

RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS

A significant theme within the Libran energies (that we are in now) is right human relations. The energy of right human relations is an expression of the divine energy of Love-Wisdom and it is in line with the Divine purpose and intention. Right human relations are in fact, if we think about it, the only hope for a peaceful future.

However, we as humans have our choices to make, as Libra shows us, and those choices will result in either the progress of humanity being sped up or being slowed down.

The precursor to right human relations is the energy of goodwill. Which, again if we think about it, is the opposite energy to the feeling of enmity, and of conflict and hate, which is what must be off-set for goodwill to prevail.

Those who work for right human relations are a positive group, not standing against anything but standing for the Oneness of humanity and brotherhood. Such voices can and will influence world events.

And key to this is resolving and accommodating differences.

Not just differences in viewpoints but differences in colour, status, wealth, gender, nationality, race, religions- These are surface coverings and in fact, a thin veneer over the True Self which is the Divinity immanent in all forms and in all human beings.

In that Self, in the Light and Life of Spirit, inequality is simply not true.

Inferiority or superiority is not true. The differences are in form and expression only.

In Libra, the balanced scales are a perfect symbol. So is the equilateral triangle a perfect symbol. There at the base of the triangle, the vertices on either side can represent the polar opposites in any situation, but the apex the highest point. It is the midpoint, the middle way, rising above the opposites.

If we picture an isosceles triangle which is an interesting symbol, it's two sides are equal, but the apex, the highest point, reaches up and soars above. This is useful to keep before the mind's eye when testing our own practice of resting at that high, middle point, as the detached observer, above the madding crowd. Surely this point gives us the best perspective on seeing and dealing with polar opposites.

The most pertinent issue at the moment regards the place and the treatment of women in society: disrespecting or limiting a major group in society, especially that which comprises 50% of the world population, is like saying, to reach our goals, whatever they may be, only half the team is suitable. What are the prospects of reaching that goal, or of winning a battle, if half the foot soldiers are left behind? It's like shooting oneself in the foot before starting the race. Afterall, humanity will only move forward with the power of One. The world is one world. Humanity is one unit. And differences are man-made.

The field of battle which we must traverse is within ourselves as well as without; it's a moral and spiritual battle to overcome old ideas and limiting attitudes to see the vision of new ways.

The social system of patriarchy has been with humanity for a very long time. It has served its purpose, and is passing out as the New Age comes in. We can see how holding on to the past can hinder progress into the future.

There is an organization named the Omega Women's Leadership Centre, which is only one of thousands of such groups. Its aim is to nourish and encourage a new relationship between male and female that moves from a previous state of dependence, then independence, to *interdependence*. From power *over* to power *with*. They say, "We don't want a piece of the pie: we want to create a whole new pie."

Women can shift the way that power is expressed. Feminine skills are proving to be valuable in every field; qualities of empathy, flexibility, patience, and intuition are highly effective in management and in leading complex organizations.

Despite setbacks along the way, women all over the world are accomplishing remarkable things; they are leading countries, reshaping economies, healing fractures in humanity, inventing technology, protecting the environment, exploring space, and creating peace.

The Dalai Lama often says that women are key in bringing into the world more compassion, less violence, more warm-heartedness. He points out: a mother's love, nourishment and nurturing is the first love every single human being experiences, and without it, a child suffers or dies. So it is with the world.

The coming times will see the positive and harmonizing effects of allowing and honouring the Divine Feminine

The only way to reach across divides of all sorts, is to honour the humanity in the other person. Each of us acting and speaking from a point beyond our surface personalities can encourage others to connect with us beyond that surface.

Recognizing the unity of all mankind is basic to recognizing the unity of all life all kingdoms and the oneness of the planet itself.

This Whole is indeed greater than the sum of its parts.

This is a beautiful Libran mantram , which helps us find that middle path to unity:

"I stand a point of peace, and through the point which I can thus provide, love and true light can flow."

I stand in restful poise, and through that poise I can attract the gifts which I must give—an understanding heart, a quiet mind, myself."

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