Waiting To Pick Up A Fight

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With all the faculties bestowed upon human beings, you would think they are the most harmonious beings on earth. But the world has never really been peaceful. People have been fighting for food, for wealth, over boundaries, and people have been fighting and are still fighting for their gods. We have always found an excuse to fight.

These days, people are saying, “We are going to make peace in the world.” Most of us are always thinking of solving the world’s problems with belief systems or kindness or goodness. It is not going to happen – it hasn’t happened for thousands of years! Trying to save the world with your kindness is like trying to fix a dam that has burst with a band-aid. Maybe you will have the satisfaction that you did something, but you are not serious about fixing the problem.

Ninety percent of the population has good intentions, but they are disorganised. Two to three percent of people have their own devious intentions, and they are organised. Because this two to three percent is organised, they are the people who take the world in whichever direction they want. Forces of anger and hate have always been well organised, while forces of love and compassion have always remained disorganised. It is time we learn to organise the forces of love and compassion.

Anger gets easily organised, but to organise peace and love, concern and care takes enormous effort because it requires individual transformation. This is not about going onto the street for a day and shouting in a peace rally, nor is it about sitting in a five-star hotel talking about peace in the world and then going home and forgetting about it. If you want to transform individual human beings, it is lifelong work. Even if you work your whole lifetime, you can be sure the work will not be complete. If you wear your life out doing this, still, all that you would have done is just a drop in the ocean. Only if you are ready for that, you must take up individual transformation. If you are thinking of completing something before you die, you should not take up this job. Just shout in a peace rally, throw stones at somebody, cause a revolution and think it is done. But it will never be done. Everything will be back to square one again.

Yes, politically, internationally, something needs to be done for immediate purposes, but if you are thinking of a long-term peace programme in the world, then at least all the leadership in the world should know how to be peaceful. Without being capable of bringing peace into your own being, there is no way you are going to be capable of bringing peace to the world. Whatever you are seeing in the world is just an enlarged projection of your mind. If you cannot keep your own mind peaceful – if you cannot control a bucketful of water in your hands, where is the question of you marshalling the oceans?

If we do not work for individual transformation and look for ways of making the individual peaceful, talking about world peace is nothing more than a pastime. Only if you are willing to transform yourself and every human being, only then will this effort produce results in the long term.

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