## Self Fulfillment in Self Giving

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### Suffering and Forgiveness

- Holocaust
- Communist Persecutions
- Millions of people dead
- People wonder:
  - what is the purpose of life?
  - What is the purpose of suffering?
  - Who am I? What is a human being?

# What do you do when nothing around you makes sense?

- Knight of faith / knight of infinite resignation
- What do you do when there is no logic, and when the logical result is despair?
- What do you when so much evil has happened?

#### Work for the good!

- What does it mean? What is the source of the good? Can I make the world around me good, beautiful?
  - The Nazis tried it
  - The Communists tried it
  - Any dictatorial power tries it
- Why?
  - People perceive themselves as creators of beauty: they become worshippers of an idea
  - And doing so, they become MURDERERS

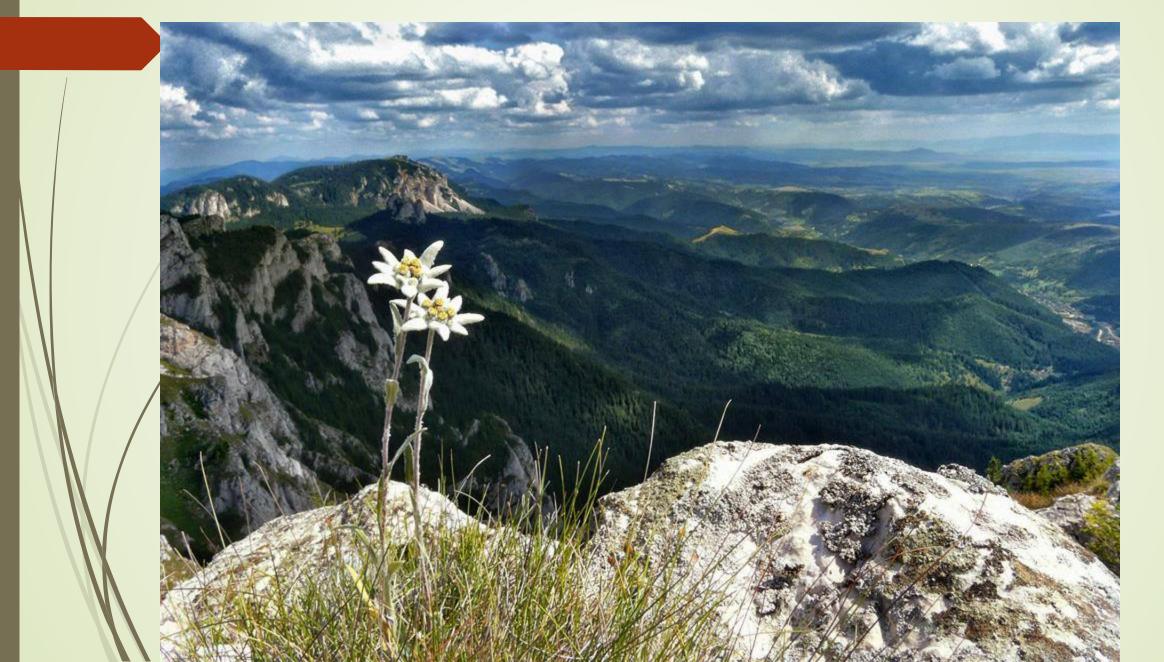
### The Call of the Face



"To me, humility is not what we often make of it: the sheepish way of trying to imagine that we are the worst of all and trying to convince others that our artificial ways of behaving show that we are aware of that. Humility is the situation of the earth. The earth is always there, always taken for granted, never remembered, always trodden on by everyone, somewhere we cast and pour out all the refuse, all we don't need. It's there, silent and accepting everything and in a miraculous way making out of all the refuse new richness in spite of corruption, transforming corruption itself into a power of life and a new possibility of creativeness, open to the sunshine, open to the rain, ready to receive any seed we sow and capable of bringing thirtyfold, sixtyfold, a hundredfold out of every seed"

(Anthony Bloom Beginning to Pray 35).

#### Humus = fertile ground = birth-giver of Beauty



#### Who Needs Healing?

Each one of us;

The world itself—it is in caring for the other, the one next to you, be it present physically or spiritually, that we participate in the process of beautifying the world and thus rendering it its true nature.



I am responsible for my family, for my community, for my nation.

(they are all given to me: responsible as a shepherd)

Being responsible for my nation, I am responsible for all nations, and so for the whole world.

#### Remaking Constellations

- We are in already given constellations
  - Family, community, nation, the whole world
  - the beauty of the world is given by our personal constellations
    - Constellations already given to us (family, church, nation)
      - And we can contribute to ugliness by rejecting them
        - "You are not worthy of me"
        - "You have no place in my world"
      - But the other is already in my world
      - I can contribute to beauty by acknowledging that their ugliness depends on me
  - We remake constellations with the people that have already passed by using their words

#### The Restoration of Beauty



### Becoming human

- Losing oneself in the other
- Doing so, you participate in the creation of the world

"When you give, at the beginning you give from what you have; after a while, you give from what you are"

Fr. Arsenie Boca

In forgiveness, I give myself to the other, and giving myself I gain a whole world, an entire constellation.



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Losing oneself in the other....

Relating how Service-Learning teaching methodologies impact an individual.....

Self-Awareness, Knowledge, & Skills



### Applied Elements of Service Learning



Reciprocity
Guided Reflection
Pre-Reflection
Real-time debrief

Post Reflection relating to Theory

(Fitch Steinke & Hudson, n.d.)

# How achievement of outcomes was measured

#### The students will:

- Describe how the service learning experience changed their perception of health promotion and the role of the nurse.
- Display an awareness of the needs in the community and make a personal connection.
- Reflect on how the service learning experience fostered health and optimal wellness in older adults living in a long term care environment.

#### Transformational Developments

- This was a short two-hour project but it has and will continue to make a lasting impression on my life
- The service learning project at Heddington Oaks was an experience that showed the importance of being involved with the community.
- The smallest actions had the power to change a person's outlook and well-being, lower a person's guard, build trust, or create comfort and enhance healing.
- A teacher can talk about certain things in class, but it doesn't come close to having the same impact for me as when I get to see it for myself.
- When I volunteer, I know that I make a difference in someone's life. I may not make a big difference, but with lots of little differences we can help to make a big difference in healthcare and many other aspects of life as we know it.

Student Perspective.....

The time spent at Heddington Oaks felt like pushing a reset button.....

# Transformational Word Cloud

regularly Fortune older lessen promotion health discovered project atrophy start socialization report benefits visit bearing responsibility activities through help elderly helping active people deteriorate live stress self-care selected emotional staff kind Many stay sense promote service Along learn adults related receive pets r while game receive pets \_\_\_\_\_ visually age care mind mental eustress Staying physically age hopefully physically age petting Wheel prevent healthier quality viewed hand massage Oaks hopefully involve allowing symptoms research motivate challenges alleviating symptoms like Oaks blankets reinforcing exercise percent interact assessment services exercises aging-related population important communit word to

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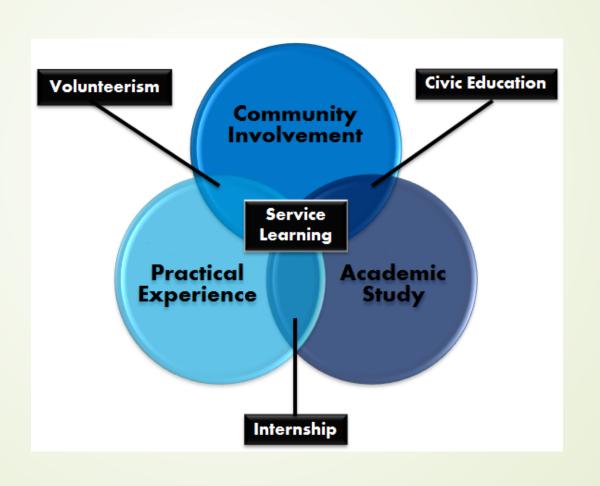
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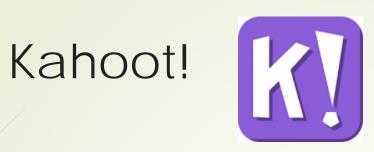
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# What will you do in your own environment as a result of this activity?





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- Enter the PIN number shown on the screen
- Let's Play!



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