



First Curriculum for a Peacemaker Mind

Remember how long you have been putting off these things, and how often you have received an opportunity from the gods, and yet do not use it. You must now at last perceive of what universe you are a part and from what administrator of the universe your existence flows, and that a limit of time is fixed for you, which if you do not use for clearing away the clouds from your mind, it will go and you will go, and it will never return. -- Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

It is the job of a teacher to focus the student's mind on the meaning of words, and to do this without imposing a curved intention or a biased agenda. The words listed have meaning, some of them have meaning that dates back thousands of years. If you create a definition without the context of a word's history, it is worse than burning books.

Choose one word and study its meaning in every dictionary possible. Know its first use, when it was used, and why it was used. For its original context. Document your findings in a thinkshed. Cross-pollinate your research with literature, science, and art. Engage in conversation with others to include discussions with friends, family, and community. Stay focused on one word for as long as you need. This is not a complete list, so add to this list as desired.

1. Angels
2. Art/Beauty
3. Being/Existence
4. Belief
5. Brotherhood
6. Capitalism
7. Causality
8. Chance
9. Charity/Service
10. Citizen
11. Communication
12. Community
13. Conservation
14. Conservatism
15. Constitution
16. Creation
17. Culture
18. Currency
19. Death
20. Deduction
21. Definition
22. Democracy
23. Denial
24. Desire
25. Dream
26. Economics
27. Electric
28. Evolution
29. Emotion
30. Energy
31. Enterprise
32. Epistemology
33. Equality
34. Ethics
35. Evil
36. Evolution
37. Faith
38. Fascism
39. Family
40. Fear
41. Federalism
42. Form/Law
43. Freedom
44. Free Enterprise
45. Free Will
46. Friendship
47. God
48. Government
49. Health
50. Heaven
51. Hell
52. History
53. Hope
54. Hypothesis
55. Idealism
56. Imagination
57. Induction
58. Infinity
59. Intelligence
60. Intimidation
61. Joy
62. Justice/Judgment
63. Knowledge
64. Leadership
65. Learning/Education
66. Liberalism
67. Liberty
68. Light
69. Love
70. Magnetic
71. Meaning
72. Media
73. Memory
74. Metaphysics
75. Morality
76. Myth
77. Nature
78. Obedience
79. Opposition
80. Optimism
81. Philosophy
82. Physics
83. Politics
84. Principle
85. Prophecy
86. Providence
87. Psychology/ Psychiatry
88. Quality
89. Reason/Logic
90. Relativity
91. Responsibility
92. Revelation
93. Rhetoric
94. Righteousness
95. Rights
96. Sacrifice
97. Science
98. Sin
99. Sisterhood
100. Socialism
101. Sovereignty
102. Soul
103. Space
104. Spirit/Spiritual
105. Sport
106. State
107. Statesmanship
108. Taxation
109. Technology
110. Time
111. Tradition
112. Truth
113. Tyranny
114. Value
115. Vice
116. Virtue
117. War
118. Wealth
119. Wisdom