

A House Divided Cannot Stand

I can't help noticing lately how labels divide us. All labels. The minute you say you're a democrat, republican, liberal, conservative, environmentalist, Christian, Jew, Muslim, Spiritualist or any other of the millions of labels we use to define ourselves, somehow we are drawing a line in the sand. The very nature of a label defines us in a way that puts us in a box. A box that separates and divides us. And divide and conquer has been an effective tool for those seeking power for eons of time. Keep them squabbling among themselves so they can't unite to defend against those who are draining off their rights, draining off their natural resources by polluting them and oh yes, draining off their money to keep them in debt and servitude.

I wondered: Instead of thinking of ourselves as Americans or Europeans or Irish or Mexican, Democrats or Republicans, what could we accomplish if we simply defined ourselves as human beings - and then we focused on our commonality? "I'm a human being and I need clean air and water to live, just like you do. I'm a human being and I want my children to have a good education and health care, just like you do. I'm a human being and I want to live in peace and harmony, just like you do."

I may have this wrong, but didn't the same God create all of us? And if we are ALL God's children, don't you suppose that God would like us to get along. Just as we're not happy when our children are fighting or arguing, wouldn't it be the same with God? Then let's pull down the walls that separate us. A beginning step in doing that is to let go of all labels.

Instead, let's look at the soul lights in every persons eyes so that we can begin to network in a new way - simply as one human being to another.

Because, in truth, the love we withhold from anyone is the pain we carry in our own hearts.

*Deep in my heart, I do believe we'll
hand and hand some day!*

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