

LOVE

True love is of the Divine and is the highest attribute of the human soul. It is the harmonious vibration between body, mind and soul. Love is the dynamic principle of life itself. It is the interior element of the creative principle and the central fire of the soul.

If human nature had remained true to itself and permitted the development of this mighty force all humanity would have been vitalized and glorified by its influence. The Golden Rule would be a natural function of human life and peace, happiness and goodwill would be evident in every soul.

Love is the most powerful spiritual force in the world. It embraces within its sphere of radiation all the other positive soul qualities: faith, hope, charity, kindness, patience, sympathy, forgiveness, unselfishness, courage. Love is the expression of the Divine through the medium of the human soul. It constitutes the most vital energy required for your spiritual advancement. The farther you advance in the scale of evolution the more spontaneous and far-reaching will be your expression of love.

Among people with limited understanding a mysterious chemical affinity between bodies draws one to another. This is misconstrued as love. Individuals may be physically attracted toward each other through the mental alone, or only through the spiritual. Various combinations of the three may also be formed through which people are attracted. When union takes place through only the senses or physical organism, the vilest passions of perverted nature counterfeit love and are expended in satiated desire. From this state under the pressure of the accompanying passions of anger, jealousy and hatred, it is an easy step to tragedy and crime.

Unions formed through mental attractions or attraction of minds of like character are less destructive but such contact does not awaken love. It gives rise to an attachment born only of the gratification of blended intellectual tastes and qualifications. No union can be blessed with pure love that is influenced by either sensual or intellectual gratification. Indulgence of desires on any plane contradicts natural law and is detrimental. Those who are attracted through their spiritual natures do not necessarily love. They may be kindred souls on a low plane but love cannot live in other than a pure atmosphere. Whether the emotion felt by like pure love or not depends on their standards. Individuals may unite through a harmonious blending of physical, mental and spiritual natures but even then know nothing higher than a set of emotions generated by the contact of like elements.

In these examples we readily see how the law of attraction operating under various superficial influences and associations may draw together all kinds of people. Many combinations are thus formed which by their very nature are inharmonious, inconsistent and temporary.

The emotions between the sexes are often nothing more than exalted chemical affinity or magnetism on another plane. In addition, the attachments between parents and their children, and many other relationships where love is said to exist, are mostly formed of far baser metal than the gold of pure love. Much parental love which should be the highest type of earthly love is selfish and binding to the child. Filial love is equally selfish and exacting. When criticism, condemnation, selfishness and general disharmony characterize family life, the attachments are merely fleshly ties.

If desire, jealousy or selfishness surrounds or colors the feeling called love it indicates an attachment of a much lower order. For example if you grieve excessively for the loss of a loved one, your love is selfish. When there is a bond between two people, and a separation ensues, grief on the part of either one darkens or binds both. When death comes, sorrowing relatives and friends hold the soul earth-bound and in the condition of suffering and darkness that belong to this earthly plane by harboring excessive grief.

Love is absolutely unselfish and never binds its object. If your love is pure you release the selfish ties that bind and give your loved one, whether on the earth or having passed beyond, freedom to advance as Nature guides or to go and come in response to duty or the pursuit of their higher well-being.

Of all the attributes preserved in human nature the quality of love is the most misrepresented and least understood. When you learn that love can become active only in a soul that is pure and that it does not cooperate with the errors of an artificial nature then you may understand to what extent it has been counterfeited.

As desire and selfishness colored human nature they smothered the flames of love. Still a spark has remained to cast its faint glow through the darkness. Despite all the evils that have surrounded and stifled human love, its fire has never been extinguished in the human soul. The reason dissatisfied natures delude themselves by grasping counterfeit emotions is to fill the void felt by that soul whose love nature is not dead but submerged. The fact that love has never been lost to the soul has preserved humanity from desolation. By its remaining warmth hope has lived to guide you to light and faith.

True love emanates from the Divine. It is the act of self-giving through creation, the impartation of the Divine through the human. Love is a complete unity with life. Only as the soul becomes conscious of its ONENESS with all that lives can it express genuine love. When you realize that God and humanity are One then you shall love humanity as an expression of God and God as the Life Principle in all creation.

The nature of true love is to give and to bless as the sun gives its light and the flowers their fragrance. It does not demand or require anything in return. False love centers on itself. It is selfish, binding and exacting. Since it is not genuine, it is narrow, shallow, temporary. To the degree that it is influenced by the attending evils of criticism, condemnation and jealousy it will ultimately turn to hatred. False love gives only with the thought of getting something in return. It lives for itself and its own gratifications.

You indulge in counterfeit love when your love is confined only to certain individuals or groups; when it is colored by your tastes opinions and prejudices; when it is restricted by custom, belief, social status, nationality. Do not consider love as something you can express or repress at will. Do not classify and segregate people according to your likes and dislikes. Do not show kindness and consideration to your intimates, but to strangers express coldness and indifference. You are taught to love your country, your religion, your way of thinking and living while those who differ from you in nationality, in religious training, in custom and point of view become the victims of your disdain and aversion.

Two opposing forces cannot flow from the soul at the same time. Love is the opposite of hatred. It is contrary to the Law of Opposites for the vital energy of life to be malevolent and yet also be benevolent. Therefore, Jesus said, "Love your enemies; love those that hate you." The emotion of love is an electro-manifestation from the brain that is stronger than hatred. Hence, it overcomes the hate. When a soul is animated with love it radiates the warmth of its feeling and it blesses and inspires whomever it contacts. The object of its beneficence will reflect back the same ennobling influence.

True love expresses itself in the growth and development of personality. Through Divine love you become conscious of tremendous power, amazing capacities, higher aspirations and greater freedom. As you begin to love all life as an expression of the Divine, you find it easier to perform your daily tasks and to meet life's challenges. Other individuals who appear lower in the scale no longer obstruct your advancement. Through love you rise above the baser elements in yourself and in others. You become conscious of greater beauty and joy in the universe, qualities that were shrouded from your view as long as you lived in the darkness of evil tendencies.

Counterfeit love stunts your growth on every plane of being. It warps your personality and darkens your soul. Love must be the master of the self. It must control the passions of the body, the thoughts, the imagination and the longings of the soul. It never expresses itself on a low plane but leads you away from your baser self to the realms of loftier expression.

This beneficent force brings health to your body, peace to your mind and strength and freedom to your soul. Wherever the atmosphere around human beings is permeated with a spirit of love, strife and struggle will end, enmity will be lessened, evil will be overcome. There you arrive at an understanding of each other that can result in lasting peace, cooperation and happiness.

As long as negative forces of the mind such as greed, jealousy, selfishness and prejudice, dominate and control human mind discord, suffering and unhappiness will reign in the home, the community and among nations. Only as you recognize and apply the laws of life and lending all your efforts toward battering down negative attributes that tend to hold you on a low plane and ultimately destroy you, only by releasing the hidden power of love and allowing it to find expression in the well-being of other people and in the advancement of your soul can humanity hope to be happy and free.

One of the most beautiful qualities of love is the faith it creates in God, in humanity, in the purpose and possibilities of life. As the Bible says, "Perfect love casteth out fear." The opposite of faith, comes with courage and strength. Courage is the essence of sacrificial love. Without you could never elevate yourself to higher planes of living and thinking. When you truly love a person, a priceless possession, a truth, you are willing and ready to fight for it. There is always some truth, dimly perceptible, gleaming forth to light your pathway when you love it to the extent of dedicating your life to it. Every truth that has been responsible for higher achievement has risen from individual sacrifice. Truth has many names but it is best known as Love.

Genuine love has a powerful attraction that brings together those who are Divinely inspired to create something worthy of love. The bonds of loyalty among souls who are thus united cannot be broken. If your creative capacity is endowed with love it will release untold benefits to bless humanity. However, if those who possess great powers choose to exercise them in conformity with

the grosser attributes of humanity such as greed, selfishness and lust then discord, suffering and destruction will be the inevitable consequence.

How cold and barren and meaningless is life where love is missing? What satisfaction or reward comes in performing tasks or rendering service for mere material gain, or in the line of duty, without inspiration of love? When human souls mingle among each other whether in groups, societies, organizations or nations, their actions are governed by either greed or love. If love does not predominate, then someone suffers to the degree that another gains.

As the soul conquers its weaknesses, meets the requirements for progression and returns to its pure nature, love, fanned by the breath of purity, awakens and flames into being. The life that is lived in accordance with the Laws of the Body, Mind and Soul and which embodies all the other positive attributes culminates in love.

Love is the fruition of the purified nature. When individuals who have so risen come together and their pure elements connect through the law of spiritual affinity love becomes active. Then, true to its nature, it radiates and blesses whomever it touches.

Pure love responds only to the union of souls who are characterized by the highest attributes. Their capabilities of pure love are measured by the degree to which the lower elements have been replaced by the nobler qualifications. Disharmony results from a conflict of elements governed by selfish, crude and uncontrolled natures. When individuals unite through the blending of souls that are unselfish, self-possessed and pure, the mental and physical organisms are subjugated and harmonized.

If you desire love, you must set up a "polarity" to attract love. This powerful force can awaken the greatest that is in your soul. It is the medium for remarkable spiritual development. The law of spiritual affinity cannot have its perfect way until you have lifted your nature from the plane of selfishness and desire and your spiritual nature has become pure enough and vital enough to govern your whole organism and overcome attraction from any other plane.

When individuals unite under the perfect working of this law, love seals the union with a bond that endures during earth life and through eternity.

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