

“Community”
Coming Together, Keeping Together, Working Together
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“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is success.”
–Henry Ford

Let’s get to the point. What makes working together so difficult is our individual need to be right and our desire to have things our way. As long as this type of attitude exists, we cannot come together nor work together to achieve a common goal. If we as individuals are not willing to bend, we will inevitably somehow get in the way of the collective sought after greatness. Everyone must be clear about what their goals for the group are and this can only be done when every individual conducts an honest examination of their motives and intentions. It’s my view that anyone who enters a collective agreement for only personal goals and with mental garbage jeopardizes the stability of the group because their foundation is a dishonest one. If we as one, come together in honesty, work together in clarity, we can then stay together with respect and meet any and all of our goals successfully. Us always outnumbers me.

Be Humble and Enjoy the Process
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“I am not a special person. I am a regular person who does special things.” – Sarah Vaughan

Let’s be honest, most of us want to be singled out, patted on the back and rewarded for what we do. In my life, I’ve realized that it may never happen; however, that does not mean what we do is not valuable or worth recognition. I don’t think any one person is special in our universe’s eyes. We all are provided with the ability to do! Until I read Immanuel Kont’s philosophy, I was unaware that we as humans have not been taught to do good just for the sake of doing it. We are hardwired to pursue rewards and recognition. Growing, I realize that when you do what you can for the sake of doing it, the reward is sometimes the improvement of the skill of just doing. I was reminded by my mother when we use what we know to do what you can and someone benefits, that is recognition enough. Sure, we all have a need to be appreciated for the contributions we make to the world around us. We must begin to learn to recognize our own value before the world can respond to our needs. It’s funny, but some of us will plant the seed and never see the plant. Some of us will harvest the crop without knowing the planter. Some of us will eat the plant, paying someone else to prepare it. When the process is complete we will all be rewarded. Recognize how special the process has been to all.