



Welcome

Welcome to *Ka Mana: Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection*, a project of [Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light](https://hipl.org/) (HIPL). *Ka Mana* connects our interfaith, decision-making, and advocacy communities in Hawaii's historic transition to 100% renewable energy and a carbon-neutral economy. Inspired by shared values, effective action, a sense of urgency for fossil-fuel-free Hawaii futures ASAP, and a vision of social, economic, and environmental equity for all, together we can do this! Welcome to this Historic Moment.

Fear and Trembling

This phrase is associated with Soren Kierkegaard, a 19th-century philosopher credited with presaging existentialist thinkers. It refers to the anxiety we face when we look inward at what we must commit ourselves to in order to live the life we truly believe in and know is right.

Be the Change You Want to See in the World

Gandhi is credited with this phrase, but it is most likely a paraphrase of a message he gave about how the world we see around us is mirrored in our personal lives. Conversely, "As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. This is the divine mystery supreme." For Gandhi, because we are inextricably linked to the world around us, we cannot help but reflect its reality. But that means by changing ourselves, we then change the world around us. Working together, we create meaningful and lasting change.

Lessons from the Pandemic

What we are experiencing in this current pandemic are profound changes in our daily routine, social and economic activities, and interpersonal relationships. These are changes

forced upon us in the face of a crisis. Likewise, we may face similar harsh but essential changes as a result of the climate crisis that make life harder simply to survive. Choice will be taken away from us, and our well-being will be sacrificed to ensure the survival of the community of creation.

A Journey of Faith and Religion

This is not the future any of us want. But placing our hope in "green" technologies or "smart" growth and development will not save us. Rather, it is our belief in and commitment to different ways of life that brings enlightenment, salvation, or freedom from our dependence upon "business as usual" for prosperity and meaning. People and communities of faith have through the ages given us visions for a radically better future, divinely inspired knowledge and understanding, works miraculous and mundane, and a devotion to keep the faith and co-create the future we seek. It is a hard and long-term journey. but the fruits are joy and meaning beyond measure and a community of support and comfort when challenges arise. And as we change ourselves, we will see those changes in the world around us, reinforcing the peace, justice, and sustainability that all of us seek.

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