

Love, Understanding, & Other Best Practices

THE NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT: ON IEP AND 504 PLANS

**HEART-INSPIRED,
RELATIONSHIP CENTERED,
AND EVIDENCE-BASED.**



Agenda: Love, Understanding, and Other Best Practices

- Glossary of Terms (common understanding)
- Communication: The centerpiece of all relationships!
- **THE NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT :**
- ✓ Walk A Mile In My Shoes
- ✓ Loss and Grief: Parenting & The Illusion
- ✓ Ego versus Love : Head and Heart
- ✓ Mutual Understanding: "Invite the Stranger"
- ✓ Evidence-based Approach to Problem Solving: From Subjective to Objective
- ✓ Appreciative Inquiry: Strength Based Decision Making: "What Works?"
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Every Child is a Gift : The **REAL** New School of Thought!

Glossary: Love, Understanding, and Other Best Practices

- **Compassion:**
Latin for com means "together", pati means "suffer"; when we have compassion, we suffer with another [Patricia Hughes]
- **Ego:**
*In psychoanalysis, the division of the psyche that is conscious, most immediately controls thought and behavior, and is most in touch with external reality. [American Heritage]
For our purposes: "An optical illusion of consciousness." [Einstein]*
- **Love:**
*A deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness. [American Heritage]
Understanding is the essence of love. If you cannot understand, you cannot love [Thich Nhat Hahn]*
- **Mutual Understanding:**
an agreement of opinion or feeling ; adjustment of differences toward common ground [Merriam Webster]
- **Synergy:**
The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects. [American Heritage]
- **Transparency:**
Lack of hidden agendas and conditions accompanied by the availability of full information required for collaboration cooperation, and collective decision making.

Walk a Mile In My Shoes

IF I COULD BE YOU AND YOU COULD BE ME FOR JUST ONE HOUR
 IF WE COULD FIND A WAY TO GET INSIDE EACH OTHER'S MIND
 IF YOU COULD SEE ME THROUGH YOUR EYES INSTEAD OF YOUR EGO
 I BELIEVE YOU'D BE SURPRISED TO SEE THAT YOU [HAVE] BEEN BLIND.
 NOW YOUR WHOLE WORLD YOU SEE AROUND YOU IS JUST A REFLECTION
 AND THE LAW OF COMMON SAYS YOU REAP JUST WHAT YOU SOW
 SO UNLESS YOU'VE LIVED A LIFE OF TOTAL PERFECTION
 YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL OF EVERY STONE THAT YOU THROW...

WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOE SOUTH

Loss and Grief: Parenting & The Illusion

Hope, promise ...	Reality ...
	<p><u>Stages of Loss and Grief:</u></p> <p>Stage 1: Denial</p> <p>Stage 2: Anger</p> <p>Stage 3: Bargaining</p> <p>Stage 4: Depression</p> <p>Stage 5: Acceptance</p>

Ego versus Love : Head and Heart

Ego ...	Love , Compassion, Grace
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Too often, we think in mostly terms of "my space", "my time, "my work, "my goals, "my people". When we let go and stop cherishing me and mine, we are able to open up and allow others in" <i>Lama Surya Das</i> <p>"The ego/illusory self" [provides] an optical illusion of consciousness". <i>Albert Einstein</i></p> <p>"There is nothing that strengthens the ego more than being right." <i>Eckhart Tolle</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gracious space has the potential to transform the human heart. When we choose grace, we choose an approach that fosters understanding." <i>Patricia Hughes</i> <p>"What must a person do in order to understand a person? We must have time; we must practice looking deeply into this person. We must be there, attentive; we must observe, we must look deeply. And the fruit of this looking deeply is called understanding. <u>Love is a true thing if it is made up of a substance called understanding.</u>" <i>Thich Nhat Hahn</i></p>

Mutual Understanding: “Invite the Stranger”



STRANGEST OF CONNECTIONS: BOWIE MEETS BING...

Evidence-based Approach to Problem Solving: Moving from Subjective to Objective Reasoning:

FEAR IS AN ACRONYM IN THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE FOR “**F**ALSE **E**VIDENCE
APPEARING **R**EAL”.

NEALE DONALD WALSH

Appreciative Inquiry: Strength Based Decision Making: “What Works?”



Transparency

SURRENDER ...

LET GO OF THE SORROW, LOSS, GRIEF,
AND EGO-INSPIRED ILLUSION WITHIN.

AND EMBRACE THE GIFT WITHIN:
YOUR PASSION, YOUR CALLING, YOUR PURPOSE.

AND MOST NOTABLY, SURRENDER TO
THE GRACE OF ONENESS
DISCOVERED BETWEEN US ALL.

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THE NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT ON EDUCATION:
**TRANSFORMING KIDS AND SCHOOLS
FROM PRAISE TO PROMISE!**

WHERE EVERY CHILD IS A GIFT!

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*"EVERYONE HAS INSIDE HIMSELF A PIECE OF GOOD NEWS!
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW
GREAT YOU CAN BE, WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH, AND
WHAT YOUR POTENTIAL IS".*

ANNE FRANK

*ALL THE THINGS I KNOW I'VE NEEDED
JUST KEEPS ME SEARCHING
ALL THE THINGS I NEVER HAD
JUST KEEPS ME WANTING IT MORE
FIGHTING FOR IT ALL*



SONG BY MINDY SMITH

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SO WHAT'S THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY?

SEEING THE DIVINE/GIFT WITHIN ONESELF!

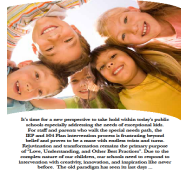
BEING AN OBSERVER TO THE PROCESS; WHERE LOVE AND SPIRIT GUIDES YOU.

LETTING THE INFORMATION UNFOLD; WITH TRANSPARENCY AND GRACE.

MAINTAINING INTENTION AND MINDFULNESS THROUGHOUT

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ...

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING
ALL ABOUT IEP AND 504 PLANS
FROM THE ADVOCATE PERSPECTIVE
