

Justice as Process and Outcome

One Planet – One Habitation

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Justice

*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.*

--- Bahá'u'lláh

Justice as process and outcome

Justice is central to oneness at a planetary level. There are profound injustices to people and planet in the widespread suffering resulting from humanity's extractive relationship with the natural world, when a select few benefit from excessive use of the earth's resources while hurting many others, when immediate desires take away from the basic needs of future generations.

(based on One Planet – One Habitation §29)

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Correcting such ills will require honesty, creativity, perseverance, and humility. Decision-making must include the voices of those who have been disadvantaged by the current order, drawing on insights of populations and indigenous peoples living in harmony with the natural world, and creating more holistic and sustainable models for present and future generations.

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Justice demands that the benefits of human civilization be distributed with equity, and that responsibility for undertaking necessary transitions reflect historic contributions to the present climate crisis. We also need just processes.

(based on One Planet – One Habitation §31)

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At the individual level, justice calls for fair-mindedness in one's judgments and equity in one's treatment of others. At the group level, it is the awareness that the interests of the individual and those of society are closely linked. It also requires seeking truth far beyond present patterns of negotiation and compromise, using a process of consultation and decision-making that is principled, open, and fact-based.

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At all levels, the capacity to manifest justice—and commitment to doing so—must be strengthened. Just and equitable relationships are the foundation for any unified global movement for the common good.

(based on One Planet – One Habitation §32)