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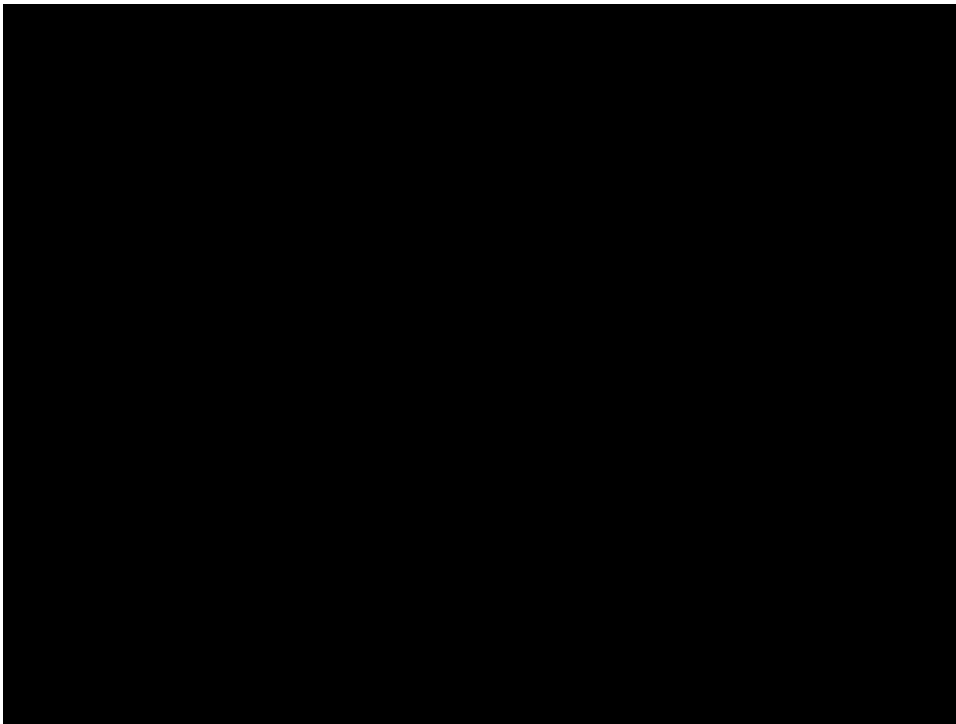
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Respect was invented to cover the empty place where love should be. Leo Tolstoy.



Relationships are one of the sweetest things and beautiful gifts nature/God has bestowed upon us. It's meant to be enjoyed and if there are
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Don't be with a man or a woman because they say I love you all the time, buys you stuff yet insults you in front of your friends and theirs, your family or even lampoons your imperfections. I've heard people say stuff like why do you always chew like a goat? Stop allowing yourself to be abused because sometimes, it's love that makes abuse feel okay. You walk in on your partner sleeping with another lady/man, he probably didn't stop even though he/she saw you and they keep asking you why you stayed and you say, I just love him/her. . .

Love brings bliss to relationships if only tempered with respect. It's not only love that spurs you to warm your partner's bed, cook and clean but it's the awareness that you're doing all of these for someone that loves and respects you. You cannot want one and not want the other. It can make you comfortable for a while or you can tell yourself you are comfortable but the feeling is never going to last.

Finally, to respect is to understand that the other person is not you, not an extension of you, not a reflection, not your toy, pet or product. It's only when you genuinely respect the individuality of the other person that we can truly love them.

Love is watery without respect.

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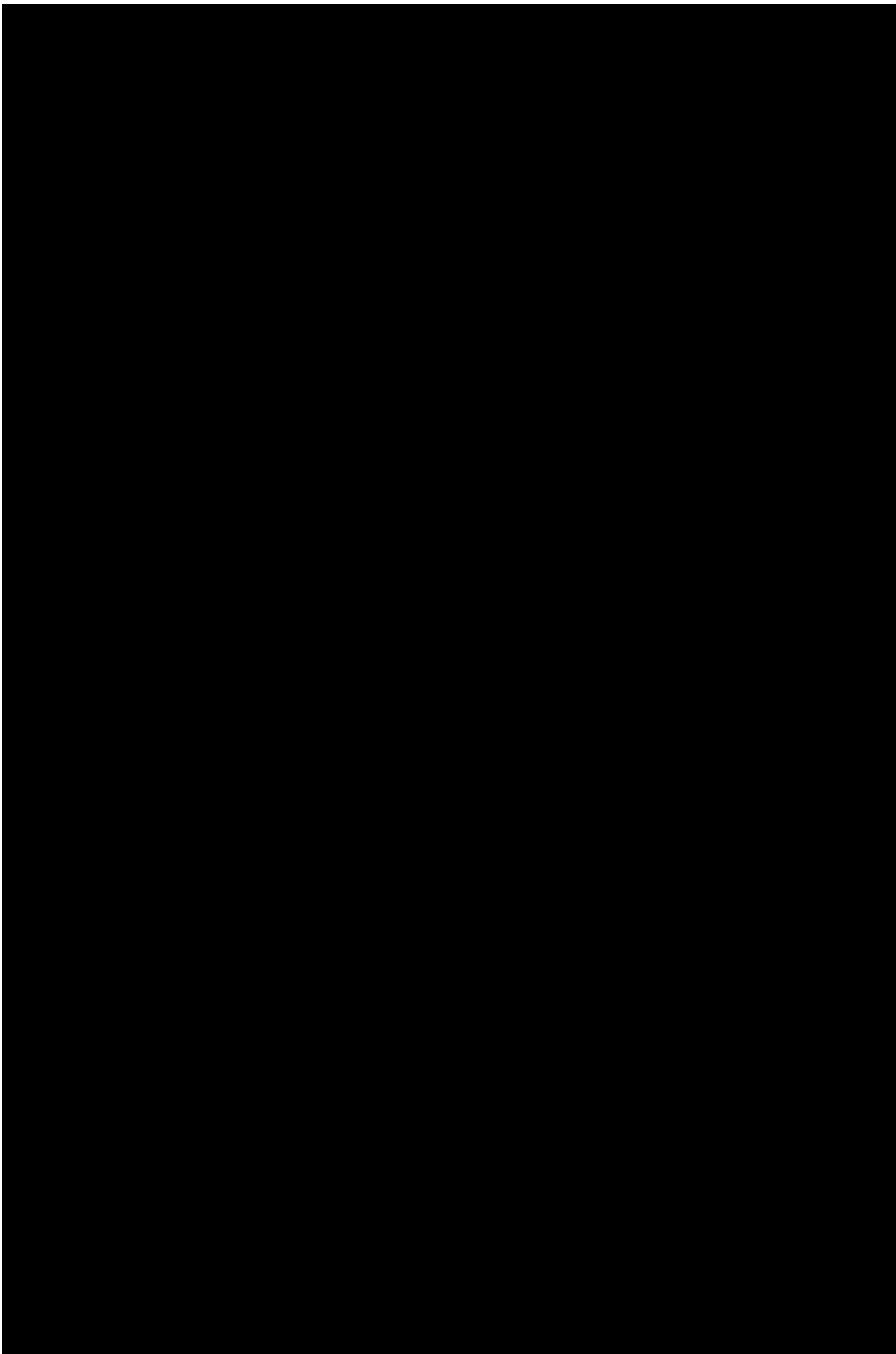


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Respect and love are both good and positive feelings to have. Both feelings contain elements of admiration, raising the question, is one better than the other? Should they be compared at all?

To be perfectly candid, no, these emotions should not be compared. But it is better to prioritize respect over love. Respect is the most fundamental value that should be expected of everyone. And without respect, love cannot be expected to flourish.

For a better perspective, how do we define these feelings?

What is respect?

Respect according to the dictionary is a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

On the other hand, Wikipedia describes respect as a positive feeling or action shown towards someone or something considered important or held in high esteem or regard. It conveys a sense of admiration for good or valuable qualities. Respect is also called esteem.

Character trait and value

However, I believe that respect should be given regardless of a person's status, rank, color, or creed. Respect is both a personality trait and a value. And that it should be taught and learned by every individual at the earliest stage in their life.

This is because respect is not something that we are born with. An individual's moral sense, including respect, is learned after birth, from our environment, and from our experiences.

Respect and dignity

The difference between respect and dignity is that the latter IS inherent, it is something that people are born with. Respect, on the other hand, being a learned trait will benefit from dignity in the sense that a person's self-worth will reflect in how he regards others.

Respect is everything

People who have a healthy respect for themselves will treat other people the same. It is the most basic value that should be expected from anyone.

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In any case, let us just say that love is having affection for someone. That someone can be a spouse, a child, or a friend.

This leads us to the various types of love, the most basic of which are:

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This love was conceived by Plato, a Greek philosopher. According to him, there is a type of love that rises through levels of closeness to wisdom and true beauty. This love is above carnal attraction to individual bodies but rather attraction to souls, and eventually, union with the truth.

In modern times, this love is described as platonic love which is shared between friends.

Then there's Agape, which is a different kind of love.

Agape

Agape is described as the fatherly love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God. This is the highest form of love and is sometimes also called charity.

This love is unconditional love for humankind. It involves being generous and giving assistance to other people, especially the needy or suffering.

Are respect and love synonymous?

As per their definition, respect and love cannot be interchanged to mean the same thing. Love and respect have their own defining characteristic.

How are they different

For respect, that characteristic will be the term “high regard.” Both of oneself and that of others. The defining characteristic of love on the other hand is the term, affection. The sentiment felt for another person, whether a romantic partner, family, or a friend, etc.

Respect and love can exist without the other. You can respect people without having to love them. Sadly, you can also love people without respect for them.

However, when both of these emotions are present, a relationship takes on a much deeper meaning. Any kind of love will thrive and prosper when accompanied by respect.

What does it mean to be respected?

To be respected would mean being valued and accepted despite being different. That is different nationality, language, religion, sexual orientation, point of view or opinion, etc.

It would mean being able to share something without fear of being judged or persecuted. To be respected would mean letting your hurt feelings show without them being invalidated.

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A mother who prepares her child’s lunch for school does it for love. A mother who does not snoop around her child’s personal belongings does it out of respect.

Friendships also thrive on this structure. A friend gives a birthday gift or provides emotional support out of love. And a friend will not pry on your affairs out of respect for your boundaries.

What comes first, love or respect?

As was discussed in the previous paragraph, respect is a fundamental value that should be readily given to every person that we meet.

Just like there are different types of love, there are also two kinds of respect. One is the primary value- that which is given and the other is the one which is earned.

The former kind of respect should be the character trait that we cultivate early in life.

Love will be easier to develop when there is respect between two people at the onset. Respect provides a level footing for people to progress from being acquaintances to becoming friends or romantic partners.

What is respect in a relationship?

Respect in a relationship means being reciprocated. It is often said that respect is a two-way street, if you respect me, I will respect you.

Although the statement that respect should be a given still holds true. The further actions of the other person will determine whether respect should still be given. And will determine whether a relationship should continue.

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Mutual respect

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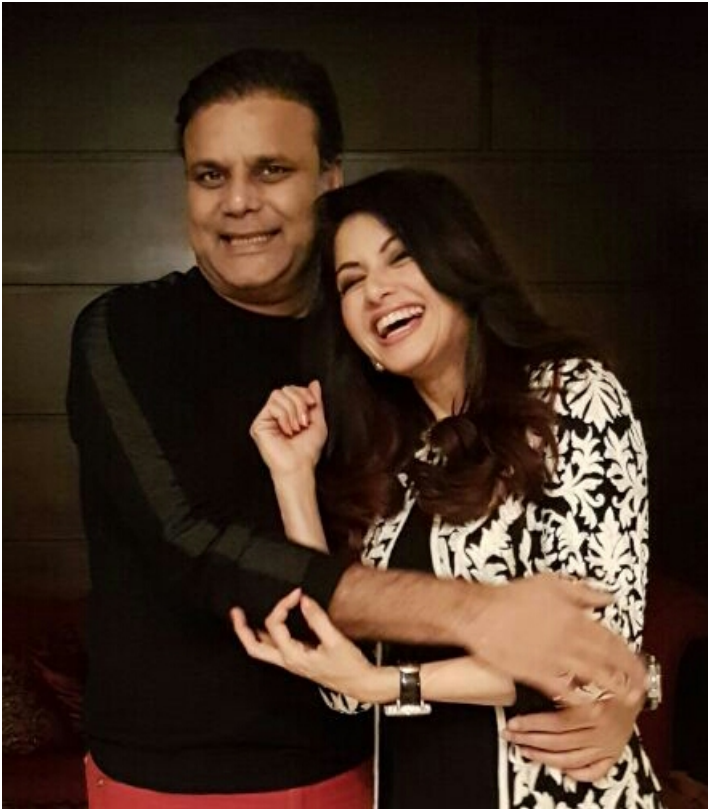
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Why is respect more important than love in a relationship? A question that finds its answers only through the flitting pages of time. The transient emotions of love will change like the seasons while respect will give you the home to enjoy, celebrate, recover, sustain and shelter you through the vagaries of the nature of love. You will find the survivors nodding their heads with the authority and acceptance of a conformist. Love is like the first flower in spring, the first splash of water in summer, the smell of wet soil in rain, the hue of red and gold in fall, and blanket of snow in winter. All of them bring with them the thrill of something new, spectacular, plans and expectations of living up the season and then as days pass into a routine, one misses what has gone by or awaits the next with the same eagerness as was for this season. Respect is like your home, it is there with you no matter what the season is.

Why is it that after the initial flush of love, wanting to be the best for each other, suddenly fingers are pointed at each other blaming that he/she has changed. Have they really? Or is it just your outlook towards them that has. Unfortunately we see life through a concave glass, micro-focusing on faults instead of blossoming under the convexity of diverseness. We expect the other to follow, toe the line, agree, indulge, accept, appreciate every little thing we do or say. Do we give the same in return? Isn't it ridiculous that we want a clone of ourselves and yet that same person should be able to complete our inadequacies. Are the two even possible together? Why do we judge another from where we stand? When we respect another for what she/he is, we give ourselves the opportunity to see life in a diverse spectrum, understand another point of view, weigh life differently. Sometimes we learn to better ourselves, sometimes we are equipped to deal with a situation to our advantage after standing in the other's shoes. Life together should be a conglomeration of moments, different as they might be, converging to appreciate, to accept the differences, learn, enjoy and grow together.



Then there are the gypsies, self-proclaimed mavericks will throw caution to the winds, take on challenges, probably weather the storm but not without facing the consequences. Like a cracked mirror, a broken plate, a dented car...there will be tales, probably intriguing, maybe heart rending, but they will be the ones that survived.... Not lived. Life is not about I, me, myself. What are life's highs and lows if they can't be shared? What fun is it to win an award and not have someone special clapping for you in the wings with a tear in their eye? Or that shoulder to cry on when you are out broke, when you can be cradled in their arms with a smile knowing that their hugs are free.

Respect is acceptance, just an honest acknowledgement of another human being, with a separate brain, different bodily features and functions, and variant strength, stamina and ability. Respect will allow us to open our eyes to a convex prism of the world, see the beauty beyond the faults.