

Wisdom Notes



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Mary MacLeod Bethune, school founder.

"It has been said that there is but one way to make a people great - it is an appeal to the people themselves, that all great regenerations are the universal movements of the mass. It has also been said that all great regenerations seem to have been the work of the few and tacitly accepted by the multitude. Both of these sayings seem to be right, for it takes the second to make the first. Observe that throughout the whole world a great revolution has begun. The darkness of centuries has been broken: the knowledge which made certain men seem as demi-gods in the past has been made widespread, a power more subtle than brute force and mightier than armed men is at work; men in general have begun to think - to recognize the royalty of the mind. That same power is everywhere abroad - it speaks, it conquers, it unites all." *Mary MacLeod Bethune*



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Malcolm X, human rights activist.

"In the midst of outer dangers I have felt an inner calm and known resources of strength that only God could give. In many instances I have felt the power of God transforming the fatigue of despair into the buoyancy of hope. I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose and that in the struggle for righteousness, man has cosmic companionship. Behind the harsh appearances of the world there is a benign power. To say God is personal is not to make him an object among other objects or to attribute to him the finiteness and limitations of human personality; it is to take what is finest and noblest in our consciousness and affirm its perfect existence in him. It is certainly true that human personality is limited, but personality as such involves no necessary limitations. It simply means self-consciousness and self-direction. So in the truest sense of the word, God is a living God. In him there is feeling and will, responsive to the deepest yearnings of the human heart: this God both evokes and answers prayers." *Martin Luther King*

"One of the first things I think young people, especially nowadays, should learn is how to see for yourself and listen for yourself and think for yourself. Then you can come to an intelligent decision for yourself. If you form the habit of going by what you hear others say about someone, or going by what others think about someone, instead of searching that thing out for yourself and seeing for yourself, you will be walking west when you are going east, and you will be walking east when you think you're going west. This generation, has a burden, more so than any other time in history. The most important thing that we can learn to do today is to think for ourselves." *Malcolm X*



Malidoma Somé, African mystic and shaman from Burkina Faso.

"When we don't have community, you are not listened to; you don't have a place you can go to feel that you really belong. You don't have people to affirm who you are and to support you in bringing forward your gifts. This disempowers the psyche, making you vulnerable to consumerism and all the things that come along with it.

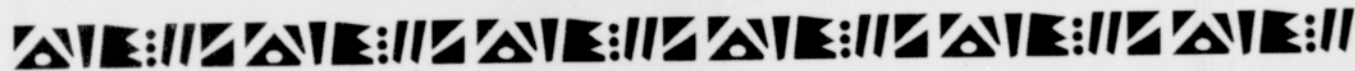
Also, it leaves many people who

have wonderful contributions to make holding back their gifts, not knowing where to put them. And without the unloading of our gifts we experience a blockage inside, which affects us spiritually, mentally, and physically in many different ways. We are left without a home to go to when we need to be seen." *Malidoma Somé*



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Martin Luther King, Human Rights activist.



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Steve Bradley Band
Thursday, February 11 · 7:00 pm

Valentine's Dance with X Angels
Friday, February 12 · 7:00 pm

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Sunday, February 14 · 7:00 pm · \$20 admission

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Thursday, February 18 · 7:00 pm

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