

## **The Search for Virtue**

The world (and by extension, our territory) is going through a period of change and transformation. This leads to chaos in certain areas. In such a time, the most important question we can ask ourselves is this: Are we going to live in an injured world or are we going to take custody of our future with the knowledge that we possess the power to heal it?

For this reason, we must transform in order to face the difficulties that come our way. We have to renew our mind and spirit.

In order to keep to the road on our life journeys, our thoughts must cross the threshold of worldly limitations into the boundlessness of consciousness, away from fear and into loving embrace.

Once everyone is able to complete this important transformation in their own field, the world will be a less chaotic and more serene place. That is when all of us will better enjoy the pleasures of life and the beauty of fellowship.

Let us not forget that humanity is possible to the extent that humans are less calculating and can venture to give more than they receive, or can find it worthwhile to keep on giving. Otherwise, it is strictly business, an exchange, and a transaction. It is in human etiquette, virtue, and morals to support, understand, and be open with the other person in the relationship rather than expect something from them.

We should know that on our life journeys, we are all together moving toward the unknown. On these journeys, we educated people must attempt to understand and conceive the peculiarities of our friends, rather than contesting, judging, and victimizing them. Pointing out those errors wisely, with an aim to correct is a requirement of human virtue and morality.

The profound words of Malfono Mor Narsay, a Syriac thinker and writer of the 5th century, would be fitting conclusion to this text: He says, "**Change forces everything to change and once changed, it becomes unchangeable.**"

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