we first have to know what the problem really is. We need a breakthrough to enlightenment before we can see the right solution.

THE PROBLEM

A recent advert on mainstream TV featured the problems we face today: rising costs, covid, social unrest, wars, climate change etc. Their answer to all these problems was that we should buy gold to feel more secure!!

The answer itself was a big indication of the real root of all our problems:

The delusion of materialism and all its consequential wrong priorities.

Throughout history the minority that have held the reins of great power and wealth have accumulated their vast fortunes and grown their empires at the expense of the poorer majority. Globally wrong priorities led from the top, have created huge social and environmental problems that now affect everyone on our planet. In spite of our increased knowledge today we are faced with the consequences of decades of greed led from the top: corruption in governments, inequality; poverty, social unrest and wars.

When men driven by materialism look at the Earth they don't see something to be cherished, instead they see a means of making money. And so they set about exploiting its resources: digging it up; felling forests and killing other creatures that get on their way. All this leaves a trail of ruin, barrenness, pollution and death in the wake of what only a fool would call progress.

In reality such “*progress*” is destroying our planet’s life support systems and will ultimately destroy us. This is both needless and completely stupid. On a recent Radio 4 program an entomologist likened our planet to a hundred weight sack of rice; which contains over 2 million grains of rice. If we take one grain of rice out of that sack - that one grain of rice would represent the entire human species! The rest of the 2 million grains are the other species on Earth. On this planet we humans are a minority species! But sadly we are also the one single species doing the most damage to this world and the only species which needs to drastically change its ways. Historically human civilisation has been led by wrong priorities from the top down. Consequently we are divided from each other, divided from nature and divided from our Creator.

The basic source of all our problems is wrong priorities derived from a materialist view of life. Of course, we all do wrong things at times but the fact is: those with the most wealth and power: global organisations and corporations; have a far greater capacity to detrimentally affect the world than any single individual. Even when great power and wealth has been obtained some continue to exploit people and nature to gain more. In spite of various social benefits used to excuse such actions this is what has happened throughout history. Concentration on material wealth and power has caused destruction of the environment, inequality, poverty and war. All these things cause trauma: feelings of powerlessness and hopelessness. This is not a good way to live. But it needn’t be that way.

A LARGER PERSPECTIVE

Life is designed to thrive. All around us in nature there is an organic symmetry, interconnectedness and purpose. Why would that be?

The reason is that everything which exists comes from One Source and all share the same One Spirit of Life. This is reflected at all levels of existence: spiritually, energetically and materially, right down to the quantum level.

Grandfather David Monongeye, of the Hopi People, said:

“We are all flowers in the Great Spirit’s Garden. We all share a common root, and the root is Mother Earth.”

Oren Lyons, Faith- keeper of the Onondaga Nation once said:

"We are guests on this Earth, not its masters"

Jamie Samms of the Choctaw and Iroquois put it like this:

Human beings tend to forget that no man-made organization is the Source – the only real Source is the Great Mystery – our Creator"

Paul's Letter to the Romans (18:25) highlights the root of our problems:

"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served artificial things rather than the Creator."

The human world is in such a mess today because we have forgotten our Creator, and thereby forgotten our connection to Creation and to each other. Somewhere along the road of human *"progress"* we have lost our sense of place: lost our way – lost our spiritual connection to each other and to the world we inhabit. Indigenous Peoples of America have spoken of our need to recognise both our Creator and the Creation we are part of. Unfortunately the other Nations of the modern world - enchanted by their own cleverness chose to ignore them. This is proving to be a fatal mistake.

Yeshua, who we now call Jesus, highlighted the only two priorities we need to rebalance ourselves and save our world.

First: Love and respect for our Creator;

Second: Love and respect for our fellow beings.



Love is the Base Line for Life. Everything good follows from that.

We all know love works in everyday relationships but to make it work globally we need a quantum shift in the priorities of those at the top.

THE POWER SOURCE FOR POSITIVE LIVING

Love is the Foundational Solution to our self inflicted our problems.

Jesus came to bring the Love of the Creator of stars and galaxies right into the heart of the human experience; right to where it is needed the most.

Love is the Power Source in Life's Tool Kit for Positive Living.

From Love comes: Kindness, Hope, Trust, Respect, Compassion, Courage and Care. Exactly the qualities we need to counteract greed: selfishness and exploitation in all areas of human life.

When Love is the power source for our life we will not knowingly support or contribute to any individual, business or organisation that exploits or destroys life in any form. We are then free to put our time and energy into things which affirm and enhance life, making it better for ourselves, for others - and for the planet.

The reality by which Jesus lived was the Divine Reality of Love.

Like light, love is dynamic. It continually gives. This is why light is often seen as a symbol for love. For even if you light a million different candles; all light is One! It is the same with Love: across all cultures, faiths, races and gender, Love knows no boundaries and excludes no one.

The message of Jesus asks us to step beyond religion and politics, and doubt, into the greater reality of God's Love which is at the heart of Creation. From the luminescence of Divine Love, joy and peace flow into the world. And because we all share One Spirit of Life we can all be an active part in illuminating the shadow lands of the material world.

Only by having the power of love within us can there be love in the home; love in society and love in the world. Love is the basis of all kindness and peace and from that comes true healing for the nations and real hope for tomorrow for all life on our planet.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, you can be part of something wonderful that can change the world. And the good news is you don't have to subscribe to any religion or political party. You don't have to follow any guru, prophet or teacher. Everything you need is already within you.

Jesus once said; *“The kingdom of heaven is within you.”*

It doesn't matter how many mistakes you have made; how smart you are, or how rich or poor you are or what job you do. None of that matters.

All that matters is that you recognise that piece of heaven within you.

When you do that you are open to the possibility that there really is a Creator who has put hope and purpose into this world.

For if that is the base reality of all life then you as an individual are meant to be here. Life has purpose. We are not alone and we all have a part to play in making this world a better place for all life.

Even though we may not see all the events that led up to any one moment in time, nothing is happening purely by chance. Every day is an opportunity to make a better tomorrow, even in spite of all our problems. Bad things mostly happen as the result of wrong choices and priorities. But it needn't be this way: all over the world there are hundreds of thousands of people in all nations who are choosing to put love and care and kindness first.

[Here below are just a few people and groups with the vision to make the world a better place by helping others. Check them out on Google.](#)

Amnesty International is a global movement active in over 150 countries campaigning to uncover and end abuses of human rights.

Greenpeace is a global network in over 55 countries dedicated to protecting the environment and ending the exploitation and killing of other species.

Yasmeen Lari is Pakistan's first female architect. Yasmeen has initiated building projects using tradition methods to build sustainable social housing for communities in areas prone to earthquakes and flooding.

The Janice Cholerton Medical & Cancer Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya. The JCMCH provides low cost quality medical care for women and children.

Mercy Ships is a global Christian charity with a fleet of hospital ships bringing free medical treatments and surgery to more than 50 nations.

The Scott Neeson Cambodia Children's Fund provides on the ground food, shelter and education for destitute children in Cambodia.

In all kinds of ways people in all faiths and cultures are making a positive difference by making choices based on care and kindness for others. Even within the divisions caused by religion and politics, kindred spirits are drawn together to put aside their differences in recognition that we all share One Spirit of Life. This one fact transcends all our petty divisions and helps us to see that we can live together in peace; and also live in gratitude that we have been invited to be part of the miracle of life!

Jesus said: *"I came that you may have life and have it more abundantly."* (John 10:10). When our relationships with each other and with nature are right and well balanced all Life will thrive. This is the Jesus way: not of religion but of the Spirit of Love. Jesus taught that love for our Creator and Love for our fellow beings is the most practical and spiritual basis for positive living. When we are connected by love life is always better. Once we recognise that there is a greater reality than the material world we can connect with it and move out of the shadows of despair and into the Light of Hope. Sometimes we have to look beyond the standard answers and platitudes. To find real solutions for our personal and collective problems we need to recognise what caused them in the first place. More often than not at the root are wrong choices and wrong priorities. The real solution to our material and spiritual problems is revealed by the light of God's Love which is at the heart of the life of Jesus. The one man who shone the light of Heaven into the shadow lands of Earth. It is all about perspective.

For instance: when we look up at the night sky to see the moon, we always see it much clearer and in more detail if we use binoculars or a telescope. The life and teachings of Jesus is like a lens that brings the Love at the heart of all Creation nearer to us and into much sharper focus.

Yes, there have been many good teachers and prophets but unlike many who came before and after him, Jesus was not a political or religious ruler; a rich merchant - or warlord of armies. He walked a different path.

Jesus never hurt or killed another human being. He never even wrote a book but his life inspired millions to help others. According to the Gospel accounts Jesus spent more time healing the sick than he did in preaching.

Jesus cut through all the religious claptrap and got right to the very heart of the human experience: right to where hope is most needed.

Jesus didn't try to explain pain and sorrow - he came right to where the pain was. Instead of abstract rationalizations Jesus brought Hope and healing. That is what real love does, and **can do** for everyone, even today when our current troubles are the result of humanity putting its trust in political and industrial leaders driven by wrong priorities.

The priorities in the message of Jesus are completely different to the priorities driving the materialist constructs of Men.

When our lives are aligned with the priority of God's love we live in harmony with the true Spirit of Life. When that is our priority we are less likely to be aligned with destructive forces of any kind: religious, political or commercial. Imagine if the human world collectively had such a breakthrough to enlightenment - nothing would be impossible. Albert Einstein once said:

"Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

When God's Love inspires human imagination humanity collectively could regain its power to live positively on this planet in kindness and peace with each other and in harmony with the natural world. Just imagine!

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*On Freeview or Freesat: **Revelation TV** or **TBN UK***

*Online: **Bethel Church** or **Hope Channel***

*Youtube Music Channel - **Lucy Grimble***

Recommended for further reading:

LOOKING BEYOND THE MATERIALIST DELUSION by John Pickering

THE CASE FOR THE REAL JESUS by Lee Strobel

THE HEALING CODE by Alexander Loyd PhD & Ben Johnson MD

THE TRUTH ABOUT HEAVEN & EARTH by John Pickering