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Credo Statement ~

Good morning. My name is Anna and I've been told that I'm a dreamer. But I think that the people who are crazy enough to dream are the people who are crazy enough to change the world. And that is going to be me. I have always had a clear image in my head of what the world should be. Good people living in harmony. They don't have to agree with each other, but they have to respect each other. I may be naive, but I still think that's possible. Maybe not in my or your lifetime, but possible. I do not believe that anyone does anything out of genuine hate. Even if their actions are hateful, they are still are doing them out of love for someone. The issue is getting them to love all: no matter the race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, wealth, or religion etc. I do not think any human can really hate another. At the end of the day we are all just trying to make it another day. I believe that love can solve all problems, and that the only way forward is to accept responsibility for the past and learn from it. I once heard that darkness plus darkness doesn't equal light, I think that's so true. You can't be hateful towards a hateful person and expect them to change. I was in a zoom call here at All Souls and someone said you have to "love bomb them". That really stuck with me. I hope they're listening to this. The people who are most hateful are the ones you have to love unconditionally. I urge you to love bomb someone today. Maybe say you love them or if that's hard for you to verbalize, like it sometimes is for me, show how much you appreciate them being in your life. And above all, keep dreaming. Thank you.