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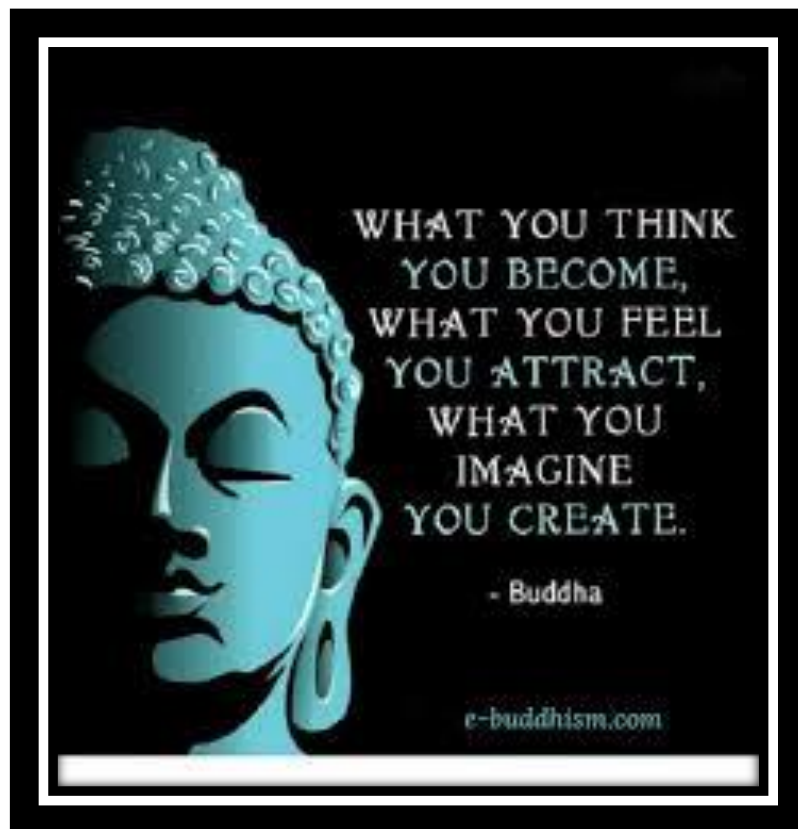
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Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

Spotlight

Positive Thoughts For the Mind



By DonnaMarie Woodson



When living in challenging times one of the most important and often the hardest concept to focus on is keeping a positive attitude.

One of my favorite quotes is from
Buddha:

"What you think you become. What you feel you attract. What you imagine you create."

And, what we consume in the mainstream media day after day can exacerbate the stress and anxiety we already feel about events on the local and world stage. Maybe we need to change the quality and type of energy we are exposing ourselves to on a regular basis.

I'm not naive, but when I interact with folks, it's a far cry from the images I see on television. Face to face, most people are considerate. When we don't project negative energy on others and assume we know what they're about, we all get along a little better.

As a cancer survivor, one of the most valuable lessons I took away from my experience is the power of positive thought and attitude. I could have gotten depressed and given up, believing that the cancer was a death sentence, but I didn't. Instead I made up my mind to have faith and like Buddha said: *"What you imagine you create."*

I started writing about the amazing results of a positive mindset during my cancer journey and how that affected my overall experience: no bad nausea or serious side effects from radiation and chemotherapy. I took it one moment at a time.

And, low and behold, positive energy attracts positive energy and now I'm blessed to be writing and uplifting others. My website www.livinginthemoment2015.com is all about motivating people and inspiring others to achieve and be their best. This is an idea I feel is sorely lacking in the conventional news stories and comments we read on Twitter and Facebook.

In living our day to day lives we can get caught up in the grind and



mundane routine of getting up in the morning, going to work (whether inside or outside the home), trying to check off all the items on our to-do list, going to bed and waking up to perform the entire exercise all over again.

We want the best for ourselves and our families but in trying to achieve our goals we can start to take a very myopic view of the world around us.

This is why it is so important to have access to information that puts the emphasis on the positive aspects of the news we see and read about. Because, the bottom line is, happiness is a choice; it's in our own hands.

We have the ability to decide our reaction to circumstances or challenges we have to deal with in trying times. Control, in general, is an illusion. We can't control others, only ourselves. The world spins and weaves its web, just waiting for us to play the victim in the spider's lair.

When the urge arises to enter the trap, pause, and ask yourself. Do I elect to feel self-pity, depression, anger? Or, do I decide to stay positive and turn the negative into an opportunity? How do I write



this chapter of my life and does it end with a period, question, or exclamation mark?!

With all the constant madness in the news we need sources for a reality check. Stories that put our lives into perspective; not the hype on the local cable channel.

And, we must always remember what Buddha said:

“What you think you become. What you feel you attract. What you imagine you create.”

Let's Choose to Be Positive!

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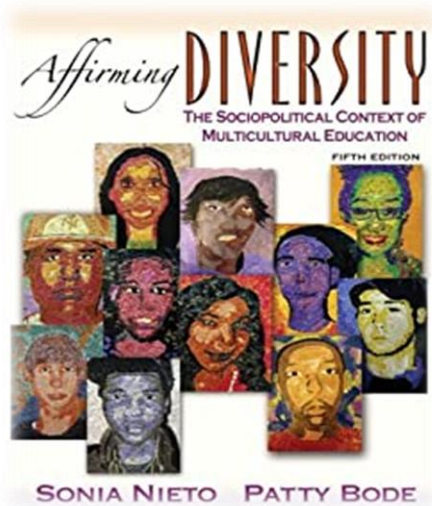
Editorial

The Return of Multiculturalism

By

Tarik Kiley

November 29, 2020



Approximately half of President-elect Joe Biden's transition team consist of people of color. Forty-six percent of the transition staff are people of color with forty-one percent of the senior staff being people of color, according to CNN. This fact, in addition to the fact that he chose Kamala Harris, who is Black and South Asian, to be his running mate as Vice-President

demonstrates a significant move in political philosophy away from the racism of former President Donald Trump.

In fact, one could argue that President-elect Joe Biden is reviving the multicultural political philosophy which America exemplifies in its actual demographic makeup. But what is multiculturalism?

Multiculturalism is a political philosophy which embraces cultural diversity and seeks to comprehend religious, ethnic, and national cultural differences. Multiculturalism is also based in democracy attempting to recognize cultures in a diverse multiethnic world as being equal.



Multiculturalism is not assimilation. Instead of people adopting the predominant culture, as is the case with assimilation, the idea is one of acculturation, where various groups integrate but not at the expense of cultural diversity. In the end multiculturalism respects political identity.

This includes political representation, but also cultural representation in social institutions. I would stretch this even further to include authentic cultural representation in theater and film, for example. I would also go even further to argue that this includes the preservation of indigenous languages, and cultural practices.



While multiculturalism could be associated with a “liberal” political philosophy, I would argue that this is not in the pejorative sense of the word, but instead in a sense where liberty is meant to be

synonymous with the word, “freedom.” This ultimately is found in the freedom of people to practice their culture and to live a life free from past concepts of colonialism, imperialism, and assimilation, as these are all forms of social domination. Social domination alienates, where multiculturalism recognizes not only the need for freedom but also for respect and a sense of belonging which defines human beings as social creatures.

Ultimately, multiculturalism is about coexistence. This is important because as the world gets smaller through increased development of communications technology, very few cultures remain remote, and cross pollination occurs, particularly in urban settings. Because of this, more people of various cultures are interacting with one another, and due to this fact, the reality of an interconnected, multiethnic world is upon us. Today, even if you would prefer to remain ethnocentric, it has become increasingly difficult to be ethnocentric.



Obviously, I am arguing that multiculturalism is a good thing. But, regardless of the value judgment attached to perceptions of culture, one must admit that we live in a multiethnic world. The genie is out of the bottle, and it is not going back.



In a post-COVID reality, we are going to have to deal with technology which allows people to communicate on the Internet across the globe. We will see the return of

international flights, and the development of low orbit space travel which will decrease travel times between destinations on this globe. The continued evolution of technology will most definitely shrink our world and the perceptions of who our neighbors are. This means that we will have to develop a respect for our neighbors and cannot retreat into the corner of xenophobia, simply because it is not possible to completely isolate oneself anymore.

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Announcements



December Gathering (Last of 2020)

**Hosted by LGBTQ Democrats of
Mecklenburg County**

Tuesday, December 1st

7 PM– 8:30 PM

Registration via Zoom required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451200000>
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Picking Up the Pieces During Pandemic and Beyond:

**A Generational Opportunity for
Equity, Racial Justice**

Thursday, December 3rd, 7 PM – 8 PM

Hosted by:

**Communities for the Education of Every
Child NC and League of Women Voters of
Charlotte-Mecklenburg**

Online Event

<https://bit.ly/34xYBJI>

Announcements



DEMOCRATS OF NORTH MECKLENBURG MEETING

Thursday, December 3rd, 7:00 PM

Zoom

Unacceptable Campaign, A Humanitarian Crisis

Hosted by Restorative Justice CLT, Evillyn Lewis

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020, 7 PM – 8 PM EST

Online Event:

<https://hillel.zoom.us/j/98948581754?pwd=T1FpUXVJRkd3UTU5VkhEMXdldlcS9zQT09>

District 4 Virtual Town Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020, 6 PM – 7:30 PM EST

Hosted by City of Charlotte Government

and Renee Perkins Johnson Council District 4

Facebook Live

Announcements



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020, 1 PM EST – 5 PM EST

NODA@28th Creative Arts Studios

2424 N. Davidson St. suite 110

Charlotte, NC 28205

Loc'd By Choice is raising money to purchase toys to hand out to children at their Black Owned Business Christmas PopUp Shop.



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