

Fairytale? Myth? Lie? (The children are watching & listening!)

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Definitions for our times...

Definition of a fairytale: (Partial meaning: "A fanciful story or explanation." (American Heritage dictionary.)

Definition of a myth: (Partial meaning: "A fiction or half-truth. A fictitious story or thing." (Also, American Heritage dictionary.)

Definition of a lie: (Partial meaning: "A false statement deliberately presented as true." (Also, American Heritage dictionary.)

So ... in thinking of fairytales, I am so often reminded of the words of the young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, when at the tender age of sixteen on September 23rd, 2019, addressed the UN Climate Action Summit and spoke of "world leaders stealing her dreams and her childhood with their inaction on climate change" and "caring more about money and fairytales of eternal economic growth." But the climate is not just a "change", it's a crisis that cannot be ignored!

As for myths, every day I can see that myths are propagated over the news airwaves, over social media outlets and published in print media! Here are a couple: Donald Trump won the US Presidential election in November of 2020, when, in fact, he did not! The Coronavirus pandemic did not kill over 600,000 Americans, when, in fact, it did!

The problem with maintaining these kinds of delusional thinking is that we are playing with danger, and we are putting forth falsehoods that teach our children that lies are okay! We are allowing members of Congress and other representatives in elected offices to labor under these falsehoods and what kind of example are they setting for the country and the world? For both children and adults, ignoring truth and science and embracing untruths is not smart thinking at any age!

Is the version of American history taught in schools promoting a "fairytale"? (Ignoring "uncomfortable truths" is a form of Historical amnesia".) In areas of voter suppression, are we really the country of true democracy? Are our campaign finance laws allowing us to "buy elections"? Are we lying to ourselves that it's good for police departments to allocate monies to purchase "military riot gear" rather than invest in training staff in effective mental health skills?



Are we overlooking other agencies of law enforcement that exhibit racial profiling, graft or leanings toward treasonous beliefs or actions?

Children count on adults to be truthful and teach them to be good citizens ... are we doing that?

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