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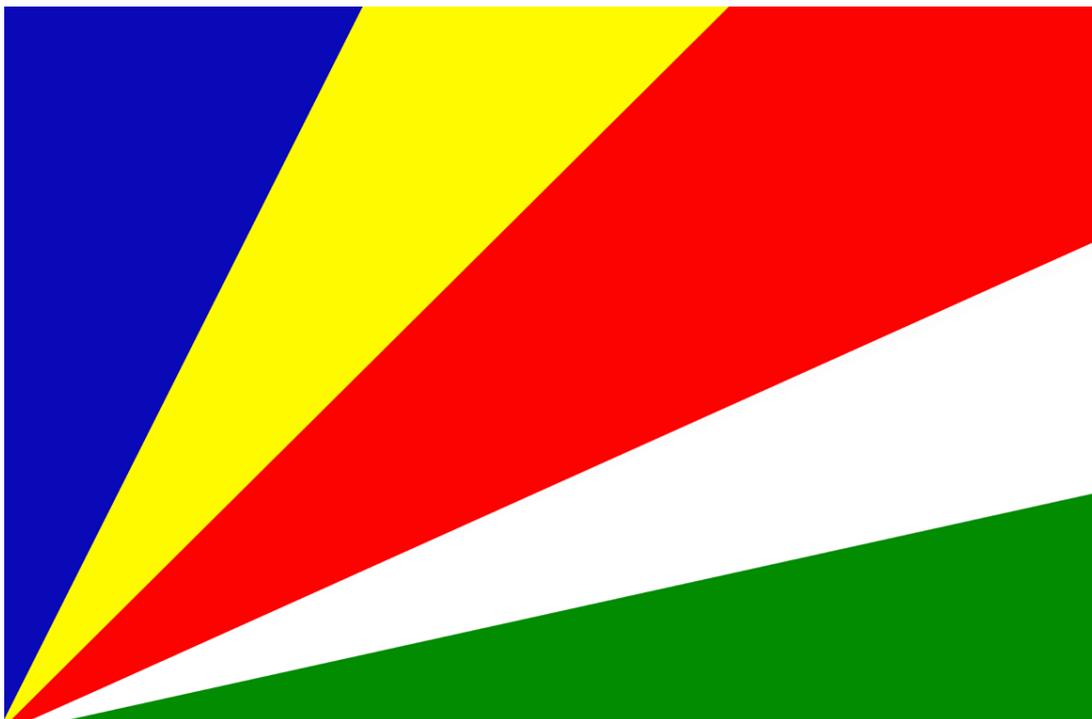
## *"Turning Possibilities into Realities"*

2012 "STRIVING FOR OUR SEYCHELLES"

**Rio + 20: The Future we want: The Promise**

**"Working Hard at Working Smart" (part XII)**

*National Day 2012 - Devotion*



There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till.

Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Epilogue to Beaumont and Fletcher's *Honest Man's Fortune*



# “Quotations”

**[01]**

Our goal as a parent is to give life to our children's learning—to instruct, to teach, to help them develop self-discipline—an ordering of the self from the inside, not imposition from the outside. Any technique that does not give life to a child's learning and leave a child's dignity intact cannot be called discipline—it is punishment, no matter what language it is clothed in.

**[02]**

The greatest part of each day, each year, each lifetime is made up of small, seemingly insignificant moments. Those moments may be cooking dinner...relaxing on the porch with your own thoughts after the kids are in bed, playing catch with a child before dinner, speaking out against a distasteful joke, driving to the recycling center with a week's newspapers. But they are not insignificant, especially when these moments are models for kids.

**[03]**

There is one thing you and I as parents cannot do, not do we want to do if we really think about it, and that's control our children's will—that spirit that lets them be themselves apart from you and me. They are not ours to possess, control, manipulate, or even to make mind.

**[04]**

Encouraging a child means that one or more of the following critical life messages are coming through, either by word or by action: I believe in you, I trust you, I know you can handle this, You are listened to, You are cared for, You are very important to me.

**[05]**

Our children are counting on us to provide two things: consistency and structure. Children need parents who say what they mean, mean what they say, and do what they say they are going to do.

**[06]**

Our children need to be able to see us take a stand for a value and against injustices, be those values and injustices in the family room, the boardroom, the classroom, or on the city streets.

**[07]**

What is important for kids to learn is that no matter how much money they have, earn, win, or inherit, they need to know how to spend it, how to save it, and how to give it to others in need. This is what handling money is about, and this is why we give kids an allowance.

**[07]**

We need to encourage members of this next generation to become all that they can become, not try to force them to become what we want them to become. . . . You and I can't even begin to dream the dreams this next generation is going to dream, or answer the questions that will be put to them.

**[08]**

I believe that if we are to survive as a planet, we must teach this next generation to handle their own conflicts assertively and nonviolently. If in their early years our children learn to listen to all sides of the story, use their heads and then their mouths, and come up with a plan and share, then, when they become our leaders, and some of them will, they will have the tools to handle global problems and conflict.

*Barbara Coloroso*

*Barbara Coloroso (20th century), U.S. parent educator and author. Kids Are Worth It, ch. 1 (1994).*

# National Day 2012

## Rio + 20 Summit

### DEVOTION Love of Country

#### Greetings

On the occasion of the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Republic, A Sovereign Small Island Developing States (SIDS) "Independent" for 36 years now, we will surely be focusing on the Road we have travelled, and taking stock of our many accomplishments and deficiencies in the Political, Social, Economical, Environmental and the equally important other fields.

In so doing we will surely be better able to pave the way forward for our beloved Seychelles, Ourselves and Our future...for we now do need to do much better still and with much more conviction and dedication.

On this most Auspicious Occasion it is therefore fitting for us to recognize the fact that in today's fast changing global environment, when we wake up every morning feeling more ignorant than the day before, we simply **"can't begin to dream the dreams this next generation is going to dream nor answer the questions that will be put to them"**.

On the other hand, what We must do as **Parents** and as a **Small Community** is to now make it our duty **"to encourage our children to become all that they can be but not to try and force them to become what we want them to become"**.

On the Eve of Rio + 20 Summit, we are of the firm view that this it is indeed one of the most viable path we must adopt, package, commit and immediately implement for the ultimate success of The Future we want.

And we are now confident and convinced that our continued modest contribution will continue to be of much assistance to all of us who care, in further encouraging all else to follow suite, for the benefit of Our Seychelles and Our World.

We wish us all a Happy National Day.

And together, "Yes We Can".

May the Al-Mighty be with us always.

#### The Promise

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