



Marisela Gomez: Embodying Social Change: Individually and Collectively.





















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TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Start to notice nature more and bring yourselves into nature because it is so inside of us that the more we're with it, the more we begin to embody ourselves.

Embodying Our Surroundings: How the Body Reacts to What We See And Do.

- We all embody whatever is happening around us and it can show up in many different ways.
- When we encounter social injustice we start to embody it; This can show up in the body as headache, sleeplessness, flare-ups or, tensions and anger.
- This works the other way around too; When we spend time in nature we're more relaxed and joyful and often kinder to others around us.

Justice Seekers: Difficulties In Embodying Social Change.

- When we notice something is not serving us as a society, we can start to embody the social change as justice seekers and really bring our bodies, minds, our hearts and our spirits into these places of social unrest and social injustice.
- By doing this we also take in a lot of struggle and anger; We need to be careful not to embody it and bring it back to the world unconsciously.
- We might be working on one identity issue, like racism, and at the same time we could be perpetuating some other injustice in those spaces unknowingly.

The Work Of Change: "Hurt People Hurt People."

- We need to come into our justice spaces with heart and with insight, not just coming with hurt and pain that is unacknowledged and uncared for.
- When we acknowledge the embodiment of change we have transformed it.
- Join Marisela on a noticing exercise to see how we can do this in practice.

Resources

- Books: Deb Dana: Polyvagal Exercises for Safety and Connection / Thich Nhat Hanh: Being Peace. & Anger.
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