



# Reflect & Move Forward

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# Thank You!

- ▶ For having my family and I here
  - ▶ For asking me address you this morning and later today
  - ▶ For allowing me the opportunity to spend time at the conference and meet with you
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# Time to Reflect.....

- ▶ “We are where we are”, the Three D’s..Dark, Down & Disappointed
  - ▶ Much we may have assumed has changed in many areas.....society, politics, economics, health and education
  - ▶ Education is especially crucial now as it is where our young people spend most their time, and have preparation for the future
  - ▶ In such uncertain times, such preparation is even more important, especially in building their own character & values
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# Some thoughts...

- ▶ We have got ourselves into this situation
- ▶ How can having so much leave us with so little.....?


Have we learned anything about?

Rules.....

Incentives....

These prevent disaster but promote mediocrity, and are always open to “badwill”

# Looking Forward

- ▶ What about the “Right Thing”? (eg, Swiss Nuclear Dump Research)
  - ▶ Start with ourselves / Multiple Intelligences (eg, Howard Gardner)
  - ▶ Acknowledge and celebrate “ordinary heroes”
  - ▶ Is less choice always a bad thing?
  - ▶ Do we need each other more right now?
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# Moving Forward...

- ▶ Remembering the Big Five (McRae & Costa, 1987).....traits most likely to lead to well-being....

Extroversion...Reaching out

Agreeableness...pleasant/co-operative

Emotional Stability...not always “letting it out”

Openness...to new people and ideas, to being vulnerable

Conscientiousness..what others think matters

# Some thoughts to finish with..

“Without contraries, there is no progression”

William Blake

“It is the mark of an educated man to be able to evaluate a thought without accepting it”

Aristotle

“If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you always got”

Anon



Thank you and have a  
great conference!