

Introducing Ralph Singh



“Stories have the power to change the world”

Ralph Singh is Chair of the Wisdom Thinkers Network. He is an author, educator, story teller, speaker, and community builder.

Ralph currently consults to develop curricula and resources to bring an understanding of shared values into schools using the teachings and wisdom stories from the world's spiritual traditions and cultures. His latest project, "Stories to Light our Way, Journey to the World of Good" is an award winning, professionally produced audio CD with stories from eleven different traditions. "Stories" has been featured in USA Today, and endorsed by some of the leading experts in character education and community groups. As Chair of WTN, he also convenes roundtables to help break down the ideological gridlock and build a shared narrative.

For over 40 years, Ralph has focused on spirituality and values in education and in public life. He helped develop the "Schools of Character" project for the Central N.Y. Education Consortium, shepherded the Central N.Y. MUN and served on the national council of the UNA-USA. He developed and taught "Exploring Spirituality" (Character Ed from the Inside Out) for upper school and adult education programs. He helped launch and served as Vice-chair of the North American Interfaith Network, where he focused on Interfaith Education. He was founding President of Gobind Sadan, USA, and currently serves as Director of Publications and Public Relations for Gobind Sadan.

Ralph has authored or edited five books, including his own stories at Baba Virsa Singh ji's feet, *A Path to Follow*, *A Life to Lead*, which chronicles his life as Babaji's first foreign devotee, to his involvement in the community building efforts surrounding the post 9-11 arson attack on his spiritual community Gobind Sadan, USA, North of Syracuse, NY. He speaks regularly on diverse subjects related to spirituality and civil society, maintains a Huffington Post blog in addition to his own Exploring Spirituality blog, and contributes commentary and articles regularly to local media outlets.

There is an old Native American Cherokee wisdom story:

A child went to his Grandfather to ask why there was so much fighting in the world. The old man looked down at the little boy and replied, "My child, two wolves are constantly battling in our minds. One is good and wishes no harm to anyone. The other is full of anger, and ready to fight with everyone."

"But Grandfather, which one wins?" the child asked.

"The one we feed."



Wisdom Thinkers Network is a 501(c)3 organization that uses the wisdom of traditional stories, both sacred and secular, to strengthen the social fabric and foster a more compassionate, inclusive, civil society.

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*Connecting the world,
especially our children, through the
shared wisdom of our stories*



Our Strategies

-  Producing teaching tools based on our traditions and disciplines to support wise choices, and multi-cultural, interracial, and interfaith understanding
-  Modeling a path towards civil discourse and shared values through public roundtables at both the grass roots and at highly visible events
-  Promoting sustainable livelihoods and service to those in need
-  Giving voice to wisdom through media
-  Making wise decisions for a better world

A Major Shift

“The stories we choose to tell and how we choose to tell them determines the course of civilization.” *Ralph Singh*

Nurturing

- Compassion
- Wisdom
- Character

Fostering

- Social responsibility
- Social engagement
- Social cohesion

Building

- A Caring, Inclusive, and Pluralistic Community

Our Mission

We believe that stories have the power to change the world – and by reweaving the wisdom of our traditional stories, both sacred and secular, and new understandings into education and public life we will be able to strengthen our social fabric and foster a more compassionate, inclusive, civil society.



Roundtables

Wisdom Thinkers Roundtables: Reweaving the fabric

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- We want to highlight the need for a shared narrative to reweave the fabric of our society and provide opportunities for people to break through the ideological gridlock and develop a sense of shared values again.

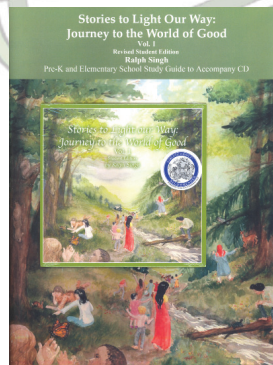
We convene roundtables of diverse people drawing on both traditional wisdom (both sacred and secular) and new understandings, to model how we can once again have a positive, civil conversation about the future of humanity.

And we ask the public, what thread of wisdom would you like to add to reinforce the fabric for the benefit of our children. We want to encourage everyone to give voice to wisdom.

Character Education

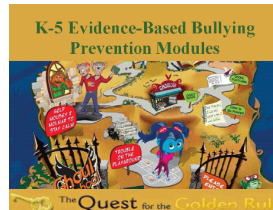
Honor Diversity, Nurture Character, Prevent Bullying

- We create training workshops and tools for schools, religious educators, and corporations to use stories in developing a more compassionate, inclusive, and ethical culture. This creative approach combines the time honored power of stories to deliver a message with the non-threatening, enjoyment of sharing and being engaged by story itself.



Stories to Light Our Way: Embedded Character Education through Wisdom Stories

A set of narrated stories from 11 different traditions, with study guide that allows teachers to seamlessly integrate them into common core standards and normal class flow.



Quest for the Golden Rule (in partnership with Practi-quest)

A set of web-based interactive anti-bullying games in cartoon form that explore various bullying behaviors and healthy responses.

Changing the face
of the world



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