



A World
That Works
for
Everyone



It is a profound act of self-love to celebrate the unique ways Spirit manifests in us and others.

Pride Month is sometimes seen as the time of year when members of the LGBTQIA2+ communities (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer [or sometimes questioning], intersexual, asexual, and two-spirited*) and their allies don rainbow regalia, participate in parades, and throw parties. More and more people are starting to learn that the celebration that we refer to as Pride, credited as beginning with the Stonewall riots (June 28, 1969), began as early as May 1959 in Los Angeles and continued with events leading to Stonewall where Transgender Women of Color led an act of protest.

We stand with the LGBTQIA2+ community as its members profess the truth of their humanity, that their health and wellbeing are essential, that justice and equity are rights, not privileges, and that representation and visibility matter.

Pride Month offers us an opportunity to educate ourselves about eliminating stigma, prejudice, and violence that afflict a significant part of society. **Centers for Spiritual Living's declaration of principles states that we believe the ultimate goal of life to be complete freedom from all discord of every nature and that this goal is sure to be attained by all.**

Discrimination, injustice, and homophobia are just a few of the discords the LGBTQIA2+ community has faced in the past, and in many ways, continues to face today.

Those early Pride events in the United States began to eradicate some of the discord the LGBTQIA2+ community was facing. Now, the world over, Pride symbolizes not only the celebration of each person's right to be who they are and love who they love, but it is also a demonstration of radical self-love and love for all. Pride Month can also be an opportunity to recognize that every day is an occasion to celebrate **all** people in every facet of life, everywhere on the planet.

Pride Month—this year and every year—reminds us of the innate divinity and spiritual magnificence we all are.

*Footnote

LGBTQHealth, Two-Spirited

<https://lgbtqhealth.ca/community/two-spirit.php>

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9 and 11 am

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