

What is World Culture?

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The Institute of World Culture's Declaration of Interdependence invites us to "envision the conditions, prospects and possibilities of the world civilization of the future." Historically, cultures have nourished shared understanding of what is ethical and valuable in human life and social relations. Is it not the birthright of every human being to participate in the creation of a world culture? What are the elements of a world culture? What would happen to cultural diversity if a shared understanding of world culture emerged? How would a true world culture impact our individual lives? Tolerance of religious and ethnic differences would be a first step towards creating a world culture. Protecting human rights and promoting the welfare of all humanity with an equitable distribution of the earth's resources are important constituents of a world culture. Free access to ideas, information and technologies would nourish mutual education. The transformative influences of the arts would dissolve the seeds of distrust that lead to violence. Indeed creative thought about the welfare of each and all should awaken human potential, strengthen a conviction of universal fellowship and promote an enthusiastic enjoyment of different cultures. Thereby the universal paradigms of world culture might be discovered. To that end the Institute of World Culture exists.

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