

Chivalry-Now

The Code of Male Ethics

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What chivalry is:

Chivalry is far more than a quaint artifice of courtesy from long ago. It is a way of life, a code of behavior based on values once reserved for nobility and the warrior chaste of knighthood. It provides a surprisingly comprehensive slate of values that define what it means to be a man. While focusing on individuality, personal development and social responsibility, it also provides spiritual values that are conducive to the beliefs of religious and nonreligious people alike.

What chivalry is not:

Chivalry, in its purest form, is not an affront to women, although a poor understanding of it has been used to support male entitlement thinking.

As a code of behavior, it is not connected to any particular religion. Historically, religion has incorporated strong chivalric tenets into its own purview, to the point of inferring that chivalric knighthood was a religious vocation (hence the creation of the Knights Templar and Knights Hospilar). Nevertheless, the essence of chivalry remained a code of behavior strictly its own, a belief system that can be described as a “code of male virtue,” where the primacy of moral behavior was not dependent on religious tradition or scriptural mandate, but on the values themselves. Good, for the sake of goodness. Truth, because falseness is the only alternative. Courtesy, for the benefit of civil discourse and harmonious relations.

How Chivalry-Now differs:

Chivalry-Now differs from its medieval counterpart in that it represents what chivalry would do if its development had not been interrupted. That makes it far more appropriate for the needs of today’s society. It takes into account Age of Enlightenment ideals, such as democracy and social equality, along with the rise of science, psychology and even feminism. It rejects hierarchy of chaste. While it relates well to most religions, it is dependent on none.

Chivalry-Now respects and welcomes the gains brought to women by feminism. It respects gender differences by promoting courteous dynamics between the sexes. Courtesy should never be a sign of dominance or manipulation. It is a sign that one person respectfully values the other. It is right for men to value women as their natural partners and friends.

Chivalry-Now encourages fairness, honesty and compassion as indicative of personal strength of character. Whereas medieval chivalry reflected the feudal society of its time in stressing obedience to one’s lord, Chivalry-Now stresses obedience to conscience and making informed decisions.

Chivalry-Now does not embrace morality only when convenient. It embraces morality as its foundation and as a definition of cultural manhood.

The purpose of **Chivalry-Now** is to reconnect our civilization to its cultural roots. This is not an attempt to resurrect another age. It is an attempt to complete or fulfill the age we live in. Like feminism before it, **Chivalry-Now** focuses in the needs of one gender, that of men, in relationship to the world for the betterment of all.

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