

LEARNING FROM KENJI MIYAZAWA, PART ONE:
A BROAD PERSPECTIVE AND THE MIND OF A
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Living Our Lives, Aware of the Galaxy

Happy New Year! Let's be diligent in our practice and together make the most of each and every day so that 2026 will be a turning point in spreading peace all over the world.

< Below are the words of Kenji Miyazawa, famous for the juvenile novel *Night on the Galactic Railroad* and the poem "Undeclared by the Rain." This year marks the 130th anniversary of Kenji's birth>

It is impossible for the individual to be happy until the whole world becomes happy. / Awareness of the self gradually evolves from the individual to the community, society, and the universe. / This trajectory is the path that the ancient sages pursued and taught, isn't it? / The new era is moving toward a world that is becoming a single organism with one awareness. / To live correctly and strongly means to be aware that the galaxy exists within yourself and to act accordingly. / Let's seek the true happiness of the world. Our seeking the Way is itself the Way.



<When we read his writings,>

in light of the current world situation, we can see that they contain valuable messages for us today.

I believe that our challenge and responsibility is to learn from Kenji's spirit and insight—so grand in scale that they stretch to the galaxy—and to consider and act in accordance with our happiness and the happiness of others from an even broader perspective.

I believe that "planting and growing" this kind of awareness in the minds of young people is the essence of cultivating human beings.

The Notebook "Undeclared by the Rain" Is Scripture

