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Who would have known that I am standing here sometimes to explain to such a distinguished and spiritual audience my business life and moreover my change from the hard, harsh and sometimes quite rude business world to a life full of happiness through listening to my inner self or higher self!

For all people it is there from the beginning, but covered up during the life. So most of us have to find it again, our inner voice, which is guiding us perfectly if we are ready and learn to listen. Every day is a school day in life, as we all know!

Making in young years a steep career till Managing Director with only 24 years, of the world oldest expedition company in Switzerland, organizing climbing tours to the highest mountains of the world, "Dhaulagiri" and "Mount Everest", I soon after, with 26 became an independent business man.

Lucky to travel 200 days a year for over 10 years, experiencing and meeting thousands of people in dozens countries, mostly Europe, Africa and Asia, with only small activities in the US, I enjoyed travelling and meeting people.

My change to a more compassionate and spiritual life was unsurprisingly my time in Africa. Even if it was part of my hardest life time, it was as well the most fulfilling and deeply transforming part for my future life.

Let me tell you two stories from my time in Africa:

1. Leading the team to take over the largest, state owned company, in that West African country, producing about 70% of the countries "GDP", I experienced the help of the workers, not of the government!

They prayed for me, encouraged me to stay and cried when we lost (the tender) because of corruption, knowing that officially we had won with the best business plan, a blue print for doing business in Africa!

2. Cooperating with a local business man, having worked before for the government, we received easily the licence to open a "GSA" (General Sales Agency) for a foreign airline company and the first flight took place soon after.

Among our customers the government has been top priority and flow with us very frequently.

My learning process as a naive business man in Africa was:

Without relations and corruption no business is done in this countries. But what I learned as well is the fact that this corruption has nothing to do with the wide public in Africa, it comes from outside and involves mostly the elite, not the poor.

Coming back to Switzerland I tried again shortly the business world, but gave up after making rather bad experiences.

Luckily a coincidence brought me to the WSF World Spirit Forum idea and I started it in 2003, having the first forum in January 2004.

Feeling that the world needs a "Change of Consciousness" if we want to survive on this planet.

The WSF is a yearly gathering next to the WEF World Economic Forum in Davos with more or less the same faculties: Economics, Science, Religion, Politics, Culture, Society
We focus on the spiritual work together, to exchange consciousness and having deep dialogue with each other. In 2005 we initiated the first World Spirit Youth Council at the World Spirit Forum, followed by the invitation to 30 youth leaders from all around the world to join in Arosa for one week to a spiritual workshop, followed by the participation at the World Spirit Forum 2006.

2008 I was also founding member of the first meeting in Costa Rica of the WTI World Transforming Initiatives, an idea brought up by Ashok Khosla, the president of the Club of Rome, to bring together the founders and presidents of leading organizations, with worldwide reach.

Now after doing 7 years the WSF and seeing the crisis in the world, I may take other steps towards informing more the public about what we all can do to survive on this planet, this god given paradise, which we treat so badly.

Dear friends, I am very optimistic that with organizations like "Globalization for the common good" with the international peace council and all partners here it is not only "yes we can" but "yes we do". What is needed.

All the resources are here, yes here and now and we all together can do it.

The Know How, the Natural Resources, the Young People, the New Energy, the Peace and Interfaith Movement, it is all there.

Let's have the courage to join forces, let's collaborate and not compete.

Let's make a Paradise out of this blue planet!

A great task is waiting for all of us and fulfilling it we may do what the founding personalities of the United States of America dreamed of.

We are here and now together with our youth, the future generation we can work on this dream to come true.

And again "Yes we do"!

I am prepared to work with you all here in this conference hall on this dream, let's do it!

Open our hearts, United Responsibility!

Thank you all. God Bless!