

## The Fatherhood Narrative from Summit to “Sum It Up”

*America* is an idea that was birthed by our Founding Fathers sometimes referred to as America’s Forefathers. Three documents: The Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation and The Constitution of the United States is the foundation on which it was built. What comes to mind is that since America has Founding Fathers and the role of a father is to provide, maintain and protect, invent, prevent and intervene then at one point *America* as an idea was in an embryonic state. It was a baby and like all babies an action of conception had to take place. Responsibility for the action, nurturing of the action, naming the action and directing the action were at the core of this great delivery. The fact of the matter is the Founding Fathers were behind this wonderful baby called *America*. They lead the charge, birth the idea and created it as a reality people can live in and love living in it.

When we look at the idea of Forefathers and separate the word so it reads *for-e-fathers* and make the *e* the word *every*, and remove the *s* from the word fathers it then reads “*for every father*”. Maybe a deeper meaning and key to maintaining what our forefathers established is that every father in *America* understand and accept their role in our great country and stand as our Forefathers did. This reclamation is called “The Affirmation of Integrity” which is man’s ability to create his own reality in the world of form. He has been given the freedom of his intellect as the vehicle in which he creates his self; words as the agent in his intellect that affirm his creation; and the capacity to speak his reality into existence that define his creation. Therefore, reality is that which is agreed upon in language that creates man’s physical reality. Thus, the distinction in the language, the power of the language, the usage of language and the integrity of the language are at the core of his reality building. Therefore, as we speak it, so it is. It is in this spirit that the Founding Fathers accepted total responsibility for the raising of *America*. They did not waver or lose their balance. Most of all they *kept love present*.

**KEEP LOVE PRESENT (KLP)** is about the miracle of self discovery. It is your personal relationship with love. It is how you see it, feel it, speak it and act it. We sometimes experience this as intuition. It is that extraordinary intrinsic energy and force that is immeasurable, indestructible and endless that create life. To practice KLP is to practice unconditional love. When it is unconditional the only space you can be in is love. Therefore, who you are must *be inspired* love. It is to stay focused in the moment. It is to allow love to reveal itself *to you, as you* and *you trust it*. When KLP is the practice you are the gift, the choice, the action and the practice that changes worlds. *America’s* Founding Fathers understood this. Love was at the center of who they had to be for each other in order to create healthy and purposeful relationships to build this great nation. They understood “love doesn’t get in the way, it makes the way”.

As a father experiencing the miracle of love thru the birth of my children I experienced within myself the bond of connectedness and a reflection of that miracle as me and my humble beginnings.

Is being a miracle what gives life value? Is this what makes life matter? The reflection of our own innocence, authenticity, intimacy, vulnerability, closeness, and the love we see in each other. These are characteristics of love we are born with! Is this what gives rise to our innate responsibility to fatherhood? Should owning this as a reality be a consideration, then as fathers collectively we must reclaim the importance of proper and relevant education and the wholeness in community life, the seriousness in the restoration of healthy inter-generational relationships, the urgency in the transformation of our values and the celebration of *Fatherhood in America* is our innate responsibility.

So *America* is made-up by the brilliance of mankind lead by the Founding Fathers and we realize that love doesn't get in the way, it makes the way. ***"Do The Work!"***

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