

How much of God's Love are you willing to receive?

. . . In The Way of the Heart and in The Way of Transformation, and now in The Way of Knowing, all that we have sought to share with you has been by design, to lead you to see that love is the only thing worth valuing. Love is unconditional. Love merely loves in order to abide in its own nature. (WM 355)

And because God is but Love, as the mind disentangles itself from the perceptual level of the body-mind, from the interpretations selected and created in the mind and overlaid upon those events, and especially as it disentangles itself from the egoic need to be right about its makings, that which you are – pure intelligence, pure infinite creative possibility – shifts itself into being identified only with valuing Love. This is the same thing as saying:

I value only God.

Then, the soul begins to reawaken, the soul – this drop of pure light, which is pure intelligence – begins to realize that to know God it must be God. And since God is only Love, the soul desires to be only Love. For in loving as God loves, God is known. As God is known, Self is realized and remembered. And the dream of the dreamer is transcended.

Therefore, indeed, beloved friends, my trust in you is perfect, for I have come to value only God. My loyalty to you as the offspring of my Father stems from having received that enlightenment for myself, having awakened from the maze – the complex web of perceptions in the body-mind, the interpretations that the body-mind places on events, and the ego's construct of what it feels it is right about. Because I have dissolved all of that, I abide in pure devotion only to what is truly real and perfectly unconditional: the presence of my Father, which is the same as the presence of Love.

The goal, then, of genuine spirituality is to realign the quality of your perception – to mirror, to resonate with, to be in perfect alignment with the perception of your Creator to see with God's eyes. Beloved friends, in truth, you remain as you were created to be. This means that in each and every moment, you are literally using the power found in the silent depth of the ocean of God's Love that gave rise to your very creation and existence to perceive as you desire. (WM 42)

For I say unto you, if God had not desired to extend Love, you would never have come into existence. Your very sense of awareness of self is the result or the effect of Love. It is the very same Love that has birthed the sun and the moon and all of the stars and every dimension upon dimension upon dimension of creation. That very Love that desired to be extended is the very Source from which you have been birthed. As you know yourself to be, you are the effect of God's desire to extend Love. (WM 43)

When next someone asks you, "Who are you?" please do not give them a name. Do not say, "Well, I was born in a certain town in a certain part of the planet." Do not tell them that you are a democrat, or a republican, or a communist, or an atheist or a catholic. Tell them the truth:

Who am I? I am the extension of Love in form.
I have never been born and I will never taste death.
I am infinite and eternal.
I shine forth as a sunbeam to the sun.
I am the effect of God's Love.
And I stand before you to love you.

Now that will raise some eyebrows! It will also transform your world. For it is time to stop seeking Christ outside and start choosing to take responsibility for being Christ incarnate. (WM 44)

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Why is it important for us to understand God's Love?

"There is no love but God's." (W 230)

Perhaps you think that different kinds of love are possible. Perhaps you think there is a kind of love for this, a kind for that; a way of loving one, another way of loving still another. Love is one. It has no separate parts and no degrees; no kinds nor levels, no divergencies and no distinctions. It is like itself, unchanged throughout. It never alters with a person or a circumstance. It is the Heart of God, and also of His Son.

Love's meaning is obscure to anyone who thinks that love can change. He does not see that changing love must be impossible. And thus he thinks that he can love at times, and hate at other times. He also thinks that love can be bestowed on one, and yet remain itself although it is withheld from others. To believe these things of love is not to understand it. If it could make such distinctions, it would have to judge between the righteous and the sinner, and perceive the Son of God in separate parts.

Love cannot judge. As it is one itself, it looks on all as one. Its meaning lies in oneness. And it must elude the mind that thinks of it as partial or in part. There is no love but God's, and all of love is His. There is no other principle that rules where love is not. Love is a law without an opposite. Its wholeness is the power holding everything as one, the link between the Father and the Son which holds Them both forever as the same.

No course whose purpose is to teach you to remember what you really are could fail to emphasize that there can never be a difference in what you really are and what love is. Love's meaning is your own, and shared by God Himself. For what you are is what He is. There is no love but His, and what He is, is everything there is. There is no limit placed upon Himself, and so are you unlimited as well.

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Where in this world can we find God's Love?

In Heaven, where the meaning of love is known, love is the same as union. Here, where the illusion of love is accepted in love's place, love is perceived as separation and exclusion. (T 341)

God knows you *now*. He remembers nothing, having always known you exactly as He knows you now. The holy instant reflects His knowing by bringing all perception out of the past, thus removing the frame of reference you have built by which to judge your brothers. Once this is gone, the Holy Spirit substitutes His frame of reference for it. His frame of reference is simply God. The Holy Spirit's timelessness lies only here. For in the holy instant, free of the past, you see that love is in you, and you have no need to look without and snatch love guiltily from where you thought it was. (T 313)

All your relationships are blessed in the holy instant, because the blessing is not limited. In the holy instant the Sonship gains as one, and united in your blessing it becomes one to you. The meaning of love is the meaning God gave to it. Give to it any meaning apart from His, and it is impossible to understand it. God loves every brother as He loves you; neither less nor more. He needs them all equally, and so do you. In time, you have been told to offer miracles as I direct, and let the Holy Spirit bring to you those who are seeking you. Yet in the holy instant you unite directly with God, and all your brothers join in Christ. Those who are joined in Christ are in no way separate. For Christ is the Self the Sonship shares, as God shares His Self with Christ. (T 314)

Think you that you can judge the Self of God? God has created It beyond judgment, out of His need to extend His Love. With love in you, you have no need except to extend it. In the holy instant there is no conflict of needs, for there is only one. For the holy instant reaches to eternity, and to the Mind of God. And it is only there love has meaning, and only there can it be understood.

No law the world obeys can help you grasp love's meaning. What the world believes was made to hide love's meaning, and to keep it dark and secret. There is not one principle the world upholds but violates the truth of what love is, and what you are as well. (W 230)

Seek not within the world to find your Self. Love is not found in darkness and in death. Yet it is perfectly apparent to the eyes that see and ears that hear love's Voice. Today we practice making free your mind of all the laws you think you must obey; of all the limits under which you live, and all the changes that you think are part of human destiny. Today we take the largest single step this course requests in your advance towards its established goal.

If you achieve the faintest glimmering of what love means today, you have advanced in distance without measure and in time beyond the count of years to your release. Let us together, then, be glad to give some time to God today, and understand there is no better use for time than this. (W 231)

For fifteen minutes twice today escape from every law in which you now believe. Open your mind and rest. The world that seems to hold you prisoner can be escaped by anyone who does not hold it dear. Withdraw all value you have placed upon its meager offerings and senseless gifts, and let the gift of God replace them all.

Call to your Father, certain that His Voice will answer. He Himself has promised this. And He Himself will place a spark of truth within your mind wherever you give up a false belief, a dark illusion of your own reality and what love means. He will shine through your idle thoughts today, and help you understand the truth of love. In loving gentleness He will abide with you, as you allow His Voice to teach love's meaning to your clean and open mind. And He will bless the lesson with His Love.

Today the legion of the future years of waiting for salvation disappears before the timelessness of what you learn. Let us give thanks today that we are spared a future like the past. Today we leave the past behind us, nevermore to be remembered. And we raise our eyes upon a different present, where a future dawns unlike the past in every attribute.

The world in infancy is newly born. And we will watch it grow in health and strength, to shed its blessing upon all who come to learn to cast aside the world they thought was made in hate to be love's enemy. Now are they all made free, along with us. Now are they all our brothers in God's Love.

We will remember them throughout the day, because we cannot leave a part of us outside our love if we would know our Self. At least three times an hour think of one who makes the journey with you, and who came to learn what you must learn. And as he comes to mind, give him this message from your Self:

"I bless you, brother, with the Love of God,
Which I would share with you. For I would learn
The joyous lesson that there is no love
But God's and yours and mine and everyone's."

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What purpose does the body have in extending God's Love?

One is only awakened when one allows all things, trusts all things and embraces all things, which is the same as feels all things. For in that very moment, the very thing arising is transcended because it is not obstructed or resisted. And what is not obstructed or resisted is embraced and *consumed* in the spaciousness of Love. (WM 372)

You have within yourself, then, all power under Heaven and Earth to translate the body itself from a contraction of fear to a spaciousness that reflects the reality of God's Love. For the very body-mind that emerged first from fear can be reopened so that the energy of truth flows through it. So that nothing arising in your experience in the emotional field obstructs the remembrance of Love.

Eventually, the body itself must crumble as an illusion. For the mind that grows in the radiance of its awakening must finally put away the entire physical dimension as a toy outgrown. The body-mind, the nervous system, can no longer contain you, for what you value is the radiance of merely *being* the presence of God's Love. You begin to realize that you do not need a body-mind at all in order to extend Love. While the body-mind lasts, love it, embrace it, allow it. Do not expect great things from it. Just use it as a temporary communication device. (WM 362)

Since what you want is Love, practice teaching *only* love. Teaching love is not talking *about* love, not about the philosophy of love, and not about the metaphysics of love. You teach love by *being loving* in each moment. And you can only be loving by allowing yourself to *feel* the presence of Love in, and as, your moment-to-moment experience.

Because Love is unconditional, you are free *now*. No set of circumstances must change *before* you have the power to be in Love. This is the same thing as saying that God is given to you by grace in each moment, and you are asked *only to open and receive*. (WM 363)

Only Love is real. Only Love allows you to transcend the great fear, the great suffering, that comes only from a temporary, mistaken identity problem – an authority problem. You think your construct of the world is your authority. You think the body-mind is who you really are. This is merely an identity problem, an authority problem. When you come to know that you are merely the expression of that One – pure Spirit, Love – you are free from the world.

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That Life Is What You Are!

You were birthed to be grand. You were birthed for greatness. You were birthed to shine forth such light into this world that the world remembers that light is true, and darkness is illusion. Be you, therefore, that which you are – you are the light of the world. And I will delight in journeying with you. I can join with anyone who chooses to step into their own Christedness. The connecting thread is the thread of desire. (WM 55)

You will reach the point where with every breath that you breathe, you are in touch with the energy of desire. And that is the only voice that you will give authority to.

You will not be able to keep up with the loving creation that wants to express through you. You will marvel at the friends that come into your life and how your external solar system, in which your planet is spinning, changes. You will marvel and wonder how it is all happening. You will finally discover that you are not the maker and doer of your life, that God wants to direct and make Life through you. Then you will know the Truth that sets you free:

Of myself, I do nothing.
But my Father, through me, does all things.
And it is very good.

As you progress, and as you allow more of the abundance of God's Love to flow through you, you begin to stand up out of the crowd, and you begin to attract those that want the light. As that occurs, you must practice discipline and vigilance by remembering humility always, until you are remembering it with every breath. (WM 66)

Life wants to breathe through you as magically and powerfully as it breathes through a thunderstorm, or the leaf on a tree, or the radiance in a newborn baby's eyes. (WM 67)

That Life is what you are. That Life is the presence of God's Love, the depth of the ocean welling up into the waves of creation. Let, therefore, that Life alone be your guide in all things, and rest in appreciation before the infinite mystery that Life is, and say "yes" to it. Say "yes" to Life – that you are willing to let the fullness of it wash through you and carry you into an ever-deepening understanding and comprehension of all that God is. If you would well receive it, resting in the awareness of divine humility is the sweetest of experiences that you can ever know.

We love you. Beyond your present comprehension, we love you. Beyond all comprehension – even at what you might perceive to be our level of functioning – is the presence of God's Love, which we seek to merely pour forth to you, that by *giving*, we continually *receive*. The laws of consciousness work for us just like they work for you! We are just more aware of them. (WM 150)

Be you, therefore, at peace. And desire well. For when you feel desire, you are watering your roots with the energy of Life itself. Trust it! Embrace it! And let the petals of the rose blossom within your holy being. (WM 55)

We love you, and we are with you. If you could only see how much enlightened help there is surrounding you at any moment, you would never allow the fear of going astray with your desire to be victorious within your mind. You would step forth with boldness. And all things would be made new again.

The world no longer holds the illusory power that you once gave it. It becomes no longer something you must conform yourself *to* in order to survive. For you are Life eternal, and your life is held in the abundance of God's Love. (WM 288)

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My sinlessness ensures me perfect peace, eternal safety, everlasting love, freedom forever from all thought of loss; complete deliverance from suffering. And only happiness can be my state, for only happiness is given me. What must I do to know all this is mine? I must accept Atonement for myself, and nothing more. God has already done all things that need be done. And I must learn I need do nothing of myself, for I need but accept my Self, my sinlessness, created for me, now already mine, to feel God's Love protecting me from harm, to understand my Father loves His Son; to know I am the Son my Father loves. (W 471)

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