

Chapter 1 : Author/Speaker -

Mary Ruwart's Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression is one of those books that surprises you. The only thing I don't like about it is the awful cover. Bad art.

December 20, By Mary Ruwart 1 Comment In the early s, our great-grandparents trudged off to their neighborhood school. For the better part of the day, the teacher stood in front of the class, chalk in hand, to expound on lessons contained in the schoolbooks. Today, our children take cars or buses to school, but once they are there, students listen as the teacher stands in front of the class to expound on the lessons contained in the schoolbooks. The facilities are newer, the chalk has become a white board marker, an occasional video clip is shown, and the curriculum includes some additional subjects, but otherwise our schools are stuck in the horse and buggy days. The cost of doing things the same old way, however has skyrocketed. The United States, for example spent almost 3 times as much per pupil in as in after adjusting for inflation, yet SAT scores have declined. Half of the students who go to college have to take remedial courses first. Our schools are built on aggression. For the most part, children are forced to attend neighborhood schools certain months of the year, for a certain number of years, and take certain subjects with others of the same age group. Flexibility is limited, unless parents are willing to homeschool, or pay tuition for private schooling. Even if parents make these choices, they still are forced to pay taxes to support the failing public schools. Many of our schools have become places of violence, and even killing. Children forced into an educational system built on aggression naturally learn to practice it themselves. When I first wrote Healing Our World in , I described a fictional school called Quest, which took advantage of the many ways that new technologies are able to provide an inexpensive, thorough education when the restrictions of aggression are removed. A number of parents called me asking where this mythical school was so that they could enroll their children. I had to explain to them that the school was simply a prediction of what was possible, not what was. By the time the edition of Healing Our World was published, most of the elements that Quest was built on had become reality. Any child with an Internet connection and computer can get a self-paced education for virtually nothing. Of course, even with the best technology, children will still have questions that may require a personal explanation. Private Swedish schools utilize such a system today. Worldwide, students are turning to after school tutoring as their public education fails them. In Japan, afterschool tutors who can communicate subject matter to students efficiently via the web are paid as much as professional athletes. In the United States, Sylvan Learning Centers guarantee a one-year leap with just 36 hours of instruction. At that rate of learning, students could have 12th grade proficiency by the time they turn Afterschool tutoring is expensive, especially when parents have to pay taxes for public schools on top of tutoring fees. However, if parents could apply their tax dollars to an Internet schooling program, such as Khan Academy, coupled with a tutoring program, children would likely learn faster than they do today at a much lower cost. In such a program, children could go at their own pace and get personalized attention where they needed it the most. In a schooling system without aggression, advertisers would sponsor television shows like Sesame Street in order to educate children and have an opportunity to pitch their products. This would allow them to afford some tutoring, perhaps by older children, for difficult subjects. However, the unfettered Internet appears to be outstripping the regulated television media in terms of offering educational value. The poor would benefit the most in an educational system free from aggression. Most of the poor rent, rather than own, their residence. The price of their rent includes property taxes for supporting the school system. Without this added cost, the poor would be able to afford economical educational alternatives for their children. Today, such children are often stuck in inner-city schools where the most important lesson is physical survival. Because the classes seem boring compared to the multimedia world they live in today, students lose interest and disrupt the classroom. Learning becomes difficult, if not impossible. Historically, teachers unions have opposed any deviation from the public school norm. However, good teachers would have nothing to worry about as the pay scale of the Japanese afterschool teachers illustrates. Indeed, even some public school teachers today are quite literally making millions selling their lesson plans on the Internet to other public school teachers. Being Good Neighbors is a win-win proposition!

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May 06, Paula rated it it was amazing This is probably on of the most important books I have ever read. I recommend it to anyone who cares about issues such as education, poverty, the environment, terrorism, or crime prevention. This book is that compass. Ruwart provides the most clearly written explanation of how markets work that I have yet to read. She uses real life examples to back up her points and shows how far most governments have gotten from allowing market forces to make decisions that best benefit those affected by the results. Ruwart makes the concepts very easy to understand by using what she calls the Good Neighbor Policy. Her other concepts flo This is one of those books that will change your entire outlook on how the world works. Her other concepts flow from this idea of doing unto others what you would have them do unto you. Put this book on your list to read soon. A bit too feel-good because the writers are also Aquarians, but it is easy to read unlike a lot of political literature, and it gives very down-to-Earth examples from everyday life. Dec 10, Furb rated it it was amazing Recommends it for: Everone This book is a tremendous achievement. It shows how we hurt ourselves when we aggress against our neighbors, either directly, or through the use of the guns of government. Ruwart shows us the four layers of aggression that make up the "pyramid of power", exposing how life COULD be without aggression. She shows us, clearly and logically, how, w This book is a tremendous achievement. She shows us, clearly and logically, how, when we climb towards the top of that black pyramid, we not only hurt our neighbors, community, state, nation, and world, we also hurt ourselves. I find particularly interesting the way Dr. Ruwart explains how, by only entertaining offers of unconditional surrender during World War II, the aggressive posturing of the United States government cost the world many hundreds of thousands of lives. She tells the story of how Martie got sick, then got remarkably better, but ultimately she died. Many people in my own life, after being diagnosed with cancer, have had to suffer terribly, possibly due to government force applied to the health care industry. I actually wept when I read this section. This heavily footnoted book shows many breathtaking examples of the benefits of cooperation, and the disasterous consequences of coersion. From the millions of lives that might have been saved from malaria greatly reduced before the ban on DDT took effect , to the destruction of jobs through minimum wage and licensing laws, this book shines like none I have ever read. Only through voluntary cooperation and implementation of the Good Neighbor Policy can we begin to heal our world.

Chapter 3 : Learning Lessons Our Schools Can't Teach

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Ruwart has recently published a major revision of her original opus, *Healing Our World*, with a lot of new material, especially to take into account foreign policy and as well as other developments of the past decade. Ruwart in San Jose. Her basic thesis is that excessive government regulation or interventionism and, to an extent, manipulation of government by big business and big labor for special interests is a form of aggression that hinders or prevents freedom and economic growth. The underlying moral principle for prosperity must be non-aggression, not only from individuals but also from institutions and governments. Furthermore non-aggression is coupled to a personal growth philosophy in which self-concept is tied to respect to similar rights to self-concept in others. The book is laid out with great care and detail 5 parts, 22 chapters. The main text is printed in narrower than usual single columns, with room for various quotes and chapter-end summaries. There are many diagrams, tables, cartoons and other illustrations. So the layout of the book lends itself, perhaps with the help of various markup languages, for distribution in social studies learning databases, an idea that would have great commercial potential. Some other documentary films have been made recently that express the concern with the loss of liberty as demonstrated by such recent events as Waco , Columbine, and My reaction to the content, however, is to ponder more the balance between individualism and what many people perceive as moral values. Some people myself included have questioned the overly optimistic brand of individualism that led to the s stock bubble followed by bust and catastrophe of A superficial concept of individualism, borne of objectivism and some interpretations of Ayn Rand perhaps, is that individual expression should not depend upon the approval of others. To a point, Dr. Hence formal Communism collapsed, although the threat that it could come back is not gone. The appeal of collectivism seems to be ideological consistency, without any required reference to actual human nature. Radical Islam is then just another form of aggressive collectivism. However, the social conservatives may also be right in that individualism is a more subtle concept than it first appears. Individualistic expression at some level has to meet the real needs of others whether or not in a traditional family setting to be meaningful to the personality. So politics may rightfully deal with the question of what rules are necessary to make sure that playing fields are fair and that individual efforts really have meaning. Licensing as in medicine, law, finance, etc. But in many areas licensing seems more designed to protect special labor or guild and real estate interests from competition from entrepreneurs with low overhead and new ideas. So, what is this all about? It seems to me that private competing systems of certification as opposed to government licensing make a certain sense. Even here, there are issues. In information technology, certification can be used by vendors as a way to control the market, but companies like Brainbench.

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