

What is a hero?

A hero is someone who is willing to commit a large portion of their lives to the good of others. Our current culture can misconstrue what a real hero is. Sometimes we think that fame, power, and wealth constitutes a hero, when in reality, a hero must have courage, compassion, integrity and devotion.

I chose Bill McKibben because of his vast knowledge of the looming problem of climate change. Not only is he very knowledgeable, but he is at the forefront of climate activism—writing one of the first books on climate change in the 1980s.

I reached out to Mr McKibben via email to ask if i could interview him. He was graciously willing to do the interview. One of the questions I asked was “When was it that you realized that the climate was changing?” He answered, “In the 1980s when i was in my 20s, I was reading early science on climate change and i was living in the wilderness----Adirondacks of north upstate New York. And I came to see that it wasn’t really so wild anymore---that we were changing its temperatures. That shocking idea led me to my immersion in climate work.” Another question i asked was, “Did you ever have a moment in your life where you felt your activism was not being heard, if so how did you get past that point?” He answered, “Many, i just keep my head down and keep working I try not to worry if were winning or losing,since it doesn’t make that much difference.We still have to keep fighting.” I found this idea to be very helpful and inspirational because everyone must at one point in their life battle through adversity.

”Bill’s advice to the individual is,”To be less of an individual join together with others to build the kind of movements that can force real change.”This response is very powerful and poignant because almost everyone is trying desperately to individually curb climate change ,when in fact we’re missing our biggest weapon, each other.