

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn - Talent is always conscious of its own abundance, and does not object to sharing.

The Buddha - To live a pure unselfish life, one must count nothing as one's own in the midst of abundance.

Cynthia Bourgeault - “We do not think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into a new way of thinking.”

And this from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his Nobel Peace Prize address, in 1964 - “The rich nations must use their vast resources of wealth to develop the underdeveloped, school the unschooled, and feed the unfed. Ultimately a great nation is a compassionate nation. No individual or nation can be great if it does not have a concern for ‘the least of these.’”

Mohandas Gandhi – the world has enough for everyone’s need but not enough for everyone’s

greed.

*Gisle Sorli - "Our definition and understanding of whatever "scarcity" and "abundance" means is shaped by remembering who God is..."*

And from Richard Rohr - ... *Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity.* It didn't need changing: God has organically, inherently loved what God created from the moment God created. *Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God.* This sets everything on an utterly positive foundation. Rather than being an ogre, God is Love. Rather than being sinners in the hands of an angry God, we are inherently and forever loved by God, no matter what we do or don't do.

And finally a paraphrase of St. Francis of Assisi's Rule: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, ... use words."