SALON

A SPACE FOR MORAL & COLLECTIVE IMAGINATION

We are living in a time between what has been and what is yet to become. Such liminal spaces ask something of us: the capacity to stay with uncertainty, to imagine beyond what we already know, and to remain open to what might emerge.

The Wisdom of Spaces SALON is a call to rekindle our moral and collective imagination. To hold space for the interplay between who we are and who we want to become.

It is a space to ask and to hold questions. A space to explore human wholeness.

> How precious words are
> and how real speech is in its
> impact on the way people
> live and die.
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> NELSON MANDELA

This moment in human history is increasingly shaped by technology, while profound social, political and environmental changes are unfolding around us. It is a time awash with questions of meaning, of how we structure our common life, and of who we are to each other. To create the world we want for ourselves and for generations to come, we need to engage at a different level and find ways of speaking across the differences between us.

We have it in us. We have the language, the tools, the virtues - and the calling, as human beings - to create hospitable spaces for taking up the hard questions of our time.

How do we speak the questions we don't know how to ask each other? Can we do this even while we continue to hold passionate disagreements on deep, contrasting convictions? Are we able to find ways to cross gulfs between us about politics and culture?

Some of the conversations we most need cannot be delegated. They begin between us, where we live.

I believe something happens when we come together in the same room and give one another enough attention, time and permission to go beneath the surface. In a time of increasing disconnection, I want the SALON to be a place where we can listen and be listened to, reflect together on the questions that matter, and experience that we are not alone.

I have seen that wisdom, in life and society, emerges precisely through those moments when we have to hold seemingly opposing realities in a creative tension and interplay: power and frailty, birth and death, pain and hope, beauty and brokenness, mystery and conviction, calm and fierceness, mine and yours.

The SALON is an experiment in moral and collective imagination on the complexity of being human at this time. It is a space for re-discovering and unpacking our shared humanity.

The SALON brings 'big' questions to the fore and makes room for spacious and generous conversations, conversations where we can share our half-thoughts and full truths, while staying grounded in our differences and continuing to hold profound disagreements. This new relationship with 'difference' is one that is informed by curiosity and care.

I want this to be a space to grapple with the HOW of it all, not by offering a formula, but by sharing experiences. A place to ask questions that plant us back into ourselves, into those places within us where generous listening, humility, hospitality and patience express themselves.

Questions that are grounded in a willingness to be surprised, and in a language that rekindles our sense of wonder.

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