



LET your light shine

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Once I got involved with a project I just didn't "get." It seemed flaky, plus I was put off by a key team member. I tried to be pleasant, but I just felt so overwhelmed by her. I thought, "Oh well, I'll just grin and bear it."

Soon we had our first meeting. As the day approached, I found myself dreading our interactions. Then, I suddenly realized that I'd been experiencing a persistent inability to hear what this person was saying. So, when we all gathered, I was determined to listen, quietly and effectively.

What an amazing meeting! All the members of the group were so enthusiastic. And this person I'd been so troubled by – I was just overwhelmed with how much she loves! I saw her riding this amazing sunbeam of Love, and best of all, inviting everyone to ride with her.

Also, I felt so inspired by what this project had brought to this person's life, it made me want to commit fully. As a result, the project opened up wonderful doors for me, and blessed many other people.

Far from her enthusiasm drowning me (or anyone) out, this beautiful light shining boldly encouraged even more bright lights. And every single interaction I've had since with this person – this friend! – has been healing, enlightening, and empowering.

Here's my huge take-away: don't be intimidated by someone else's light, and don't be afraid to shine as bright as you can. Questions about who is shining brightest is irrelevant. Any honest and sincere shining of your light encourages others to shine too.

Now, this is how I can tell if I'm truly shining: are others deferring to me as a leader in a personal sense? Or are they throwing off limited self-concepts and more clearly reflecting the one Light? Shining always makes others shine. To God the glory.