

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

Ralph Singh



Chairman and CEO of Wisdom Thinkers Network, a diverse group of acclaimed thought leaders in business, education, science, poverty alleviation, environment, community, and religious organizations who believe stories have the power to change the world. By reweaving the wisdom of our traditional stories, both sacred and secular, and our new understandings into education and public life, we feel we can strengthen our social fabric and foster a more compassionate, inclusive, civil society.

Ralph has spent the last 40 years of his life promoting spirituality and values in education and public life, and bringing people of diverse backgrounds together to find a shared narrative towards peace. He currently consults with educational, community, and religious leaders to develop curricula and resources that foster an understanding of shared values in schools, using the teachings and wisdom stories from the world's spiritual traditions and cultures. As Chair of Wisdom Thinkers, Ralph convenes roundtables of thought leaders and community members to break down the barriers to civil conversation and move toward a shared narrative. Sharing their personal journeys creates an instant sense of community in which it becomes easier to address the difficult questions which may divide us. He is known for his creative ways of framing issues to allow all voices to be heard and respected.

He likes to be known as an ordinary person who has enjoyed (and continues to enjoy) extraordinary life experiences: from the powerful vision that drew him from New York to the feet of one of the world's greatest spiritual masters, His Holiness Baba Virsa Singh, in India, where, at the age of 22, he became Babaji's first foreign devotee, to his involvement in the community building efforts surrounding the post 9-11 arson attack on his spiritual community Gobind Sadan, USA, North of Syracuse, NY.

Ralph has authored and edited five books, including "A Path to Follow, A Life to Lead" about his life's journey. As a former National Council Member and Chapter President of UNA-USA, Ralph helped establish the Central New York MUN at Syracuse University, which now draws over 500 students from the U.S. and Canada. Committed to justice and community building, he chaired the local Human Rights Commission, coordinated an award-winning program to break down barriers between the able-bodied and disabled communities, and developed programs for drug awareness and poverty alleviation. He speaks regularly on diverse subjects related to spirituality and civil society, maintains a Huffington Post blog in addition to his own Exploring Spirituality blog, and contributes commentary and articles regularly to local media outlets.

Have Ralph convene a round-table, speak to your school or organization, or consult with your staff about using stories to build character education programs. Contact him at:

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Create a School Climate that Honors Diversity, Nurtures Character, and Discourages Bullying

Seamlessly Embed Character Education (SEL) Into Your Classroom




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Changing the Face of the World Through the Power of Stories

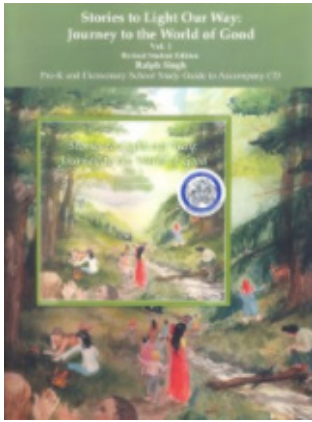


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Stories to Light Our Way

Build Caring, Engaged School Communities, Nurture Character, Foster Cross-Cultural Understanding Seamlessly w.i. ELA PK-8



Easily Embed Character Education into CCS ELA using this award winning, educational, audio CD with music and sound effects. The accompanying Lesson Plan Units contain Domains, Modules and cross-curricular reference to science, math, social studies, and special needs adaptations, to create a vibrant classroom and school climate, honor diversity, nurture character, and deter bullying.

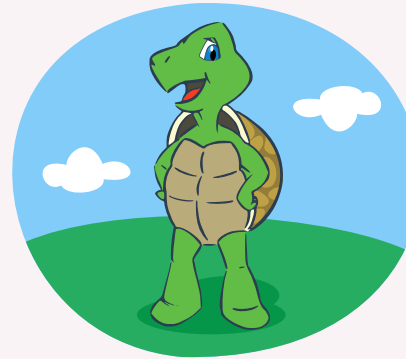
Each of the eleven stories, narrated by renowned storyteller, Ralph Singh, stars a child or an animal. They introduce and celebrate diverse cultures

from around the world and teach a particular value or reinforce a positive behavior. Ideal for both educators and families, the stories provide the perfect opportunity to engage children in conversations that support making wise choices, and nurturing compassion.

“Stories to Light Our Way is a wonderful resource for introducing young people to the wisdom and moral lessons found in the world’s religions and cultures. The stories are presented in ways that allow children to learn about the beliefs and values that have shaped h man experience for centuries. The Wisdom Thinkers Network’s approach to story-telling is an educationally and constitutionally sound way for schools to build good character and encourage cross-cultural understanding.”

CHARLES C. HAYNES

Senior Scholar, First Amendment Center
President, Character Education Partnership



HIGHLIGHT

Use Snappy to Teach Self Control

The story of Snappy and how he holds onto his sticks is a story of self control that all children can love and understand. Learn more in our Stories to Light Our Way series.



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Change the Story – a Game to Alter Reality

Linking Project-Based Learning to Service Learning to Solve 5 Major Injustices



“Ralph Singh has advanced a vital goal. He’s figured out an engaging way for young people to grapple with crucial issues of injustice. “Change the Story, A Game to Alter Reality” enables young people to examine many of the most pressing challenges of our times-including poverty, bullying, environmental degradation, and intolerance. And it gives young people the space to think about the challenges of change and to brainstorm actionable solutions.”

DR. RICHARD WEISSBOURD

Faculty Director, Human Development and Psychology Program
Harvard Graduate School of Education, Lead Author, “Turning the Tide, Inspiring Concern for Others and the Common Good through College Admissions” and “The Parents We Mean to Be”