

Outline of Presentation: "Purpose of Education" by Sesh Velamoor

1. Introduction

- . Why Education?

2. Education Past and Present:

- . Context
- . Purpose and Outcomes
- . Symptoms and Root causes
- . The closing of the mind

3. New OLD comprehensions

- . The Earth System
- . Holism and Non-Linearity
- . Self-Organization
- . Human Agency
- . Interdependence
- . Human Identity

4. Organizing Principles

- . Consilience
- . Ethical Evolution vs. Social Darwinism
- . One Science vs. Many ways of knowing.
- . One factor vs. Complexity
- . Overpopulation vs. Gender development
- . Global Ethics vs. National Sovereignty
- . Conscious Transformation vs. Institutional Change.

5. Purpose of Education restated.

- Who are we?
- Why are we here?
- How do we solve problems?

6. Proposed Curriculum additions

- . Critical Thinking
- . Primer on Biological and Cultural Evolution
- . Gaia-The planet as system
- . Self-Organizing and Tipping points
- . Globalizations and Emerging Transitions. (Progress Redefined)
- Human Identity.

7. Conclusion.