

Introduction

One of the primary questions facing us all today is “Who’s in charge here? Can we have control over happiness and success in our work, homes, and social life, or are we simply a twig trying to ride out a hurricane?”

The principles that assure happiness and success are as true today as they were centuries ago. Universal truths are not situational. Their correctness has been proven by the test of time. So too has the wolf pack proven the effectiveness of its organizational principles through the test of time.

For centuries, man and wolf coexisted, viewing each other more with awe than with fear. Each respected the others social order and hunting skills. They were partners in maintaining the earth’s intricate balance. They understood that they were a part of nature, rather than nature being a part of them.

Then man began to believe that he was superior and that he no longer needed the wolf. In fact, he no longer even honored the wolf’s right to exist. Bounties were offered to encourage the poisoning, shooting, and trapping of wolves everywhere. This was in spite of the fact that the wolf had given man his most loyal friend and working partner, the dog. Whether out of envy, fear, or ignorance, man set out to destroy the wolf, nature’s mirror image of man in so many ways.

Though diminished, the wolf pack has persevered against all odds, protecting its successful family organization and social structure.

There is a growing recognition that we can once again learn from our ancient friend, *Canis Lupus*. Currently, the wolf is beginning, with man’s assistance, to make a comeback in many parts of the world. Today the human social order seems to be falling apart, while the wolf family remains intact. Our organizations and the people within them are disoriented from the aftershocks of divorce, crime, overpopulation, reorganization, downsizing, mergers, and work redesign, while the organization of the wolf pack remains a model of playfulness, teamwork, efficiency, and sharing.

Our educational system is suffering a staggering decline, while the wolf pack, as always, puts the education, protection, parenting, and mentoring of their young first. They know that in their children lies their future, and they act accordingly. We obviously have much to learn from the wolf.

Everything is perfect coming from the hands of the creator; everything degenerates in the hands of man.

JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU



Truth does not change because it is, or is not, believed by a majority of the people.

GIORDANO BRUNO



In nature, the emphasis is on what is rather than what ought to be.

HUSTON SMITH



Nature knows no indecencies; man invents them.