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Being Human

A guide through the galaxy of being human. *A compass for clarity, conflict competence, and inner stance*

- **Stance before opinion**

Opinions are quickly expressed – stance emerges through reflection. Those who know their values remain clear even in difficult situations. **In conflict:** *It's not volume that counts, but inner steadiness.*

- **Thinking needs feeling**

Rationality without emotional intelligence remains superficial. Those who connect thinking and feeling make more sustainable decisions. *Clarity doesn't come from coldness, but from connection.*

- **Humanity is not weakness**

Dignity, respect, and empathy are not luxuries – they are cornerstones of functional coexistence. *Those who remain human have more lasting impact than any claim to power.*

- **Conflicts are resonance spaces**

Conflicts are not failure, but signs of relevance. They offer opportunities for clarification, not escalation. *Composure and objectivity are often more effective than being right.*

- **Meaning is the connecting element**

Meaning provides orientation when systems fail. It arises not from efficiency, but from significance. *Those who find meaning remain capable of action – even in uncertainty.*

- **Technology is a tool, not a worldview**

Digital systems can support – but not replace. Independent thinking remains essential. *Those who hide behind screens lose touch with their own perception.*

- **To be a role model means to show stance**

Role models are not born of perfection, but of authenticity. *Those who show that another way is possible open new spaces for thought and action.*

- **Dignity is non-negotiable**

Dignity is not a function, but an inner compass. It applies regardless of status, education, or role. *Those who stand tall protect not only themselves – but also the community.*

- **Self-knowledge is the foundation of effectiveness**

Self-reflection is not retreat, but preparation. Those who know themselves communicate more clearly and act more effectively. *Depth doesn't come from speed, but from insight.*

- **Humor is a form of intelligence**

Humor creates distance without devaluation. It opens spaces where arguments fail. *Those who laugh stay agile – even in serious times.*

- **Bonus rule**

[Don't panic](#) – but don't become indifferent either. *Those who live consciously don't become playthings of circumstance.*

And every beginning holds a magic that protects us and helps us live.

Hermann Hesse

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