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## 2016 EsF Reading Group Summary

Reading and reflection is an important part of an EsF Assembly.  
Following is a short summary of a group discussion on the following text.

### EsF as Builders of Peace

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"Peace lies in the awareness of the beauty and acceptance of its order"

Dialogue: What was the order about; it was good to have a knowledge of this order about Peace.

External order of the Cosmos, Inner order of the being.

Peace is all about order, which results in equity and a good quality of life. It is a state which means normalisation of adults. Though external order is expected, the love of peace starts with an inward journey.

"Children come into the world with the prime mandate of integrating the order of the Cosmos"

Dialogue: Why do people say, Montessori is not for all children? They have a false understanding about the philosophy and believe it is an education method for the elite. The way is to start is to start the restoration process of the parents trust in their children. This would create a mind field where the child is important.

"However dire the circumstances of their lives, the slightest breath of encouragement will allow for it to flourish"

Dialogue: Why is it that we think of children needing correction always. We need to pause to look at them differently. As creators of the future. If we can stop our instinctive responses towards children, chiding them all the time, we would aid them to go a long way in their self construction.

"Instead Peace is the very marrow of human hardiness"

Dialogue: How peace is depicted itself is defective. The absence of chaos is not peace. The joy found in our actions are a source for peace. Motherhood, friendship are all peace channels

"It is not only the children of outcasts, minorities, exiles and refugees - children in underdeveloped, poor and war ridden countries, children in ghettos, - whose inherent peace is threatened,. Very often these children;s essence remains intact while that of children in affluent first world societies suffers irreparable damage"

Dialogue: While we sympathise with underserved population of children, the ones from affluent societies seem more underprivileged - since they are prematurely drawn to instinctive pleasures, with less chances of deep thought. They need our attention.

San Remo Lectures: Creative Capacity of Early Childhood:

" The superiority and condescension evinced by adults towards the child crumble and. instead a sense of humility emerges, the same sense that is evoked in him who succeeds in tearing the veil that hides the secret of creation"

Dialogue: The arrogance of the adult against the child is ground to dust if he sees the wonder of creation unfolding before his very eyes. just as though he has discovered life secrets all by himself! He is humbled by the grandness of the human potential presented by the child in front of him.