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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.

### Karachi Lecture N° 18

1 August 2016, Group 2

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We feel that in this lecture, Dr. Montessori romanticizes poverty presenting it as a more natural condition for the child and the most effective path to spiritual development. We don't particularly agree with this perspective.

She proposes that the response given by illiterate parents living in poverty to the child's developmental progress is more uplifting to the child than that of cultured parents. We feel this is a gross generalization.

In the end and after much discussion, we agreed that Montessori's work must be contextualized. What she was probably talking about is the importance of the spiritual preparation of the adult in service of the child.