

A Culture of Kindness v. THEM



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This is a strange problem, and yet, it draws one's attention to the actual problem and reveals it in ways that nothing else could.

We are getting some very high-powered corporate executives in our homegrown Assemblies. And they are bringing the corporate mindset with them.

The whole super-competitive, production-oriented, dog-eat-dog mindset of the corporations beats the life and love and creativity out of our souls. It makes us into "persons" not "people" --- and in doing so, it reduces us to heartlessness and fear.

It creates the kind of world we don't want to live in.

It destroys connection and community and sharing.

It erases the vital elements of emotion and ethics.

I used to think of Corporate America as a vast chicken yard, complete with its pecking order. God help anyone who wasn't prepared to fight to the death.

The corporations have produced several generations of people who are habituated to the norms of this ruthless corporate culture, who accept its demands, its unrelenting focus on profits, its ingrained selfishness, and who take one-up games and inter-office politics for granted.

Now they are coming into our Assemblies, and naturally, they bring this mindset with them. They don't even seem to realize that they are no longer on Wall Street ----and that Main Street is different.

They are coming to Main Street in search of old-fashioned freedom and American values and privacy and security for themselves and their families and their homes and their money and everything else they've slaved for. But then, they immediately set to work, trying to make Main Street into Wall Street.

Living in Alaska, I've seen wave after wave of Californians fleeing the Golden State, seeking freedom in Alaska.

They promptly settle down and start talking about how backward Alaskans are. Why aren't we supporting hundreds of welfare programs and snooper pooper agencies and government regulation of every kind? Why aren't we politically correct and compliant? Why aren't we gaga about money?

It never occurs to them that their Nanny State mentality is what caused the problems that they were so anxious to get away from. .

The same thing happens with the Corporatists. They come to our Assemblies to escape the cold, nasty, coercive, immoral, profit-driven culture of the corporations --- and drag their prisons with them.

Recovering Corporatists need time and therapy and encouragement. We don't only need to teach them about American Government and History, we have to teach them how to be kind.

They never learned, or they have long ago forgotten the simple code of kindness and acceptance and honesty that makes Main Street what it is.

Many people have observed that this is a spiritual struggle more than anything else, a matter of what you believe and what you believe in, so let's start right here in our Assemblies and examine our assumptions.

We are not here to restore or rebuild the ivory towers and balance sheets of corporations. We are here to rebuild a nation made of living people -- people who have frailties and problems. So let's all make the conscious choice to make kindness and loyalty and honesty the core of our non-corporate Value System----and teach others the same.

The only way to really leave Corporate America and its chicken yard mentality behind, is to realize that we have been indoctrinated into this dark and evil way of thinking and doing things. And then also realize that we can willfully, and consciously choose a profoundly different way of life and way of treating each other in our State Assemblies.

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