

Subjugation

A world of peace and humanity can exist only when all sources of conflict have been eliminated. The major source of human conflict, subjugation and dominance, have been imposed on many levels. At one extreme is the conquest of nations by force of arms. At a lesser extreme is the dominance over a child by an older sibling. Subjugation and dominance become sources of conflict when they are opposed by the victim.

Exploitation

People who acquire wealth often exploit others whose labors combine to increase the wealth of the exploiter. This form of subjugation will become more difficult to sustain if all people are allowed easy access to basic sustenance and subsistence.

Dominance

Unfocused groups benefit from leadership; the young and the uninformed benefit from instruction. Those who are incapable of leadership or who are incompetent to teach will often resort to forceful tactics and a dominating demeanor when they meet with opposition to their faulty ideas. People who are placed into a position of leadership and instruction by virtue of seniority and experience are often the best choices during the early stages of a project. As the project progresses and younger persons with less experience become masters of the craft, the group will benefit most by accepting leadership and instruction from the best qualified persons without regard to seniority.

Applying such logic in a family setting goes against what we are taught about honoring our fathers and mothers, but parents who lead or teach by dominance will create resistance and the kind of conflict that might find expression within or outside the family unit.

Parental Rights

What rights, if any, should parents have over their biological offspring?

Family Units

What is the advantage to children or to parents in maintaining the family structure that exists today?