



Engelsk Talkshow 12/04

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Presidential meetings, AIDS, inner journeys and not least Africa are in focus in this week's sofa talk. All three guests have lived in Africa for various periods and they share the view of this continent's "otherness", as singer Rebecka Törnqvist puts it.

Rebecka lived in Kenya during her childhood and this experience seems to have given her a slightly different view about things. She talks about how our perception of the world is quite colonial, and how the current issue in western civilisation is to be anything but yourself, and that our yearning for fulfilment is being exploited by commercial powers.

Choreographer Graham Tainton is pondering upon similar things, when quoting his former priest Desmond Tutu, who taught him that a human being is a human being because of other human beings, "I am what I am because of you".

Mr. Tainton can pride himself with being the father of a dynasty of well-known entertainers in Sweden, as well as with having taught ABBA how to dance!

Graham came to Sweden from South Africa because of apartheid, after having been released from jail thanks to his lawyer, Nelson Mandela! But even though apartheid has been abolished, the effects are still to be seen, not least in how South Africa has been severely hit by AIDS. Graham believes that, as apartheid deprived the people of education, this has contributed to the problems of preventing the spread of AIDS.

The world's first HIV/AIDS ambassador is trying to do exactly this, using education to prevent further spreading of the AIDS epidemic. Lennart Hjelmåker is travelling the world, talking to leaders, to people in the field, to communities, in an effort to make the world understand the magnitude of this problem.

The West might have forgotten it, as medicines have restricted the number of deaths here, but now that AIDS is rapidly increasing in Asia and Eastern Europe, it is time to act.

Lennart's meeting with Enni, who saw almost her entire family being wiped out by AIDS – before she died herself – has spurred on his wish to be part of the struggle.

Words

humanitarian = humanitetsförkämpe; människovän

abbreviate = förkorta

combat = bekämpa

distinctive = utmärkande, karakteristisk

pandemic = pandemi

civil servant = statstjänsteman

white paper = vitbok

joint = gemensam, samfällig; förenad

extended family = storfamilj

community = samhälle

call a spade a spade = nämna en sak vid dess rätta namn, tala rent ut

affect = beröra, påverka

address matters = ta itu med saker

nephew = bror- eller systerson

inadequate = otillräcklig, bristfällig

enable = ge någon möjlighet att

generic drugs = generica



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ignorant = okunnig

witch-doctor = medicinman

rape = våldta

migration = in- och utvandring; folkvandring

oppression = förtryck

deprive = beröva, ta ifrån

yearning = (stark) längtan, åtrå

crucial = avgörande, central

notion = föreställning; uppfattning

elf = alf, älva

tease = reta, retas med

handcuff = handboja

Questions/tasks

- Rebecka does not believe that we can change through travelling – what do you think?
- Graham is "father of a dynasty of Swedish entertainers", as Keith puts it. Could you name all of his showbiz children?
- Have you or anyone around you experienced something similar to why Graham was arrested? How do you look upon such a situation? What would you want to do about it?
- Desmond Tutu taught Graham a saying; "I am what I am because of you". How do you find these "words of wisdom"?
- How much of the problem with AIDS has to do with the fact that the West does not really care for Africa, do you think? In what way?
- Lennart is the world's first HIV/AIDS ambassador, which countries have followed in the footsteps of Sweden?
- Graham taught ABBA how to dance – why don't you divide the class into groups, appoint a choreographer within each group, who will then teach the rest of you a new dance?!