

A Call for Justice and Peace

In this statement, I want to express my opinions and feelings about the issues of violence and injustice that I and other women have faced. I also want to call for change and peace in our society. I hope you will listen to me and understand me.

First, I want to talk about the problem of sexual violence and abuse. This is a serious and widespread problem that affects millions of women and children around the world. According to the World Health Organization, one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. This is unacceptable and intolerable. Sexual violence and abuse can cause physical, psychological, and emotional harm to the victims, as well as social and economic consequences.

One of the causes of this problem is the lack of accountability and justice for the perpetrators. Many times, the perpetrators are not arrested, prosecuted, or punished for their crimes. They are able to get away with their actions and continue to harm others. This is especially true when the perpetrators are powerful, influential, or wealthy people who can use their status or resources to avoid or manipulate the law. This is also true when the perpetrators are family members, friends, or acquaintances of the victims who can use their relationship or trust to coerce or silence them.

I have experienced this problem myself. I have been sexually assaulted by men who I thought were my friends or lovers. They did not respect me or care about me. They only wanted to use me and hurt me. They did not take responsibility for their actions or apologize for their behavior. They did not face any consequences or repercussions for their crimes. They left me alone and broken.

I have also tried to report these crimes to the authorities, but they did not help me or protect me. They did not believe me or listen to me. They did not investigate my case or collect evidence. They did not arrest or charge the perpetrators or bring them to trial. They did not support me or assist me. They blamed me or shamed me. They made me feel like it was my fault or like I deserved it.

This is not fair or right. This is not how it should be. This is not how a civilized and democratic society should treat its citizens, especially its women and children who are more vulnerable and marginalized. This is not how a humane and compassionate society should treat its fellow human beings who are suffering and in need of help.

Therefore, I demand that the authorities and the society take action and do something about this problem. I demand that they arrest, prosecute, and punish the perpetrators of sexual violence and abuse according to the law and human rights standards. I demand that they provide support, assistance, and protection to the victims of sexual violence and abuse according to their needs and preferences. I demand that they prevent, educate, and raise awareness about sexual violence and abuse among the public and the professionals.

Second, I want to talk about the problem of gender violence and discrimination. This is another serious and widespread problem that affects millions of women around the world. According to the United Nations, gender-based violence is "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life". Gender discrimination is "any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women [...] of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field".

One of the causes of this problem is the patriarchal system and culture that dominates our society. This system and culture values men over women, gives men more power and privilege than women, and expects men and women to behave in certain ways according to their gender roles. This system and culture oppresses women and limits their freedom and potential.

I have experienced this problem myself. I have been discriminated against by men who thought they were better than me or had more rights than me because they were men. They did not respect me or treat me as an equal. They did not listen to me or value my opinions. They did not acknowledge my achievements or appreciate my contributions. They did not support me or encourage me.

I have also been subjected to violence by men who thought they had authority over me or could control me because they were men. They did not care about my feelings or needs. They did not respect my boundaries or choices. They did not honor my consent or dignity. They abused me physically, verbally, emotionally, financially, sexually.

This is not fair or right. This is not how it should be. This is not how a civilized and democratic society should treat its citizens, especially its women who are half of the

population and the human race. This is not how a humane and compassionate society should treat its fellow human beings who are diverse and unique.

Therefore, I demand that the authorities and the society take action and do something about this problem. I demand that they eliminate gender-based violence and discrimination in all its forms and manifestations. I demand that they promote gender equality and empowerment in all spheres and levels of life. I demand that they respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all women.

Third, I want to talk about the problem of violence and hatred in general. This is a global and universal problem that affects all people regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, or any other identity or characteristic. According to the World Health Organization, violence is "the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation". Hatred is "a feeling of intense dislike or hostility towards someone or something".

One of the causes of this problem is the lack of love and peace in our hearts and minds.

I have experienced this problem myself. I have been hurt by people who did not love me or care about me. They did not show me kindness or compassion. They did not give me attention or affection. They did not make me happy or fulfilled. They left me lonely and empty.

I have also been harmed by people who did not want peace with me or for me. They did not respect me or cooperate with me. They did not understand me or accept me. They did not forgive me or apologize to me. They fought with me and against me.

This is not fair or right. This is not how it should be. This is not how a civilized and democratic society should treat its citizens, especially its fellow human beings who are living on the same planet and sharing the same resources. This is not how a humane and compassionate society should treat its fellow human beings who are feeling the same emotions and facing the same challenges.

Therefore, I demand that the authorities and the society take action and do something about this problem. I demand that they stop violence and hatred in all its

forms and manifestations. I demand that they foster love and peace in all spheres and levels of life. I demand that they respect, protect, and fulfill the human dignity and well-being of all people.

In conclusion, I want to say that:

I am not a fool.

I am a strong woman.

Some might call me a bitch,
but I don't mind too much.

You have your games and your manipulations,
but I don't want to play them.

I know what I need, and

I won't settle for less than that.

I have had some time to think it over;

I gave you love, but you gave me lies.

Sweet little lies.

You were always in disguise.

You were what you consumed.

And you had much in common with the drugs you chose.

I clearly saw the games you played, and

I've no cure for your confusion.

You were its prey

You were sinking in a sea of rage.

You wouldn't listen to me, or to reason.

What will you do or say

When you realize I was right?

Without love, there is no light.

All the destructive things you do

Will come back to haunt you.

You're crying out, trying to get some

Sympathy

From God, the Lady, or the Trinity

But you refuse

To appreciate

They hear you and

Can't condone what you do.

You don't even know who you really are,

But I can see right through.

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WHY?

If they would arrest people when they were turned in for being perverts, the perverts would be stopped from abducting, molesting and murdering little kids more and more often. It's not women's fault. We have turned in perverts and tried to stop them and we don't deserve any violence from the police. It is not a crime or sin to be an angry woman in public or out of it. Men are not entitled to everything and they certainly aren't entitled to seek mindless/thoughtless revenge on women because their mom restricted them from doing stupid things or things that could cause serious injury or death to themselves or others when they were children. Your mother has the right to live in her household, and set her boundaries, and stop children from causing headaches, or increasing expenses dramatically by busting a leg or burning down the house. Children are clumsy compared to grown-ups. Get over it! Men do not have the right to do this to women, and they do not have to live with us. Things do not replace friends.

Violence doesn't solve problems, and self defense is not violence. Even though it is not okay if your female caretakers did violence to you as a child, you surely do not have the right to discipline adult women, or punish them, or take revenge on anyone who looks like or belongs to any organization your female caretakeres may have belonged to. This is especially true, since adult men can do three times as much damage as adult women. We (women) are not in need of instruction in basic life skills or protection from our own physical ineptness or clumsiness. Not only that, it is emotionally abusive to call children clumsy, stupid, careless, cruel, evil, or other names, but not grown men. Resenting or hating women for "not telling you the truth" and calling you these things or using those words as an explanation for why you are not allowed to do certain things as a juvenile, is childish, stupid and rude. This is especially true considering children can't help being clumsier than grown-ups and men can. We can't read each other's mind, nor would

we want to even if we could. We have other things to think about. Get over yourselves.

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