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Guidelines for Parenting - By Judi Thomases

Anything that gives another person a true understanding of the nature of life, the nature of choice, and the nature of taking form, of being human, of experiencing real emotions...anything that gives insight and understanding into these subjects can be considered parenting. Whether it is the parenting of youthful beings, or the guiding of older and more experienced people, there is really no difference. All that is important is that the soul be guided into light, into awakened awareness, and into the delights of joyful self-realization. For in such joyful fulfillment of each soul's mission (agenda, choice of experience) is that which can be gained from one's life.

We are saying that you can perform the role of parent by bringing those in your charge into greater and greater light, love, and freedom. If you have a frightened (fearful) person to work with, you must alleviate the fear first, replacing it with wonderment and anticipation. Then you must further replace wonderment with purpose. And finally you must continue to replace purpose with greater meaning - a meaning that will (can) only come clear as you look further than individual life, further than societal life, and even further than human life. This meaning can only be grasped as you are able (learn) to look into the future of mankind. It is in this future that you will find your true work as a parent. For the future will bring mankind much to ponder, much to do. There is ahead a great task: that of becoming truly spiritual humans. A new race, different from those who have lived here from the beginning of recorded time. A race of beings who know their larger selves, their spiritual components. If a parent truly wants to bring their charge (child) into the future, they must parent (guide) from this recognition...that we will prevail into a future moment when there are no longer barriers between spirit and form, between solid material life and invisible but ever-present cosmic (spiritual) existence. That is true parenting.

Otherwise (and before this glorious day) we can say that a good parent will always provide the means for the offspring to fly freely ahead into life, to explore, to experiment, to fall and get picked up again and again. This is the parent's great work, that of giving the child true freedom and true support.

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