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AND OTHER WRITINGS

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Introduction

"Be Bold. Be Kind!" is a compilation of writings addressing one of the biggest problems we have in the world today: People's meanness to each other!

Instead of solving our problems, anger, frustration, and rage are only making them worse, and we are becoming our own worst enemies. We must snap out of this vicious cycle.

While "being kind" and "doing unto others" may not solve all of our problems overnight, they will certainly put us on the right path towards creating a better world.

BE BOLD. BE KIND!

It doesn't matter what we know or how much we know, what titles and degrees we have, how important we are, or think we are. If we are not kind to those around us, and if we are not kind in our dealings with others, we are nothing.

If we are not kind to others we are missing out on everything that's important in life. If we don't treat others with respect, courtesy, and plain old fashioned kindness, we are missing the mark.

We can and we all should be showing kindness to the people in our lives and in everything we do.

THE WAY

The way to have more love: Is for YOU to start being more loving. It's to be more understanding, When you feel like condemning.

It's to be more giving, When you feel like being greedy. It's to swallow your pride, When you feel like blowing your top.

It's to be humble, When you feel like being so right. It's to stop talking, and start doing.

The way to change the world: Is to start... with YOURSELF!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?

If we plant corn, we will reap corn. We reap the fruits of what we plant.

How we treat others, affects how others treat us. If we treat others bad, we can expect the same. The same holds true if we are kind and considerate. There's no way out of it.

What GOES out... COMES back to us.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

FLOW MORE AND ACCEPT MORE

We were all thrust into this world. And in different places and in different ways we are each just trying to figure things out!

We really need to start being kinder to each other, flow more, and accept more. And learn to slow down, enjoy life, and enjoy each other.

If everyone caught on to this, and just started to live in a nicer way, all kinds of things would flow better. Life for all would be better, happier!

STAND UP?

"Stand up for your rights." You hear that a lot these days. People protest. They riot. They demand to be treated better. And they can get ugly!

But this doesn't seem to be solving anything. All of this contention is creating only more division, more disunity, more conflict.

Man has gone so far without God that today he is "lost in space". We will never be able to solve our problems on our own, or without divine intervention of some kind.

So remember, until that happens, Jesus never told us to stand up and protest for our rights. Jesus told us to be kind and loving to one another.

WE DO!

We are all members of one race: the human race. We are all children of the same God: the God of love. And it's about time we all started acting like it.

We need to stop being self righteous and arrogant. We need to stop being so greedy. We need to stop fighting among ourselves like spoiled little children.

We need to start looking at each other through eyes of compassion. We need to start making kindness our yardstick. We need to keep each other in remembrance of these things.

WE DO!

"If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother he is a liar. And this commandment we have from Him: That he who loveth God love his brother also." (1 John 4:20-21)

LET THE LIGHT IN

People need to start a movement that will bring about REAL change. People need to use their energy in a way that will produce REAL results. But people also have to rethink their current methodologies if they are to see LASTING results.

We can't CAST OUT darkness. We can't beat it out. The only way we can get rid of darkness, is to turn on the light! The only way to get rid of the darkness of ignorance is by starting to be EXAMPLES ourselves.

The only way we can get others to be accepting and forgiving, kind and respectful, loving and giving, is by being that way first ourselves. Spread the word.

Let the light in!

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8)

UNDESERVING

Some people today walk around with an attitude of entitlement. They think they deserve so much, without ever really doing anything of worth to deserve it.

We all came into this world naked. Naked will we leave it. And the only things we will be able to take with us are those we do in love for others.

We all have our shortcomings. We take so many things for granted. If we counted all of our mistakes no one would stand. How undeserving and unworthy we are to think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

We should walk more humbly, help each other more, and be grateful for the many, many blessings we have.

WHO KNOWS?

Why are we here on Earth? What is life all about? None of us really know for certain.

But we don't really have to know why we are here. We don't have to know all the answers to know that things work out better for us when we are kind, when we are patient, and when we are understanding.

Maybe being kind to each other, learning to roll with the punches, and treating others the way we want to be treated is what life is all about anyway.

Who knows?

HOW WE TREAT OTHERS

Some people today are becoming way too critical. Everything offends them.

It's easy to criticize. Anyone can do that. But it takes an effort to see the good and possibilities in others.

We must remember that not everyone has it easy. Almost everyone has to bear some kind of personal tragedy. Everyone has had some bad breaks in life and has suffered at least a few hard knocks. Life has been discourteous to all of us at one time or another.

Let's help others carry their burdens instead of loading more on them. Let's be more tender, more forgiving, and more understanding.

May we truly learn to "do unto others" and treat each other with love and compassion.

DON'T WORRY

If you try to please everyone, you will fail. There is no way you can please everyone, because there will always be someone who disagrees, misinterprets, or finds fault.

It's ridiculous how apologetic some people have become. They grovel and apologize just because a few whine or complain, when they have done nothing wrong!

Just let your words and actions be motivated by kindness and don't worry what people say or think.

Let God be the judge!

CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

It's common for people to talk about someone being successful. But more often than not success to them is having money.

Money is a lousy way to keep score. Money doesn't make a person right. Money isn't proof of integrity.

In God's kingdom truth and love are the true coinage. In God's eyes kindness, humility, and compassion are true treasures.

So if you value the riches of this material world, enjoy them while you can.

Because... You can't take them with you!

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." (1 Timothy 6:7)

LET BEAUTY FLOW

We are getting nowhere thinking that we can *make* others treat us right. We can't make people *be good* and kind and considerate of others.

But we CAN, at an individual level and on a one on one basis, be engaging, be interesting. In short, be LIKABLE.

It's really easy. When we are likable, people like us. When people like each other, neither complains about the other one. They don't have time for such things. They are having too much FUN!

Stop trying to make others be the way you think they should. Let beauty flow.

And EVERYONE will be HAPPIER!

DO IT TODAY

When people find themselves in danger, they immediately think of their family and loved ones.

They wish they could tell them, "I love you." They wish they could hold them. They regret having done some things, having said some things.

Tragedy has a funny way of putting things in the right perspective.

Don't wait for your world to get scary to be kind to others.

Show them your love. Show them you care. Seek forgiveness. Show them how special they are to you.

Do it today.

Tomorrow may be too late!

WAY TOO MUCH!

People are getting way too judgmental of each other!

Let's be KINDER.

"THIS IS JESUS"

Mother Theresa was a kind woman, a wise woman. She said she saw Jesus in people. When she saw a homeless person, she said, "This is Jesus as a homeless person."

When she saw an alcoholic, she said, "This is Jesus as an alcoholic." When she saw a leper, she said, "This is Jesus as a leper."

Mother Theresa saw Jesus in every person she met, and she treated them with utmost love and respect.

Should we not do likewise?

LOVE IS SAYING YOU'RE SORRY

Have you noticed how some people have trouble saying "I'm sorry"?

It's sad that people seem to consider apologizing as a weakness. How totally wrong that is.

When we feel injured or slighted by someone for something they said or did, it sure means a lot, it sure feels good to hear those magic words, "I'm sorry." Those two magic words can mend many a mess.

Let's be more generous with our apologies, and not make excuses. Let's be more loving, considerate, and kind to those around us and truly do as Jesus said: "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

Love is saying, "I'm sorry."

NO NEED OF MORE

God's real nature and true spirituality are not at all what many people have been taught by organized religion.

Pleasing God and being in tune with the universe is not about feeling all "spiritual": self righteous. It is about being kind.

Ultimately Christ's entire message can be summed up in one word, love. Love for God, and love for each other. "Do unto others."

I see no need for more.

"Be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:10)

A PEOPLE FRIENDLY WORLD

Some people want to criticize everything that isn't perfect. They use one yardstick, and one yardstick alone: If anything, or anyone is not a perfect ten in their critical opinion, then it or they are to be disdained.

They criticize public figures. They make big stinks out of the stupidest and most insignificant things they say and do.

These depressing individuals want the whole world to be like them. But that would be ugly, because everyone would be perpetually aware that everyone else hated and criticized them for not being perfect all the time!

I don't want to live in a perfect world. I want to live in a people friendly world. A kinder world. A world full of people who are more caring... and more forgiving.

OUR DAILY CHOICE

Gossip, ungratefulness, finding fault, complaining, worry, and negativity: Defeat, stifle, and kill!

Dwelling on the positive, speaking kindness, counting your blessings, seeing the good, and being grateful: Build, prosper, and bring life!

There is only ONE healing energy: LOVE.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

IN A MOMENT

A careless word spoken, a sudden act done, in a moment can change a person's life.

It takes a long time to build. But everything can be lost in mere seconds if we are not careful.

People are fickle and life is short. We must stay in prayer, be led of the Spirit, and be careful with our words, our thoughts, our deeds.

We all have more influence than we realize. And our words have power to build, or to destroy. God help us to always be kind... Motivated by His LOVE!

"No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." (Romans 14:7)

WHAT DID JESUS TEACH?

Jesus taught us to be loving and kind. Jesus' entire message was to be respectful and caring and considerate of each other.

So OUR only yardstick should be that also, *kindness*. And our only goal should be to treat others like we want to be treated ourselves.

We should be helping each other instead of attacking each other. We should be lifting each other up instead of beating each other down. We should be quick to look past others' mistakes instead of focusing on their faults. We should forgive, because we ourselves need to be forgiven for so many things.

These are the things Jesus taught.

MAYBE

You may believe in God or not.

You may think people who do are ignorant, or just plain dumb.

But if it turns out that God does exist, then imagine how you are going to feel when you realize that.

Maybe you will wish you had believed. Or, maybe you will wish that you had at least been kinder to those who did.

EACH & EVERY

Each and every time we treat another with love, respect, and as our equal, we are contributing to a better world.

Each and every time we stop blaming others, we are contributing to a better world.

Everyone is interesting in their own way, and we can learn something from each and every person we meet.

We all need to learn to roll with the punches in a more dignified manner, and assume the responsibility for our actions and our lives.

We need to give more love and respect not only to others, but to ourselves also!

WE ARE ONLY HUMAN

Why is it that nowadays when someone makes a mistake people jump all over them? You see this happen especially with leaders, politicians, and people in power.

Every little thing they do is criticized and beaten down as either bad, or wrong, or stupid, crazy, or dumb. No one can be ALL wrong, ALL the time!

People are becoming more and more intolerant, critical, and unforgiving of those around them. The press is largely to blame for all of this negativity.

We need to remember that we are all human, and not everything everyone does is driven by ulterior motives.

We need to be kinder, more forgiving, and treat others more like we would like to be treated ourselves.

"Be kind, tender hearted and forgiving of one another." (Ephesians 4:32)

CAN'T RELATE

I hate talking about religion.

I do NOT enter into discussions with evangelical Christians and the like, because it is a dead end street that will get you nowhere. Their minds are always made up.

I am NOT religious. Religion is a creation of man, not of God. When I talk about God, it is not at all in the same terms as these churchy fanatics do! I do not like mainstream evangelical religion. I cannot relate to them, nor do I want to.

I believe in love. I believe in kindness, caring and helping each other. To me, these things are the essence of true religion.

To me these things are the true essence of God.

WHAT GOES AROUND

When we plant seeds, a crop comes up and we enjoy the fruits thereof. But once we eat it, it's gone. The cool part is, when we sow seeds of love, compassion and other good things here, besides reaping benefits here and now in our lives, these things actually carry over to the next world. Our good deeds live on!

So, every kind and loving deed goes out like a ripple and affects us and those around us for good. But, in like manner, every unkind word and every unloving deed sends out ripples for bad things, whether we realize it or not.

Our two worlds are interconnected, inseparable, overlapping, and intertwined. One is but a reflection of the other.

What goes around, does, most assuredly come around... and will be to our lasting credit, or shame.

OUR WORLD OF TOMORROW

With so much technology, with so many modern inventions, instead of drawing people together, the world is becoming a colder place.

People are starving for affection. They are starving for "REAL".

Our world of tomorrow depends on how we build it today. We cannot have a kinder, more understanding world tomorrow until we start being kinder and more understanding of each other today.

BEACONS

Where are the beacons in this world? So many people out there seek their own glory. So many voices sing their own praise. So many flaky and superficial people are idolized and held up as role models.

But, where are the beacons? Where are the people we can really look up to and admire?

Mother Teresa was a beacon of love. She was a beacon of compassion.

Mother Teresa didn't live a life of self exaltation, but a life of service. She spent her entire life helping the poorest of the poor. Yet most of her good deeds went unnoticed, known only to God.

Mother Teresa was and always will be a true beacon to the world.

"When you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40)

THE ONLY THINGS

We reject religions of condemnation, religions of guilt, religions of fear.

We reject religions that promote politics, propagate injustices, and perpetrate inequality.

We also reject our present world *religion* of greed and "self".

Kindness, compassion, and caring: THESE are the only things that can change our world.

IN THEIR SHOES

People criticize their neighbors. People criticize the government. People criticize law enforcement. People just like to criticize.

Cops don't have an easy job. Most public employees are just doing their jobs. Your boss is probably carrying a lot of responsibility on his shoulders. And who knows what your next door neighbor is really going through?

We need to show more compassion. We need to show a little more understanding, and not be so quick to judge.

And instead of being so quick to criticize people...

Let's put ourselves in their shoes!

"Speak not evil of one another, brethren." (James 4:11)

WE ALL SPEAK IT

We all need love. We all understand loving concern.

We may not speak a foreign language, but there is one universal language everyone speaks, everyone understands. Love transcends borders, cultures, and age.

We don't have to all agree on politics. We don't all have to see eye to eye on religion, social issues, or sports.

But we can love. We can be loving in our dealings with others.

Gentle, tender, respectful.

Tolerant, patient, and accepting.

Caring, sharing, and kind:

LOVE.

"Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God." (1 John 4:7)

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

The flame of one little candle can be seen a mile away in the middle of the night.

Don't ever feel that because there is so much darkness your little flame will not make a difference. A tiny seed doesn't grow into a big tree overnight. But it will eventually.

Every bit of love we give, every kind word, every good deed we do, will bring forth good fruit some day.

Light will brighten the darkness, and love will conquer all men's hearts.

That day WILL come!

LASTING WORTH

People are busy getting an education, furthering their careers, looking for mates, starting families, raising children. They have hopes, dreams, projects, and plans.

Many people have high and lofty goals. Some are good, and some not so much.

So what's the yardstick as to real worth?

When we get to Heaven I think we'll see it was not so much about WHAT we did, but rather if we did it with love and an unselfish giving of ourselves to others.

Those are the only things that we will be able to take with us when we die. Those are the only things that will have eternal worth.

Those are the only things that will LAST!

"The world passeth away and the things thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (1 John 2:17)

ALL BE HAPPIER

Everywhere you look, people are arguing. On television, in the press, people everywhere are at odds with each other. They argue about everything imaginable, and it doesn't seem to get them anywhere.

They only walk away more convinced that they are right and the other wrong. Don't fall into their trap!

Let's be more collaborative, more supportive of each other, and most of all more respectful. Let's make an effort to focus on the points we have in common. Let's be kinder in our dealings with others.

We will all be happier!

"Follow after the things that make for peace." (Romans 14:19)

INVESTING IN ETERNITY

We travel a lonely road here on earth. Sometimes it's a solitary journey.

Let's face it, in this life you will never get the recognition you deserve. No one will ever fully appreciate even a fraction of the sacrifices you make. If you are looking for the praise of man, you will be disappointed.

But we are investing in Eternity with every kind word, every good deed. And the time will come when we will see that we did the right thing by being loving.

We are not to look to others for help. We are to look up. Up to the Lord, where we will find the strength and comfort that only He can give.

Some day our sacrifices WILL be acknowledged!

"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen, are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18)

IT STARTS WITH US

People are becoming way too sensitive. They get offended easily and spend forever nursing their wounds and hurt feelings.

We are not here to help people work out their personal problems or get a grip on their grievances. We do not waste our time babying people and treating them with kid gloves. We are on a mission.

Ours is a mission of hope. We spend our time trying to encourage people to do something positive. We try to motivate people to think more of others and not be so into themselves.

We work toward a better world, a kinder world, a more fun world. Will you join us? You can, right there where you are. No matter your condition or limitations!

It starts with us!



A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, open my mind, open my heart and open my eyes that I may see the bigger picture, Your greater plan, and how I fit into it.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

We all need to be kinder to each other. Let's spread that message however we can!

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Our mission is to encourage people to be kinder to each other.

We should all be more caring.

The world is growing colder and colder and more than ever we need to stick together.

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