

✧ Be as Waves of One Sea ✧

When a group has a problem to solve, consulting in a spirit of friendship is a great place to start. Just as waves in the sea move together in a single direction, people can move in unity with consultation.

But waves can get rough. If you face stormy seas during consultation, stay calm. Turn to your faith and pray for help.

The advice below from the Bahá'í writings can inspire harmony. It was written for Local Spiritual Assemblies — groups of nine people elected to guide a Bahá'í community — but it can work for anyone.

Do you have a group project at school? First, reach out to your team with kindness. Next, talk and listen with courtesy and an open mind. With practice and prayer, solutions can flow smoothly.

READ THIS QUOTE, THEN CHECK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS BELOW.

The first condition is absolute love and harmony . . . They must be wholly free from estrangement and must manifest in themselves the Unity of God, for they are the waves of one sea, the drops of one river, the stars of one heaven, the rays of one sun, the trees of one orchard, the flowers of one garden. Should harmony of thought and absolute unity be non-existent, that gathering shall be dispersed and that assembly be brought to naught . . . They must, when coming together, turn their faces to the Kingdom on high and ask aid from the Realm of Glory. They must then proceed with the utmost devotion, courtesy, dignity, care and moderation to express their views. —'Abdu'l-Bahá

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| 1. Harmony | A. Show plainly, prove |
| 2. Estrangement | B. Agreement or calm |
| 3. Manifest | C. Holy Kingdom |
| 4. Realm of Glory | D. Respect, nobility |
| 5. Devotion | E. Lack of friendliness |
| 6. Dignity | F. Balance, avoiding extremes |
| 7. Moderation | G. Love and dedication |

What are two things that help with consultation? _____

What can you do to bring love and unity to a group? _____

DRAW A LINE FROM EACH WORD TO ITS DEFINITION.

THEN WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.