

Society Must Support the Changemakers

Transcript of Charles Eisenstein's Interview

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I do think we need kind of mentors and helpers to nourish that part of ourselves that says, "Yeah, actually the world is kind of insane and I'm not crazy for thinking so." And then, "What can I do about it? What am I called to do about it?" To listen to that call requires courage and in my experience it requires help. It requires people to share what call they've heard and like, "Yeah, I've heard that too." Maybe this person has been on this path for a long time and is familiar with some of the territory, the setbacks, and the challenges. Then that person is qualified to mentor you also in living a life outside of the normal prescription and helping you be strong when you can't be strong yourself. A mentor can do that and a community can do that too. I think it's really important, I don't think we can be truly sane and effective without other people around us who are holding that field.

Then added onto that is economic difficulty. Often when people listen to the call of their purpose in the world, it may not be something that is highly paid, in fact it probably is something that won't get them a job at all, or often it is something that isn't going to make money in the normal economy. So I think we need to have people with financial legacy, inheritors, or people who have made a lot of money and have a change of heart. We need them to essentially fund the artists, the changemakers, and the revolutionaries. I'm not talking about violent revolution, but the people who are agents of change need to be supported, not just with moral support, but also with financial support. So people with money need to really take on creating social enterprises and projects that give meaningful work to people who want to serve this change.

Yeah, it's not just about changing your attitude. The financial problems that people face when they have a transformation are real. Not universal, I'm not saying you have a transformation and you'll never make money again. There are people already funding beautiful things in the world and there are people willing to pay for things that inspire them. I don't want to paint a complete picture, but there has to be a willingness among people to offer real tangible economic support in addition to mentorship, community, and encouragement. Yeah.