

Can one person make a difference in the world?

Did Jesus make a difference?

Did Washington make a difference?

Did Lincoln make a difference? How about Einstein, Edison, Patton, Mozart, Churchill?

What about Henry Ford, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Reagan, Salk, Obama, or Kennedy?

People always say that "just one person can't make a difference."

The thing is -- in most cases, it's always one person.

Few great, history-making things were led by committees. We never look through our history books and read about the wartime exploits of "the general war operations and guidance committee." We read the names of the people who made a difference -- even if at the end, they were helped by others, or part of a team themselves.

Our world is anchored by the contributions of individuals -- one person who thought differently, dreamed differently, or acted differently.

Our world has been shaped and changed by the contributions of many leaders, in many disciplines. Some you can name, and others you can't -- but they were all individuals, one person who made a difference.

They made a difference.

You can make a difference.

After all, you're one person.

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