

A Tale of Two Spiritualities

The World says:

Grab everything you can. Take all you can get, wherever you can get it. Walk all over everyone who gets in your way and you will become rich and famous.

Mother Teresa said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit. The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

The World says:

Only the strong survive. You must give ground to no one - you must allow no one to interfere with your plans whatever the cost to anyone else - you must get everything you are entitled to and more.

Mother Teresa said:

Blessed are the gentle. They shall have the earth as their inheritance.

The World says:

Be ruthless, don't take any prisoners, crush those who are weak - don't show any mercy to anyone in trouble - they are weak and nothing but a burden to society and above all a burden to you.

Mother Teresa said:

Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

The World says:

Never show any mercy. Mercy is only for the weak. Why should you tolerate other people's failures and mistakes? Compassion is for wimps. Remember the Bible said: 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

Mother Teresa said:

Blessed are the merciful. They shall have mercy shown them.

The World says:

Achieve your objectives no matter what the cost. If you have to hurt someone in the process - don't worry about it. If you have to kill someone, they were probably better off dead anyway. Don't feel bad if you have to eliminate someone you are to eliminate someone - you are helping to make the world a better place.

Mother Teresa said:

Blessed are the peacemakers.

The World says:

Whatever you do look after yourself. Let other people solve their own problems. Don't waste your time worrying about injustice, pain or suffering. Leave that to someone else. If you get involved in helping others - you will be dragged into their mess. Leave other peoples problems to social workers and you will have a much more comfortable life.

Mother Teresa said:

Blessed are those who are persecuted helping others. The Kingdom of heaven is theirs.