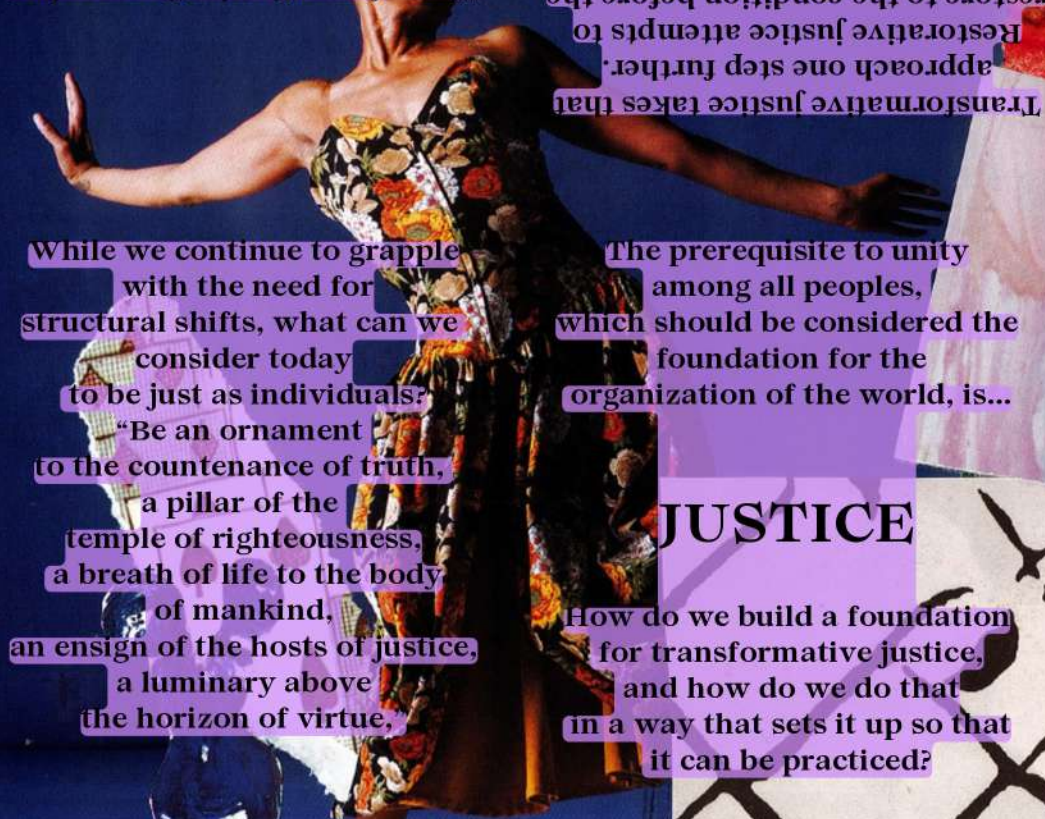


Practicing New Worlds
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limitations.”

strength and its possible
anti-institutional therein lies its
locally driven, anti-state and
Transformative justice remains
need that don't replicate policing,
responses to conflict, harm, and
us to imagine and practice
Transformative justice requires



While we continue to grapple
with the need for
structural shifts, what can we
consider today
to be just as individuals:

“Be an ornament
to the countenance of truth,
a pillar of the
temple of righteousness,
a breath of life to the body
of mankind,
an ensign of the hosts of justice,
a luminary above
the horizon of virtue.”

The Advent of Divine Justice
Shoghi Effendi

Transformative justice takes that
approach one step further.
Restorative justice attempts to
restore to the condition before the
harm took place. However, usually,
that original condition has a number
of injustices built into it.
Transformative justice aims to dig
deeper:
how can we also address the root
causes of injustice and move toward
an even stronger community?

The prerequisite to unity
among all peoples,
which should be considered the
foundation for the
organization of the world, is...

JUSTICE

How do we build a foundation
for transformative justice,
and how do we do that
in a way that sets it up so that
it can be practiced?

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Restorative justice has roots in
Aboriginal and Indigenous
practices built on bringing
victims and perpetrators of
harm together to take
accountability, forgive, and heal.
It's a collaborative and
cooperative process involving
goal setting and taking action to
repair the harm one has caused.

(1) acknowledging responsibility for
one's actions; (2) acknowledging the
impact of one's actions on others;
(3) expressing genuine remorse; (4)
taking actions to repair the harm to
the degree possible, and guided
when feasible by the people harmed;
and (5) no longer committing similar
harm”

Transformative Justice in our
communities needs generative
conflict... disagreement need not
lead to destruction if we reflect on
what is creating personal conflict
vs. conflict against our
communities.

“Ask: what are our individual ways
and practices of conflict? How did
conflict happen in our families in
past romantic friend and familial
relationships what are the best
ways we've handled conflict? What
emotions are we most comfortable
with least comfortable with? It
helps to release attachment to the
way things currently are or to a
singular outcome.”

Emergent Strategies
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mentions the Jimenez Principles for
Democratic Organizing and their
emphasis that every community
should be constantly and
collaboratively defining justice for
that community. You may have also
heard the phrases transformative
justice and restorative justice. They
are related but different and here's
how:

“Before expressing one's own views,
carefully consider the views already
advanced by others. If you find that a
previously expressed opinion is more
true and worthy, one should accept it
immediately and not willfully hold to
an opinion of one's own. Through this
method, we endeavor to achieve unity
and truth.”
Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal
Peace

We can look to the Baha'i practice
of consultation for more specific
steps to take to create organized
bodies that help to seek justice
using an agreed-upon moral
and spiritual foundation
in community:

“...Consultation is of
vital importance, but...
not the mere voicing of personal
views... consultation must have for
its object the investigation of truth.
He who expresses an opinion
should not voice it
as correct and right
but set it forth as a contribution
to the consensus, for the light of
reality becomes apparent
when two opinions coincide.
We should weigh opinions with the
utmost serenity, calmness,
and composure.”

