

CREATIVE COOPERATION IN THE HOME

PRINCIPLE CENTERED PARENTING

CREATIVE COOPERATION = SYNERGY

- Synergy is the essence of principled centered parenting: the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
- Synergy unleashes the greatest potential of each member of the family.
- UNITY in the family with it's DIVERSITY of persons (opinions, personalities, quirks, etc.) is the greatest proof of unconditional love.



HOW DO WE GET THERE?

PARENTS HAVE A MISSION	PARENTS NEED A PLACE - HOME	THE FAMILY IS THE CELL OF SOCIETY
<p>The ultimate purpose of every human life is:</p> <p>HAPPINESS</p>	<p>Create a HOME:</p> <p>The HOME is a physical space & a spiritual reality.</p>	<p>A micro-cosmos of the world. Creates common traditions, lasting memories and deep:</p> <p>CONNECTIONS</p>
<p>Parents provide and protect, nurture and educate with this goal in mind: Happiness!</p>	<p>Constantly radiating messages: of care, of order, of beauty, of truth, of goodness, of unity, selflessness & respect</p>	<p>From: DEPENDANT</p> <p>To: INDEPENDENT</p> <p>To: INTERDEPENDANT</p>



DEPENDENT: We are directed, nurtured and sustained by others.

INDEPENDENT: We take care of ourselves, becoming inner-directed and self-reliant. "Independence is an achievement".



INTERDEPENDENT: As we continue to grow, we discover that all of nature is interdependent, that the higher reaches of our nature have to do with our relationships with others. "Interdependence is a choice".

PRINCIPLE CENTERED PARENTING

“Character-based” approach to personal and interpersonal growth: children need parents to provide structure, set boundaries, and laydown guardrails that are enforced, in order to improve and be well adjusted in the world.

Cooperation does not mean “permissiveness”. Some parents think it is virtuous to let children decide everything, but it can be harmful.

DOMESTIC WELL-BEING IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN NEED

Home is not just a building or a shelter, but a vehicle for carrying emotions, memories, and culture. Home is the focus of our most important relationships and most private moments.

The home provides an environment where people develop and mature humanly and spiritually. The emotions surrounding home provide for the most formative experiences of our lives.

The home gives tacit knowledge: it teaches through the material order and beauty of its walls, floors, bedrooms, and table settings.

Habitat makes us human!

The home is a place where one's individuality is nurtured and loved, and where one learns to work and care for others. At home we discover who we are.

WHAT IS HOME?

More than a place
where the heart
is...



A HOME is a physical space and
a spiritual reality where people
flourish and learn to work and
care for others.

CHILDREN are happy in homes
where there is order, respect
and connection.

FIVE STEPS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE AT HOME

01

Connection

02

**Play
Work
Service**

03

Practice

04

Mastery

05

Recognition



#1 - CONNECTION

- Real
- Tangible
- Personal
- NOT virtual





EXAMPLES OF CONNECTION: FAMILY PRAYER

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER



FAMILY MEALS

- Better relationships – knowing what is going on
- Better nutrition
- Better social skills – conversation & listening
- Table manners
- Learning to serve others through prep work & clean up

FAMILY GAMES & OUTINGS

- Movie nights
- Reading corners
- Learning how to lose
- Spending time together
- Acquiring a win/win attitude



2 - PLAY

- All play is work and
- All work is service
- Children learn to care for others and serve as they mimic parents and older siblings through play





MAKING IT FUN

- Life is a quest,
- Life is an adventure
- Habits and routines are important to learn virtues



FAMILY PROJECTS

- Work together
- Respect authority
- Contribute and cooperate with the care of the home



SERVICE TO OTHERS

- Order: when children have order they have self-control
- Chores are never a punishment
- It is an honor and a privilege to cooperate in the care of others with jobs in the home

CONNECTING VS EXPECTING

- How much should you push your children?
- High expectations vs Realistic expectations
- Accept new ideas
- Different ways of doing the same thing
- Encouraging them to find the best way



TEAMWORK



- First trying to understand
- Before we try to make ourselves understood

3 – PRACTICE



- Discovering strengths and weaknesses, natural gifts, and areas of improvement
- Practicing respect for others
- Taking ownership



4 - MASTERY

- “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit” ARISTOTLE
- Start with a standard or ideal of perfection
- Try and try again, until you get the HABIT
- Helping each other & learning from each other
- Interdependent children combine their own efforts with the efforts of others to achieve their greatest success

**Internalized principles and patterns of behavior allow for cooperation:
combining talents and abilities we can create something greater.**



5 - RECOGNITION



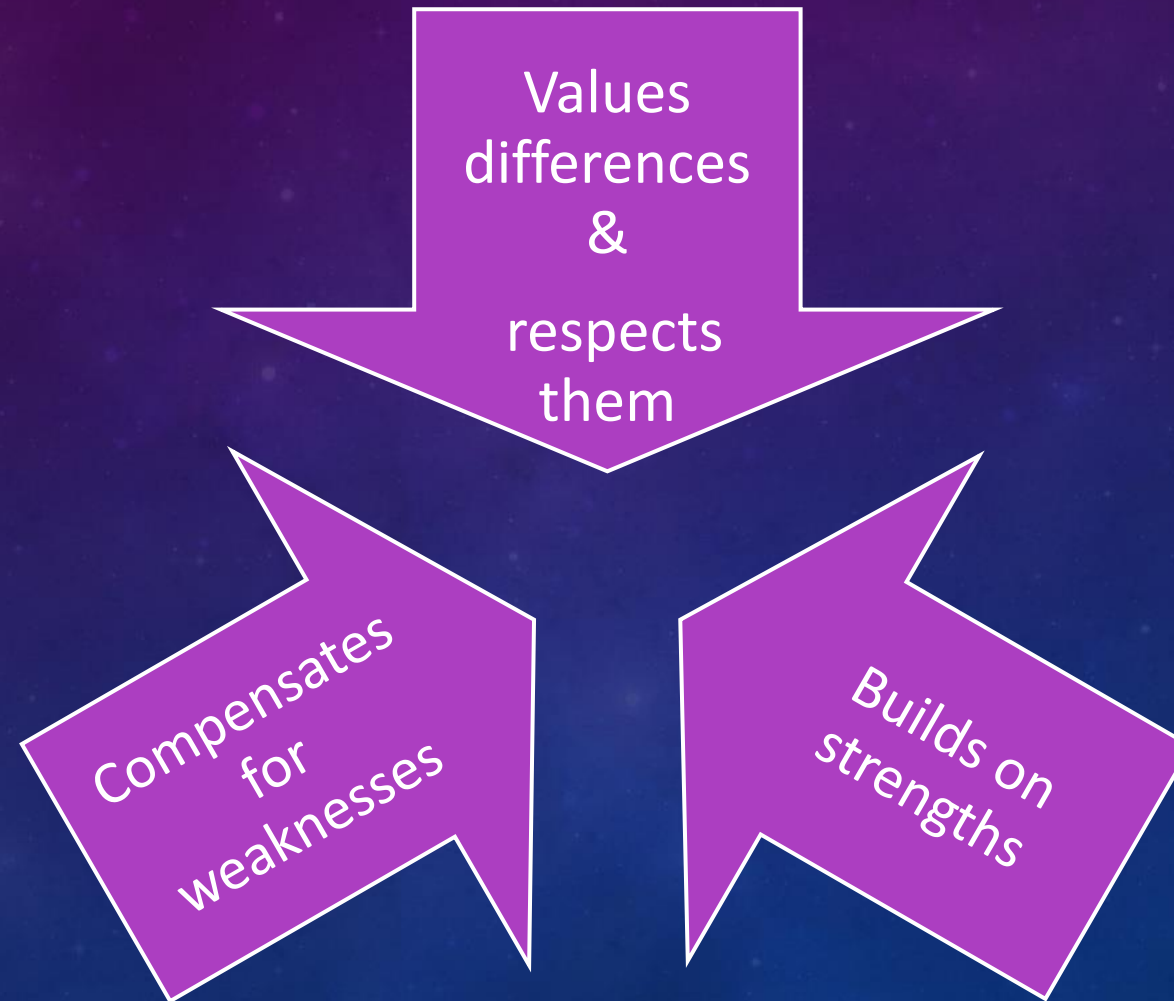
- Celebrate achievements
- Plan celebrations together
- Make your home attractive!



PERFECT SYNERGY

- Listening to the others
- UNITY AND DIVERSITY
- Creating a Symphony
- Enjoying each other

CREATIVE COOPERATION





INTERGENERATIONAL

An effective interdependent family of children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins can be a powerful force in helping people have a sense of who they are and where they came from and what they stand for.



GOING THE EXTRA STEP

- Helping those who can't help themselves
- Love can't be measured, it always exaggerates

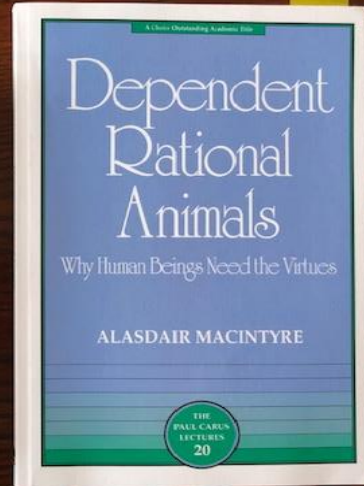
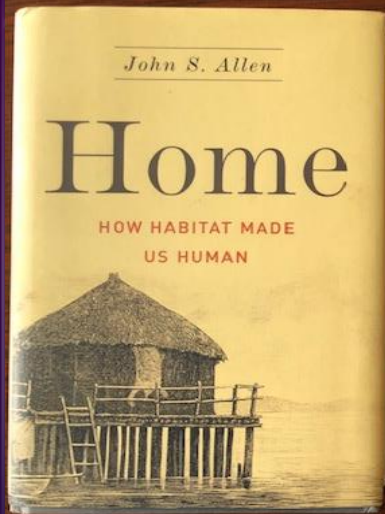
FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

A strong intergenerational family is potentially one of the most fruitful, rewarding, and satisfying interdependent relationships.

The highest and most impactful motivation in doing that is not for ourselves only, but for our posterity and for the posterity of all mankind.



ENJOY YOUR
CHILDREN!



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