

HEART INTELLIGENT COLLABORATION

When we live in our hearts, listen deeply, remain humble and speak our truth, a space opens up between us that serves us all. Resolutions can be found in a common ground created by that heart intelligence and our common sense.

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In order to resolve the issues of our time I believe that heart intelligent collaboration is key. It's important that we listen to one another and respect each other's perspectives. What is often at play here is too much self importance and a lack of service to the Whole.

It's my experience that without collaborating in a heart intelligent manner, the great inspirations we have can get lost or remain unused. But when shared within this way of working, they can be received very well and used when they make sense to all.



In that sense, I am concerned about too much party- and power-based politics. It's time in the evolution of humankind to prioritize what's good for all.

I do believe in the good intentions of many politicians, but wish that heart intelligent collaboration could become part of the culture of politics around the globe. A hopeful new initiative I heard of recently is 'Compassionate Politics', a cross-party organisation working **to put compassion, inclusion, and cooperation at the heart of politics.**

In 2019 it initiated a campaign endorsed by more than 100 Members of the UK parliament for a new Code of Conduct, one that would hold MPs to putting the country above

political divides and avoid language or behaviour that incited hate or encouraged disrespect.

This needs to happen on every level of collaboration, within our families, at work and in team work. It's a simple very basic approach that works and surely creates a Culture of the Heart. Whatever we each may need to learn to achieve this is well-spent time and energy.

COMPASSIONATE POLITICS

I quote from their website: "Compassion has the power to change politics for good. From inequality to homelessness, online abuse to refugees dying at sea — imagine how these issues would be tackled if compassion was the main motivation of decision-makers.

"Yet compassion has been edged out of the political debate, replaced by a politics of fear, anger, and division, and a narrative which emphasises individual success over collective well-being and happiness. When we look at ourselves and our lives, however, it seems pretty obvious that we are so much more than that. We love, care, volunteer, help and support.

"Our proudest political achievements in the United Kingdom - the introduction of the NHS, the Kindertransport which rescued 10,000 Jewish children from the Nazis, the legalisation of homosexuality — were all built on compassionate principles.

"What if instead of rewarding self advancement and encouraging greed we celebrated and cultivated those types of policies and the values that they represent?

"Through a new kind of politics and with a new set of values at the heart of decision-making we can create a nation that cares for one another, improves everyone's lives, and protects our natural world."

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