

The Current State of Men's Issues

Globally men's issues are the elephant in the room-invisible, unnoticed and for the most part irrelevant. In most cultures and for many people, even in the West the primary roles of men are to create wealth, provide protection and create security. So for most men in the global context any challenge to these issues are invisible and rarely occur. The reasons for this are complex but in many circumstances men have not fulfilled the role expectations of their cultures-at least not yet. In the West many men have accomplished all three cultural demands and can now choose a different cultural identity. However many of these men do not know when to stop, so they fail to realize they have already accomplished or vastly exceeded what was expected of them. Some have, men such as Warren Buffet, Carnegie or Bill Gates have all exceeded what was expected of them and now give vast sums to charity. They did not have to wait this long! But some do not know when to quit! Is it possible that they're level of oppression was so great that they could not stop before? Now they can relax and give back to their community, that is, the one who gave them the wealth in the first place. Philanthropy is just the first step though, and future solutions will require an even bigger transformation in identity.

As was mentioned in the Introduction to my book, male roles began as a reaction to the demands of the environment and the needs of the community. Also this paradigm has continued into the present times. There are three core beliefs of this ancient role model. One, is that we are all competitors-that we are alone in the world. The second is the belief in scarcity-that there will never be enough. Finally third, is the belief that no matter what we do, we are never enough. We are all ruled by these beliefs and they are unconscious evidence of our oppression.

However the transformation I mentioned above requires men to believe and act out in daily life free of that oppression by, one, there is no enemy only different levels of compassion or empathy. Two, there is enough for all if we share, therefore we do not need to fear for our survival. And third, we are good enough, even right now to be loved and cared for.

Accepting and acting out of this new set of core beliefs will transform our civilization.

To sum up our oppression in one sentence: We endlessly compete for resources based upon the false premise that there will never be enough.