The Nature of Change:
Keeping Faith with the Future

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1913
“One half of the children born die before their eighth year. This is nature’s law; why try to contradict it”

Jean-Jacques Rousseau
A century later Florence Nightingale was being told:

“the circumstances which govern our children’s health are beyond our control. What can we do with the winds? ”
“Fewer Young Children Die Each Year Than Previously Thought”

“The number of infants dying each year around the world has dropped from 11.9m in 1990 to roughly 8m in 2008”

The Economist
May, 2010

Jean-Jacques Rousseau
“When we accept the social order as “reality,” as something we cannot change, then we are complicit in our own enslavement…

…the better world we seek is within us, if only we change our vision.”

Robert Quinn
Building the Bridge as You Walk It
“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

Viktor Frankl
“I have had dreams and I have had nightmares but I have conquered my nightmares because of my dreams”

Jonas Salk
“Even in the grimmest times in prison... I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps for just a second...”

Nelson Mandela
“... but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man’s goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.”

Nelson Mandela
“from the need of my heart”

Irena Sendler
TWO HUNDRED MILES FROM LONDON
The Lesson of Notre Dame Cathedral
“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble…”

Helen Keller
“...The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.”

Helen Keller
“It is important to know that we were a bunch of people together. This is not a handicap but a help. If you have to fight it alone, it is more difficult... None of us thought we were heroes. We were just people trying to do our best.”
In the end, I would like to say to people, “Remember that in your life there will be lots of circumstances that will need a kind of courage, a kind of decision of your own, not about other people but about yourself.”

Magda Trocme
An Invitation
Thank You