The Crisis Reveals What Binds Us Together!

The current reality clearly and sharply reveals our connection. But we are still examining the crisis through our limited perspective. Whether it is the volatile stock market, the weakening economies of the US and European countries, or the growing disparity in wealth between individuals and between nations that leads to greater social gaps, at this point, no one can say, “This has nothing to do with me, I only need to take care of myself and my family.” This approach is no longer enough for leading a stable and balanced life, much less a happy one.

Global Development

The global reality is not the currency or market fluctuations, but rather a direct result of the new global, integrated, and social restructuring taking place. Until now, we developed ourselves on a personal level. Now humanity is approaching a new phase, and the old world must make way for the new world. We are dealing with the natural law of development. Everything that we considered true up until yesterday no longer works to secure a sustainable tomorrow for us.

You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

-Buckminster Fuller

Socio-Economic Connection

We are at the start of the global era. We have come to the conclusion of our natural development as individuals.

In the new world, no individual will be able to enjoy while others are starving because everyone’s basic needs must be met. However, along with basic necessities, all people will receive a basic education about the process humanity is going through, which will expand our awareness beyond our personal concerns.

The free market and its tycoons will continue to thrive and be a central factor in this new stage of global development on condition that we learn together how to establish the relations between us and organize a social structure that truly benefits all. Economic prosperity cannot be achieved without considering universal social wellbeing.

“Many economists, and I am one of them, believe, along with British philosopher Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832), that the pursuit of money does not necessarily lead to personal happiness and to general well-being. Happiness is more than money and power.

Many studies have shown that while it is true that well-being tends to rise with income, it also tends to level off after reaching a certain level. Surveys show that many people often prefer to earn less rather than be deprived of sleep time, commute long distances, and live away from friends.

This is a reflection of the notion that economics and money are not everything in making people happy and satisfied. There are other values in the moral scale of things.

With the current globalization offered to extend our circle of empathy and view humanity as a worldwide extended human family. As long as we refrain from facing that challenge, divisiveness and unsolvable conflicts will persist.”

(R. Tremblay)
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The Code for Global Ethics

If you are not a protester, why do you keep coming to the OWS Wall Street camp? Most likely – for an additional dose of a positive, friendly energy that comes from the reciprocity, an exchange of words, handshakes, and smiles, and to talk with strangers who suddenly feel like family.

Can we dismiss the feeling of a new, emerging, wholesome entity, which draws you in closer and closer, until you begin to feel inseparable from this diverse, colorful, strange, beautiful, and harmonious organism, of which you are a vital and crucial part? No – because it feels like home. Therefore, we must face the changes together, acknowledge and respond to them accordingly, unified in thought and in heart. Then, we can make a real breakthrough, to the new type of mindset that views crisis as an invitation to growth.