



## What I Don't and Do Expect - An essay - Ray Melnik 9/20/20

I don't expect you to never feel selfish, but I expect you not to stay there.

I don't expect you to know if something is true, but I expect you to try to find out.

I don't expect you to never look down on another person, but I do expect it not to be because of skin color, place of birth, religious beliefs or person they love.

I don't expect you to give up all you work hard for, but I do expect you to join us when we want to more fairly tax someone who has more wealth than can be spent in a hundred lifetimes.

I don't expect you to give up the wealth you have built, but I do expect you to pay the people who make that wealth possible, a wage they can live on, and maybe a little more.

I don't expect you not to feel special, especially if you have been dealt a better hand, but I do expect you to realize that everyone else is special too, even if their fates have been cruel.

I don't expect you to alter your faith, but I do expect you to understand that people of other faiths are just as sure of their own and have a right to believe theirs, as does an atheist to not believe at all.

I don't expect you to understand all the sciences, but I do expect you not to ridicule the best understandings that we have.

I don't expect you to want to lose the vital healthcare you luckily have, but I do expect you to want that for all our citizens.

I don't expect you to dig deep for every ragged human sleeping in the streets, but I do expect you realize how many are there simply because they were damaged in wars, from childhood abuse and bad turns, and their illness is often not a visible one.

I don't expect you to want your world to change if you have a good life, but I do expect you to realize that when done right, no one has to lose for another to win.

This is not a sport. This is about our basic rights, goals and dreams. We the people: all of us.

No one has to lose for you to win.