

In Search of the True Meaning of
JUSTICE





O SON OF SPIRIT!

The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.

—Bahá' u'lláh

How does seeing through our own eyes and not through the eyes of others relate to justice?

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

—The Bible: Micah 6:8

O you who believe, be upright for God, and be bearers of witness with justice!

—Quran, 5:8

I beseech Thee, O my God, by all the transcendent glory of Thy Name, to clothe Thy loved ones in the robe of justice and to illumine their beings with the light of trustworthiness.

—Bahá' u' lláh



As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline, using only the weapon of love. Let no man pull you so low as to hate him. Always avoid violence. If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in your struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and your chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos.

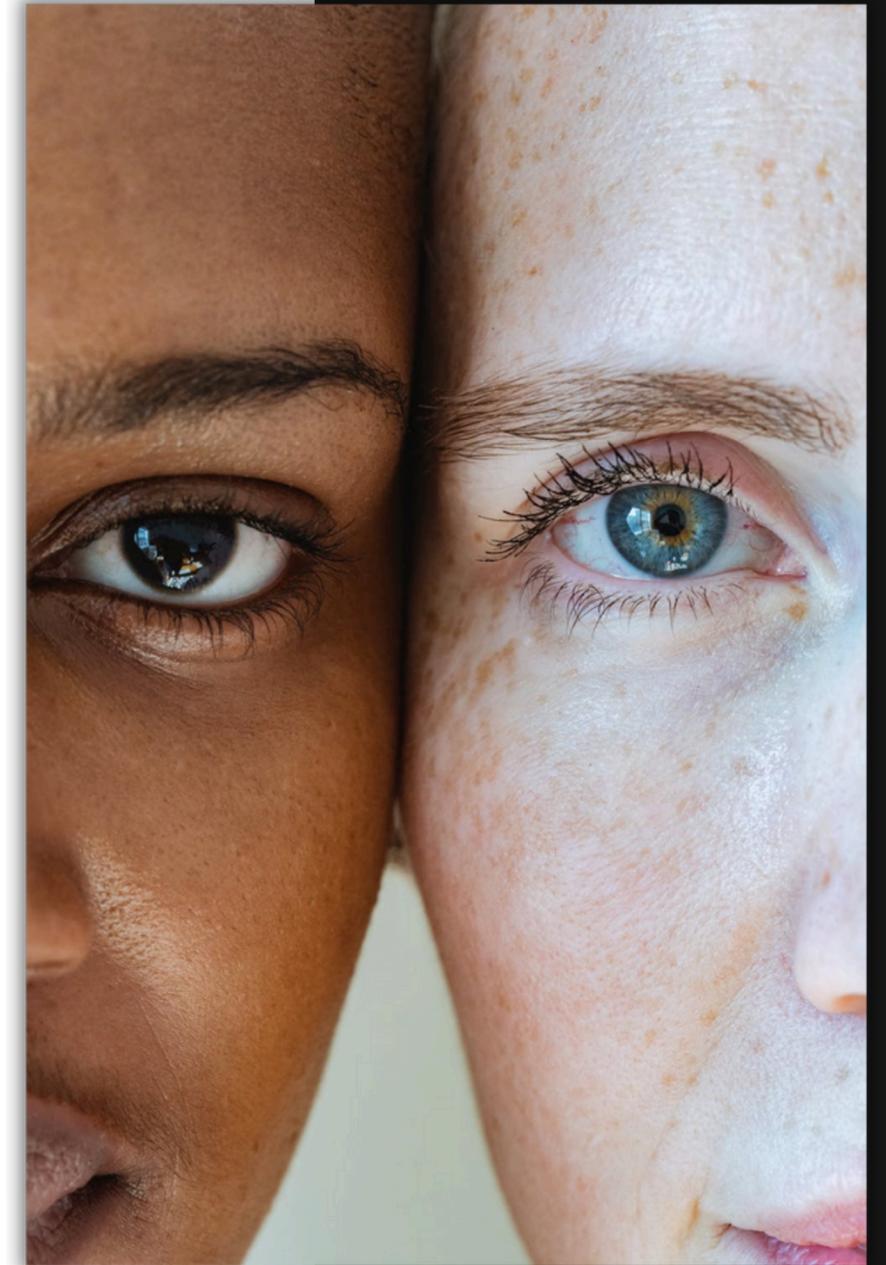
—Martin Luther King Jr.

How does the love of God abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees another brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?

—The Bible: 1 John 3:17

When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence.

—Anonymous



Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression...

—The Bible: Isaiah 1:17

The light of men is Justice. Quench it not with the contrary winds of oppression and tyranny. The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men.

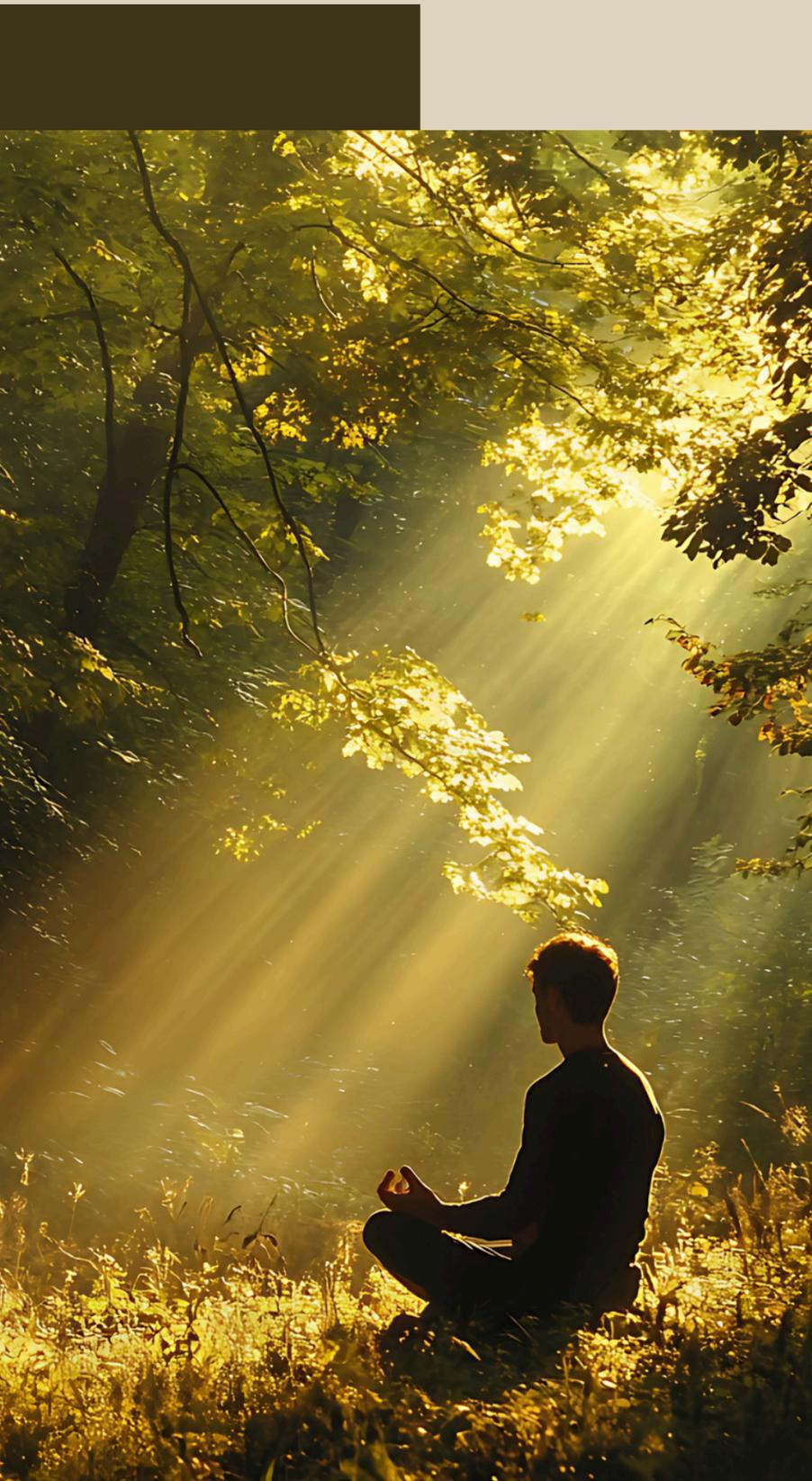
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No light can compare with the light of justice. The establishment of order in the world and the tranquillity of the nations depend upon it.

—Bahá' u' lláh

How does justice relate to unity?





Set before thine eyes God's unerring Balance and, as one standing in His Presence, weigh in that Balance thine actions every day, every moment of thy life. Bring thyself to account ere thou art summoned to a reckoning...

—Bahá'u'lláh

Only if you perceive honour and nobility in every human being...will you be able to champion the cause of justice.

—The Universal House of Justice

How does re-examining our own attitudes, values, and relationships with others relate to justice?

How do we need to view each other if we wish to be champions of justice?

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.

—The Dalai Lama



Be not dismayed if your endeavors are dismissed as utopian by the voices that would oppose any suggestion of fundamental change. Trust in the capacity of this generation to disentangle itself from the embroilments of a divided world. To discharge your responsibilities, you will have to show forth courage, the courage of those who cling to standards of rectitude, who champion the cause of justice, whose lives are characterized by purity of thought and action, and whose purpose is directed by love and indomitable faith.

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