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A Sense of Entitlement

Every day, each one of us is bombarded with a host of events that cause us to either consciously feel an emotion, or to subconsciously put it aside allowing it to incubate just below the surface. We are also complex and intelligent creatures, who feel that we are superior to all the other entities that our maker put onto this planet that we call earth.

But are we really?

Let's look at just one mindset called '***entitlement***' and how it evokes a multitude of emotions. ***Entitlement*** is defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as follows: "***a belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges***"

For the purpose of this article, achievement relates only to that of a monetary nature. We acknowledge that it is but one of many areas we can excel at in life, and is probably one of the least important. Just look around you and observe, then reflect on the individuals you know and also on the various people you come into contact with on a daily basis. How many have this kind of entitlement attitude? The reality is that we are all the masters of our own destiny. We should not be entitled to anything, unless maybe we created it, nurtured it, and now safeguard it while reaping the fruits of our labour. ***Even then, we need to have a mindset of gratitude, not attitude.***

It seems that the more you have financially accomplished, the more some other individuals think that they should be entitled to share in it. Rewards usually come after many years of hard work, frustrations, disappointments, financial risks, emotional and relationship costs, failures, doing without and what seems like an inexhaustible reservoir of determination and drive.

So tell me once again why someone else is entitled to whatever it is that you have achieved?

Is it because of that 'entitlement mindset'? This reaction causes those that have achieved or are on their way to financial success to downplay, hide, make excuses for, and to justify their success . . . all negative reactions that cause the wrong message to be sent to the subconscious. "Be careful not to step on people on the way up" . . . because they will cross your path once again on the way back down. Why, because what we verbalize and even subconsciously what we wish for, becomes our reality. That is the effect of negative talk. What we are truly afraid of is our own greatness, not what we may not be able to accomplish.

If you look at nature, the strong survive while the weak perish. ***The slowest in the herd becomes the hunter's catch and by allowing this natural selection to take place, it keeps the herd strong.*** In this case there is no 'sense of entitlement', only the reality of survival.

Our view on ***entitlement*** should perhaps be, that we have the free will to do and to become whatever we want. We are ***entitled*** to be the masters of our own destiny and the creators of our own reality . . . and that's it! The rest is then the bi-product of that and our lives should be fully fulfilling to each of us, because we are the one who created our own reality.

I do not mean to offend, but I have little to no sympathy for those who feel that they should be entitled to something 'hard earned' that belongs to someone else. Jealousy is not a flattering emotion.

That's my view,

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