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We Are Brought Up To Be Violent

That is a fact: we are violent human beings. From childhood we are brought up to be violent, competitive, beastly to one another. We have never faced the fact.

Beyond Violence, Ch. 1

Violence plays an extraordinary part in our life; we never ask whether the mind can be completely and utterly free from violence. We have accepted it as part of life, as we have accepted war as a way of life. And we have our favourite wars; you may not like this particular war, but you don't mind having other kinds of wars. And we never question whether the mind can be really and truly, deeply free of violence.

San Diego 1970, Talk 3

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. But man has divided the earth, hoping thereby that in the particular he is going to find happiness, security, a sense of abiding comfort. Until a radical change takes place and we wipe out all nationalities, all ideologies, all religious divisions, and establish a global relationship—psychologically first, inwardly, before organising the outer—we shall go on with wars. 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. This is the real issue, the basic issue, which you must understand and resolve. Until you are committed, dedicated, to eradicating this national, economic, religious division, you are perpetuating war. You are responsible for all wars, whether nuclear or traditional.

Krishnamurti to Himself, 31 March 1983

In a world that is so utterly confused and violent, where there is every form of revolt and a thousand explanations for these revolts, it is hoped that there will be social reformation, different realities and greater freedom for man. In every country, in every clime, under the banner of peace, there is violence; in the name of truth there is exploitation, misery; there are the starving millions; there is suppression under great tyrannies, there is much social injustice. There is war, conscription and the evasion of conscription. There is really great confusion and terrible violence; hatred is justified; escapism in every form is accepted as the norm of life. When one is aware of all this, one is confused, uncertain as to what to do, what to think, what part to play. What is one to do? Join the activists or escape into some kind of inward isolation? Go back to the old religious ideas? Start a new sect, or carry on with one's own prejudices and inclinations? Seeing all this, one naturally wants to know for oneself what to do, what to think, how to live a different kind of life.

If we can find a light in ourselves, a way of living in which there is no violence whatsoever, a way of life which is utterly religious and therefore without fear, a life that is inwardly stable, which cannot be touched by outward events, that, I think, will be eminently worthwhile.

The Impossible Question, Ch. 1

Peace is not dependent on politicians, on the army; they have too much vested interest. It is not dependent on the priests, nor on any belief. All religions have always talked peace and entered into war. That's the way

of our lives.

The Collected Works, Vol. 17

Men are bent on slaughtering each other; you are bent on slaughtering your neighbour—not with swords, perhaps, but you are exploiting them, aren't you, politically, religiously, and economically? You do not want to prevent the impending war because some of you are going to make money. The cunning are going to make money, and the stupid also will want to make more. For God's sake, see the ugliness, the ruthlessness of it, sir! When you have a set purpose of gain at all costs, the result is inevitable, is it not?

The Collected Works, Vol. 6

It is violence when we use a sharp word, when we make a gesture to brush away a person, when we obey because there is fear. So violence isn't merely organised butchery in the name of God, in the name of society, or country. Violence is much more subtle, much deeper, and we are inquiring into the very depths of violence. When you call yourself an Indian, or a Muslim, or a Christian, or a European, or anything else, you are being violent. Do you see why it is violent? Because you are separating yourself from the rest of mankind.

Freedom from the Known, Ch. 6

To be free of violence implies freedom from everything that man has put to another man: belief, dogma, rituals, my country, your country, your god and my god, my opinion, your opinion, my ideal... All those help to divide human beings and therefore breed violence.

Beyond Violence, Ch. 6

David Bohm: Do you think it is possible that a thing like this could divert the course of mankind away from the dangerous path it is taking?

Krishnamurti: Yes, that is what I think. But to divert the course of man's destruction, somebody must listen. Somebody—ten people—must listen! Listen to that immensity calling.

The Ending of Time, Ch. 8

A clear contemporary statement of the fundamental human problem, together with an invitation to solve it in the only way in which it can be solved—by and for oneself.

Aldous Huxley in his Foreword to The First and Last Freedom

The image and quotations above are sourced from an exhibition, entitled, "A World in Crisis", which has been put together by the Krishnamurti Foundation India in order to share with others Krishnamurti's insights into the nature of the crisis. Over the coming months each KANZ newsletter will present one of the panels from this exhibition.

Our thanks to Krishnamurti Foundation Trust (England), Krishnamurti Foundation of America, and to the many professional and amateur photographers for the use of their work in this humanitarian venture

An Interview with Mark Lee



Warren Snow, who lives near Kaitia, visited the Krishnamurti Centre in Ojai, California, a year ago, and met with, and interviewed, Mark and Asha Lee.

Mark Lee was an associate of Krishnamurti for 20 years and helped him set up the Oak Grove School in 1975. He was the School's first Director

taking it from just a few pupils in 1975 to a fully integrated school for ages three to seventeen. In 1986 Mark became Director of the Krishnamurti Foundation of America (KFA), a role he held until 2010. He went on to founding a publishing company and writing books himself including his most recent, “Knocking on the Open Door”, which outlines his and wife Asha’s long relationship with Krishnamurti.

Asha Lee was the Rishi Valley School (AP India) Doctor and Founder of the Rishi Valley Rural Clinic there which went on to become a small hospital with specialisation in treating diabetics. In Ojai she founded the Special Children’s Foundation for multiply handicapped mentally challenged youth. From 1969 to the present she has been married to Mark Lee and supported him in his work.

Read the interview transcript [here](#).

Krishnamurti YouTube Channel



The four international Krishnamurti Foundations, are continuing to make the teachings available to new and existing audiences.

The Foundations have a fast-growing collection of video and audio on the official Krishnamurti [YouTube Channel](#). This channel recently reached the milestone of 150,000 subscribers; it attracts 4,500 new

subscribers every month!

This official channel has become the number one YouTube channel for the Krishnamurti's teachings with material in more than 30 languages.

The channel can be accessed [here](#).



The Krishnamurti Foundation of America hosted their Annual Gathering at the Oak Grove School in Ojai, California in May.

The Gathering celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Krishnamurti Foundation of America with interesting talks from speakers such as Michael Mendizza, (author, filmmaker, and former KFA trustee), Michael Krohnen, (Krishnamurti's friend and personal chef), and Prof. Krishna, (Trustee of the Krishnamurti Foundation of India).

Over the past few months KANZ has presented recorded videos from the event programme.

The eighth and final presentation is from Sunday 5th May and is entitled "Exploring Dialogue" with Javier Gomez Rodriguez, and can be viewed [here](#).

A Summary of KANZ Activity in 2019



Facebook

- 458 Followers
- 440 Likes
- Approx 1,000 post reaches each week

Website

- 1,100 hits per annum
- Countries, NZ, US, England, Australia, Germany, India, France, Spain, Denmark, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, Turkey, Belgium, Switzerland, Slovenia, Brazil, China, Egypt, Italy, Philipines, Portugal, Vietnam, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Sri Lanka, Peru, Pakistan, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine, South Africa

E-Newsletter

- 310 subscribers
- Also posted on Facebook with a paid boost which reaches 1,500 people in NZ per month, as well as the exisiting 1,000 who access the Facebook site each week
- Full archive of 56 past newsletters available on KANZ web site

Hard Copy Newsletter

- A quarterly printed newsletter is sent to 143 people in New Zealand who do not have e-mail addresses

Gatherings

- A gathering was held in February, near Auckland, and was attended by 17 people
- An independent gathering was also held in September, organised by Clive Elwell, who runs the Krishnamurti Lending Library in NZ

Promotion

- Two KANZ Trustees visited Kaitaia, Christchurch, Nelson, New Plymouth, and Hamilton and held public meetings to promote interest in K's teachings

Dialogue Groups

- There are three active dialogue groups meeting regularly, one in Hamilton, and two in Auckland. There are other groups of people meeting less frequently around the country

International Communication

- KANZ represented NZ at the bi-annual International Committees Meeting at Brockwood Park in England
- The KANZ Secretary attended the Australian National Gathering in November and also attended their committee's AGM

KANZ is a charitable society, affiliated with the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust, and works to promote the study of Krishnamurti's Teachings in New Zealand.

The work is carried out by volunteers and is funded by donations and bequests.

If you would like to support this work and help broaden the communication and understanding of Krishnamurti's Teachings in New Zealand then please consider making a donation or bequest to KANZ for whatever you can afford.

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"THE PROBLEM OF THOUGHT"

- An Open Enquiry

Through self-enquiry, through silence, through meditation, through dialogue, through observation, along with the voices of others, we will enquire together into the most fundamental problem of our life, thought and the self.

The event is not based on any belief system, and no authority figure is involved.



"The real problem is the mind itself, not the problems that the mind creates and tries to solve"

APRIL 25-27, 2020

Venue: Risingholme Community Centre, 22 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa, Christchurch

Cost: \$30 per day for Cantabrians (\$90 for full event), \$10 per day for others

Please note that the event is non-residential, although possibilities for accommodation exist

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For more information, see the Facebook event
"The Problem of Thought - an open enquiry"

"Nothing is either good or bad but thinking makes it so"

- Shakespeare

"We live in a world that is made up of concepts, our thoughts, our conditioning"

- Steven Harrison

"Thought shattering itself against its own nothingness is the explosion of meditation"

- J Krishnamurti

Following the Coromandel retreat in September 2019, organised by Clive Elwell, a three day gathering will be held in Christchurch in April 2020, entitled **"The Problem of Thought - an Open Enquiry"**. Although the two events have similar titles, and both focus on the basic issue of

thought, the approach and the material of the Christchurch event will differ significantly from its predecessor. This event will be jointly facilitated by Clive Elwell and Mark Matsis.

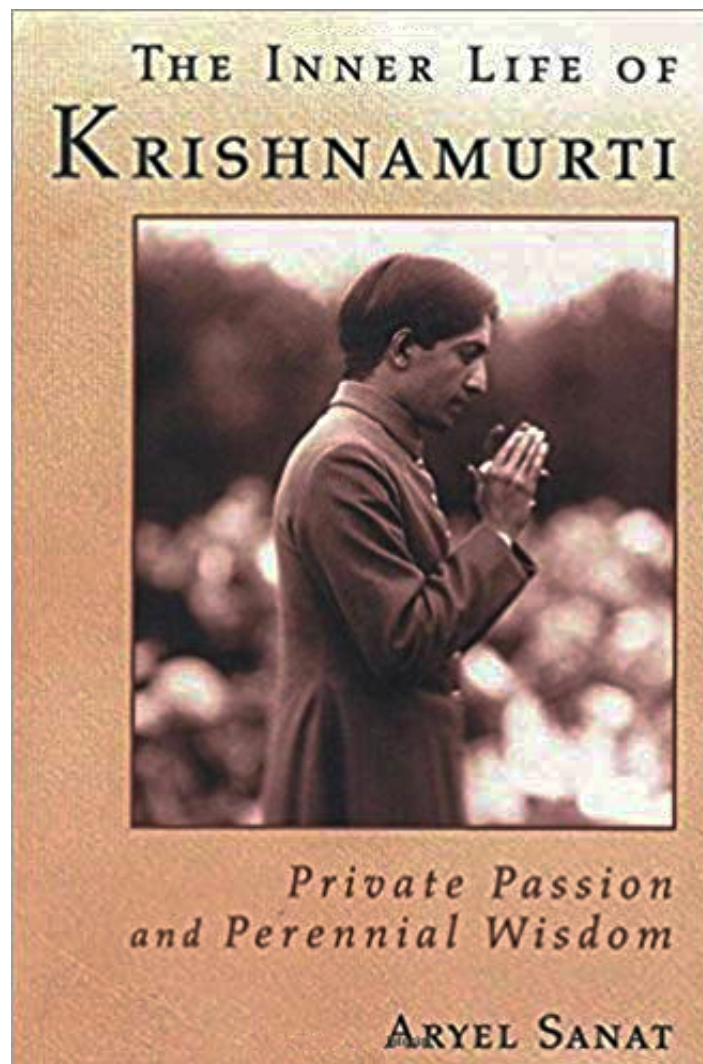
It is emphasised strongly that the fundamental approach is through enquiry, and there is no authority figure involved.

For more information see the Facebook Event page by clicking here:

The problem of thought – an open enquiry

The Krishnamurti Postal Lending Library

– Books About Krishnamurti



As well as numerous books by Krishnamurti, (mostly transcribed from

his talks and dialogues), the library contains a range of books about Krishnamurti. In the library classification system these books start with the number '10.' (see the list online at <http://www.krishnamurti-nz.org/library/books>).

There are two sorts of book in this range – First, the 'official' biographies by Mary Lutyens and Pupul Jayakar, and second, informal accounts by people who were acquainted with Krishnamurti, who came into personal contact with him, or worked alongside him. For example, earlier this year "A Jewel on a Silver Platter", by Professor P. Krishna, was reviewed in this newsletter. There are almost thirty books of this type in the library, and new ones are still being published – the latest being Mary Zimbalist's unfinished work "In the Presence of Krishnamurti"

To mention just a few of these books:

- "The Transparent Mind" by Donald Ingram Smith
- "Krishnamurti: The Reluctant Messiah" by Sidney Field
- "The Beauty of the Mountains: Memories of J. Krishnamurti" by Friedrich Grohe.
- "As the River Joins the Ocean" by G. Narayan
- "The Kitchen Chronicles: 1001 Lunches with J. Krishnamurti" by Michael Krohnen

Each of these books reveals different facets of Krishnamurti and his teachings.

Other books can be found in the Krishnamurti Postal Lending Library:

<http://www.krishnamurti-nz.org/library>

To contact the Library, email:

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For a complete list of books available in the Krishnamurti Postal Lending library, see:

<http://www.krishnamurti-nz.org/library/books>

There is no charge for borrowing.

Christchurch Dialogue Meeting

We carry about with us the burden of what thousands of people have said and the memories of all our misfortunes. To abandon all that totally is to be alone, and the mind that is alone is not only innocent but young – not in time or age, but young, innocent, alive at whatever age – and only such a mind can see that which is truth and that which is not measurable by words.

Saturday, 25 January, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

**Christchurch City South Library Learning Centre
66 Colombo Street, Sydenham Room**

(Please use After Hours Entrance at the far end of the building furthest from Colombo Street)

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