

“The suffering of the abused is honored if the abusers and those who follow create something better”

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Colonialism should be noted; it's cause is greed; it is the greed that results in abuse.

The basic orientation of humanity needs to be modified in order to find something in remotely resembling a solution to greed. The selfishness of “me” needs to be converted into a selfishness for “us” where “us” transforms into a larger and larger group to ultimately include all. Christianity address this as do other religions and possibly some atheistic styles.

Education, beginning in the family, needs to create this beneficial transformation for each individual. If families are undervalued and moral education is rejected changes only make things worse. Programs

and initiatives result in division rather than points of emphasis for discussion and improvement.

Righteous indignation is appropriate but basic individual change is required not specific reparative programs. One of these actions is easy, one takes some work and the other is impossible but needs to be undertaken to make real progress.

The suffering of the abused is honored if the abusers and those who follow create something better, something that is required by justice. Making America Great is an ongoing demand of our checkered history; it's not a political pitch but a moral imperative.

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