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It is natural for humans to strive to achieve equity for all in their particular circles of influence. Yet equity seems to be nearly impossible to achieve regardless of how much intentionality and effort we put into its pursuit. Interestingly, equity is not the final answer. Its pursuit is simply one ingredient in global or universal equilibrium.

We tend to think that equity can and should be achieved. Yet we can see clearly that it has never occurred in any community over the centuries of mankind's existence on earth. Once we understand that the final answer is equilibrium, we can put equity in its proper perspective. The only time equity is fully realized is in the context of each person's value in relationship.

Physically, mentally and emotionally we cannot ever be equal. Each person's DNA (genetics) is unique. There are no two identical people. Even identical twins have myriad differences. There are no two snowflakes alike. There are no two blades of grass alike. The context in which equity exists is relationship. And every relationship is spiritual in nature. The spirit within a person actually chooses the values placed on all things in their sphere of influence. And only in the spiritual choice to place equal value on every relationship can equity be found.

Personal appearance, athleticism, acumen, intelligence, sensibility and attitude make value unique for each individual. Those with high IQs tend to have more lucrative careers than those with low IQs. Highly athletic persons might become Olympians while others could never be. Therefore equity in pay or social status cannot occur. However, in the context of relationship, all are of equal value to the creator. And although circumstances or vocational achievements will not be equal, our diversity creates an opportunity for equilibrium to be attained by virtue of harmony in relationship which comes through choice.

The ultimate choice is place equal value on everyone as together with them we create communities of the highest value. My personal equilibrium comes by my own choice to love all others.

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