

DAILY INSPIRATION

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Harmony is a small word with a big meaning. To me, in order to live in harmony, I have to be "just" to myself and others. The Quran says, "Oh you who believe, stand up firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even if it be against yourselves, your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or

poor, for God can best protect both. Do not follow any passion, lest you not be just. And if you distort or decline to do justice, verily God is well-acquainted with all that you do." (4:135)

If everyone works on being fair to others, regardless of their faith, color or ethnicity, evil will be out of our lives and we will surely live in harmony.

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