

Preface

While I am writing these lines thousands of immigrants are pouring into Germany fleeing from war and terror. For this weekend alone, the local government of Munich is expecting 40,000 people arriving mostly from Syria, Afghanistan and countries in Africa carrying their children, babies and all the rest they have in their hands. They are desperate for a new life, a better life without war and terror. And while I am thinking about g's and k's and how they change into each other, the biggest refugee crisis since World War II is on the way and getting worse day by day.

I strongly believe that Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and the supporters of other religions worship one and the same God which is the universal energy found in the universe called love. We humans have a direct and intimate contact to and also a certain kind of control over this energy and are therefore directly linked to what we call God. But as long as we do not manage to establish harmony in our hearts and in the world directly surrounding us, my hope of a peaceful world remains a distant dream.

Education is one of the key tools for development but education is much more than the mere transportation of information. It is about having contact with people and acting as an example for others. Education is also not the single responsibility of teachers but it starts in the family with the parents being the first teachers of their children and likewise the children being the teachers of their parents showing them how to focus and live in the moment.

Christian Morgenstern, a German poet, teacher and writer who lived from 1871–1914 once said: *As they can only afford to pay teachers 600 marks, the peoples stay so dumb that they must afford wars which cost 6 billion marks.*

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