

years of childhood have a deciding influence on what kind of an adult the child becomes in the future. Thus, the method based on love should be the fundamental educational method of introducing the child into life, and its essential condition is the presence of loving and loved ones (Łopatkowa, 1992: 129).

Changes in education are not possible to be made quickly, it must be a long-term process. Above all, there have to be changes in relations between teachers and pupils, as well as between parents and children; moreover, there is a need for changes in the legal acts concerning children. There should be a lot of changes in the families and in all institutions that exert influence on children, so that adults stop imposing everything upon children and cease to treat them like objects. Instead, adults should start to encourage their development and help them to overcome problems; adults should provide them with love and understanding, assure their safety and assist them in choosing their path in life.

Maria Łopatkowa concludes her book entitled *Pedagogika serca w dobie globalizacji* (Pedagogy of the Heart in the Age of Globalization) with the following statement: “for love to rescue mankind along with children, it is necessary to first instil this love in billions of human beings, and then to see that it grows from the moment of conception to adulthood. It is high time.” (Łopatkowa, 2006: 158).

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