Classical Enlightenment: Healing the World and Screw-ups ~ Shinzen Young

00:00:00 Oh, I think it would definitely heal the world.

00:00:14 If we take, if by that we mean stream entry and we mean millions and millions of people

00:00:22 having that experience.

00:00:23 I don't have a scintilla of doubt.

00:00:34 Well you have to look at the big picture.

00:00:41 You have to look at all the people that were ever enlightened as they have been in the

00:00:52 world and then you have to compare that to as they would have been if they hadn't been

00:00:58 enlightened.

00:00:59 And you have to take all the people because most enlightened people are not public figures.

00:01:08 And there may be indeed a certain push to the ones that do become public figures that

00:01:14 also is related to whatever.

00:01:19 So I didn't say it would heal the world right away either.

00:01:27 Because remember, I use classical enlightenment as a rough equivalent to stream entry.

00:01:35 So that's the first out of four steps.

00:01:43 And usually about 20 years after stream entry you realize how unenlightened you really are

00:01:52 and that the work is now just starting.

00:01:56 But you're guaranteed success essentially.

00:02:03 So after a few hundred years of millions and millions of stream enterers, I think that

00:02:13 the course of this planet would pretty much take care of itself.

00:02:20 Now of course, I mean if you want to think really ambitious, maybe if we had a really

00:02:33 deep model of enlightenment we'd be able to figure out how to churn out our hots with

00:02:39 consistency.

00:02:42 That's only maybe five times as ambitious as turning out stream entries.

00:02:50 Who knows?

00:02:51 Now if you start having millions and millions of our hots on the planet, it's very quick.

00:03:03 So yeah, plenty of people that have seen the no-self screw up, but then you have to look

00:03:13 upon it from the big picture.

00:03:16 How badly would they have screwed up if they hadn't done that?

00:03:20 Well I can think of maybe that I know personally of maybe a dozen people that have seen the

00:03:28 no-self, were authentically enlightened at least to the stream entry level, and had major

00:03:33 public screw ups.

00:03:35 Maybe a dozen, okay?

00:03:37 But there's probably a hundred times that many enlightened people on the planet.

00:03:45 That's one percent that we know about.

00:03:49 But even those screw ups are, I can only think of a couple that I would say are really horrible

00:04:03 relative to the normal human screw ups.

00:04:09 When the teachers screw up, by and large it's just normal human screw ups.

00:04:17 People have sexual harassment bosses.

00:04:20 So it's sort of like things people do, right?

00:04:25 I can only offhand right now maybe think of one or two that I would say were really bad.