

Old Ways of Looking at Autism, New Ways of Looking at Autism - The New Look at the Needs of Adults and Teens on the Autism Spectrum

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Very akin to a journey, “The New Look . . . “ examines the many ways we look at the entire autism spectrum, and guides us through the confusing mixed messages we receive today. With a very humanist roadmap, author, School Consultant, and past-Executive Director, Michael John Carley, discusses obstacles faced by adolescents and adults, the myths surrounding their capabilities, and briefly goes over the sociological history of why we react the way we do to words like “autism” and “Asperger’s.” His professional material—more “big picture” than Best Practice-laden—derives from arguably more exposure to adults than anyone due to his founding the world’s largest membership organization for adults on the spectrum (GRASP), as well as his 10 years consulting with the New York City Public Schools, and 2 in the Midwestern US. Lastly, as an adult with Asperger’s himself (and the father of a now-college age child with AS) Carley sprinkles in his own personal reflections as he outlines—characteristic by characteristic—how subjective our view of the spectrum truly can be.