

TOPIC: What is retrospective accountability?

Retrospective accountability is a process of a) reviewing past understanding in light of current dilemma (-s), and b) imagining/visualizing a future/desired reality. The operative intent is to construct a straight line (conceptually) from a client's basic understanding to a desired/anticipated reality, and most importantly, running straight through one or more present perception (-s)!

What is it good for?

It is helpful in balancing the manifest scales of personal consciousness, by stimulating consistency and consideration of 1) past knowledge, 2) present concerns, and 3) future intentions...it helps the person to create a connection of conscience! This is step one in understanding any public policy standards!

Who needs it?

Anyone who is troubled by a past decision, which now seems ineffective, or who cannot make a pressing current decision, because all potential paths seem to be incorrect/unfeasible, anyone who is unclear about a future course, but yet is pressed to move on from the present circumstance, and lastly, anyone who is chronically fearful of making and/or breaking demanding social commitments!

Where can it be obtained?

The Urban Self Study Institute can arrange for sessions in churches, schools, offices, and other suitable environments. The process is customized for one or more persons. Client sessions can be arranged to suit the individual or group. Counseling can be home-based if that is a convenience. A resource center is under development in Wister, Northwest Philadelphia, Penna.

Why is it important?

In today's revolutionary information climate, many persons process facts/data at a rate which precludes effective personal digestion of interactive and/or long term implications. This can lead to stress, anxiety, confusion, misrepresentation, anger, defective judgment, and degrees of self-destruction within 'stable' groups such as families, as well as within individual persons, especially those at high levels of social risk, such as popularity, celebrity, and leadership status.

What will it do for me?

Retrospective accountability will enable you to a) recognize underlying principles premises, patterns, cycles, rhythms, in your belief systems, b) access them more easily, c) assess them more effectively, and d) apply them more consistently. It will greatly enhance your personal sense of balance, equity, and harmony!

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COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE: Meeting with Dean Emeritus George Gerbner
Convened by Mattie L. Humphrey, RN/Esquire

Topic: Lifestyle and Language: promoting peace for GLOBAL HUMANITY
Focus: Home is the sanctuary for children and other vulnerable people

Background:

1. **URBAN COMMUNICATIONS, Course Title Community 532" M.L. Humphrey "Seeds of The City": collection of student papers re urban imperatives-1972**
Documenting student perspectives of the process of democracy in the "cradle of liberty", in light of Philadelphia as Billy Penn's Holy experiment and the evolution of our contemporary diverse culture as we approach the post-industrial society.
2. **Healthy Block Campaign:** Annual Norman Rayford Forum, Annenberg, 1991
3. **Born Again American Campaign:** First Decade 1985-1995 (annually July 15)
4. **Second American Revolution:** Dr. Gerbner re Communications Revolution
5. **"We Were Also There" UNA Traveling Exhibit and Information Series**
portraying the role of African Americans W.E. B. DuBois, Mary Mcleod Bethune, and Walter White, and African nations of Ethiopia, Egypt, Liberia, and The Union of South Africa, in the founding of The United Nations at San Francisco in 1945; and stressing the urgency for the united nations of the world to cooperate in 1) ending colonial rule, 2) terminating its damaging impact upon the African peoples and their respective habitats, 3) protecting the African environment including vital life forms indigenous therein, and 4) recognizing and respecting the humanity of the kidnapped and enslaved Africans, and their descendents, wherever they may still suffer from effects of that genocidal era.

Invited: Hon. Yahne Sangarey, Journalist, Diplomat, and Reporter to the United Nations
Dr. George Gerbner, Educator, Project for International Communications
Dr. Mattie L. Humphrey, Nurse, Attorney, Founder Urban Self Study Institute

Purpose: To explore opportunities to collaborate on communications & other projects:
1. Self Study as a basis for understanding the urban crisis in Philadelphia and as related to other inner city populations in the path of similar crises;
2. Global Report: a series of journalistic projects by the United Nations Association AFRICA PROJECT; with an exhibit where feasible.
3. International Communications Project: Dr. Gerbner, Dean Emeritus, Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania.

Issues: Are there common denominators, i.e. operative human values, shared by people in this community and in other post-industrial urban centers? What are the lessons we have experienced that are valuable to modern and developing urban centers? How can we together contribute to international data systems, educational strategies, and lifestyle practices, so as to enable global humanity to enhance localized peace and social harmony, in light of new technologies and escalating social expectations?

What cooperative steps can we take now? What interactive procedures can we initiate to enhance and maximize the value of our respective enterprises for each other and for global humanity, beginning with the current diverse resident population in Philadelphia?

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