

How to bridge our divisions and bring peace to the world

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Introduction

"How to bridge our divisions and bring peace to the world"?

I have been asking this question intensely for a long time, especially since I founded the "Cercle de Reflexion des Nations" in the United Nations in New York in 1994 with educational programs for the leaders and humanity projects in order to build peace in the world.

It's an existential question of our Existence itself, so there is no absolute answer, however from the inner of each of us, we apply this every day in a conscious or / and unconscious way to maintain our balance in life.

I have no answer even today; But an ultimate spot from within gives me the courage to advance each day in the understanding of this questions with concrete issues of Why, When and How to realize these "Peace Building",

The question closer to us today is: *"How to bridge our divisions"*
My belief is that:

"Only what is beyond us brings us together"

Is it the existence of God, his manifestation, his word, his strength and our opening of the heart in relation to all these?Yes I trust (OM AY RHIM SWAHA)
And today, it is our sincere smile and joy which is the expression of what surpasses us that brings us together.

Illustrated Story of **Thomas Edison**

One day, as a small child
Thomas Edison, comes home from school and gave a paper to his mother.
He said to Her « Mom, my teacher gave this paper to me - only you are to read it ». What does it say ?

Her eyes welled with tears as she read the letter out loud to her child
« Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have good enough teachers to train him. Please teach him yourself »

His mother did just that until she fell ill and passed away.

Many years after Edison's mother died, Thomas Edison became one of the greatest inventors of the century. One day he was going through some of her

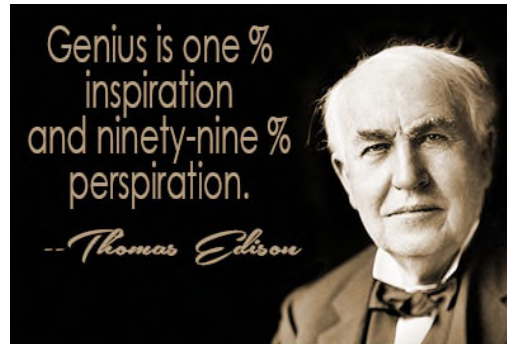
things and found the folded letter that his old teacher wrote to his Mother that day. He opened it....

The message written in the letter was

« Your son is mentally deficient, we cannot let him attend our school any more. He is expelled »

Edison became emotional reading it and then wrote in his diary

« Thomas Edison was a mentally deficient child whose mother turned him into the genius of the Century »



Thomas Alva Edison was an American inventor and businessman, who has been described as America's greatest inventor

Conclusions

1- What can we learn from the story of Thomas Edison

- The Courage and Love of the Mother (of our Mother of each of us) ;
- A positive word of encouragement can help change Someone's entire life ...

2- What can we learn today and in our everyday life similar to this story

- If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
- The word of God can help change Someone's entire life ...

3- All works of love are works of peace

And we look forward to the time *when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power*. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

It will come very soon ... because all of us know that

***POLITIC IS PROVISORY, SCIENCE IS TEMPORARY,
RELIGION (FAITH AND LOVE) IS PERMANENT***



Vedantist and Sufi, ordained as Buddhist Bodhisattva Monk (1992, 2001, 2014), **Michel Thao Chan** devotes his life as servant of peace building and sustainable development. His university background was built parallel to his professional career with the achievement of Doctorates: PhD in Biology and Doctorate es Sciences in Physics (UTC, France), MBA and DBA (ISM, USA), Doctorate of Psychology (UMSc, USA).

Specialist in Clinical Biophysics and International Negotiation, he devoted essentially his career in the Health area, as Researcher, Professor, Marketing and Development Director, Finance and Human Resources Director for small, medium and big companies (Hoechst, Nautilus, Fgene, TMC Development, LBF, Sanofi-Aventis, Securitas, Niscayah)

Founder and President of the Cercle de Reflexion des Nations (CRN) since 1994, he signed 2 education agreements at the Government level with the United Nations (UNITAR) for 2 executive programs:

- 'Doctorate of Peace Administration' for diplomats, religious leaders (signed in 2007),
 - 'PhD of International Governance and Sustainable Development' for Ministers and Vice Ministers of the world (signed in 2007, in building processes) and
- The 'declaration of the Duty of Man', United Nation, New York, 1 March 2006*

Today Michel Thao Chan devotes all his knowledge to build up Higher Mentality, Higher Morality and Higher Wisdom for the people and from the people.