

Rotary Foundation's Road to Peace

Human life on this planet is always revolving around good and bad. The very basis of right and wrong is good and bad. People always believe that they are good and somebody else is bad, isn't it? That is one of the ways they can carry on their mission in this world. When we drive along treacherous hilly tracts in the steep mountains, such as the Himalayas, we see many vehicles going off the road. One mistake while driving on those curves and you have had it. If a better and safe road is constructed it is good for the traveller. But in the process more of the mountain will be destroyed and this becomes bad for some. Now, whatever a terrorist is doing, is it good or bad? It all depends on what you are identified with.

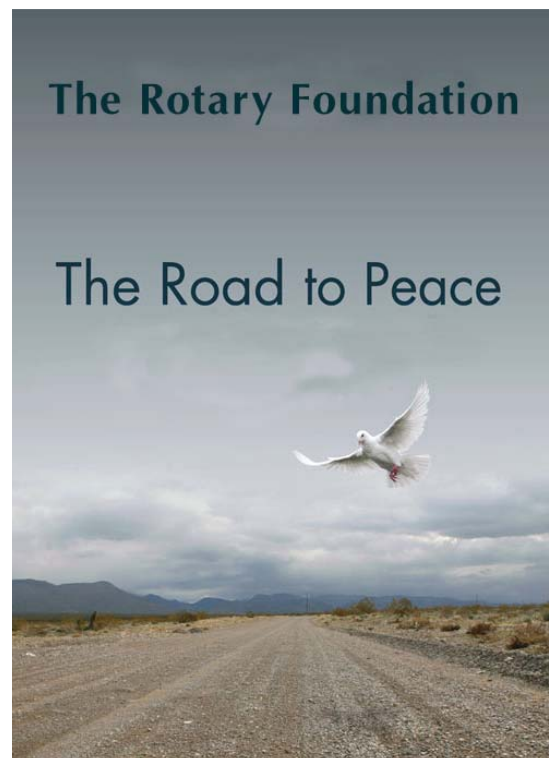
This is the view of people who divide the world according to their ego requirements.

People who do not want to give peace a chance are rigid and it is this rigidity of them that has prevented them from becoming better human beings. They become rigid in many dimensions. Somebody who is very rigid in his thoughts and emotions believes he is perfect. He does not allow room for any other way of looking, thinking or feeling. When we meet such persons we think he is pig-headed. But he thinks otherwise.

The rigidity of persons in many dimensions is not really separate. They are all interconnected. The rigidity in one dimension manifests itself into the others. This simple limitation has been increasing with more number of persons with the passage of time. The little flexibility that was there in their life became less as time went by. A day came in the life of these people when they became totally rigid, both physically and mentally. They started disturbing peace in the world.

For them life is just a regression. They stopped growing and started going backwards.

The Rotary Foundation was quick in recognising these people as the stumbling blocks in the road to peace. The Trustees understood need to clear up the minds of these rigid people first, if peace was to become a reality. The studies in select universities around



the world which is being funded by TRF aims to develop scholars who will make these people see that if they go against that which is the source of life, then they are stupid. The peace scholars are utilising their knowledge to teach the perpetrators of violence in many spheres to utilise their intelligence to reach the peak of their consciousness and to become peaceful and loving. This way, the road for peace will be paved with tolerance. I am not saying that paving the road to peace is really that simple. The path by itself is not complicated. The hurdles that the peace scholars encounter on the

road are not because of the path. The complexities were there because of the mess in the minds of the people who were at loggerheads. If nothing moves within the people then rigor mortis will set in. People need the loving care of experts to quell the madness in their minds. The Rotary Foundation is generating such experts every year. Since the so called trouble makers are not willing to surrender their will, TRF is prodding them through the peace scholars to unleash a flood of enormous energy which will wipe away their petty minds and leave them as good human beings, the way the Creator intended them to be.

If a person is capable of being ignorant, he is also capable of being enlightened. The road to peace will be complete and lit up only if we strive to enlighten the people who have strayed away from the path of progress. The Rotary Foundation's peace initiatives revolves around making people to just melt and become part of the wind around them, the earth around them and become a part of everything around them. The road to peace which is being laid by TRF will be traversed by the same people who once dug it up. Only this time they will be truly energetic and communicate with everyone and everything and remove the distinction between this and that.

Paving a good road for peace to sustain is the need of the hour. This needs your monetary support. The programme of The Rotary Foundation in this area is unmatched. Open your heart to peace. Open your purse for the road to peace to be laid.



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