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## WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT: FEMINIST VISIONS **21<sup>st</sup>** FOR THE CENTURY

For over 25 years, feminists of color activists and scholars have challenged U.S. Society to shift its way of seeing towards a more socially viable perspective. Their voices and words have graced the pages of anthologies, books, popular and academic articles, and the popular media. Yet that vision of social justice that calls for maintaining “the faith of activist” has yet to be popularly accepted. What do feminists of color have to offer the world? What is “loving perception” or “world-travel,” and what does having multiple lenses have to do with a viable vision for the survival of the human species? The vision for the future coming out of this marginalized sector of our society includes a sense that we are all interconnected, that we need to cultivate relationality, that we need to develop ways to creatively combat oppression, and that we need to learn each other’s ways of seeing and being in the world towards a more loving existence. Feminist of color offer us tools for thriving in a new world order by demonstrating, as Alice Walker has recently pointed out, “considerable courage, intelligence, compassion and substance.” And love—for self, for community, for society, for the planet—in this sense has everything to do with it!

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