

DREAMS AND HOPES WE SHARE • BEYOND NEVER-NEVER LAND (OWOO1)

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Do we not wish to live in peace and harmony — find safety and support among our fellow beings? Fair dealings and justice for all. It all depends on each of us stepping out of our little shells. Rising beyond us vs. them mindsets.

Rooting for the collective — instead of pursuing our individual drives at all cost. Peace of mind for you, peace in the lives of us all... Only if you do the right thing, embrace the ethics born of all of us as a whole.



#OhHowIWish

#HealTheWorld

#FairnessForAll

#PathToPeace

#DoTheRightThing

#CollectiveEthics

#MoreThanYou

Oh how I wish we could all live in peace and harmony.

Find safety and support among our fellow beings, each human an integral part of our one beautiful collective.

Stay with me here, would you? This is not an encore of "Heal the World", broadcasting hopes and dreams from never-neverland. This is the opening for our "Oh How I Wish" series. Exploring our deeper aspirations, musings and reflections tempered with the realities of life.

So peace in the world, peace in our immediate community, even within ourselves. There's no quick and easy hippie fix to any of that. Peace is hardly a reality without baseline safety, and baseline safety entirely hinges on fairness in our society.

Fairness rooted in balance between us all, where none may subvert the other in order to accomplish their aims. Fair dealings and justice for all. Justice – not law and its interpretations. Rather a fabric of ethics stemming

from the common sense of us all being a part of a shared interdependent collective.

Such fancy words, but they are not for the philosophers or the governors. They are for all of us to register and apply in our lives. When you yourself chronically subvert, override, exploit others in order to meet your desires, in order to eliminate your fears. Then tell me, how is there fairness for anyone?

When your idea of happiness implies the sadness of someone else. When your creation requires the destruction of another. Then how is there safety for anyone? And when we live in a world so polarized, each an enemy unto the other at the end of the day, when push comes to shove – then how is peace a prospect for any of us?

Even simply your inner peace. You may think, by resigning from the concerns of the world, by dissociating – never mind the world goes its way, I am abiding in my own lofty peace – you find peace of mind. You will not. In some corner of your mind, you will have your solitary peace. The rest of you, born of this world, integral to this world, will not be at peace.

You will only ever find well-rounded and sustainable peace when all of you engages in doing the right thing at any given time. If you bypass the frictions of the world, do not make the hard decisions. When it's time to act, you step aside. You will never find peace. Forever haunted by what you did not do, and what the consequences were for others, when you had the opening to act.


So yes, it all starts with the individual, and with the individual setting aside their fractured subjective drives. But it doesn't stop there. With this shift in perspective, we come to a shared vision. We come to the collective plane of engagement. And there will always be conflict, there will always be tension.

If you refuse to face it, and you then refuse to cooperate, work together, because it's so complicated, because all those others are looking for the wrong kind of peace or in a flavor that does not please me. Back to your cave, your hermit. Pass away, you are of no use to the collective.

For your peace of mind. For your safety. For you to be treated fairly. Seize the opportunities. When life brings before you an opening to do the right thing, to work

together. Be there – do that. Yeah by all means, step on the high stage, sing from the bottom of your heart – heal the world, make it a better place – but also walk your talk, and also dance your songs. Not only when it's time to perform for the many. At all times, and especially when it's not seen.

Long story short – Peace, safety, fairness, reconciliation, harmony as a collective. These all depend on your stepping out of your little subject shell. Opening yourself to the whole. Thinking thoughts, taking actions – stemming from a place of balance – that are best for us all as a whole. Be well and reflect on all of this. Our musings will continue.

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