

Text of Introduction to Twitter Moment (“Wisdom and Compassion Needed....”)--  
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My name is Stefan Pasti, and I am the founder and resource coordinator for The Community Peacebuilding and Cultural Sustainability (CPCS) Initiative (at [www.cpcsi.org](http://www.cpcsi.org) ).

I believe we will experience a convergence of unprecedented challenges in the coming decades (for my two page challenges assessment, see [“Unprecedented Challenges Ahead—February 2017”](#)). At this critical time, I believe we need to give a very high priority to reversing the “marginalization of the treasured wisdom of religious, spiritual, and moral traditions”. The evidence (in the assessment above); on p. 9-20 in the CPCS Initiative Summary Paper [“Recalibrating Our Moral Compasses....”](#) (85 pages; June, 2015; updated June, 2016)--and in longer documents [[“IPCR Critical Challenges Assessment 2011-2012: Summary Report”](#) (444 pages; January, 2012) ([Table of Contents](#)) and [“Invitation Package for Possible Board of Advisors”](#) (589 pages, 3.6MB; November, 2013) ([long version Table of Contents](#))]--provides key indicators for such a conclusion. Cultures of violence, greed, corruption, and overindulgence are very pervasive in our societies; and such pervasive negatives, and the associated cynicism about human nature, could cripple our best efforts--especially if there are serious “blind spots” associated with our efforts to limit global warming.

As a result of the unprecedented opportunities created by the Internet, storehouses of wisdom and compassion which have accumulated over the many centuries of human experience--and which have 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--are accessible to more people now than at any time in history. We need to cultivate such sources so they yield the treasured wisdom.

I also believe we will need collaborative problem solving, citizen peacebuilding, and community education which goes way beyond what most of us are familiar with. I advocate for a “constellations of initiatives” approach which is outlined in detail in [“13 Steps for Long Term Culture Change”](#) (78 pages; May, 2017).