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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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