



CommuntyPeacebuildin @StefanPasti September 5, 2018 9:00 pm

Replying to @Gens_For_Peace @taliahagerty and 8 others

Read leaders in pb field sharing how they define #peacebuilding What I offer below is weighted towards root causes (within us all) and structural causes in our societies Investments of time,energy,money each of us make becomes the larger economy #GlobalPeople @InterfaithWorld

This writer believes definitions of peacebuilding will correspond—or “grow out of”—prevailing ideas about what kind of “peace” is being sought after. For this writer, the “peace” being sought after is the outcome of applying that which has been confirmed again and again as essential to individual well-being and social harmony by the saints, sages, spiritual leaders, and sincere practitioners of all religious, spiritual, and moral traditions. [Such essentials may include, but are not limited to: 1) sacrificing personal desires for the greater good of the whole 2) finding contentment and quality of life while consuming less material goods and ecological services and 3) supporting and actualizing mutually beneficial understandings, forgiveness, and reconciliation—and *abstaining from violent conflict resolution*—as a way of bringing cycles of violence to an end.]

If the goal was to achieve the kind of peace referred to above:

----the process of deliberately cultivating peace--the nurturing, supporting, and sustaining of even the smallest details of everyday community life and cultural traditions consistent with cultivating such a peace (by family, teachers, mentors, elders, and residents of all ages and varieties of circumstances)—in any given community would be called peacebuilding for that community (the view being definitions of peacebuilding are best if they are local-specific)

----and such peacebuilding would be most practical and effective if the related everyday community life and cultural traditions succeeded in passing on to future generations the most treasured wisdom human beings have accumulated in more than 5,000 years of human history.

This writer believes it is now possible for a significant majority of people on Earth to achieve this kind of peace—and further, *it will be essential to make significant progress towards achieving such peace*, as there are unprecedented challenges ahead <http://bit.ly/2kiaEiZ> --and there is now, and will be, much need for both spiritual and social cohesion. This writer also believes that “13 Steps for Long Term Culture Change” (78p; May,2017) <http://bit.ly/2GFaVJ4> ; “Tweet Series for ‘13 Steps for Long Term Culture Change’” (15p; March,2018) <http://bit.ly/2vdz350> ; and “30 Propositions and Premises of The CPCS Initiative” (4p.; May,2017) <http://bit.ly/2w7qUNw> summarize his efforts, over many decades, to identify and advocate for pathways, processes, and steps which represent this kind of peacebuilding.

One of many replies I made to tweets during August and early September 2018. The above reply was a response to the following tweet from @Gens_For_Peace:

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We’re excited to announce a new campaign to get the word #peacebuilding into the dictionary! Tweet us what #peacebuilding means to you & check out our latest blog in which 10 industry leaders share how they define #peacebuilding. Read here: bit.ly/AskTheExperts3