

The Whole World Came Together



The young mother was ready for a few minutes of relaxation after a long and demanding day. However, her little daughter had other plans for her mother's time.

"Read me a story, Mommy," the little girl requested.

"Give Mommy a few minutes to relax and unwind. Then I'll be happy to read you a story," pleaded the mother.

The little girl was insistent that Mommy read to her right away. With a stroke of genius, the mother tore off the back page of the magazine she was reading. It contained a full-page picture of the world. She then tore it into several small pieces and asked her daughter to put the picture together and then she would read her a story. This, she was sure, would buy her considerable time for relaxing.

A short while after, the little girl announced the completion of her puzzle project. To her astonishment, the mother found the world picture completely assembled. When she asked her daughter how she managed to do it so quickly, the little girl explained that on the reverse side of the page was the picture of a little girl. "You see, Mommy, when I got the little girl together, the whole world came together."

Each of us has the responsibility to put our world together. It starts by getting ourselves together. We can become better parents, friends, spouses, employees, and employers. The first step, therefore, is changing our attitude.

The only alternative to co-existence is co-destruction.
– Jawaharlal Nehru