

FROM
WAR ROOM
TO
PEACE ROOM

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Below, the text of Neale Donald Walsch is plain while «the voice of God» is in bold.

Neale: Now, having said all of this, I have still not gotten to what I believe will be the biggest and most profound change that will be brought about in our worldwide political and governmental systems.

And what is that?

The creation of departments at every level of government focused on the creation of peace and the dissemination of information about what works to produce the highest benefit for humankind in every area of human endeavor.

Let's look at the second idea first. To date, the concept of Shared Solutions has not received much attention from humanity's power structures. Brilliant solutions to some of our most vexing problems are being created all the time, with many of them actually put into place and functioning effectively on the ground right now—but nobody knows about them. The result is that we are continually having to "reinvent the wheel" from location to location, all around the world.

Almost every human problem has been solved somewhere. Yet sharing the solutions that have been created by our most imaginative minds is something

humanity is not doing at anywhere near the level of which it is capable. The simple application of already existing technology would make it possible for the human race to map out functional strategies with which to approach virtually any challenge.

What might be the problem? Creating the best educational program possible — better than anything now being offered in almost all places on the earth? It's already been done. Finding a way to finance newly emerging enterprises of small-business people, and particularly women and racial minorities, as well as those with little access to entrepreneurial funding? It's already been done. Providing health care for all in an affordable and effective way? It's already been done. Eliminating starvation and deep hunger as a human experience, regardless of a person's ability to pay? It's already been done.

Truly, what is the challenge? Curing the most ravaging diseases of which we are aware? Done. Governing ourselves in a way that provides a high quality of life, equal opportunity, and maximum freedom of expression for all? Humanity's already done that. Reducing crime by cleaning up ghettos, and transforming the breeding grounds where criminal behaviors are born by creating new hope and real opportunity in the lives of those who would commit them? Humanity has already done that. We know how to do that.

I ask a third time: What is the challenge we think we cannot overcome, the problem we think we cannot solve? Increasing tolerance and reducing conflict among people of differing cultures, races, beliefs, and histories? Humanity has already done that. We know how to do that. Facing our collective sexual dysfunction at last, and creating a sane and sacred sexuality for all human beings to celebrate and enjoy? Humanity has already done that. We know how to do that. Ending prejudice and discrimination in all forms in employment and housing and all areas of human interaction? Humanity has already done that. We know how to do that.

The list of our ills is endless, and the list of solutions we have found is equally long. The problem is not that we have failed to find any solutions, the problem is that we have failed to share them—and in a startling number of cases we don't even know about them.

In the Body Human, one hand does not know what the other is doing. Or, worse yet, we do know about a solution, but believe, for the flimsiest of reasons, that we cannot put it into place. And the reason we give? We cannot afford it!

Such is our economic model in most places on this earth that unless there is a financial profit to be made, we cannot bring ourselves to muster sufficient resources to solve our most difficult problems.

Thus it has been that, until most recently, people died unnecessarily all over the planet because they could not obtain certain medicines—because the prices required by drug companies placed those medications out of the reach of the poverty-stricken. Those same companies worked hard to prohibit generic drugs containing the same formulas from being introduced into the local marketplace, thus ensuring that their products would be the only curatives available.

Only after being literally shamed into it did some of those companies finally begin seeking ways to work with people and governments in the world's economically depressed areas to make certain drugs available.

Still, in our world, access to all the wonders and miracles of modern medicine is largely a matter of money, of how much one has to spend on such things as quality of life, and survival.

This need for profit to be produced in order for help and resources to be made available is one of the first things that will be changed when you embrace Tomorrow's God and the New Spirituality, for you will see that it is not Life-supporting or Life-sustaining, but self-defeating.

This is a whole other discussion.

Yes, and right now I would like to hear more about this idea of "shared solutions."

Well, it seems to me that only when we see someone else's problems as our problems, and someone else's challenges as our challenges—

—which ethic is precisely what The New Spirituality will produce—

—will we see the benefit of establishing, in every country on earth, a National Office of Shared Solutions, and a global office as well. It is remarkable that we haven't done so up to now.

These offices would be computer-linked, of course, and would offer real-time sharing of what is working in every and any location on the earth as humanity addresses, collectively at last, its most pressing problems and its most daunting challenges. It would track experiments, carefully watch bold initiatives, and spread immediately the news of any undertaking, whether it succeeded or failed, that sought to produce solutions through innovation.

Such data-sharing would shorten by magnitudes of ten the “learning curve” of our societies and communities, of our disciplines and institutions, of our advocacy groups and helping organizations and government agencies, as we seek to create a better life for all. And I mean for all—not just for the well-heeled and the fortunately situated.

These ideas are not mine, but come from such cultural creatives as Duane Elgin, Hazel Henderson, Jean Houston, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Eleanor LeCain, Jack Reed, and many others.

Just as war departments and defense departments all across the globe now track trouble spots and danger zones and conflict locations around the world, so, too, would the Office of Shared Solutions track projects and programs and identify “solution zones” where some person or organization has come up with a truly important innovation that could be exported elsewhere and used with great effectiveness.

And just as the military has its wall-sized maps and computerized images telling us exactly where there is real or potential turmoil, so, too, would a Department of Peace have facilities of equal sophistication pointing to places where there is real or potential tranquility—with information on why and how it has been achieved.

The idea of a “Peace Room” was first introduced by Barbara Marx Hubbard at the Democratic National Convention in the United States in 1984. She suggested that we need a new social function that should “scan for, map, connect and communicate what is working in the United States and in the world.”

Now, Barbara’s Foundation for Conscious Evolution has created its own “version” of this tracking system, called the Synergy Center, through a highly sophisticated Internet site at Evolve.org. “As far as I know,” Barbara tells me, “the Evolve site is the first effort to offer a comprehensive matrix to identify

and connect solutions and innovations in every field seen as a whole-system shift to the next stage of society. It is still embryonic, of course.”

These are wonderful, imaginative ideas from wonderful, imaginative people. And it is certain that many more proposals will be advanced by many more people as the New Spirituality is embraced in your culture. And yes, that will shift politics forever.

The day is soon coming when humanity will no longer approve of or tolerate the political mechanisms, maneuverings, machinations, and manipulations of today.