

Re: Mr. Castro and John Lennon

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Excellant reply!! Full of passion and thought. This is what I was hoping for after all.

krp wrote:
Yes they monitor this newsgroup.

Well of course, why wouldn't they. Its thier job and you know what? You never know where things like this will end up in the food chain. Don't forget that we are all human beings and as such we are extremely curious creatures by nature, Thier first task is to determine relevance, of import or merely mindless dribble. Next is to determine the nature of this thing, is it friend or foe and being in the business they are, they will assume the latter until proven otherwise. That's standard procedure I believe and a logical way to proceed. But just to put them a little more at ease they should know that I hate unrestricted capitalism and false democracies based on the former. I do on the other hand believe in free and democratic societies. But we can talk about such details later. Lets keep it light and in the more theoretical, philosophical relm for now.

Yes you oversimplfy the issues.

Well of course but that is what will lead to further discussion and enlightenment will it not? I have often found that things are far more complex then they first appear. I have also come to know that a complex thing is usually comprised of many other simpler things acting in a complex manner.

Yes you are ignorant of the conditions in Cuba as most North Americans are.

Yes, that is a problem and one of the first we should try to overcome I would think. Don't you agree? A lack of knowledge can be a dangerous

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and tragic thing. It can lead to misjudgement and misunderstanding. The reasons for this can be varied. Still, being human beings we have basic or fundamental principles, ideas and dreams in common. Conditions here and there can vary but many of the underlying wants and desires such as living in peace and happiness transcend such barriers and are common to all mankind.

Now as for ignorance of which I fully admitted. Is not the acknowledgement of one's own ignorance the first step towards acquiring wisdom?

To link that song to the reality of Cuba is just dumb. It is far more complex than that.

My friend there is no such thing as a dumb question or dumb idea. After all did it not bring us into conversation which being the ultimate intent was rather clever when you think about it. Now as to the complexity of the situation you are right my friends. Things are far more complex than they appear. So now that we have broken the ice so to speak, let's dive into some of these more complex issues.

I used to know a story about flowers in a field, looking beautiful, wanting for nothing, do nothing, simply existing. I can't really remember it now but I do remember the point. It's that we are not flowers or mere animals. We are human beings and human beings are driven by purpose, by desire to be more, by the need to explore, to know and to create. It's what separates us from the lower forms of existence and elevates our nature. I have heard that Mr. Castro was an insatiably curious man with a very quick and agile mind. I would hope that this is still true for him and for others around him.

Let's tackle one of the big, deep, complex questions. Why are we born? I mean what's the point and what are we supposed to do anyway? Isn't it amazing how simple these questions really are? They are part of the universal underlying questions of why, what, when, where and how.

While I don't even begin to try and say I've figured these questions out, I do have some rather humble opinions regarding them. Want to hear them? Great! I knew you would. <wink>

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First and perhaps the most important is I have figured out they are the "right" questions to ask. This is not a trivial revelation. They also appear to be universally asked by all people. That in itself speaks to their profound nature does it not? And last but not least I have found that they are not mere curiosities but are somehow connected to the very core of who ever or what ever we are. Which leads me to think that we are beings of exploration, meaning and purpose. Or at least that was

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the basic idea.

So why are we born and what is the point of it all. I believe it is so that we can have a chance to be all that we can be. I think that we are born into a world that has everything we need to make this searching for answers possible.

So what does it mean to be all that you can be? I think it means that we are driven deep inside to want to achieve. We want to be stronger, wiser, more complete persons. We want to know all there is to know, To experience all there is to experience. To feel all the complex human emotions in all thier wonder, all their joy, all thier sadness, all thier truest and deepest meaning.

I don't know if this is in fact the purpose to it all but I hope so. You spoke of the love of a good woman and the importance it had in your life. I agree with you completely. Love in all its forms is probably the most powerful, profound and mysterious of all human experiences and emotions.

We all have the need to love and to be loved. Is there anyone out there who is in thier right mind or not twisted by darkness that would disagree? Who would not wish for thier fellow human beings to find happiness, to love and to be loved. Is this not something we all want and want for all?

It is our nature to pursue such higher order concepts of existance of which love is of the highest in nature. And when you think about it does it not fit right in with the master plan, the point of it all which is to become all you can, to become more?

It and so many other things are a basic human needs and that which gives us purpose. It is the ability to pursue such higher order existance that separte us from the lower forms and frees us from mere animal existance. This is freedom. Freedom to be as much as we can be, to be happy, to be loved, to grow and to gain wisdom, knowledge and compassion. This is a univaler right of all human life. This is the truest definition of human freedom.

In our roles as human beings it is our right to pursue these higher order states. It is also our responcebility to help one another to achieve them. Who would stand against there fellow human beings achieving great knowledge, great wisdom and experiencing great and true love in all its many and splendid forms?

All human beings must have the ability to pursue these great and higher purposes. We must help each other along the way. No one, no religion, no government, no law or belief must ever take away this fundamental right or diminish the nature of human freedom.

Freedom to be all you can be. Freedom to decide your own destiny.

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Freedom is not a mere word my friend or political plaything. It is a "Way" indeed, it is "The Way" to all higher levels of existence. Freedom brings Light to the human heart and soul, without which there is only darkness. That's a fairly profound but simple concept isn't it.

The perfection of the systems and social structures needed to grant such freedom to our fellow human beings should be the main purpose of all governments. The realization of this higher purpose is what makes a great leader and a fair and just government. Another profound and equally simple concept.

These are just my humble opinions, one human being to another. One friend to another friend(s).

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