



Between the Lines

The Inside Story

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What in the world...?

I am still transitioning into retirement but can't stop thinking about our family of thousands at STS. I would like to share some thoughts with you. Firstly, we all got slammed with the incursion of covid-19...this thing pulled the rug out from under the worlds feet. The experts tell us we are winning this battle, the longer it hangs around the more we learn and understand it, but it will be with us for a long time to come. Then along came the spotlight on discrimination, abuse by police, offensive treatment, bias statements. It was always there, however, like almost all of us, I feel it is time to be dealt with once and for all. Over the last few years the folks that support the hate groups came out of the closet, somehow feel empowered, now it's ok to hate out in the open. In the past, most of society's terrible unacceptable behavior was insidious. We don't get to manage other people's feelings but work on the curve has started nationally. Keep in mind there's nothing more annoying to them than a good example. The problem is that if society always does what it always did we will always get what we always got. We all know that some people need to change the way they think about humanity, about where we all come from, how the human race began. The challenge is the folks that need the change the most, don't realize that we are no different from one another. Sound familiar...? "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Everyone is born with a conscience, that gives one the chance to think twice before acting, to review the consequences of what we say or do. Without a conscience there is no compassion, empathy, understanding, sympathy or concern for the suffering or misfortunes of others. Sure, some differences exist, wealth, education, status, etc. Pretend with me for a moment. If there was a way to conduct an experiment by taking people from each race, even from different countries, and from birth kept separate from our current society, all are treated the same way with educational opportunities, free from threats and abuse. Sure...you get it...in reality everyone doesn't get the same chance as everyone else. But, if they did, my guess is all the folks from this group because they were not polluted with influence from anyone who fosters hate or prejudice would not see each other in a different light. The way we treat other people should be as important to us as the air we breath. Every human, all of us on earth have 99.9% the same elements of our DNA, regardless of race, color or subculture. Of course we each have our own built in signature . Where did all this start...there are different opinions, some scriptures say it all started with Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden. If that's your belief we all answer to a common higher power. Others say it started from the first human in Africa where science thinks humanity originated, and if that's your belief we all have an African common ancestor. Of course either way changes evolved to us for various reasons; geographical location, the way we look, color of our skin, the way we talk and what and how we eat, etc. As we evolve we adapt to our environment. A camel has three eyelids to survive sandstorms and can go without water for seven months due to the unavailability of water in the desert. Dinosaurs closest living relatives on earth today are chickens and birds. They were not born that way, they evolved. Almost everything in modern times evolved in the last one hundred and fifty years... except racial equality. It would be my wish that somehow all social media TV stations and newspapers worldwide could show what it's like to be in an environment much like Suffolk Transportation, to understand what people are capable of when there is no prejudices, bias or bullying. What would the world be like then, I can only imagine. "for those who understand, no explanation is necessary, for those who don't want to understand no explanation will suffice"