

Who Will Represent Us

The Global Cooperative Forum cannot, appropriately and rightly, be organized by people whose power or leadership in the world is based on presuming (and maintaining) the illusion of people as separate egos. Those who can rightly serve the Global Cooperative Forum must be morally-enlightened persons of true integrity, who, first, relinquish whatever position (and egoic “self”-image) of power they may have previously “enjoyed”—by (now) having become dis-illusioned with ego-based power positions in general. By virtue of this relinquishment (or “face”-renunciation), such individuals stand in a completely different context—essentially, the egoless context. Standing in that context, they are inherently powerless as individuals—but they are functioning (and truly all-serving) as part and representative of an egoless whole, and they dedicate their talents to help the egoless whole of everybody-all-at-once become effective in a positive and truly global manner. Therefore, the ability to function in the egoless (or truly ego-transcending) manner is the ability that must characterize right leadership in the Global Cooperative Forum—and in even all the future time and context of humankind.

All presumptions of power, and all personal illusions, are relinquished in the disposition that is coincident with Reality Itself. In that disposition, you renounce your “costume”—your “mummer’s role” of the presumed separate (or egoic) “self”—completely. And, in that disposition, you renounce all presumed “ownership” of power and Truth.

There is no place for “warrior-kings” and “high-mucky-mucks” in the Global Cooperative Forum. There necessarily must be representatives, but the representatives must be disciplined by the people (and the necessary civilization-principles) they represent. In other words, these representatives have to be able to set aside their “self”-imagery, their conventional identity—their “name-tags”, and “flags”, and “placards”, and “slogans”—and deal with real practical issues, as true servants of the total all of humankind. There can be any number of such servant-representatives, but, as such, none of them are “warrior-kings” or “high-mucky-mucks”. In the Global Cooperative Forum, there is no room for the “one-group-over-against-another-group” mentality. By definition, and by necessity, the Global Cooperative Forum operates on the basis of the absolute, prior, and tacit equality of all. The necessary governing-agreement is that there are no “warrior-kings”, no “high-mucky-mucks”, and no senior (or, otherwise, subordinate) factions.

If differences are presumed from the beginning, effective discourse can only proceed a short distance. However, if one begins by making no differences at all, effective discourse can proceed to an unlimited degree. Such is the basis for the Global Cooperative Forum: There are no differences, no “seniors” over against “juniors”, no subordinates with others above them. There is an “equal table”, in which everyone

participates, and where representation is simply a means for making the Global Cooperative Forum able, as a practical matter, to function effectively (and in the interests of everyone equally).

The Global Cooperative Forum is—by definition, and by necessity—constantly self-correcting. Therefore, individuals who can function most flexibly in such a circumstance would be the best people to occupy the principal representative positions that are needed to enable the Global Cooperative Forum to be effective.

Obviously, the confrontational orientation to discourse cannot work in the setting of the Global Cooperative Forum itself. To carry on the process (or global human business) of the Global Cooperative Forum, the participating representatives must be able to relinquish the confrontational disposition, and, yet, still know what are the real human concerns that need to be addressed. Individuals who have a confrontational “talent” would either have to be able to set it aside to participate in this Global Cooperative Forum, or they would have to function in a different role relative to it—perhaps by providing relevant information relative to certain issues. But those who function in the role of participatory representation (of humankind as a whole) within the Global Cooperative Forum, and who, therefore, as a practical matter, must carry on its process, must be (in real practice) free of the confrontational disposition. In that sense, they must be talented “diplomats”. They must know how to carry on really effective discourse while (as a really effective “self”-discipline) relinquishing the confrontational attitude, and they must, on that basis, be all inclusive in their active disposition. It is not merely about having a “poker face”—or a false face, that merely hides a limited and all-limiting “self”-image. Rather, it is about being able to maintain the discipline of non-confrontation—and to really (and always rightly) make things happen, always now.