

WORKSHOPS ON CORE VALUES at OCCUPY LSX, using an Occupy LSX working group proposal (of 2.12.11) "**10 COMMITMENTS**" as our *starting point*

Saturdays, 13:00-14:30 on Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18 and March 3 at Tent City University, by steps of St. Paul's... ..Convened and facilitated by Dr Leon Redler

In inquiring into 'core values', whether we take them on as commitments or not, we have an opportunity to bring about radical change.
How so?

We rightly criticise others, including politicians, bankers, executives of multinational corporations, media barons and many other in positions of power and influence.

With reference to the very many **serious crises we're immersed in**, we charge them with **behaving ignorantly, irresponsibly, selfishly, cynically and/or with too narrow, short-term and distorted views** and visions of:

- (1) What is actually is the case (i.e., what's actually going on), as well as,
- (2) What is called for to radically and profoundly (and not superficially and cosmetically) remedy the apparent ills we're collectively suffering from.

What core values to *they* claim and how deeply to they understand, embody and live whatever their values are? What do the values 'they' claim actually mean to them? **How might 'their' values, and the way they understand and live them, compare to 'ours' and the way we live ours?**

We can't know, without getting to meet and know them, what their values are. We can only infer them. We're on sounder ground starting with looking into our own!

But are 'they', at their core, really so different from 'us'?

What if 'they' are not at all fundamentally different from 'us'?

Many of us have surely colluded, gone along with, the 'systems' we're caught up in, even if critical and trying to change or transform them.

But *if* there's a sense in which those we rightly criticise are **not fundamentally different** from us, then there's a sense in which we can say (taking some *poetic, or non-dual, license*) that **they are us and we are them!**

*We can openly and seriously ask: **What are, in fact, the core values that we do, or may, subscribe to and may or may not embody and uphold?***

If and as we're fundamentally alike, our sincere inquiries, at Occupy at this time, can begin to pervade 'the system' and provoke real and honest speaking and thoughtfulness.

In doing so, we'll learn more about ourselves and them and all concerned who are, along with 'us' and 'them', immersed in multitude messes of profoundly serious, and often dangerous, dimensions. **Our well-being and lives may depend on just such thoughtfulness** paving the way for necessary transformations and the radical, probably something like 180 degree **turn around, necessary to profoundly remedy what is profoundly wrong.**

All welcome at any and/or all sessions, which will *include* pursuing our inquiries in triads.