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Man has divided the earth as yours and mine. Why?

(Source: Krishnamurti to Himself)

Man has lived on this earth which is being slowly destroyed, and why cannot he live in peace with another human being? Why are there separate nations, which is after all glorified tribalism? And religions are also at war with each other. Ideologies, whether it is the Russian or the American or any other ideology, are all at war with each other, in conflict. And after living on this earth for so many centuries, why is it that man cannot live peacefully on this marvellous earth?

(Source: J.Krishnamurti, Talk to the United Nations "Peace On Earth" Committee, 1985).

It is our earth, not yours or mine or his. We are meant to live on it, helping each other, not destroying each other. This is not some romantic nonsense but the actual fact. If you harm others, if you kill others, whether in anger or by organised murder which is called war, you – who are the rest of humanity, not a separate human being fighting the rest of mankind – are destroying yourself.

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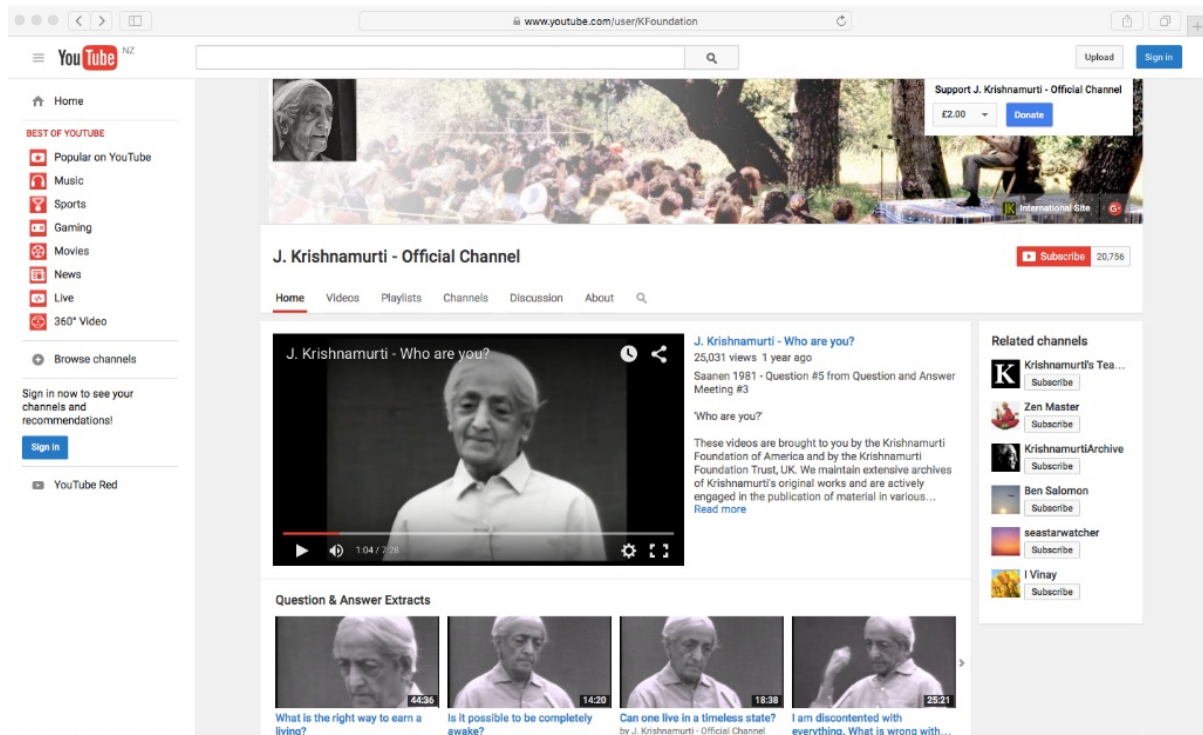
The image and quotes above are taken from a series of exhibition panels created by Vikram Parchure. The title of the exhibition is "To the Young".

Vikram is a designer exploring design as an instrument of social change and value education. He had his formal training at the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, and has explored design in the context of diverse fields. He has been involved with curriculum design in mainstream and progressive education, the design of learners' aids in adult literacy and non-formal education programmes, the design of conscience raising programmes for the socially oppressed, and the teaching of value education through theatre. He innovated a pilot heritage education programme near Chennai to address issues of cultural alienation in contemporary society. He is currently working towards establishing centres for heritage education in South India.

Krishnamurti's deep concern for the young– the unfortunate inheritors of a profoundly disturbed, violent and insecure world— led him to exhort youth to insightfully understand and address the global crisis that looms before them. He alerted them to the fact that old ways of problem-solving will prove too inadequate to deal with the complexity of present-day dilemmas. The nature of this crisis is such that it demands an entirely new approach, and this is possible only to a mind that is fresh, youthful, perceptive and ever-willing to face the challenges of uncertainty. What makes for such a youthful quality of mind, regardless of the body's physical age? This is a vitally important question that is explored in these panels.

Each forthcoming KANZ newsletter will present one of the panels developed by Vikram for the reader's interest and reflection on the key themes of this exhibition.

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Think on These Things – Asking Questions About Oneself

“Think on These Things” is study program developed by the Krishnamurti Foundation of America.

Its intent is to engage people in asking fundamental questions of themselves and to bring about the space necessary for a deeper self-inquiry and self-understanding.

The questions asked are meant to challenge the deeply held assumptions we have about ourselves and about our life.

Part of our shared humanness is our ability to observe. Yet, observation can become instantly clouded amidst our attempts to self-analyse, label and solve whichever internal problem we are experiencing.

“Think on These Things” is a direct invitation for us to simply look and observe ourselves.

When one is presented with a question we may not have considered before—a question that has the potential to radically challenge the very perspective from which we begin to think—a different kind of inquiry and learning is possible.

Quietly contemplating these questions with an open mind can bring about the space for this learning.

The issues explored within the programme are widely relevant, regardless of age, background or education. They can be focused on by someone on their own, or discussed within a group.

Think on These Things will cover twelve topics and questions over the coming months.

1. **Authority** - What is the role of authority in our lives?
2. **Education** – Why are you educated?
3. **Listening** – Is it possible to listen impartially?
4. **Meaning** – What makes life really worth living for you?
5. **Identity** – Why do you identify with anything at all?
6. **Violence** – Where does violence begin and end?
7. **Comparison** – Why do we compare?
8. **Success** – Why do you want to become anything at all?
9. **Fear** – What is the effect of fear on your mind and on your actions?
10. **Truth** – How do you know if something is true?
11. **Loneliness** – What does loneliness feel like?
12. **Happiness** – Can there be happiness without pleasure?
13. **Freedom** – Are you free?

Think on These Things - "Authority"

The aim of this programme is to present a series of challenging questions for a person, or a group, to observe openly, and without

pre-conception, what these questions mean.

Question: What is the role of authority in our lives?

Sub-Questions (to help with this enquiry):

What kinds of authority exist? e.g. religion, school, parents, police, experts, practical, psychological

How do we create authority in ourselves?

What is the difference between inner and outer authority?

What would it mean to be free from authority?

Once you, or your group, have looked at the question on authority the following links to a video and text may be of further interest.

Video: [Freedom and Authority](#)

Text: [Freedom from the Known – Chapter 1](#)

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