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There was some conversation beforehand and mention was made of the people of India. Then our old friend Emma Hardinge-Britten spoke via Eileen:

Lilian: Good evening.

Good evening—it is I, Emma.

General welcome

George: I thought it was from the way you sit, with a straight back. Welcome to you!

Thank you. The mention of India captured my attention, because of course you know, I have been helping the suppressed women.

We recalled Emma's previous visit

So of course, the mention of India was enough to bring me here to you. I have to report that the suppression of women in your world is slowly being unravelled. After all, as spirit, you are both male and female energy, therefore, why should females be suppressed in your world? I have continuously supported women by using subtle energy to persuade them to take control of their lives. It is not always easy as you may well know, and there are still many places throughout your world where women are still not superior to men.

Jan: Or equal.

Yes, equal.

George: Yes, unfortunately there are traditions that are upheld—this putting down of the womenfolk—***But these traditions have to be dissolved.***

George: Yes, I like your word 'unravelled' (***yes***) because I think it is good to unravel deeply held traditions. Within the Moslem—I think it is called the 'Shariah' system, which must be quite a problem as seen from spirit.

Yes, not so much a problem as a need to educate, I would say. That no one should in any case, in any place be subservient to another human being. This is the teaching of spirit. As I have always been involved in the way of the women of the world—not because I feel they should be superior, but there should be equality between men and women of all nationalities. And again I say to you: that is always what I strive towards.

Jan: I think with the Arab countries at the moment, fighting for their democracies—I think that will be the next step.

Yes, it is, slowly, slowly, but progress is being made.

Jan: Yes, because, obviously they can't give democracy just to the men (***no***). They have to give it to the women as well.

Of course!

George: There's considerable unrest in the Middle East at the moment (***yes***). One feels that, eventually, there has to be a good side to this.

It is their time of evolution—perhaps that is the kindest way to say it, rather than think of the discord that exists amongst these people. I'd rather see it as a form of education—their evolution.

Jan: Mm, so you're educating the females as well as the males—you are impressing both?

Yes, in effect, in a very subtle way. Yes, it will not happen overnight. It will take much time, but the fact remains that we are making progress (Good).

Paul: Where do you think it comes from—this lack of equality, because we understand that before the big religions of today's world came, feminine qualities were respected a lot more.

Yes, many females were regarded as priestesses and higher, but you see, all of these things take their course. I cannot give you one definite answer to that question. I do not personally know that answer, but of course, men in your world have always been physically stronger, and I feel that perhaps in many cases this has taken precedence, and of course, when you speak of religion, that is another matter.

Jan: I was thinking along the same lines as Paul who asked the question, It's the male throughout our evolution, who has picked up the arms first (***yes!***). And, as women bear children, men don't like to see them physically fight. They actually can't handle that spiritually—to see a woman bloodied and injured, and I think history along the way, has twisted that somewhat. That's just my viewpoint.

But any idea is open to change and that is what I look to. I look forward to seeing women becoming stronger in their viewpoints in these countries

where they are downtrodden—and be assured they are downtrodden.

Jan: Yes, we know. I think though, women have a universal power that extends to every sisterhood of the planet and we're very good at coming together as a whole.

Yes, I do not even strive for a sisterhood. I strive for 'equality' and a 'oneness' and a 'wholeness', which is the spiritual aspect of life.

Jan: Yes, but first of all, because you are talking of the female form that—

They have to be recognised as a whole, yes. I do understand what you are saying, but I need to tell you that my objective is that equality of spirit is paramount (Mm—yes).

George: And with equality, there is the matter of 'team'. Male and female have developed different qualities, and these qualities can work together as a team.

Yes, as they should—one should complement the other. That is the purpose of male and female. Of course, there are always exceptions to rules, but you have to think I feel, of the spiritual nature and quality that exists in all humankind.

Jan: When you look at it through spiritual eyes, to be reincarnated as a female when your previous life was a male, and to be treated in that way—what actually happens to the spirit—the soul?

It is abhorrent—yes.

Jan: Yes, I can really understand that.

That is why most people wish to experience both female and male energy at some time. This is why reincarnation is important for that very reason, because we are all male-and-female energy, and it would do well for this whole world to recognise that. But anyway, I did feel that I had to come and say a little about the progress which is of course happening around the world. You may not hear of it, but it is creeping very slowly towards change.

Paul: I notice that some of these countries now have female Presidents and female Prime Ministers, as leaders.

Yes, and why not?

Paul: Exactly!

Equality should be there should it not?

Paul: I think India has a female Prime minister.

They have—they have indeed, but they also have many castes, where women are suppressed—as in all areas of your world (yes), even in your so-called dignified countries.

Jan: Yes, the western world has other problems such as trafficking and all those sorts of things which are still suppressing, so yes, we're not exempt from it.

And there are many ways to suppress the spirit of another, so it's a delicate issue I feel, and one that keeps me extremely busy.

Jan: Yes—a very worthwhile. Would you call it a project, Emma—your quest—is it a quest?

It is! It is something I feel I have to do. I have always fought for women, and from spirit, I can see the larger picture, which encourages me to go forward, and, also, I have to tell you that it is helping in my own spiritual growth.

Jan: Yes, of course!

George: Yes, I think when you came to us before you used the word 'project'.

Yes, you may use any word that you wish, but to cap it all, it means going forward and soul growth.

George: and to remind us all that we are each of us both male and female energy—that's a good message to impart.

It's something that you should always keep in mind, and I know in your world you will say, men are so different, and women are different from men. No, you are not! You are all part of the whole, and if it takes a little understanding, then, so be it! That is another part of spiritual growth in recognising others and recognising within yourself what is wrong in your thinking.

Paul: It's very noticeable with the younger children—up to a certain age, the boys and the girls do similar things. They play together—you get tomboys—basically they're just doing what boys do, and boys sometimes do what girls do. At a certain point, suddenly, they become aware that they're not supposed to be doing that—'I'm this' or 'I'm that' so they start to move away from what they actually want to do, and adults then either become either one or the other, and we are, as you say, much more similar than we realise.

I have to say it is only human beings who put so much emphasis on gender. If you are both male and female, then you should accept yourselves and each other for what and who you are.

George: Yes, I'm afraid this problem is exacerbated by the advertising firms which advertise items for women and items for men, and there's the connection to making—some people so committed to making large amounts of money, and this is a complication which attaches to the male /female thing, I believe.

Yes, if, as the gentleman has said, young children were left to their own devices, they would find their own way, their own pathways whether it be towards male or female, as long as there is love within that soul, how does it matter? That is what is important—love—love for one another, to help one another—that should be your goal in life.

George: Yes, unfortunately, there's a few who have sidestepped into this as a means of making money, when it should really be a love of one another.

Yes, that sullies the word 'love' does it not—when it is for such things as wealth and such things as ego shall we say? I do not like that word to be used with those things. One's love should be pure.

George: People are recognising that a minority of population is making too much money, people are reacting to this and this is another revolution that is going on at the moment.

Yes, inequality has always existed in your world and I have to say it will continue for quite a long time to come, but mankind is at least aware that there are these inequalities, whereas at some point in your history it was not recognised—it was just part of living.

George: Yes, I think this is a time of growing awareness of these things.

Yes, in many areas of your lives, there is a growing awareness. Anyway, I do have to say, it's been a pleasure to come and talk with you all, and now I really have to go.

Lilian: Well I'm glad your work is going well with the Indian ladies.

General farewells

Thank you and goodbye!

George's Notes:

1: Emma Hardinge-Britten (1823-1899): Last with us 30th May 2011. It is of course always good to have news of old friends and their work in spirit. Whilst on Earth, Emma founded 'Two Worlds' magazine. It continues, and in fact, in its August issue, appeared a favourable review of 'The Chronicles of Aerah', leading to a few book sales via the magazine. Thank you Emma!

2: Islamic Law – Shariah: As with Christianity, there are many variations according to sect and country. There has been harsh interpretation of original teaching with much criticism, for example: severing hands as punishment for theft. Shocking! But then, 'Christians' have burned at the stake, and some US states still operate death penalty. All is horrible! But where religions are concerned, there is one certainty: West cannot judge East and East cannot judge West.