

Founders' Philosophy

"It was vital that we maintained a balance of LIGHT, LOVE and WISDOM... I have found that more groups and communities have failed because these qualities were out of balance than for any other reason. When LOVE opens the doors to all comers without the discrimination of LIGHT, communities fail; when LIGHT is not tempered by LOVE it can become hard and sometimes ruthless, lacking the latter's attracting and unifying power. WISDOM - sound judgement - negotiates between the two, but if left unchecked it can stifle boldness of action and mire vision in intellectual debate. Thus in our early years at Findhorn we were each tested on our particular qualities and our ability to blend them into a balanced whole..."

- Peter Caddy (In Perfect Timing, 1996:227)

"These are some of the questions we need to ask ourselves.

- Why am I here in this community?
- What drew me here in the first place?
- What do I want to get out of it?
- What do I want to give to it?
- When I feel disgruntled, and it's not fair,- why do I feel like that?
- Am I here to make money?
- Am I here to feel safe and companionable?
- Am I here to serve not just myself but the greater whole?
- Why does this community exist?
- Do I consider this a spiritual community- or just an educational community?
- If the latter- you will find a number of communities which are there solely for education.

Why not go and find one?

This is a spiritual community, first and foremost. I feel we often forget that and that is why the gripes and discontent.

We are each responsible for ourselves.

We are free to choose what we do, where we work, etc etc.

- No-one is pushing us around- or do you feel pushed around? If so- why don't you say so?
- Why don't you leave and go elsewhere?
- No-one is holding you here; you, and you alone, make the choice.
- Is this the right place for me?

Ask yourself.

Don't push these questions aside; it is very important you not only consider them, but that each one of us meditates, attunes to them, and comes up with the right answer.

Unless we can do that, there will always be discontent and dissatisfaction.

That is not what community is all about.

Can we find unity in diversity?

"A house (or community) divided cannot stand."

Unity is essential, unity on the higher levels, the spiritual levels.

Can we find that first and foremost?

Then I feel all will fall into place because we are putting the Divine first, and not just ourselves and our wants.

I know you have heard all this before, but have you done anything about it?

Have you sat down, asked yourself these questions- and answered them honestly?
If not- why not?
Are you afraid of the answer?"

Eileen Caddy

"I believe that any unit, whether it be a farm or a community, a couple or a nation, has an overlighting presence that in some way embodies the various levels of energy used within that unity... [a] composite Being born from the substance of our thoughts and ideals, the radiations of the land, and the energies of the higher selves of not only the humans working on the [unit] but of all [beings] there as well."

Dorothy Maclean

"...Immensely vigorous and vital am I... a prototype of co-operative activity...Do not form a clear concept of me and hold me in limitation... I go from your consciousness, but I am in you and you are in me, different and yet one... We are one because we have all been given life."

Angel of Findhorn

"We, as overseeing causative forces of manifestation, would share with you a little of our consciousness. Everything manifest is in our care and we know its state, for under God we make plain His creation. All is in our consciousness. Consciousness is an open book for all to share with us, for we are so much one that what we know is not separate from what our neighbour knows.

"How can we wholly express the light loving intention of all creation, the sparkling dynamic purpose of perfection which is the motive of all that is, some little part of which goes through our hands? How can we tell you how we dance with joy, that the sun dances and the moon dances and we dance around them and in them? The earth itself dances at heart and is beginning to dance at more than heart as man rises up out of limitation and turns his eyes back towards reality.

"In all this we are absolutely and utterly free. There is no freedom unless one is completely part of all; until then freedom is limited. For all are one, and if any believe otherwise, they are circumscribing their part in the whole and imprisoning themselves in the part."

Deva Teachings, Dorothy MacLean
from The Findhorn Garden, Parts 1-4, 1969, p33

And a bit of David Spangler (on what I perceive in everyday life)

"...The truth is, though—and my non-physical colleagues in the spiritual worlds emphasize this over and over again—we are not inadequate. We do not lack agency; we are neither helpless nor hopeless. It is a matter of recognizing as best and as fully as we can the sacredness that we possess, the presence of creative potential and the power to make a difference through our choices. And then it's a matter of demonstrating and sharing this potential with each other so that the strength and power of transformative community can arise amongst us. For I may not know what I'm capable of until I see someone else discovering and manifesting their own capabilities. At the same time, when I stand in my own agency and act creatively to shape a positive future, however small those acts may seem, I may well be inspiring and encouraging others to believe in their agency and creative power as well. In short, we can all benefit from collaborating in a community of love and being hope-filled agents for one another. God may help those who help themselves, but God especially helps those who help each other..."

And some inspiring Depak Chopra:

The inner intelligence of the human body-mind is the ultimate and supreme genius, and it mirrors the wisdom of the universe. In this wisdom lies the power of transformation. Transformation opens up new realities, new worlds.