



Paul Linden: Dehumanizing Is So Human



An Aikido teacher, Paul is the founder of Being in Movement and embodied peacemaking. Learn to create, understand and use a body-state of awareness, power and compassion.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Keep breathing and don't die

Language: Minding the accuracy

- Words constrain how we think. If we use nouns to refer to emotions, we tend to think of them as objects. In actual fact, an emotion is an action.
- You can not release an action. You replace it with another that ideally will be more helpful, effective and efficient.
- If trauma is a series of actions in the body that you have learned and experienced, you have to replace those actions.
- "I'm releasing trauma" is not quite an accurate use of language.

Intention: Smoother and more efficient movement

- If you can locate the place in the body where the intention is operative, then you can change the corresponding movement much more easily.
- What we usually consider protective processes, like getting smaller, are ineffective. It is important to personally experience by demonstration. Then, we can reframe the movement and replace it with something better, like a wide open posture.

Power: Love and overcoming trauma

- Powerlessness is the inability to control what happens to us. A situation does not need to be threatening to evoke a trauma response.
- When you are angry or fearful, you numb yourself.
- To be maximally effective, you have to feel kindness, respect and caring towards your opponent.
- When you talk about trauma without being able to settle your body, you are practicing being traumatized.
- Power is the ability to do what you need to do in an open, balanced and loving body.

Resources

❖ Books: Reach Out

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