

# You Are Responsible for Your Own Disillusionment

We aren't so much disillusioned by the failures of others as by our own failures.

We aren't just disillusioned with our ideals because of the corrupt systems at our companies or in our countries. Plenty of people keep their idealism while fighting corrupt systems. We are disillusioned because we go along with the systems.

We aren't just disillusioned with courage and adventure because the lifestyles around us are comfortable and craven. We are disillusioned because we recognize the mediocrity of our lifestyles but do nothing to change them.

And we aren't just disillusioned with faithfulness in friendships and relationships because our friends are unreliable. We are disillusioned because we know we aren't willing to give the work, time, and resources of true comrades.

If you want to believe that people are better, become a better person.

If you want to believe that the world is good, do something to make it so.

If you wait on the world to confirm or deny your highest hopes for the world, you'll be shocked by how disillusioned you become - but it won't be the world's fault.

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