

"Shaping Peace together"

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'Peace', a ubiquitous word said in places of worship every day, written in numerous books, said by every parent and teacher, but lacking in practice by many societies worldwide. What is Peace? In my opinion, peace is a condition achieved when there is no violence, harm, humiliation despite the huge diversity of humanity and that a harmonious society is formed. Peace is not yet achieved in numerous societies due to various reasons: feeling of superiority, lack of understanding, prejudiced assumptions.

Shaping peace together: in the midst of a diverse society of cultures, religions and races, peace can still be achieved by instilling an open-minded mindset and willingness to accept differences in every individual. A willingness to understand those of different races or religions can eliminate prejudice assumptions which are two of the major causes of an inharmonious society. Willingness to interact positively with one another is essential in shaping peace in this diverse world.

Feeling of superiority should also be eradicated to ensure peace in society. Many riots and fights arouse from feelings of superiority of one side of a race or religion over another. As an example, the race riots in America recently which sparked protests all over America and the world was a result of this feeling.

In essence, shaping peace in a society is a collective effort. Everyone should play each of their own parts to create a harmonious society for all so that progress towards the betterment can continue.

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