

WOMAN HOLDING A BALANCE - VERMEER



In this painting of Vermeer's the woman is holding an empty balance – jewels are scattered nearby.

She is totally concentrated, in a contemplative mode, on waiting until the balance is steady.

The painting of the Last Judgement on the wall behind her points to other areas of balance in life's journey.

The artist asks questions of the one viewing the painting and its context.

What questions does it ask of me?

I only want to aim for balance.
No one is expecting me to fall into a category of extremes.
In life we have more than the black and white.
I don't just want to see the grey,
but the kaleidoscope of colours
this beautiful world has to offer.

Ying and Yang

To reach enlightenment
we must first walk through the darkness to reach the light
Then we must learn to balance the darkness and the light



**The universe has a way of balancing out
the sadness and the sorrow
with happiness for tomorrow**