

## THE PROBLEM OF ASYMMETRIC RESPECT IN AMERICA

The problem of Asymmetric Respect in America is a serious problem in American Civilisation. Respect is actually not part of the basic part of culture in America at all, so this then propagates and produces situations of Asymmetric Respect which are not based on anything substantial at all. Bill Gates is an egregious example of someone who does not respect anyone at all and is successful financially. This is not a small problem for United States of America. This is a problem of an extreme form of individualism swamping out the refinements of social dimension. In Europe and Asian older civilisations, the problem is much more tolerable. America suffers from arbitrary and totally uncivilised and wild forms of asymmetric respect based on various forms of power that is a symptom of a deeper malaise that is a poverty of social dimension that has enveloped the country.

This will change in the long run for Respect is actually a psychological necessity, and sooner or later, people will cultivate respect for others naturally or the Civilisation will perish. Today Asymmetric Respect is based on forms of money and power that are much less refined than natural forms of respect in organic cultures. So for example, Denmark has an organic culture and a more refined sense of respect of others that I think United States had not cultivated very well at all. Here you do have clusters and communities that do cultivate some respect but the society is quite dispersed socially and this has negative consequences.

Respect is refined in organic civilisations over long periods of time, such as thousands of years. United States took the view that it will enshrine individual rights and totally ignore the social dimension and this then produces fractures and disintegration of society where the respect becomes anemic over time, and this is very bad. This is strongly related to the loneliness problem in America.