

Chapter 2: Do You Want to Save the World? – Gordon Harper

What We've Been

- Been Harboring a Hope that if we do good work it will spread and bring about change
>> Some Test Questions to see if we fit the description
- Big False Assumption we've made: that Leaders are interested in what works
- Must abandon dreams of influencing others through what we do
- Big Shift we have to make:
from Savior to Warrior

What We Be

- Book is about claiming the new role of warrior--of the human spirit
>> Choose for peace
>> See the world as it is
>> Change ourselves by accepting
>> Contribute things of eternal importance: how to live together
- It matters not where / if history is moving; stop trying to influence it
Products of the two paths: 1) exhaustion and despair;
2) meaning, strength and contentment
- Create meaning together, focusing on the present moment

Questions:

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