

CONVERSATIONS ON

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Inspiration is important. Finding hidden truths within ourselves is amazing. But there are some truths which can only emerge through dialogue and consultation.

Having meaningful conversations and building collective visions is like a super-power that enables us to build fellow-feeling, uncover solutions to problems in our daily lives and communities, and design paths to action which allow us to work together to really improve things; even if the steps are simple, even if the challenges seem great.

With this in mind, Elevate would like to give you a couple of questions which might help kick-start a conversation about this week's theme. These questions might be explored as a group after collective worship, around a family dinner-table, or on your daily walk-and-talk phone call with your best friend. However you choose to explore this theme, whichever questions strike a chord with you, we hope that you will enjoy the new understanding and actions that result from your journey!

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*How is the predominant concept of
power not inclusive of women?*

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What kinds of power will men have to concede to allow for a safe, just and peaceful future? In a future that is marked by spiritual and material safety, health and justice for all persons, how would power be defined?

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What do you think are the barriers to women being part of decision making processes within families and communities, and on a national and global scale? What do you think stops men stepping back, and women stepping forward, to create an equitable balance of power?

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Tahirih, a woman who left her husband and was not allowed to mother her children, was described in the dawn breakers as having "indomitable courage", an "impetuous character", "dauntless faith", "fiery ardour and vast knowledge", and again by 'Abdu'l-Bahá as having "a brain full of tumultuous ideas, and thoughts vehement and restless" and as being "the calamity of the age" and "the trouble of the world", was titled by Bahá'u'lláh "The Pure One" - why do you think this is? Are the qualities that Tahirih manifested celebrated in women now?

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How does Tahirih shift the paradigm of womanhood for this stage of human development? If we acted on this shift, what impact could it have on our families, communities and cultures?

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