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God is.
God is love.
God is perfect love.

Praise, glory and honor to our GBLC; that is, our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator. If the reader finds value from this book, then the reader would probably enjoy other books written by the author. Let us pursue together the Art of Loving and Living.

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Love is never an accidental occurrence!

Love is the result of a living process associated with an inner personal choice. Love requires birth, nurturing and instructions. What comes first is a mysterious variable.

For some people love is born as a result of the loving examples of parental nurturing.

For some other people love is born as a result of intellectual instructions.

And then for some people love is born as a result of an unknown source, a truly spiritual mystery.

But for all people who truly love, love is cultivated and sustained as a result of an inner personal decision to love.

And that decision to love is delicately intertwined with a deeply heartfelt willful desire to love.

Love is then actively nurtured by the daily affirmation, commitment and recommitment to love. Only in this manner is love always and forever.

What is love? How do you communicate love? Are you willing to be an Advocate of Love? Let us stop and think, reflect and ponder in the pursuit of a factual and meaningful answer.

<u> Love's Great Mission</u>

To every person in every nation, let us teach the principles of love.

Everybody Needs Love!

Our gracious and benevolent Creator's perfect love is the most incredible, beautiful and awesome spectacle you can possibly behold. It delights the heart, uplifts the spirit, and consoles the weary soul. And everybody needs love! doesn't matter if you're male or female, or if you're a bigender person or a unigender person. Everybody needs love! It doesn't matter if you're a blue-collar worker, a white-collar worker, or if you work at all, and it certainly doesn't matter if you're rich or poor. Furthermore, it doesn't matter if you're old or young, or if you're in good health or poor health. Everybody must have love! It also doesn't matter what color your skin is or what nationality you are. And it surely doesn't matter if you're beautiful or ordinary, or if you're skinny or obese, or if you're highly intelligent or intellectually challenged. Everybody still needs to be loved! You could be a spiritualist, a religionist, a theist or an atheist, and you could have the mind of a criminal or the mind of an angel. You still need the beauty and power of love! And it surely doesn't matter if you're a Jew, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist, a Christian, a Baptist, a Methodist, a Catholic, or any other manmade religion, sect or denomination. Everybody needs love, and that especially includes you and me!

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A Sincerely Cheerful Greeting!

May the reader find value and meaning from my personal thoughts and reflections recorded in this book. This book is an introduction to the principles of love and life and is intended for the person who wants to better understand the human experience. The book contains five parts titled: (1) Paradigms and the Power of Personal Belief, (2) Mankind's Celestial Nature, (3) You Are a Sentient Human Being, (4) Fundamental Principles About True-Love, and (5) Fundamental Principles About Democracy. The intent of the book is to provide the minimum amount of written material that would provide the reader with the maximum understanding of the human experience. If the reader finds value from this book, then the reader would probably enjoy the other books written by the author.

The primary topic of this book is love; that is, True-Love. Love is one of the most difficult concepts in life to understand. I'm talking about <u>True</u>, <u>Sincere</u> and <u>Genuine Love</u>, or what I call <u>TSG Love</u> and also <u>Cosmic Love</u>. Because there are so many forms of pseudo love, it's necessary to clearly distinguish real and unconditional love from the many forms of false and conditional love. Here are the first five important truths about love. (1) Love is complex. (2) Love is abstract. (3) Love can be very mysterious and mystifying. (4) Love can cause you to have immense pleasure or it can break your heart. (5) Love is a critical part of many elements of the human experience including one's personal belief system, a person's sentient and spiritual natures, and the fundamental principles of Democracy. The primary form of love that's addressed in this book is Brotherly Love.

I personally perceive love from the perspective of a spiritualist. I believe in the living reality of mankind's Creator. While I'm also a religionist – that being a self-professed 21st Century Christian – I'm a spiritualist first and a religionist second. In addition, as a spiritualist or a non-spiritualist, everyone needs love and everyone knows love can be glorious ecstasy or soulful misery. And everyone sometime in their life will know both the ecstasy of love and the heart ache of love. What are the positive elements of love that make people so desperate to realize the beauty of love? Is the pursuit of True-Love worth the potential miseries that may be incurred? Are you willing to keep trying until you have achieved the grace of love? What are your personal understandings and beliefs about this crazy little thing called love? And do you have a desire to learn more about love and life?

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By virtue of you reading this book means you have a personal interest to learn more about love and life. I believe this is a very admirable attribute. The world needs all the Advocates of Love (AoL) we can gather. Being an AoL is not easy but it does include an abundance of selfless rewards. True-love is self rewarding, and this truth confuses many people. Furthermore, you should love as though your spiritual life depends upon it, because it does. Ultimately, love isn't everything. It's the only thing!

Now, let this point be very clear. I'm not a counselor, or a therapist, or a minister, or any other type of professionally trained soul doctor, that being a person who's trained and certified in the use of psychological methods for helping patients overcome emotional and psychological problems. In writing this book, I'm simply expressing my personal beliefs in the hopes the reader will stop, think, reflect and ponder about what I've written. I profess to be a facilitator of love; that is, a person who advocates the exercise of true-love and who tries to make the principles of true-love easier to understand, to recognize, and to exercise. Also, know this. I've written the book in the manner of one daily citizen talking to another daily citizen. This book is a one-on-one cordial chat between two friends; and in the end, I hope we become two good friends.

I hope the reader finds meaning and satisfaction in reading this book.

May the reader choose to be an AoL and help fulfill Love's Great Mission.

The sincerity of my love I give to all my sentient sisters and brothers.

HSG to all!

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Part 1

Paradigms And The Power Of Personal Belief

Life-Lesson #1

You Are Your Personal Paradigms

Here's a great paradigm of life that everyone should know and embrace. "Know that life is good and beautiful, and therefore, rejoice in life." But what's a paradigm? My dictionary defines "paradigm" as: (1) in grammar, a set of forms all of which contain a particular element, especially the set of all inflected forms based on a single stem or theme; and (2) an example or pattern. Please disregard the first definition. I've never even heard of paradigm being associated with grammar, and having "inflected forms" makes it sound like it needs medical attention. Back in my old school days, grammar always made me ill. Synonyms for the word "paradigm" include "model, mold, ideal, standard, and paragon." Obviously, the best definition for my intentional use of the word "paradigm" is "an example or pattern." But this definition is still lacking my intent. Notice the synonyms better define my intentional use of the word "paradigm." Especially note the synonyms "model" and "paragon." To my surprise, the word "ideal" is also included. Just for the record, the word "paragon" means: (1) a model or pattern of excellence; and (2) of a particular excellence. Everyone needs a paragon of paradigms. My personal definition for the word "paradigm" is "a person's deepseated beliefs, whereby the collective set of the person's paradigms become the basis to live one's life." You literally live and die by the virtue of your paradigms. As a result of my personal reflections, I have come to believe the first two paradigms of life are as follows.

The First Paradigm of Life

We know very little while we believe very much.

The Second Paradigm of Life

Honest people have honest doubts that create honest questions, and honest questions entail honest uncertainties and honest unbelief.

It has been consistently proven life can be lived joyfully and triumphantly no matter what your life circumstances may be. But I know this is very difficult to believe when there's so much hardship, pain, suffering and misery in this world. The human body, mind and soul are extremely fragile, thus exposing the human experience to hardships and misery. In spite of life's dark side, you must first see life's simple goodness and beauty. The truth is you must have a positive and optimistic disposition if you want to overcome life's hardships and misery. This principle of life is reflected in the composite of your paradigms, which in turn forms your frame of mind. This is called "your life-principle." I define "life-principle" as "the deep-seated inner core of a person's beliefs and convictions, and which provide the basis for living one's life." Your life-principle is also called the "convictions of your heart," and the convictions of your heart are the collective paradigms of your inner being. Paradigms, life-principle, and the convictions of your heart are synonymous. Meanwhile, always remember this. You are the manifestation of your deep-seated beliefs and paradigms.

Paradigms and the Person's Inner Being

Now, what's this element we call "**the inner being**?" Some people call mankind's inner being the heart of man, or the human heart, or the soul, or the spirit. I personally prefer to use the phrase "the heart of man," but I also like the phrase "**the human psyche**." The word "psyche" is the ancient Greek word for "soul." From the perspective of psychoanalysis, the psyche is defined as "the mental or psychological structure of a person, especially as a motive force." Here's

another ambiguous phrase "motive force". For me personally, the word "motive" as used in the phrase "motive force" means "something that prompts a person to act in a certain way or that determines volition." Holy macaroni! Here's that word again, "volition." Another psychological phrase for the inner being is "the psychic apparatus." Have you ever thought of yourself as an apparatus, especially a psychic apparatus? I believe a better phrase for "the psychic apparatus" is "the psychic entity." Are you self-aware of your "inner entity?" Finally, no human being really knows the difference between the human heart, the human soul, the human spirit, and the psychic entity. The soul and spirit remain great mysteries, and for some people they're more a function of faith than a matter of objective truth. As a personal standard writing convention, whenever I use the words "soul" or "spirit", or the phrases "the heart of man," "the human psyche," or "the psychic entity," then I'm addressing the sentient human being which is the person's spiritual essence.

Your paradigms are the essence of your inner belief system, thus creating your frame of mind; or in other words, your mind-set. In turn, your attitudes are then derived from your mind-set. These include positive attitudes as well as negative attitudes; or in other words, attitudes of love versus attitudes of animosity. Now, here's a really important truth to remember about paradigms and attitude. If you want to change an attitude, then you must first change a paradigm. Have you ever heard of the phrase "paradigm shift?" A paradigm shift creates a change in attitude. Furthermore, your personal paradigms form the foundation upon which you build your models of love and life. And your models of love and life define the person you truly are. Ultimately, you are what you believe. If you want to be the person you truly desire to be, then you must first determine what you sincerely and deeply believe. Let there be no doubt in your mind. You are the manifestations of your inner beliefs – for your inner beliefs become your thoughts, your words, your actions, and your character. And character is everything! Never forget this great and important truth. You are what you believe.

The Ideology of Love, Its Idea, and Its Ideal

The word "<u>ideology</u>" literally means "the study of ideas." "<u>The Ideology of Love</u>" literally means "the study of the ideas of love." As a formal definition, the word "<u>ideology</u>" means "the body of doctrine of a social movement, institution or large group, and often in reference to a cultural or political plan." For the Ideology

of Love, "the body of doctrine" is the composite of beliefs regarding the principles of love. Accordingly, an ideology is a collection of beliefs; or in other words, a collection of paradigms. For the Ideology of Love, "the social movement" is mankind's collective desire for all citizens to consistently exercise the principles of love. Various cultures, groups, subgroups, and political systems have multiple ideologies, whereby opposing ideologies may compete and conflict with one another. The competition of ideologies occurs between individuals as well as between special interest groups, political parties, and even nations. The violent history of mankind is largely due to fanatical ideologies that violently oppress and attack competing ideologies. In fact, the violent competition between opposing ideologies continues to be mankind's worst nightmare. Even The Ideology of Love is in constant competition with opposing ideologies, and I'm trying to convince mankind to choose The Ideology of Love. I do this because I deeply believe only the consistent exercise of love provides the maximum good for the maximum number of people. Where love rules, prosperity follows. What do you deeply believe in? What is the ideology that governs your personal life?

Associated with the word "ideology" are the words "idea" and "ideal." The word "idea" means "any conception existing in the mind as a result of mental contemplation, reflection, awareness, understanding, or other similar activity." The "idea of love" literally means "the conception of the awareness and understanding of the elementary principles of love." Also, realize this means that every personal belief is also a personal idea. The word "idea" is also related to the word "ideal," where the word "ideal" is defined as "a conception of something in its perfection." Accordingly, an "ideal paradigm" means "a perfect paradigm." It's noted all good and loving people live life by their ideal paradigms. Accordingly, TSG Love is not just an ideal paradigm, but it's also a perfect paradigm. But of course, no sentient human being is perfect. We are imperfect people living in an imperfect world, thus making everyone in need of mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation and redemption. Nonetheless, a good and loving person lives life by the ideal paradigms that are solidly secured within one's heart. Accordingly, "ideal love" may not be perfect in its human exercise, but it's perfect in its ideal conception. I believe this is reflective of love's spiritual nature and its connection to our ethereal world. The sentient human being is far more than mankind's animalistic nature and physiological drives. We are first and foremost spiritual entities with an ethereal nature.

Life-Lesson #2

Paradigms and Good, Moral Character

When you stop and ponder about your personal life experiences then you realize there are external life forces that forge your personal life experiences. Upon further contemplations you become aware these personal life experiences provide the basis for your personal perspectives of life. Now, realize this great truth. Your personal perspectives of life forge your deepseated beliefs and paradigms that become manifested into your thoughts, your words, and your deeds. This is a reflection of your **inner personhood**, which is readily known and understood by your loving Creator. It's also very important to know sentient human beings cannot conceal lies or deceptions from their omniscient Creator. Now, your words and deeds also define the essence and nature of your **character**. As a result, you are what you believe. This is a reflection of your **outer personhood**, which is readily known and understood by your fellow sentient human beings. Here's a very important question to consider. Does your outer personhood match your inner personhood? Are you "true to yourself," or are you a loathsome hypocrite?

Be sure to grasp the extreme subjectivity of the phrase "personal life experiences." It's self-evident that all personal perspectives of life are saturated with personal subjectivity. This is why no two people believe and think exactly alike. There are always some variations of personal perspectives of life. Such variations range from very minor differences to very major differences. Sometimes these differences can even be diametrically opposing differences which may ultimately lead to physical confrontation. Too often the evil ethereal forces of belligerent animosity conquer the sentient mind. Have you ever had your mind emotionally hijacked, whereby you say things and do things that you eventually regret? The difficulties and frustrations of life can make any person's "mind snap." Truly, life is a difficult struggle. And for people with a sentient disability, life's struggles can be very challenging. Nevertheless, each individual person is responsible for the person they become. You are responsible for your own character and the person you are.

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Now, what are the ethereal elements that cause the differences between personal perspectives of life? Truly and surely, some perspectives of life are founded upon truth and righteousness while other perspectives of life are founded upon falsehoods and distortions, and sometimes outright, bold, black lies and intentional deceptions. All too often a person selfishly believes what he or she wants to believe even though their beliefs are unjustly detrimental to other people. The objective truth is self-evident to a healthy sentient mind, but the disabled sentient mind creates suffering and misery to innocent victims as well as themselves. Could this difference of mentality be the source for the dichotomy of good and evil? As an example, malicious murder is objectively self-evident to be an evil and unrighteous act. But what is the murderer's thought process that leads the murderer to commit such a dastardly act? What motivates a murderer, and why did the murderer allow his character become an agent of life's dark side? On the other hand, why does a good and noble person choose to pursue truth and to exercise love?

In reflections of this great dichotomy, I've come to believe the understanding of the MVP of Life is founded upon two basic principles: (1) the true, sincere and genuine pursuit of The Cosmic Truth; and (2) the true, sincere and genuine acceptance of The Cosmic Truth. Too many people refuse to believe The Cosmic Truth in spite of its objective self-evidence. Subsequently, they live life in a state of self-denial. I should also note that it's highly obvious and self-evident that The Cosmic Truth is not always objective or self-evident. On the other hand, there are times and conditions when The Cosmic Truth is objective and self-evident, such as in the case of malicious murder. Where objectivity ends and subjectivity begins can be very difficult to discern and is often a source of hot, contentious arguments. And such arguments are usually the result of diametrically opposing ideologies. Lastly, you have to wonder if a sentient mind is subject to sentient damage, thus creating a defective and dysfunctional sentient human being. As an example, what drives a person to be a mass murderer, a serial killer, a vicious rapist, a malevolent pedophile, or any other form of sadistic degradation and depravation? Are they beyond help, cure and reconciliation? Surely, these sentiently defective persons are the reprobates of society.

I truly wish terrestrial life was free of the natural physical and sentient defects that plague mankind. This may not totally eliminate evil, but it would go a long way to negating a significant portion of the effects of evil. Meanwhile, each child of humanity must face the great challenges and difficulties of life. But you

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don't have to face the difficulties of life alone. We must work together to help nullify the powers of evil and to promote the development of good character. We need all the good, righteous, moral, tolerant and loving sentient human beings which the Children of Humanity can muster. And we must always provide a living hope that every person has the ability to overcome all of their disadvantages which the terrestrial life has dealt them. This is the power of the pursuit of truth and the exercise of love. Let this great paradigm be the basis for the development of your character. By embracing this loving paradigm, then you'll never allow the negative elements of life be the forces that forge your character.

Part 2

Mankind's Celestial Nature

Life-Lesson #3

The First Question of Life

Truly and surely, there are many concepts and details of love and life that must be uncovered, recognized, evaluated, analyzed, and determined if they're the truth. If they are the truth, then they must be accepted and embraced. And hopefully we'll eventually learn if these "believed truths" are The Cosmic Truth. From my personal journey in the pursuit of truth and love, I've learned this great paradigm: "Truth and love resonate within the spirit and soul, providing comfort and sanctuary, meaning and value, purpose and understanding, and most importantly, personal happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment." But of course, this paradigm can only be embraced if you first believe you have a spirit and a soul?

Take a moment and reflect upon the most basic and fundamental element of life. This reflection is actually the first crossroads of life's challenging journey, and it leads you to the first question of life. With a deep and soulful reflection, what do you think is the First Question of Life? Based upon my reflections, here is my personal First Question of Life.

The First Question of Life

Is there a spiritual realm to life?

Your personal paradigms are intrinsically linked to your personal answer to the First Question of Life. Furthermore, your personal answer is based upon your personal beliefs, and not upon your personal knowledge. Meanwhile, mankind's collective answer to the First Question of Life divides the world into two groups –

the spiritualist and the non-spiritualist. However, I personally prefer to identify these two groups as **celestians** and **terrestrians**. Here's a brief overview of these two groups.

A General Description of Celestians

This discussion concerns the simple, general attributes of the celestian. However, it's noted there are righteous, moral celestians, and there are also unrighteous, immoral celestians. And I should also note that it can be very difficult to discern the righteous, moral celestians from the unrighteous, immoral celestians. But this we know for sure. True-love abides in the heart of the righteous, moral celestian while pseudo-love abides in the heart of the unrighteous, immoral celestian.

A "celestian" is a person who believes in the celestial element of life. The word "celestial" means "pertaining to the spiritual." Accordingly, a celestian adamantly believes life has a spiritual realm which is associated with mankind's Creator, heaven and the afterlife. The human concepts of God, heaven and the afterlife vary greatly, and the individual beliefs of how one becomes a heaven dweller can be a degradation and depravation upon others. Just remember, this is a simple, general discussion of the righteous, moral celestian. Celestians are theists who trust in mankind's Creator, believe mankind is created as an act of an intelligent design by the Creator, believe mankind is subject to Divine Law, and believe all sentient human beings are created equal – this being a self-evident truth. Celestians are known as the Children of Hope, the People of Faith, and rainbow dwellers. Celestians are also associated with the ethereal elements of hope, faith and love. As a celestian, you're never alone and isolated within the massive, cold and lonely Cosmos. A celestian always has the graceful, benevolent and loving companionship of the Divine Spirit; that is, the Holy Mother Spirit. Celestians believe life is a personal gift from their Creator, and each individual is personally responsible and accountable for the returned value of the Creator's gift. The essence of sentient life is the Creator's gift to you. Your decision to be an Advocate of Love is your gift to the Creator.

Now, here's a celestial element that should be exceedingly clear. While all religionists are spiritualists, not all spiritualists are religionists. There are no requirements that a celestian has to be affiliated with a world religion and any of

their beliefs, doctrines and dogmas. In addition, a person who professes to be a celestian may or may not be loving, moral, tolerant and self-disciplined. Just because a person believes mankind has a Creator doesn't guarantee the person abides in love; that is, true-love. You must always be aware of religious celestians who are unrighteous and immoral. Mankind's history contains many chapters of sad and bloody stories of loveless celestians who literally created hell on earth. Always beware of the violent fanatic, but especially beware of the violent religious fanatic. It's also noted mankind's history contains many stories of celestians who lived their entire lives in loving service to their Creator and their fellow sentient human beings. Lastly, the celestian has five important Questions of Life.

The Celestian's First Five Questions Of Life

- 1. Is there a spiritual realm to life? (The answer is "yes" by proposition.)
- 2. Does mankind really have a Creator?
- 3. Is mankind's Creator the manifestation of love, thereby loving all His children, including His wayward children as well as His obedient children?
- 4. Do you truly, sincerely and genuinely love your Creator and your fellow sentient human beings?
- 5. Where will your mind dwell at your moment of your physical death?

A General Description of Terrestrians

This discussion concerns the simple, general attributes of the terrestrian. However, it's noted there are righteous, moral terrestrians, and there are also unrighteous, immoral terrestrians. And I should also note that it can be very difficult to discern the righteous, moral terrestrians from the unrighteous, immoral terrestrians. But this we know for sure. True-love abides in the heart of the righteous, moral terrestrian while pseudo-love abides in the heart of the unrighteous, immoral terrestrian.

A "terrestrian" is a person who believes only in the terrestrial element of life. The word "terrestrial" means "pertaining to the earth." Accordingly, a terrestrian adamantly believes there is no spiritual realm to life, no heaven, no Divine Creator, and no afterlife. Thus, terrestrians are non-spiritualists and atheists. Terrestrians trust in mankind's secular nature, believe mankind is created as an act of evolutionary chance, believe mankind is subject only to man-made laws, and believe all human beings are created in a state of inequality – this being a self-evident truth. For terrestrians, the earthly experience defines the beginning and the end of consciousness, the human experience, and human life. Mankind's ultimate state is oblivion. Terrestrians are also known as the Children of Despair, People of Dust, and dust dwellers. While most terrestrians believe in some aspects of hope, faith and love, they reject the ethereal nature of these magnificent spiritual elements. The word "ethereal" does not exist in the terrestrian dictionary. As a terrestrian, you're ultimately alone and isolated within the massive, cold and lonely Cosmos. Lastly, the terrestrian has three important Questions of Life.

The Terrestrians's First Three Questions Of Life

- 1. Is there a spiritual realm to life? (The answer is "no" by proposition.)
- 2. Do you truly, sincerely and genuinely love your fellow sentient human beings?
- 3. Where will your mind dwell at your moment of your physical death?

Celestians Versus Terrestrians

The distinction between celestians and terrestrians is obviously simple, but it's also very profound. In addition, there should be no personal judgment regarding another person's answer to the First Question of Life. Your personal answer is nothing more than your personal belief, thus making celestians and terrestrians believers in their respective faith system. Truly and surely, terrestrians live life by faith, even though terrestrians don't perceive faith in the same manner as

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celestians perceive faith. Terrestrians live life by their faith in the doctrine of oblivion. Now, be sure to realize this great truth. Love favors neither the celestian nor the terrestian, but provides equal opportunity for both types of believers. Furthermore, if you truly love your fellow sentient human beings, then you readily exercise the fruits of TSG Love, especially including brotherly love, morality, tolerance and self-discipline. And I personally prefer to deal with a terrestrian who is a true-lover than a celestian who exercise negative, conactive love. This especially includes violent religious fanatics who gleefully murder their fellow sentient human beings. But overall, I highly prefer the company of other celestians who consistently exercise love. You always gravitate to those people who have a belief system that's similar to your own belief system.

As already defined, I'm deeply and profoundly convinced there is a spiritual realm to life. Consequently, I'm totally biased from the celestian's perspective. Your similar contemplative reflections will lead you to the development of your personal model of God, but you can only have a model of God if you're a celestian. Nevertheless, I'm deeply convinced the nature and power of love is profoundly important to all people. Love has deep meaning and value for celestians and terrestrians. Love is real. Love is powerful. Love is now. Love is for everyone. And only love provides sanctuary in our cold and hostile world. Beyond any doubt in my mind, only love can provide light and warmth in the world of sentient existence.

Life-Lesson #4

A Declaration of Mankind's Spiritual Nature

It's believed to be a self-evident truth that the People are continuously responsible to actively declare and promote the principles by which they're willing to live and die. These principles especially include: (1) the spiritual principles that are the foundation of Democracy, (2) the spiritual origin of these United States of America, and (3) the guiding spiritual beliefs that forged the history, the heritage and the traditions of this mighty Nation. The prevailing, unified voice of the People must be clear and steadfast while the ears of the State are finely attuned. No branch of the

State shall be deaf to the benevolent voice of the People. The sincere, humble voice of the People – this representing a two-thirds Majority of the People – has consistently expressed the desire to recognize the spiritual essence and nature of mankind. In this manner, mankind affirms and promotes the empowering belief in the spirituality of all sentient human beings. This in turn creates the social fabric of a loving, moral and tolerant nation.

The Majority's adamant belief in mankind's spiritual essence and nature is often under attack by a small but very active Minority. Thereby, the People's innate spiritual nature is simultaneously assaulted. This is a crucial and continuous confrontation between the ideologies of the theists versus the atheists, or also defined as the spiritualists versus the non-spiritualists. At this time in America's history, the non-spiritualists are better known as humanists. The confrontation now focuses upon the State's responsibility regarding the public affirmation and promotion of mankind's spiritual nature. And it should be clearly understood that the heart of mankind's spiritual nature is the adamant belief in the living reality of mankind's Creator; that is, the Great Divinity of Democracy. Until recently in America's history, the State has always fulfilled its solemn responsibility to publically affirm and promote the spirituality of America; that is, the affirmation and promotion of "The Great American Spirit."

It's also realized all social issues always have a Minority of dissenters who respectfully disagree with the Majority. In a Democracy, the amicable beliefs of the Minority must be rightfully respected, tolerated and protected. Nevertheless, a Democracy is governed by the benevolent beliefs and desires of the Majority, whereby the Minority's dissenting beliefs and desires are respectfully suppressed. Within a Democracy, the Minority never dictates to the Majority, or otherwise the Democracy would cease to exist and the People would be governed by the Nation's Minority of dissenters. Truly and surely, the State is first responsible to provide the maximum good for the maximum number of people, thus fulfilling the primary consent of the governed Majority.

The Federal Courts' **Suppression of Mankind's Spirituality**

The State's public affirmation and promotion of mankind's spirituality is no longer "actively practiced" because humanists and atheists have successfully challenged the Majority's spiritual ideology. The actual court case in question focuses upon the constitutionality of the American Pledge of Allegiance's statement "one Nation under God." This great spiritual battle has settled upon the current constitutional interpretation of the first topic of the First Amendment, commonly identified as The Separation of Church and State. The whole debate focuses upon a simple, single statement of constitutional law: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Several lower Federal Courts have agreed with the arguments of the atheists and humanists. Thus, the courts agreed with the atheists that the Pledge of Allegiance's statement "one Nation under God" is a violation of the constitution. This mighty challenge has gone all the way to the Nation's Supreme Court. However, the atheist's recent challenge has been temporarily set aside because of a legal technicality. Nevertheless, it's just a matter of time before this great spiritual challenge will return to the Supreme Court for a final ruling. The final constitutional ruling by the State's highest Court will determine: (1) if the State will continue to publicly affirm and promote mankind's spiritual essence and nature, or (2) if the State will now embrace and promote humanism and atheism. A win by the humanists and atheists will isolate and insulate mankind's spirituality from all matters of the State. The proper separation of Church and State is a very, very good democratic fundamental. However, the isolation and insulation of Church and State is a very, very bad democratic fundamental. Moreover, the vast majority of the People are adamantly adverse to the isolation and insulation of Church and State.

In accordance with the long-standing interpretation of this constitutional law, it has been the heritage and tradition of the State to affirm and promote within the Public Domain the People's collective spiritual belief that America is "one Nation under God" and that it is "in God we trust." The extreme Minority of the humanists actively seeks to define these public spiritual beliefs to be an element of the Private Domain of Personal Religion. In other words, the Majority's beliefs in "one Nation under God" and "in God we trust" are defined by the humanists to be doctrines and dogma of personal religion. The humanists disregard the truthful fact that these are the common, foundational and public spiritual beliefs of all religions,

which profoundly includes the vast Majority of the American People. The truth is mankind's spiritual nature existed long before any man-made religions took root within mankind's evolving societies. Furthermore, mankind's spiritual nature continues to exist long after mankind's religious nature has expired, whereby the religious nature expires at the moment of physical death. Mankind is first and foremost a spiritual creature, and as a result, mankind is endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable Rights. It's also noted this great democratic fundamental is believed and embraced by the vast Majority of the American People.

Now, the People's adamant beliefs that America is one Nation under God and that America trusts in God are very important spiritual principles. However, the heart and soul of the People's unalienable Rights is the spiritual belief that "all men are created equal." Once again, this profound belief is adamantly believed and embraced by the People's Majority. But what do the secular humanists and atheists believe about this great democratic pillar? Is the belief in the Equality of Mankind a religious belief; and therefore, is not to be embraced and promoted by the State? The Equality of Mankind is not a religious doctrine or dogma, or a social doctrine, or a political proposition. Truly and surely, the democratic fundamental in the Equality of Mankind is the foundational backbone of American Democracy. Nevertheless, the Equality of Mankind is far removed from the physical world; but instead, it's a profound spiritual and even ethereal belief. If the atheists had their way, then the phrase "all men are created equal" would be deleted from America's Declaration of Independence.

Mankind's spiritual nature cannot be separated from the State, the Church, or the very fabric of personhood. The common bond of all people in all nations is based upon the adamant belief that mankind's true essence and nature is a spiritual essence and nature. By virtue of mankind's inner sense of spiritual intuition, mankind's spiritual nature is objectively realized and is then embraced as mankind's true nature. We, the American People, are proudly derived from many nations, composed of all races, are the progeny of various cultures, and we speak with a multitude of languages. We are also religiously diversified in accordance with one's personal choice of conscience. In our new cultural amalgam we have a single common bond that's founded upon mankind's spiritual nature. History proves mankind's spirituality is the most fundamental theme of the human experience, and mankind's collective soul holds this to be a self-evident truth. The Solidarity of the Human Race is founded upon mankind's spiritual essence, thus resulting in mankind's natural, internal drive for life, liberty, and the pursuit of

happiness. We are what we are because it's our spiritual nature, and thus being exactly what our Creator created us to be – free sentient human beings that are perfectly equal before the living throne of Democracy's Great Divinity.

The Great Divinity of Democracy

From mankind's totally biased perspective, the Great Divinity of Democracy is amorphous by human conception. Our Democratic Divinity is neither monotheistic nor polytheistic, or even pantheistic, but is any of these concepts as based upon one's personal, subjective preference. Our Creator is not Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, or any other man-made religion. The Great Divinity of Democracy is any of these man-made religions, is all of these man-made religions, and is based upon the individual's personal theistic belief system. The Private Domain of Religion is deeply personal, mostly forged by ones cultural heritage and family customs. In America all benevolent religions are publicly affirmed by the great spiritual and democratic principle "each according to the dictates of one's own conscience." This even includes the personal conscience of atheists and humanists, for they are free to believe and disbelieve as they willfully desire. Emphatically speaking, be sure to realize your personal, subjective religious preference is primarily forged by your cultural biases and your conscience. In addition, be sure to realize the greatest tolerance in the entire Cosmos is religious tolerance. Our Creator does not care how you perceive Him. He only cares that you perceive Him in truth and in spirit and that you truly love Him and all His children. Our Creator wants you to use your gift of spiritual intuition so that you know His reality and His perfect love for all His Children. And that perfect love especially applies to you. Listen to your Creator's loving whisper: "Be still and know that I am."

The Many Blessings of Mankind's Spirituality

Mankind's spiritual nature adamantly believes in the living reality of his Creator, the active love for his Creator, the steadfast loyalty to his Creator, and the final accountability to his Creator – these being true elements of Mankind's Natural Order. Beyond any doubt, mankind's spiritual nature is not constrained by or limited to the Private Domain of Man-Made Religions. The belief in mankind's spiritual nature is a living truth and is the basis for the American democratic social

system – a system of Divine Law, not written upon paper, but written upon the hearts of the People. This is a Cosmic Law of Mankind's Natural Order that takes precedence over all of mankind's written laws. And it's also the foundation for The Five Pillars of Democracy – these being Brotherly Love, morality, tolerance, self-discipline, and the will to sacrifice for a Higher Cause and the Greater Good. If all men were truly loving, moral and tolerant, then the State would probably cease to exist. However, the lustful immorality of the few makes the necessity of the State for the many. Accordingly, the essence of mankind's spiritual nature creates a spiritual foundation that secures the following blessings of the individual, the People, and the Nation.

- 1. Mankind's spirituality fulfills the inner longings of Brotherly Love, thus benefiting and serving the individual and the social collective.
- 2. Mankind's spirituality establishes and reinforces good moral character of the individual and collectively for the People.
- 3. Mankind's spirituality promotes the well-being of the individual, which in its collective action promotes the well-being of the People.
- 4. Mankind's spirituality recognizes the Great Divinity of Democracy, thus motivating the individual to serve mankind's gracious Creator, whatever one's personal conception of the Creator may be. The best way to serve America is to first serve the Great Divinity of Democracy.
- 5. Mankind's spirituality provides and reinforces the individual's motivation to serve the Nation, even to the sacrifice of the individual's life. Surely, freedom is not free, but is paid by the blood, the guts, the tears, and the lives of those who love their Creator, their country, their family, their fellow sentient human beings, and freedom.
- 6. Mankind's spirituality provides the emancipation from the Fear of Death by the deep-seated belief that spiritual life continues after physical death. In turn, the spiritual attribute of hope is born, and thus empowers the People to live life with a Living Hope. Where shall your mind dwell at the moment of your physical death?

- 7. Mankind's spirituality provides a deep-seated sense of hope and optimism for the individual and the Nation, thus securing the inner sensations of happiness. When you exercise your spiritual nature, then the natural human right to purse happiness easily leads to the "Attainment of Happiness."
- 8. Mankind's spirituality provides a safeguard against the corruption of the Nation. Accordingly, the successful basis for trusting mankind's Creator, in lieu of trusting man, is established and secured. History has repeatedly proven man is not trustworthy. Mankind's innate and perverted lust for power and money is easily abused and corrupted.
- 9. Mankind's spirituality fulfills the living spirit of the Constitution's Preamble, which states: "We the People of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America."

The Spiritual Foundation of America's Democracy

Upon this spiritual foundation arises the American spirit and the American way of life – a spirit and way of life that's worthy of the State's support, affirmation and promotion within the Public Domain. In response to these solemn blessings, the State's representatives shall honor and fulfill the People's spiritual needs and desires. This includes the State's appointed representatives as well as the State's elected representatives. And this mandate is further reinforced by the fact that these representatives take an oath to uphold the duties of their office and the American Constitution. And to whom are these oaths given – to a fragile and imperfect man or to the Great Divinity of Democracy?

The vast majority of Americans are a godly people, perceiving ourselves to be one Nation under God, and gladly trusting in the benevolent love and care of our gracious Creator. Our steadfast beliefs in mankind's Creator and mankind's spiritual nature are rightfully, collectively, publicly and traditionally affirmed in our pledge of allegiance, in our national anthem, in our patriotic songs, in our public murals and monuments, and even on our currency. To deprive the spiritual needs of the People is to smother and kill the spiritual nature of the People, and to deny our

spiritual nature is to deny who we truly are. The People and the State must embrace what we truly are and who we truly are; that is, a spiritual People and a spiritual Nation who adamantly believe and trust in mankind's Creator. And beware! History has consistently proven one truth about nations that have risen to world dominance. "Chaos always consumes a nation that rejects the living reality of mankind's Creator, which then leads to the collective failure to exercise Brotherly Love, morality, tolerance, goodness, and righteousness – these being the true virtues of Democracy."

May the American People always praise America's Creator and give thanks to America's Creator by the State's public affirmation of His living reality and His equal love for all His children. And let it always be this way until secular humanism and atheism become the majority belief of the American People; and therefore, the majority rule of the American People. And may America's gracious, benevolent and loving Creator forgive us all if we, the collective majority of the American People, should ever fail to declare, to affirm and to promote mankind's spiritual nature and the Great Divinity of Democracy.

<u>Life-Lesson #5</u>

Mankind's Spiritual Disposition and the Human Heart

Let's stop and consider the essence and nature of mankind's spiritual disposition. There are three types of spiritual disposition: the atheist, the agnostic and the theist. Here's a simple and general description of each respective archetype. An atheist is a person who adamantly believes mankind's Creator does not exist. An agnostic is a person who lacks significant confidence that mankind's Creator does, or does not, exist. A theist is a person who adamantly believes mankind's Creator does exist. It's also noted that the optimum theist perceives God as mankind's "gracious, benevolent and loving Creator," which is conveniently abbreviated as "GBLC." These three specific "master-belief systems" are associated with the heart of the individual and the motivation of the individual.

The Atheist

In a truly spiritual sense, an atheist has "no-heart" for mankind's Creator, and therefore has "no motivation" to have a relationship with mankind's Creator. As a result, the atheist has an "independent relationship" with mankind's Creator. The phrase "independent relationship" is actually an oxymoron in that an independent relationship is absolutely void of any type of relationship. If there was any form of a relationship, then that would terminate the independent relationship and would then form a dependent relationship. Another perplexing element of the atheist is this. If mankind's Creator does not exist, then how can you even have an independent relationship? You can't have any type of relationship with something that doesn't exist. Needless to say, an atheist is totally void of theistic faith, and therefore, has never exerted his or hers sense of spiritual intuition. Consequently, the atheist's spirit has never been enlightened and activated. As a general rule, you can recognize an atheist by their deep-seated cynical and pessimistic nature. This leads to a life of gloom and doom which then becomes accentuated with negativism, pessimism and despair. While an atheist can be very loving and have a positive disposition – that is to be "the positive atheist" – the negative sensations of gloom and doom are taken to the grave. Where shall the atheist's mind dwell at his or hers moment of terrestrial death? Will our Creator's perfect love embrace His wayward atheistic child?

The Agnostic

An agnostic only has a "half-heart" for mankind's Creator, and therefore only has an "external motivation" to have a relationship with the Creator. As a result, the agnostic has a "dependent relationship" with the Creator. External motivation is the condition where a reward is given for achieving a specified behavior. As an example, a child who is given money for achieving good school grades is externally motivated. If you take away the reward and the child's grades drop, then you know for certain the child was externally motivated. Relationships that involve external motivation are always conditional relationships. Such relationships are "dependent" upon the external reward. The agnostic's uncertainty of achieving his or hers desired reward becomes the root cause of the agnostic's uncertain and vacillating theistic faith. The agnostic's attempts at exercising his or hers spiritual intuition consistently fails as a result of their anemic faith. As a general rule, you can recognize an agnostic by their excessive skepticism and their

highly diminished optimistic nature. Nevertheless, the agnostic may harbor a glimmer of hope that mankind's GBLC really does exist. Where shall the agnostic's mind dwell at his or hers moment of terrestrial death? Will our Creator's perfect love embrace His wayward agnostic child?

The Theist

The theist has a "whole-heart" for mankind's loving Creator, and therefore has an "internal motivation" to have a relationship with the Lord of Life. As a result, the theist has an "interdependent relationship" with the Creator. This leads to two important points. First, internal motivation is the condition where a personally desired reward is obtained from achieving a desired goal. In other words, internal motivation is self-rewarding. An example of an internally motivated student is the child who achieves good school grades simply because good grades are self-rewarding. Second, an interdependent relationship is a relationship that is mutually rewarding to all parties of the relationship. An interdependent relationship involves mutual collaboration whereby all parties mutually benefit from the relationship. Accordingly, an interdependent relationship with our loving Creator is self-rewarding within itself. The theist adamantly wants to be in the presence of our loving Creator and wants to participate in the Creator's life affairs. And a true, sincere and genuine theist finds ineffable satisfaction and fulfillment simply by being a part of the Creator's celestial family. Our loving Creator always does His best to make His children feel welcomed and comfortable in His Mansion of Love. Can you imagine meeting and greeting other sentient beings that come from the far flung corners of the Cosmos? As a general rule, you can recognize a theist by their deep-seated and highly confident faith and their highly positive, optimistic and hopeful nature. Where shall the theist's mind dwell at his or hers moment of terrestrial death? Will our Creator give His obedient child a homecoming party?

Most unfortunately, our Creator's wayward children feel immense discomfort in His presence. Even the thought of being in His presence creates feelings of immense discomfort. Is this because of the Creator's feelings of disappointment in His wayward child, or is it because the wayward child deeply feels shame, guilt and embarrassment? But where are the feelings of regret, remorse and repentance? Regret, remorse and repentance are the three R's of the cosmic course titled "Introductory Spirituality." Deep-seated feelings of imperfection and the lack of self-worth, self-value and self-esteem can depress

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anyone and leave them in a state of loss. And dwelling within their mind is a question that keeps repeating itself like a broken record: "Why didn't I give my whole-heart to my loving Creator?"

Truly, the benevolent nature of life is self-evident and leads directly to the living reality of our Creator. Where there's truth, there's our GBLC. Where there's love, there's our GBLC. Where there's goodness, righteousness and beauty, there too you'll find our GBLC. And where there's hope, faith, morality, tolerance, concern, care, compassion, patience and kindness, there also is our GBLC. Each one of these ethereal qualities is like a directional sign placed along the side of life's great cosmic highway. And here's the real directional message on each sign: "This is the way to personal satisfaction, fulfillment and enlightenment."

Now, when you find yourself lost – and everyone gets lost somewhere, someway, somehow and some time – remember this great truth. Our Creator's love is absolutely patient and ultimately kind. Even before the closed gates of heaven, the Creator's offer of love's reconciliation is unconditional and without limit. If you truly desire the simple goodness, beauty and benevolence of life, then listen carefully and intently to the Creator's loving encouragement – for our Creator speaks softly and subtlety to the human soul. This is what He says to those in need of reconciliation: "This was not your best game, and I know you can do better – much better. But the game is not yet over. Would you like to stay in the game and do your best?" Truly and surely, the game of life is worth playing, and only those who are willing to play have the opportunity to be a winner. In the game of life, what are you going to be – an active and appreciative participant, or a passive and disgruntled participant, or a lethargic and apathetic spectator? The choice is solely yours. Be sure to answer wisely.

Mankind's Creator either exists or He doesn't exist; but if He does exist, then you better seriously and reverently stop and think about it. Now is the time to reflect and ponder upon our GBLC's essence and nature. Does our Creator really exist? Is our Creator the essence and nature of love, and is His love perfect? Is the Lord of Life honorable? And has He earned the right to have your heartfelt gratitude and praise? Perhaps now is the time to pray and meditate. Listen to the whisper of your Creator. "Be still and know that I am." Only by prayer and meditation can you exercise your sentient

faculty of spiritual intuition. And only by your exercise of spiritual intuition will you be able to sense the living reality of our gracious, benevolent, and loving Creator. And in the end what shall you gain? You shall gain the awesome power and the magnificent glory of Cosmic Love.

My friends, I hope you reverently consider the awesome reality of mankind's Creator, and in the process of your considerations you have a spiritual experience that leads you to the inner certainty of the existence of our GBLC. But if this is not the case, then you still have to face the decision to embrace unconditional true-love or to reject it. I sincerely hope you find the Wisdom of True-Love to be your greatest asset and that you then exercise true-love for your ultimate benefit and for the ultimate benefit of those you love. To all my friends I say, let us all love and live to our fullest capacity.

<u>Life-Lesson #6</u>

The Laws of Hope, Faith and Love

The three greatest spiritual substances of life are hope, faith and love. You must first understand the value, power and meaning of hope, faith and love before you can begin to understand the meaning, value and purpose of life.

The Law of Hope

<u>The Law of Hope</u>: The Law of Hope is the cosmic revelation that leads to the internalized, personal desire, belief, wish or dream that the predominant forces of life are good and benevolent, and whereby life has a higher value beyond mankind's terrestrial senses and visions.

<u>The Great Hope</u>: The Great Hope is the composite hope in the living reality of: (1) the celestial realm; (2) a gracious, benevolent and loving Creator; (3) the continuum of life; (4) the powers of Cosmic Truth and Cosmic Love; and (5) the ineffable blessings in seeing the birth of your grandchildren and your great-grandchildren. Live long and prosper in the fullness of your life.

Hope endures. There are three great ethereal substances that serve and sustain the celestial spirit – hope, faith and love. There's a well known Christian Bible verse that states: "But now abide faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." While love may be the greatest, hope is the most elementary, the most abundant, and the most enduring. I surely don't want to live in a world without love, but I especially don't want to live in a world without hope. A life without hope is a life of despair, and despair leads to cynicism, depression, sensations of doom, and other miserable states of human degradation and depravation. I truly wonder if there's any meaning, value and purpose in life if life is without any hope. Consequently, the sentient possession of hope is absolutely fundamental if you're to live life victoriously and abundantly. Truly, you must embrace hope with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Now, why is hope so fundamentally important? Hope leads to faith; faith leads to love; and love then plants the seeds of hope. What really comes first: hope, faith or love? I personally believe the answer varies from person to person, but most people begin with hope. I believe this is true because hope has a prerequisite association with personal belief. Before you gain the faith and confidence in what you believe, you first begin by hoping what you believe is actually true. If you stop and think about it, the trials and tribulations of life may strip away your love and shatter your faith, but as long as you sustain your hope, your spirit remains resilient. However, when your sensation of hope is lost, then your spirit is broken and a great sense of loss is internalized. When hope is lost even the drive to live can be vanquished and a death wish then pervades the mind. Beyond any doubt, a sense of internalized hope is necessary to secure and sustain healthy emotions and a unified, optimistic mind.

As a **noun** the word "**hope**" is defined as: (1) the internal sensation that what is desired is actually possible; and (2) the internal sensation that events will turn out for the best. As a **verb** the word "**hope**" is defined as: (1) to believe, desire or trust; and (2) to internally sense that something desired will actually happen. It's impossible to separate the substance of hope from the sentient elements of feelings, beliefs, desires and trust. Hope is a critical element of the human experience that lights the way to the realization that life is abundant in simple goodness and beauty. It's as though there's a cosmic force calling out for you to see the light of hope that shines throughout our Creator's domain. There's

more to life than your external pleasures of your senses and the internal fears that dwell in your heart, especially the fear of death. Only your deep-seated sensations of hope open the doors to a more satisfying and fulfilling life, a d a life that's free of fear

By the power of hope, one truth remains certain. No matter how evasive spiritual truths may be to believe and embrace, you always have the hope that The Panorama of Universal Goodness is The Cosmic Truth. If you would only open your eyes, heart and the channels of your spiritual intuition, then it's easy to sense the simple goodness and beauty of life. Life is predominantly benevolent. Hence, the goodness and beauty of hope is also revealed. I call this one great principle of hope The Great Hope. It's also noted your wishes, dreams and visions are forms of hope. Just to wish for something good to happen is to have a hope that something good will happen. And know this. The Great Hope enables you to endure the trials and tribulations of life. Hold steadfast to your hopes, for help is coming, and then your trials and tribulations shall surely end. **Hope shall endure.**

The Law of Faith

<u>The Law of Faith</u>: The Law of Faith is the cosmic revelation that your gracious, benevolent and loving Celestial Father personally loves you very, very much, whereby He's intricately interested in your ultimate satisfaction, your ultimate security, and your ultimate development.

<u>The Great Faith</u>: The Great Faith is the deep-seated and unwavering belief in The Law of Faith; that is, your Celestial Father truly, sincerely and genuinely loves you, and that His love for you is a perfect love. Accordingly, **always be happy**, for you are always loved by your loving Creator.

Faith perseveres. Everyone lives by faith whether they recognize it or not. As a simple example, every time you routinely leave your home you depart with the natural intentions of returning to your home. You naturally and

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automatically believe you shall return. This natural belief is your daily default mode of faith, and it's also a routine and mundane act of faith. Faith is belief, and belief is faith. Everything you believe "you shall do" is first done as an act of faith. You hope you shall do it, and you have confidence it shall be done. But you don't really know you will do it until it's actually done. The potential is there, but the reality is a function of actuality. Hence, faith is potentiality, and it is not actuality. Nonetheless, unwavering faith confidently believes it is an actuality. Hence, it's confidently believed by the People of Faith that faith in our GBLC makes all things possible. This is a great spiritual mystery that's worth your reflections.

The Inner Core of Personal Faith

Everyone has a broad perspective of general faith; that is, the outer core of personal faith. Everyone also has an inner core of personal faith. Now, many people would say that an atheist does not have an inner core of personal faith. But he does! The atheist's inner core of faith is based upon the sincere and conscientious personal belief that mankind's Creator does not exist. The broad perspective of faith is what you loosely believe to be true, and the inner core of personal faith is what you deeply believe to be true; that is, your deep-seated beliefs and paradigms which form the convictions of your heart. Now, some people allow external life-forces to forge the convictions of their heart. On the other hand, some people take the time and the cognitive energy to build their personalized convictions of their heart. What you believe is incredibly important, especially the inner core of your personal beliefs, which is also the inner core of your personal faith. What is the inner core of your personal faith? Here's the inner core of my personal faith, and I believe it's incredibly important for all to consider.

The Three Foundational Tenets of My Personal Faith

God is.
God is love.
God is perfect love.

All that I truly, dearly and deeply believe is solidly founded upon the inner core of my personal faith. The inner core of my personal faith slowly evolved over a long period of time, and it occurred in three separate stages. Each stage is highly significant onto itself. All my other beliefs are then derived from the inner core of my personal faith. If I should ever learn the inner core of my personal faith is not solidly founded upon The Cosmic Truth, then I don't know what I shall do. I truly fear my life, my being, and my existence may shatter. May our GBLC cast out all my fears!

The True Meaning of Faith And the Living Reality of God

The word "faith" is defined as: "the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen." Active faith creates spiritual confidence. Like the ethereal substance of hope, the ethereal substance of faith has a cosmic origin and application, thus leading to The Law of Faith. There's no faith more powerful than the faith that God's ultimate love is focused upon you. Meanwhile, it's very important to realize The Law of Faith does not concern the fundamental belief in the living reality of God. The belief in mankind's Creator is an elementary exercise of faith, being mostly a natural exercise of human reasoning, the application of common sense, and the reverent use of one's spiritual intuition. Of course, many people don't believe in this statement, but People of Faith fully understand the statement and agree with the statement. Life is just too complex and pervasive to be an accidental occurrence of chaotic chance. To believe chaotic chance created life generates far more questions than believing a Super Being with immeasurable intelligence and power created life. In other words, believing life is created by a Supreme Being makes far more sense than believing life is created by chaos. The only thing chaos creates is lawlessness, destruction, desolation and death. Surely, the belief in our GBLC leads to order, direction and purpose. On the other hand, a belief in chaos only leads to more chaos.

The real challenge of faith is based upon the belief that the Cosmic Sovereign could be remotely concerned and interested in the small and mundane existence of each and every sentient human being. Isn't God too busy running His Cosmos? How could He possibly have time and interest to be actively concerned about you and me? And does God really have the capacity and ability to be actively concerned about every sentient human being that's scattered throughout the

Cosmos? But then, don't forget, God has legions of legions of sentient celestial beings actively helping Him. Likewise, the Cosmic Sovereign needs your personal help to accomplish His endeavors and fulfill His intentional will. It's critically important to realize mankind's relationship with our Creator is like the deep, loving relationship between earthly parents and their children, except our Creator's love is far more intense. And His love is also perfect. As a Super Being, the Celestial Father has the ability and the capacity to focus His love upon every one of His children – especially including you. **Faith shall persevere.**

The Law of Love

<u>The Law of Love</u>: The Law of Love is the cosmic proclamation to reciprocate the Creator's personal love for you. This cosmic proclamation is actually a two part, passionate invitation. <u>Part One</u>: Love your Creator with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. <u>Part Two</u>: Love your fellow sentient human beings as yourself. We love because our Creator first loved us.

The Great Love: The Great Love is the Godly form of love that's exercised by our loving Creator. The Great Love is a perfect love as well as a "living love." Thereby, The Great Love becomes a state of being. Accordingly, our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator calls all His children to love in accordance with The Great Love. Finally, always remember this great truth. Because The Great Love is a perfect love, The Great Love casts out all fears.

Love prevails. Let us consider the Virtue of Love, which is actually a meaningful pursuit of the ethereal substance I call Cosmic Love. Let's begin by examining the dictionary definitions of the word "love." My dictionary includes several interesting definitions for the word "love." "**Love**" is defined as: (1) a strong predilection or liking for anything (such as, I love pizza and beer); (2) the affectionate concern for the well-being of others; (3) an intense and steadfast affection and devotion to a person, thus enduring loyalty; (4) a feeling of warm personal attachment and deep affection; (5) the profoundly tender or passionate

affection for a person resulting in a sexual relationship; and (6) the benevolent affection of God for His creatures. Note that the word "affection" dominates these definitions. Other key words include: devotion, loyalty, **attachment**, warmth, tenderness, passion and benevolence. Other words and phrases that are not included in these definitions but are associated with the word "love" are: fondness, adoration, reverent adoration, emotional regard, friendship, romantic feelings, adulation, consecration, and worship. I've emphasized the word "attachment" because it directly relates to Love's association with "**interpersonal connection**" and "**human bonding**." True-love attracts true-love and thus has a natural affinity to connect and bond people together. In turn, this leads to the concept of true-lovers having a "**mutual common cause**."

Love obviously has a broadband of meaning that can be easily misunderstood. You always have to ask yourself what form of love are you talking about. The ancient Greeks tried to resolve love's natural ambiguity by having four separate words for the English word "love." Here's a simplified description of the four Greek loves: (1) phileo love, which is in reference to "brotherly love;" (2) agape love, which is in reference to "godly love;" (3) storge love, which is in reference to "family love" (includes all possible relationships within the immediate family and the extended family); and (4) eros love, which is in reference to "sexual love." These four Greek love words are often referred as The Four Loves. While some people find little value and interest in The Four Loves – especially the professional caretakers of the soul – I personally find The Four Loves very interesting, meaningful and valuable in discerning the principles of love. In fact, the very backbone of my models of love is built upon the concepts of phileo love and agape love.

Here's another interesting feature of The Law of Love. This law contains a third and hidden commandment that's derived from the second part of the law: "Love your fellow sentient human beings as yourself." The hidden commandment states: "Love yourself." Accordingly, the second part of the law is expanded as follows: "Love your fellow sentient human beings as **you love** yourself." This is love's very important principle of proactive self-love. Now, here's the basis for the derivation of this hidden commandment. How can you "love your fellow sentient human beings as yourself" if you don't first truly love yourself? In other words, you can't possibly love your fellow mankind as yourself if you don't really love yourself. It's critical to realize there's a positive, proactive self-love that's selfless in its very nature. Not all forms of self-love are conactive or narcissistic.

It's also noted your fellow mankind is literally all of our Celestial Father's children, even His children who are your active enemies. By loving your enemy, you literally destroy your enemy by making him your friend. Does any rational sentient human being wage war upon his friends? Truly, the first fruit of love is friendship. Accordingly, let's wage love – not war. Beyond any doubt in my mind, our GBLC wants us to love our enemies as well as our friends and as well as ourself.

Finally, the principle of self-love is also related to **Love's First Maxim**: Do onto others as you would have them do onto you. Basically, The Law of Reciprocity states that you get what you give, and you give what you get. It's humanly natural to reciprocate what someone does for you or to you. Accordingly, love begets love, and antilove begets antilove. But it should also be noted that mankind has the insidious ability to twist and distort anything that's good, even The Law of Love and Love's First Maxim. As an example of the instruction to "love your neighbor," evil will twist this love attribute in this manner. "I'd love to love my neighbor! You ought to see the size of her melons!" And in regards to Love's First Maxim, a healthy sentient mind would not consider applying the maxim to a masochist; that is, someone who obtains gratification from pain or some other form of deprivation, and being either self-inflicted or intentional inflicted by another person. Masochists readily exercise self-antilove. Masochists are also often associated with sadists; that is, a person who obtains gratification by inflicting pain or some other form of deprivation to another person. Too many of our fellow sentient human beings have bruised and wounded souls, thus disabling their capacity and their interest to truly love others as well as themselves. While they believe they're unworthy, they need to learn and realize all of our Creator's children are worthy and deserving of His perfect love. And this is also why our world needs all the Advocates of Love it can render

The Law of Love and the MVP of Life

I firmly believe The Law of Love is the very core of the meaning, value and purpose of life; that is, the MVP of Life. The happiness, joy and fulfillment of life are achieved by consistently exercising this great spiritual law. If you disregard this law, you'll eventually harbor a death wish. Ultimately, you shall desire and embrace the totality of death and the nonexistence of oblivion. If you disregard The Law of Gravity, you face the potential consequence of terminating your terrestrial

life. But if you disregard The Law of Love, then you face the potential consequence of terminating your celestial life. Why would any rational sentient human being reject the benefits of love and all of its wonderful blessings? Why would a person with a sound and healthy mind choose death over life? Why do people reject The Law of Love?

In my contemplations regarding The Law of Love, I found five very important reflections that should be embraced and fully understood.

- 1. <u>Mankind's Creator Is Perfect Love</u>: The Law of Love leads to one final conclusion: Mankind's gracious and benevolent Creator is essence and nature of love, and His love is perfect.
- 2. <u>Love Is Proactive</u>: Like our loving Creator, love is always active as well as proactive.
- 3. <u>Love Bears all Things</u>: The power and glory of love enables you to prevail over life's hardships, pain, suffering and misery. Love bears all things.
- 4. <u>Love and Prosperity</u>: Exercising The Law of Love leads to prosperity and abundance, which in turn leads to additional sentient responsibilities and privileges.
- 5. <u>Love and Fear</u>: Love is the only power that overcomes the emotional attacks of fear. Perfect love casts out all fears. And know this. Our Creator's agape love is perfect. When fear is conquered, then hope, faith, love and confidence reign in the hearts and minds of sentient human beings.

When you truly love your Creator and your fellow man, then the blessings of your Creator are poured upon you. This first includes spiritual blessings and then worldly blessings. The gift of worldly blessings doesn't mean you're going to become rich and prosperous, but it does mean your worldly needs will be satisfied. I also realize this is a statement of faith as well as a test of faith, and I also know the world's prosperity is not fairly and equitably distributed. Jesus addressed this issue by noting how well our Celestial Father takes care of the birds of the sky and the lilies of the field. And then Jesus noted how much more our Celestial Father loves his Children of Humanity than He loves the birds and the lilies. When you truly love your gracious Creator and work hard to enhance His creation, then prosperity

follows. Prosperity then leads to the abundance of life, which in turn empowers you to further exercise The Law of Love, especially by helping your fellow man who's in need of your help. Love and charity always go hand-in-hand. It's also noted in the original King James Bible, the English word used for "love" is the word "charity." Accordingly, it's stated: "But now abide faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Beyond any doubt, those who love are always charitable, and a charitable person is concerned about and cares for the well-being of other people, especially the world's disadvantaged people. Compassion immediately follows, whereby one's compassion is measured by one's willful commitment and one's available resources.

Love's Final Analysis

The Law of Love is the foundational bedrock of all my paradigms and the superstructure of all my hopes and faith. I deeply believe love is the most absolute truth known in our Creator's domain, and I embrace The Law of Love with every sentient faculty of my being. As a life-philosophy and a life-ideology, love is consistently rational and logical, and it's the only philosophy and ideology that's mutually beneficial to all sentient beings. In the final analysis, love is the only dream I know. If our Creator is not love, then my heart shall collapse and shatter, even to the point where I may actively embrace oblivion. What value is life if our Creator isn't the essence and nature of love? And what's the purpose of life if love doesn't reign supreme throughout the Cosmos? Surely, if love doesn't really exist, then the Kingdom of Love doesn't exist. And the Kingdom of Love must exist, or otherwise all meaning, value and purpose of life shall be lost. What is the meaning, value and purpose of life if love is not paramount and absolute? Would you live in a world without love? Could you live in a world without love? As for me, I don't want to live in a world without love.

Life must be more than the limited love experienced in this terrestrial world, and our Creator's love must be omnificent. I fear I shall never feel absolutely secure if our Creator's love isn't omnificent. And then I recall the Wiseman's great and comforting exhortation: "Perfect love casts out all fears." Listen! The Lord of Life is whispering: "Fear not my child! It is I, your concerned, caring and compassionate Creator. Come home to me and enjoy my Kingdom of Love." I praise my Lord for the gift of spiritual intuition and its ability to sense His perfect love. Alas! The vile cancer of fear is purged from my spirit and soul, and I know

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my Creator is actively concerned about me, truly cares for me, and is compassionate about my ultimate well-being. My ultimate satisfaction, security and development are totally fulfilled by my loving Creator. Truly, truly, our Creator is love, and all things work to good for those who love Him. <u>Ultimately, love isn't</u> everything. It's the only thing. Love shall prevail.

Part 3

You Are A Sentient Human Being

Life-Lesson #7

The Essence and Nature Of the Sentient Human Being

Let's stop and think, reflect and ponder upon the essence and nature of "the human being." What is the fundamental essence and nature of a human being? To reflect upon our human nature and our human experience is actually an exercise of self-examination by inner personal reflections. You can also learn very much about yourself by observing your fellow human beings. This includes human beings that are currently alive as well as human beings of the past. By participating in this cognitive exercise we also take heed of the Wiseman's warning: "An unexamined life is not worth living." So then, what are the fundamental concepts of the lifenature of the Children of Humanity? As recorded in history, the vast majority of mankind's deep-thinkers have one common conclusion.

Mankind is no mere animal, nor is mankind some glorified form of an animal. Mankind is a personified life-entity that far exceeds the essence and nature of the animal kingdom. Mankind's true essence and nature originates within the spiritual kingdom; thus discerning the difference between the personification of mankind (a state of an ethereal spirit and soul) and the animation of mankind (a state of a glorified, corporeal animal). Accordingly, mankind has faculties of spiritual senses that are far different from corporeal animals. These special senses allow the human being to sense the spiritual world and its ethereal nature. And it's in the spiritual world where mankind discovers his true identity. Mankind is a life-force that's capable of readily changing himself, other sentient human beings, and his environment.

The essence and nature of humanity is something very special. If you seriously stop and think, reflect and ponder, then you come to realize you're a Child of Humanity, and collectively, we are the Children of Humanity. Mankind is

specially created with a specific meaning, value and purpose that's unique within the Cosmos. By virtue of your existence, **you are a sentient human being**. And when you finally realize and internalize this great truth, then you confidently evolve to know you're on the path to understanding the MVP of Life; that is, the meaning, value and purpose of life. So then, what does the word "sentient" really mean, and what does it mean to be a "sentient human being?

Definition of the Word "Sentient"

As an adjective, the word "sentient" means: (1) having power of perception by the senses; and (2) characterized by sensation. As a noun, the word "sentient" means: (1) one who or that which is sentient; and (2) the conscious mind. It's noted that the sentient nature is addressed as sentient senses and sentient powers, and the most powerful sentient sense is the sense of <u>spiritual intuition</u>.

Accordingly, sentient human beings have personal powers that give them the ability to sense their environment – both their tangible, visible environment and their intangible, invisible environment. In other words, you have the power to sense your celestial, spiritual world. Furthermore, your sentient nature includes your conscious mind and your subconscious mind, which collectively is called the sentient mind. Your sentient mind allows you to discern The Cosmic Truth with faithful confidence. Accordingly, it's very important to realize you have an abundance of senses that far exceeds the physical senses of sight, sound, smell, taste and touch. You also have ethereal senses that include emotional senses, intellectual senses, volitional senses, moral senses, spiritual senses, and other ethereal senses that you're not even aware of – at least not yet. As an example, when you have an important decision to make regarding an important element of your life, and you reject one possible choice because "it just doesn't feel right," that's your sentient senses helping you make the best decision. In a similar manner, you may respond to your decision making by saying "I just want to sleep on it." That too is your sentient senses helping you make the best decision. Your sentient mind has the ability to keep working even while you're sleeping.

Definition of a "Sentient Human Being"

A "sentient human being" is a higher level, sentient cosmic life-entity and life-force that:

- 1. Possesses intelligence, volition, emotions and free-will.
- 2. Is a unique, distinct and autonomous personality in the Cosmos.
- 3. Is aware and conscious of one's self-existence and self-identity.
- 4. Has mental and sentient powers that are critically enhanced by physical and ethereal senses, thus being capable of achieving higher levels of cosmic understanding.

The Children of Humanity are truly elevated beings of the Cosmos, thus being sentient creatures that are far above the animal kingdom. If this becomes a conviction of your heart, then you take a great stride forward to achieving personal self-value, self-worth, self-esteem, and even self-love. All four of these inner personal, ethereal elements are very critical to personal fulfillment and satisfaction. I call then the Four Jewels of the Soul. Accordingly, you're now on a path to securing the deep-seated, internal sensations of sentient satisfaction and fulfillment. These are ethereal possessions of the soul and spirit, and these are the greatest possessions any sentient being can possess.

Sentient Senses and ESP

The science of psychology calls mankind's ethereal senses "extra sensory perception," better known as ESP. Everyone has some level of ESP, even if that level is too minimal to readily detect. Also, the minimum threshold sensation of ESP is a very mundane sensation; a sensation so mundane that we don't readily detect it. It's exactly like breathing. How often are you self-aware of your breathing? You become aware of your breathing only under certain circumstances. Likewise, you become aware of your ESP only under certain circumstances. Have you ever had a deep-seated feeling or sensation that you can't explain and you just

can't shake? People who consistently practice prayer and meditation often talk about deep-seated sensations that they personally contribute to the spiritual realm. That's your mundane power of ESP communicating with yourself.

The truth is everyone has some level of ESP that's simply revealed by the ethereal powers of prayer and meditation. The ethereal powers of prayer and meditation are not superstitious mumbo-jumbo, but are a real human phenomenon that's well documented by scientific investigation. You only need to exercise your sentient powers to know this is The Cosmic Truth. Those who consistently exercise the powers of prayer and meditation understand more, achieve more, succeed more, fail less, fear less, and complain less. They're on a path to understanding the MVP of Life, and thus live life with an immense sense of satisfaction and fulfillment. These people truly are on a path of spiritual enlightenment. Now, how about you? Do you live life with a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment? Would you like to live life with an immense sense of satisfaction and fulfillment? Then start exercising your ethereal senses.

Collectively, your physical and ethereal senses are your sentient senses; and when they're effectively exercised, they become the reflective powers of your sentient mind. This is a spiritual power that goes far beyond the simple perceptions of your physical environment. This is an inner personal power that allows you to perceive your ethereal environment, thus enabling you to reflect, contemplate and wonder about your spirit, your soul, and your very existence. **The exercise of your sentient reflections is the utilization of your spiritual intuition.** Truly and surely, the ethereal power of spiritual intuition is the primary sentient faculty that separates mankind from animal.

Life-Lesson #8

The Sentient Human Being and The Law of Fate

The Law of Fate: The Law of Fate is the unavoidable and random elements of Cosmic Occurrences that affect the experiences and circumstances of all Cosmic Life, and thus directs and re-directs all Cosmic Life towards alternate paths of life (life-paths). An alternate life-path will be received in one of two ways: (1) the alternate life-path is unexpected but is acceptable or desirable (fortunate fate); or (2) the alternate life-path is unexpected and is not acceptable or desirable (unfortunate fate). The Law of Fate stresses the irrationality and impersonal character of Cosmic Occurrences.

The English word "fate" is a very interesting word, often being misunderstood because it has multiple meanings that are self-conflicting. This is derived from the fact there is fortunate fate and there is unfortunate fate. For many people of the world, the word "fate" usually has negative connotations. However, the nature of fate also allows for the possibility of positive connotations. The English word "fate" means: (1) that which unavoidably befalls one; (2) fortune; (3) lot; (4) that which is inevitably predetermined; (5) destiny; and (6) death, destruction, or ruin. Synonyms include: destiny, preordained, karma, chance, luck, and doom. It's important to realize fate includes a positive and desirable feature as illustrated in these definitions and synonyms where you may have good fortune, good luck, good chance, good destiny, and good karma. But fate also has an element of randomness as associated with the randomness of luck and chance. In its essence and nature, fate has an unpredictable element associated with it. This is directly contrary to fate's destiny element. If the destiny element of fate that prescribes life is predetermined and preordained, then there are no elements of chance or luck within the nature of fate. Also, many people believe the word "fate" is synonymous with the word "predestination." Subsequently, is fate associated with the randomness of life or the predestination of life? The concepts of fate can be very confusing; and for the uninformed, it can also be very misleading.

The Origin of the Word "Fate"

The origin of the word "fate" is very interesting. The English word "fate" is derived from the Latin word "fatum" which means "utterance; oracle; or destiny." That's quite a range of meanings. While the word "oracle" has several meanings, two important definitions are: (1) an utterance given by a god (goddess), person or agency of authority as the response of a god to an inquiry; and (2) the god (goddess), person or agency of authority that utters oracles. A derivative of the word "fatum" is "fatus" which means "to speak." These two Latin words are actually derived from the Greek Mythology stories of The Three Fates, these being the three goddesses of destiny. Collectively they are called either the Moirae or the Moerae. The names of the three goddesses are: (1) Clotho, which literally means "spinner;" (2) Lachesis, which literally means "allotter;" and (3) Atropos, which literally means "inevitable." Clotho spun the thread of life. Lachesis measured the thread of life. And Atropos cuts the thread of life. As a collective, The Three Fates could readily be called an agency. According to Greek Mythology, the Moirae would appear seven nights after the birth of a child, and they would then determine and pronounce the entire course of the child's life. This also included information about the child's death. Accordingly, the Fates would issue their oracle and thus speak and give utterance regarding the destiny of the respective child. It's said that even Zeus was leery of the Three Fates and feared their oracles. Also, few people are aware the ancient Greeks and Romans deeply believed in The Ideology of Predestination and Fatalism. Now, consider these two questions. Would you like to know the details of your Life Story before you live your life? And would you like to know the details of your death, whereby the details are defined when you're just seven days old? It's easy to see why fear and doom are directly associated with fate.

Fate Versus Free-Will

The destiny element of fate directly clashes with The Law of Free-Will. By the power of your free-will, you choose your destiny. If your fate is predetermined and your life is already preordained by some Cosmic Force (or Cosmic Forces), then you don't really have the gift of free-will. You're just a soulless robot acting out your reprogrammed destiny, never having the choice or ability to improve yourself or to act upon your own volition. Furthermore and most absurdly, love would also be a preprogrammed condition, never being a personal choice derived

from the synergy of your intellect, volition and emotions. If you truly embrace the concept of fate as your predetermined destiny, then it's easy to see why fate is also associated with gloom and doom, whereby your unfortunate fate is preordained as bad karma. This also explains why fate is directly associated with the concept of fatalism. If you believe in fatalism, then ultimately you become a fatality, and that's final. From my personal perspective, I perceive those who believe in fatalism approach life's final end as the bitter end, and that's not sweet. For those who choose to truly, sincerely and genuinely love their Divine Creator, life's final end is the sweet beginning. Oh Death, where is your sting? If you want to overcome the fear of death, then you must make the Angel of Death your friend. And you can only do this by exercising The Law of Faith.

I adamantly reject the inflexible perception of fate as predestination. In contrast, I believe each person controls his or hers own destiny by virtue of The Law of Free-Will. For me personally, the word "destiny" is synonymous with the word "destination," and not with the word "predestination." Destiny is your ultimate destination, a final destination that you willfully choose, and a place where you specifically desire to be. Do you choose your final destination to be the Kingdom of Love or the Kingdom of Oblivion? What is the finality of your choice? Is that your final answer? It's very, very, very important to know your life is not predominately controlled by The Winds of Fate, but instead, you predominately control your life by your inner personal decisions that establish your short-term and long-term life-plans. You are what you choose and act to be, and what you choose and act to be are the results of your deep-seated paradigms; that is, the convictions of your heart. While The Law of Fate may significantly affect your plans for life, and even redirect your life-path, fate does not control your life. Therefore, cast your fate to the wind and walk the life-path that you willfully choose.

It's self-evident the word "fate" has an inherent element that's easily confusing, and it's very important to avoid this potential confusion. As a standard convention, I will not use the word "fate" in any context associated with predestination or doom. However, these negative connotations should not be forgotten. My intentional use of the word "fate" is best defined by my description of The Law of Fate, thus focusing upon the unavoidable and random elements of Cosmic Occurrences and the resulting effects upon the experiences and circumstances of one's personal life. Meanwhile, it's emphatically stated that everyone is subject to The Law of Fate. May the force of fortunate fate be with you, and may it always serve you well.

Fate Versus the Will of God

There is a popular belief among many people of the world that fate is the fulfillment of The Will of God. From this perspective, all Cosmic Forces are The Will of God. I respectfully and firmly disagree with this belief, but it does lead to a very important question. When is a Cosmic Occurrence an Act of Fate versus an Act of God; that is, our loving Creator's intentional intervention? You naturally wonder if certain events are Acts of Fate versus Acts of God. Does our GBLC really get involved in human affairs, and if He does, then how often and to what detail? Does our Creator predetermine a person's life before they're born? And how do you discern an Act of Fate from an Act of God? How does fate coincide with The Will of God, and does the Cosmic Sovereign use fate to serve His purpose and to fulfill His ultimate will? There are many mysteries of life that leave you with the sensation of perplexing uncertainty as well as the sensations of awe and wonder. Cosmic Fate versus The Will of God is an enigma that every person must ponder and wrestle with. Meanwhile, every world religion actively debates these great spiritual and enigmatic questions. As a personal Act of Faith, I do not and cannot believe in the model of life where everything is already predetermined and preordained by our loving Creator. If this was true, then our Creator would not be our Celestial Father. Instead, He would be our Cosmic Master, and we would be His cosmic slaves. And this uncovers another interesting point. How are fate and faith interrelated?

It's natural for the Children of Humanity to want to believe their Magnificent Creator has the omnificent power to create and control The Winds of Fate. I adamantly believe this is not true; at least, not directly. If our Creator directly controlled fate, then the random element of fate would not exist. In effect, fate would be predetermined. Consequently, there would be no "true fate" as we know it; that is, a fate that has an unpredictable element within its nature. Also, The Law of Fate would not exist. It would be replaced with The Law of Predestination. And of course, I believe the Cosmos is not subject to such a law. In addition, several other very important cosmic laws would not exist. This especially includes The Laws of Hope, Faith, Love and Free-Will. Without these very important laws, the essence and nature of the sentient human being would be totally stripped away. And that would be a very, very bad thing – for in such a case, God would not be love.

Now, I believe our Creator has the power to alter and modify life-paths that have been negatively affected by The Winds of Fate. I cannot give up the belief that all things work to good for those who truly love their Creator. In this manner, our Creator indirectly controls fate, or at least the consequences of fate. Furthermore, I believe our Divine Creator uses fate as a method to allow His sentient creations to experience the trials and tribulations of life. What's really being tested is a person's state-of-being. The Creator wants to know if you're an Agent of Good or an Agent of Evil. Also, the trials and tribulations of life often humble a person to a point where they truly seek to know if our GBLC really does exist and if He is the essence and nature of love. All too often, it's the deep-seated cries for help that bring a person to our GBLC – for only a loving Creator has the power to relieve their sentient pain, agony and misery. Accordingly, we should all rest within our spirit knowing The Law of Fate and the trials and tribulations of life comingle in order to fulfill the intentional will of our Cosmic Sovereign. When the Winds of Fate blow life's trials and tribulations upon you, humbly commune with your gracious, benevolent and loving Creator and ask Him to help you weather the storm. The power and glory of love shall prevail, and those who preserve will have the opportunity to see the magnificent rainbow that radiates at the end of the storm. And don't forget, this is the Rainbow of Love.

The Nature and Effects of Fate

The effects of fate may be positive or negative, include an element of luck, begin at the conception of physical life, and continue to be experienced until the circumstances of physical death. Note that the phrase "the conception of physical life" occurs before one's physically born. A person's prenatal development is subject to The Law of Fate. I personally believe this especially applies to one's sexual orientation and sexual identify. And here's a very interesting question to consider. Are sentient human beings subject to The Law of Fate in the world-to-come? Of course, no terrestrial being knows the answer to this question; but rest assured, it's only a matter of time before we all find out.

This much we do know. The Law of Fate is extremely active, even in our daily lives. Accidents of life are Acts of Fate. Being a victim of random crime is an Act of Fate. Being in the wrong place at the wrong time is an Act of Unfortunate Fate. Being the recipient of someone who's exercising random acts of kindness is an Act of Fate. Winning the lottery is an Act of Fate. Being in the right place at the

right time is an Act of Fortunate Fate. Therefore, fate may rain upon you, or it may shine upon you. In fact, fate is a major player in creating the deprived Children of Disadvantage versus the elite Children of Advantage. Rainy fate is unfortunate fate or conactive fate, such as when a person drives through an intersection when a drunk driver simultaneously runs his red light. Everyone desires to avoid the bad things of life, especially the really bad things of life. Shiny fate is fortunate fate or proactive fate, such as when a person wins the lottery. Everyone desires to be financially free. Accordingly, fate can be bad news or good news, and everyone wants to avoid the bad news. Here are some additional thoughts regarding the concepts of fate.

- 1. Fate and the Genetic Lotto: In its first encounter, The Law of Fate affects your actual and final genetic formation. Your hereditary pool creates your genetic predisposition, but your final genetic formation determines the natural advantages and disadvantages of your terrestrial mind and body. It's your fortunate fate if you're born with an intellectual aptitude in the 98 percentile, but it's your unfortunate fate if you're born mentally challenged. You can substitute attributes such as health, beauty, athleticism, and so on for the attribute of intelligence. Furthermore, your final genetic formation also defines your sexual orientation and sexual identity. Medical science has long known that sexual orientation (gender development as male or female plus sexual attraction as heterosexual or homosexual) and sexual identity are determined during prenatal development. In addition, medical science has not yet discovered the developmental basis of mankind's sexual natures. Being born the Elite can be a tremendous advantage while being born the Deprived can be a tremendous disadvantage, but this is not the total picture. Being disadvantaged has inherent cosmic advantages, for your responsibilities of life are proportional to your inherent advantages of life. To whom less has been given, less is required. The Elite also have the additional burden that's derived from being given terrestrial advantages. The Law of Abundance is a lifelong responsibility for all sentient human beings, but The Law of Abundance is also a compounded burden for those who have been given the good luck of shiny fate. To whom much has been given, much is required.
- 2. <u>Fate and the Parental Lotto</u>: The Law of Fate also affects the environment your parents create for you during your entire childhood. It's your shiny fate if your parents are truly loving and caring while being financially prosperous. But it's your rainy fate if your parents are hateful and belligerent alcoholics who always

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struggle to pay the rent, to feed you, and to clothe you. Likewise, it's a matter of fate as to which country you're born in – a prosperous developed nation versus an under developed nation whose citizens are poverty stricken and starving. There's no more wonderful advantage in life than having loving, honorable and wealthy parents who are citizens of a safe and caring nation. On the other hand, toxic parents are a detriment to their children no matter how wealthy they are or what country they live in.

- 3. <u>Fate's Good News and Fate's Bad News</u>: Being at the right place at the right time, or at the wrong place at the wrong time, are effects of The Law of Fate. Winning the lottery is proactive fate, a dream come true for all citizens. But dying prematurely in an automobile accident is conactive fate. In the first case, you thank your lucky stars that are shining upon you. In the second case, doom and death are the prevailing forces that engulf you.
- 4. Fate and the Longevity Lotto: I believe fate is a critical factor in determining your prosperous longevity while in the terrestrial world. Will you live long with good health and a high quality of life? One of the greatest blessings of fate is to live a long and prosperous life while retaining an active mind, a good memory, and a reasonably healthy body. This is the life gift of a good harvest in the late December of your life. How wonderful it would be to see your grandchildren grow up and give birth to your great grandchildren. Will the hand of fate deal you a long and healthy life, or will it deal you a premature life-ending illness such as cancer? How long you live and how healthy you live are functions of fate.
- 5. You Are an Instrument of Fate: One of the great mysteries of fate is that every person is an instrument of fate. A brief encounter with a single person can permanently affect the experiences and circumstances of your personal life, and thus redirect you towards an alternate path of life. Likewise, you may be the life-force that alters the life-path of another person. This alternate life-path may be for the better or the worse. You just never know when a kind word or deed creates a life changing effect in a person who's swaying between good and evil. Likewise, every Agent of Evil has a pivotal moment when someone said or did something that was his or hers genesis into life's dark side. And of course, this is all associated with the battle for the control of your mind. Truly, every fateful encounter you have with another person is a positive opportunity to be a proactive instrument of our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator.

6. Fate, Faith and Love: Finally, here's some really good news to ponder. The power of fate is also tempered by the powers of faith and love. Faith and love are not random occurrences, and the willful exercise of faith and love overpowers the negative effects of rainy fate. How are faith and love affected by fate, and how is fate affected by faith and love? This is why it's so critically important that every person in every nation be taught the principles of love. The Law of Love and The Law of Faith can and must dominate The Law of Fate, but this is an act of sentient volition and not the preprogrammed results of cosmic karma. Each sentient human being is responsible and accountable for himself or herself, whereby our Divine Creator calls each of His children to be a loving force within His kingdom. Evil acts are not preordained events initiated by Cosmic Forces that are beyond mankind's control and responsibility. You're solely responsible for your beliefs, your thoughts, your words, your deeds, your actions, your behavior, and your character. What is the content of your character? You're solely responsible for being either an Agent of Goodness or an Agent of Evil. How about you? Are you an Agent of Goodness or an Agent of Evil? In association with The Law of Fate, each Child of Humanity is responsible for overcoming the trials and tribulations that are delivered by fate. You must spiritually grow to the point where you finally realize the power and glory of your Creator's perfect love, and you must come to know that His perfect love is directed to you.

Fate and the Many Facets of Life

Fate is an active element in the arenas of relationships, sports, war, and other similar facets of life. Every facet of life has a random element of luck attached to it; that being either an element of good luck versus an element of bad luck. When you review your life from your birth to this moment, do you find yourself to be a lucky person or an unlucky person? Do you have the ability to create your own luck? Let's stop and think about the impact of fate on marriage, sports and war.

1. <u>Fate and Marriage</u>: In the process of life you meet many people, and most of those encounters are a random function of chance. In such encounters you make lifelong friends as well as finding that special person who will hopefully

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be your soul mate and life mate. Every successfully married couple has a special love story of how they met and how their love took root and grew. And every one of these stories addresses the details regarding the chance of their meeting. The chance of their meeting is an Act of Fate.

- 2. Fate and Sports: Every sports event has elements of fate that determine the final outcome of the game. The more players in the game, then the greater are the effects of fate. As an example in the game of football, a defensive back who moves into the wrong area of the field when the offensive team has called a perfect pass play suddenly finds himself running after the wide receiver on his way into his end zone. On the other hand, the defensive back who moves into the right area of the field when the offensive team has called a disastrous pass play suddenly finds the football thrown directly to him, and he then runs into his end zone without even being touched. Overall, the fate element of the game does not usually determine the outcome of the game. But there are times when a game is won or loss as the result of the game's fate element. In every game the coach wonders if fate will shine upon him or rain upon him.
- 3. Fate and War: The extremes of fate are best realized upon the battlefield. Who shall live, and who shall die? And who shall live but wished he died? Two Good Warriors are standing side-by-side covering each other's flank. Rifle and machine gun fire riddle the air. Shells and mortars explode everywhere. One warrior falls. One warrior stands and lives to the fight another day. Why? There's no acceptable and sensible answer. It's just the fickle finger of fate dispersing its capricious and haphazard dispensations. And many years later the surviving warrior suffers from "survivor's guilt". In an ocean of emotion, this Good Warrior weeps in the remorse of losing his comrade and good friend. In his suffering and pain, he yells to the Cosmos: "Why did my buddy have to die and not me? I should have been the one that caught that bullet in the gut –not my good friend." Surely and truly, the irrationality and impersonal character of fate is best demonstrated upon the battlefield. And no Good Warrior should ever believe he should have traded places with his fallen friend. Warriors in the thick of battle are like leafs in the wind. No one can predict or understand the path of the leaf. How high will it fly? How far away will it fly? How long of time will the leaf fly? And where will it finally fall? Only our loving Creator

can sooth and comfort the scarred souls of the Good Warriors who experienced the bloody brutality of war, and no warrior should ever add an ounce of burden upon himself just because the fickle finger of fate is capricious, irrational and impersonal.

Fate's Unpredictability and Faith's Response

You never know what fate has in store for you, for fate shall surely visit you several times in your life – bringing you either good fortune or misfortune. In this manner, fate stresses the irrationality and impersonal character of Cosmic Occurrences. You're not the Cosmos's "Chosen One" where everything good happens to you while you're mysteriously impervious to misfortune. You're just experiencing a streak of fate's good fortune. Just wait a little longer and fate shall surely turn upon you in very detrimental ways. Likewise, the Cosmos isn't really out to get you. It's just gloomy fate raining upon you. But wait just a little longer and fate shall surely shine upon you. Beyond any doubt, fate has a capricious and fickle nature, being an unpredictable force that creates Cosmic Occurrences that are both fortunate and unfortunate.

You can't avoid the fickle finger of fate, but you can reverently rejoice when fate shines upon you. But wait a minute. Is that shiny fate an Act of Fate or is it an Act of God? Be sure to pray: "Thank you Lord for everything, especially your shiny fate!" You can also willfully reinforce and redirect your life when fate rains upon you. Even the most immature faith and love provide an umbrella to deter the rains of fate. But a mature faith and love provide a strong shelter that's built upon a solid, rocky foundation. This is the kind of shelter that even withstands the hurricanes of fate. The Law of Fate has a very significant impact upon your life, but even the most adverse effects of fate are overcome by the powers of faith and love. Never forget this great truth.

Acts of God – Fact or Fiction

I adamantly believe in miracles. Do you? But then, we have to first know what a miracle really is. And that's a very difficult thing to agree upon within the terrestrial realm. The personal perceptions of miracles are a function of a person's life ideology, and the differences of perceptions are directly split between the

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celestians and the terrestrians. You have to believe in the living reality of mankind's Creator in order to believe in miracles. There can be no Acts of God if there is no God. However, if mankind really does have a Creator, then is our Creator directly involved in the lives of his terrestrial creatures? What's your personal answer to this enigmatic question?

To people of faith a miracle is readily considered to be an Act of God. However, a miracle is also defined as "an extraordinary event which surpasses all known natural powers and is then ascribed to a supernatural cause." Many people believe the human entity has potential powers that are beyond natural powers and they only become actualized under an extraordinary physical event. As an example, I've read of several stories where a mother physically lifts a car in order to free her child who was run over by the car. By definition, that would be a miracle. On the other hand, people of faith would say the Divine Creator temporarily gave the mother the physical strength to lift the car. In this case a miracle would be defined as "a supernatural physical event in which mankind's loving Creator intentionally exercises His "Interventional Grace" towards one of His terrestrial children who is in immediate physical need of His super natural intervention." Note that miracles in this definition are associated with physical needs and not spiritual needs. Many people believe our Creator's spiritual interventions are not miracles but are a daily and routine occurrence.

This we do know, and it offers no comfort to resolving the quandaries regarding the realities of the celestial world. We can neither prove nor disapprove the existence of mankind's Creator. We can neither prove nor disapprove the realities of miracles. And we can neither prove nor disapprove the reality that our loving Creator becomes directly involved in mankind's affairs. We know very little while we believe very much. Are there angels and demons, and can a demon really possess a person? Do space aliens, Big Foot and the loch nest monster really exist? You can find people who really believe Elvis Pressley is still alive; that the holocaust never happened; and that mankind has never walked upon the moon. And there are people who believe Jesus was never crucified, much less resurrected from the dead. That of course is a matter of faith and not fate.

At the end of the day, none of these quandaries really matter. The only thing that should really matter concerns one's personal belief in the living reality of our loving Creator, if His essence and nature is the manifestation of love, and if that love is perfect. If you truly believe these paradigms, then you know deep in your

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heart that our Creator is truly concerned about all His terrestrial children, that He actively cares for all His children, and that His full compassion will be readily revealed in the world-to-come. Based upon this mustard seed of faith, you can be confident that Acts of God have been a common occurrence throughout the annals of history. Rest assured, your loving Creator is actively involved in your well-being, that He has lovingly intervened in your life, and that every Godly intervention has been for your benefit. In the final analysis of faith versus fate, I have come to highly prefer the ethereal confidence of faith over the anxious uncertainties of fate. And I'll take faith over fate any day of the week, every day of the year, and year in and year out. Now, how about you? What do you prefer — faith or fate?

Part 4

Fundamental Principles About True-Love

Life-Lesson #9

Everyone Loves in Some Manner

The primary purpose of this book is to expand the reader's knowledge and understanding of this great virtue we call love. With the word "virtue" I mean "moral excellence, goodness and righteousness." The virtue of love literally means "the moral excellence, goodness and righteousness of love." This initial illumination of Love's Big Scheme reveals love is a very big deal. I deeply believe love is far more than the emotional affections felt for another person. Love is a way of life that provides a meaning of life, a value to life, and a purpose for life. In fact, love is an ideology unto itself, The Ideology of Love, and it's a code by which to live; that is, The Code of Love. Accordingly, love and life are intricately interwoven. Live to love, and love to live.

But many people don't perceive love in this manner. Not all love experiences are good and positive, at least what is proclaimed to be love. Obviously, there's a form of true-love, and there's a form of false-love. Unfortunately for some people, love hurts! And love stinks! But then, that's not really true-love, is it? Therefore, let it be crystal clear that the subject of this book series is true, sincere and genuine love, which is also designated as "TSG Love." As a personal convention, I call TSG Love "Cosmic Love." Cosmic Love is the "real thing" and the "real McCoy." Don't allow yourself be fooled by any of the many forms of counterfeit love.

Here's a great life-principle to remember. **Everyone loves in some way, somehow, and some manner!** In its most rudimentary form, the word "<u>love</u>" means "the personal concern, care and well-being for a person, animal, plant or thing." Now, some people believe you can only love people, and you can't really love animals, plants and things. It's said the love of animals, plants and things is not really love, but is actually a "strong predilection". The word "<u>predilection</u>"

means "a pre-existing tendency to think favorably of something; partiality; preference." This perspective of love may be true, or it may just be a subjective preference of a personal belief. However, this is what I personally believe. You can truly love your pets, especially dogs and cats. An avid gardener can truly love his or hers plants, especially plants such as orchids. And a dedicated collector can truly love his or hers highly prized possessions, especially great works of art. However, too many people intensely love things and selfishly use people while the intent of life is to selflessly love people and objectively use things.

By this perspective it's easy to see that too many people exercise their love in a rudimentary, immature and selective manner. Love is offered with personal, arbitrary and preferential rules, restrictions and limitations. Beyond a doubt, there is conditional love, but there's also unconditional love. What form of love do you usually exercise – conditional love or unconditional love? For the conditional lover, breaking one of their rules may result in detrimental retaliations that may hurt the body but especially scars the soul. There are far too many stories of wives and children who are hurt and abused by one who proclaims to love them. This especially includes emotional abuse. But then, that's not really true-love, is it? In addition, the form of extreme abuse represents only the tip of the iceberg. This is what some great thinkers believe: "The mass of mankind lives lives of quiet desperation," Now, how about you? Are you living a life of quiet desperation, or are you living a life of loving appreciation? But most important, which one of these two types of life do you want to live?

Class 1 Love: "CIM Love" & Class 2 Love: "RIS Love"

As a result of my reflections, I perceive there are two classifications of love. I use acronyms to help define these love classifications. Beware! ILA! I Love Acronyms!

<u>Class 1 Love Is CIM Love</u>: "CIM" is an acronym meaning "consummate, indiscriminate and mature." CIM Love is a first class love and is highly preferred by emotionally healthy human beings. CIM Love is the same as Cosmic Love and TSG Love. Everyone wants to be loved in a consummate, indiscriminate and mature manner. However, this type of love is only found where it's intentionally and willfully exercised.

- 1. <u>Consummate</u>: (1) complete or perfect; (2) supremely skilled; and (3) superb. Synonyms include: complete, perfect, fulfill, accomplish, achieve and excellent. I especially like definition 2, "supremely skilled." To be supremely skilled in any endeavor requires dedicated hours of practice, practice and then more practice. Have you ever thought of love as a skill? Truly, the happiest people in the world are those people who have mastered the skill of love.
- 2. <u>Indiscriminate</u>: (1) not kept apart or divided; (2) thrown together; and (3) jumbled. All forms of social discrimination usually have a negative connotation. If you're not indiscriminate, then you're prejudiced. TSG Love is not prejudicial. By contrast, unconditional love is an act of social indiscrimination. Be still and hear the inner whisper that calls you to love all, especially to love your enemy and the unlovable. Have you ever thought of love as being jumbled?
- 3. <u>Mature</u>: (1) complete in natural growth or development; (2) fully developed in body or mind, as a person; and (3) completed, perfected, or elaborated in full by the mind. It's worth noting that you can never be a complete person until you have nurtured your love to a fully developed state of maturity.

<u>Class 2 Love Is RIS Love</u>: "RIS" is an acronym for "rudimentary, immature and selective". RIS Love is a second class love and is not preferred by emotionally healthy human beings. Needless to say, the emphasis lies in the phrase "emotionally healthy human beings." And it should be realized that many people readily choose RIS Love versus "no love at all." It's far, far better to be conditionally loved than to "not be loved at all." Nevertheless, RIS Love is a counterfeit love.

1. **Rudimentary**: pertaining to rudiments or first principles. The word "**rudiments**" means: (1) the elements or first principles of a subject; and (2) a mere beginning; first slight appearance; the undeveloped; or the imperfect form of something. The rudimentary principles of love are learned in the first few grades in the School of Love and Life. To learn the higher principles of love, you must be dedicated and successful in the higher grades in the School of Love and Life. In the School of Love and Life, what grade are you now in?

- 2. <u>Immature</u>: (1) not mature, incomplete, undeveloped, or crude; and (2) nonpreparation or unpreparedness. You must prepare yourself for love and life if you want to succeed in life. An immature love is destined for failure, misery and suffering. One of the interesting elements of life is that there are many older people who exercise immature love while there are also many younger people who exercise mature love. You don't have to be 21 years old to exercise mature love.
- 3. <u>Selective</u>: (1) making a selection; and (2) characterized by selection, especially fastidious selection. The word "<u>fastidious</u>" means: (1) hard to please; excessively critical or demanding; and (2) requiring or characterized by excessive care. Be sure to realize that selective love is prejudicial love. The selective lover readily and inherently loves his own kind. Adolf Hitler was the greatest selective lover ever known in the history of earth. Selective love is the greatest impediment to the development of peace on earth and the good will to all mankind.

Now, my intent is not to use the classifications of love to judge other people as to being either a Class 1 Lover versus a Class 2 Lover. While this type of judging will surely occur, my intent is to use love's classifications for self-evaluation purposes. Am I a Class 1 Lover or a Class 2 Lover? Being imperfectly human, I can't possibly exercise Class 1 Love all the time. When it comes to human beings, there's no such thing as "perfect love" or being "a perfect lover." Surely, sometimes I exercise Class 2 Love. Am I predominately a Class 1 Lover or a Class 2 Lover? Is it ever appropriate to exercise Class 2 Love? What about this thing we call "tuff-love?" As a collective, is mankind intended to be CIM Lovers? These are questions you need to ask and answer for yourself. Truly, everyone loves, but then everyone can improve upon their capacity to love and their willful choice to exercise love. Finally, it's noted that as a default practice, the word "love" by itself will always refer to CIM Love; that is, TSG Love or true-love. When I intentionally address RIS Love, then I'll say "RIS Love," "false-love," "pseudo-love," or another similar phrase.

Life-Lesson #10

True-Love Is Like a Rainbow

True, sincere and genuine love is like a bright, vibrant rainbow that lights up the sky with its aura of emanating colors. I'm talking about the really bright, awesome rainbows that you see only once in ten years, and only that often if you're really lucky. It's not very often you see a truly magnificent rainbow, but when you do, the vision earns the focus of all your senses. It's a rare and precious sight to behold. And as you gaze upon the beauty of its wonder, you begin to feel an inner sensation of true and confident optimism. Somehow you come to realize this is a spiritual event to which you've been blessed to be a witness. Then it occurs to you that you're having a personal spiritual epiphany. And in a twinkling of an eye you recognize a great promise is being affirmed: "all is well within heaven and earth." As the epiphany unfolds you know with a bewildering certainty there's a gracious, benevolent and loving source that's permeating your spirit and soul. In a knee jerk response, all you can do is whisper a single, and yet highly profound word – WOW!!! If you can grasp this true meaning of a spectacular rainbow, then you should be able to grasp the spectacular meaning of CIM Love. It could also be said that Cosmic Love is like a Cosmic Rainbow.

The Full Spectrum of CIM Love

- 1. <u>Love's Red Substratum of Patience and Kindness</u>: True-love is consistently patient and consistently kind, always being slow to anger, even in moments of fatigue and exasperation. Accordingly, true-love patiently waits to obtain that which it desires. By its own virtue, true-love is seldom envious. Furthermore, true-love knows righteous indignation is justified anger tempered with tender loving care.
- 2. <u>Love's Orange Substratum of Truthfulness and Honesty</u>: True-love is radiated from the inner essence of the person, thus making sure the external appearance is reflective of the deep, heartfelt convictions of a truly loving soul. True-love avoids hypocrisy and is vigilant to be truthful, sincere, honest, trustworthy, credible and dependable.

- 3. Love's Yellow Substratum of Courage, Dignity and Honor: True-love is fortified with inner confidence, courage and dignity that actively seek to fulfill love's precious responsibilities. A true-lover consistently protects the weaker and disadvantaged person, thus earning a highly honorable status among ones fellow citizens.
- 4. <u>Love's Green Substratum of Free-Will and Emancipation</u>: True-love knows the heart of love is free-will. There's no greater gift of love than the gift of free-will, for without free-will mankind would only be an animal, or a robot, or in the language of Star Trek, a Borg. True-love enslaves no one, but instead, promotes the emancipation from all fears. A true-lover actively encourages all citizens to fulfill their total potential and to do their very best to achieve their deepest aspirations. Accordingly, true-love is very seldom jealous.
- 5. Love's Blue Substratum of Hope and Optimism: True-love is grounded in hope, whereby the most fundamental hope is the adamant belief that all is well in heaven and earth. In spite of all the negativity that may surround us, hope provides the enlightenment that all is well, even onto physical death. Accordingly, optimism rules the heart of the true-lover. Remember, a rainbow is a symbol of love, but first it's a symbol of hope.
- 6. <u>Love's Purple Substratum of Faithfulness, Fidelity and Loyalty</u>: True-love has the long-term power to be "always and forever." The most valuable fruits of true-love are faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty, and the true-lover especially favors these three fruits. If love is not forever, then what's forever for?

The Discolored Rainbows of RIS Love

Now, RIS Love also comes in the form of a rainbow. Actually, RIS Love has two forms of rainbow. The first rainbow form is comprised of shades of gray. Can you imagine taking pictures of rainbows before mankind discovered colored photography? There's nothing awesome about a gray rainbow. In fact, it's dismal and depressing. I pity the person who is totally color blind. A gray rainbow is indicative of a morgue or a cemetery, reflective of death and decay. Perhaps a better allegory is to say the gray rainbow has a lack of life. Is this form of RIS

Love dead, or is it just in a deep slumber? Can it be awaken so its true colors can shine through? Even a gray rainbow contains an element of hope, for hope is the most abundant fruit of love

RIS Love's second rainbow form is a monochromatic colored rainbow. Consider just the color red wherein this particular rainbow begins with a very dark red and slowly transitions to a very light pink. Now, for many people a red rainbow is better than a gray rainbow, and a red rainbow is surely better than no rainbow at all. However, the problem of a monochromatic rainbow is that it quickly becomes boring. Too much of a single color even becomes an aggravation onto the soul. And it's naturally human to want the real deal rainbow. Why settle for some third or fourth rate bargain when the best product is there just waiting for you to choose it? Truly, the full spectrum of CIM Love is only a decision away.

Now, here's another interesting element about RIS Love's monochromatic rainbows. RIS Love has six monochromatic colored rainbows. The six monochromatic rainbow colors are red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. Furthermore, each colored rainbow is associated with a negative human attribute. All forms of false-love create negative experiences that leave their victims in a state of misery. The questions to ponder focus upon the depth of the misery and the ability to cope daily with the misery. And it's totally bewildering that so many people are willing to settle for a monochromatic love. Maybe these people just need to be better educated about the principals of love? Let us consider these six monochromatic colored rainbows.

The Six Monochromatic Pseudo-Loves

- 1. The Red Lover: The red monochromatic rainbow is RIS Love that's saturated with anger. "If you don't make me happy then I'll get angry and bring my wrath down upon you." The red-lover is usually enslaved to its envy, whereby "envy" means "the inordinate fear of not obtaining that which one deeply desires." The bullies of society are notorious red-lovers. Always be aware of the angry red-lover, for their wrath shall one day fall upon you.
- 2. <u>The Orange Lover</u>: The orange monochromatic rainbow is RIS Love that's plagued with hypocrisy. Imagine a great orange pumpkin with a wonderful external appearance but its interior is rotten to its core. Ppppp Uuuuu! This

form of RIS Love projects itself with the appearance of true-love, but internally it's seething with contempt, false indignation, and a malevolent disposition. The hypocrite lover talks a good talk but fails to walk the straight and narrow path of TSG Love. Acts of true-love are seldom exercised by the orange-lover. Even when true-love is exercised, the act usually contains an ulterior motive. It's just a matter of time before the internal decay of this false-lover is revealed.

- 3. The Yellow Lover: The yellow monochromatic rainbow is RIS love that's spiritually weak and too timid to grasp the good fruit that's maturing on the magnificent tree of life. Lacking the internal fortitude to act in a responsible manner, the yellow-lover eventually withers away and dies as a result of its lazy and lethargic nature. Our Creator disdains a lazy child. Everyone enters life with inherent responsibilities that are becoming of a noble Child of Humanity. Lacking confidence, courage and self-esteem, the yellow-lover is a despicable coward at heart.
- 4. <u>The Green Lover</u>: The green monochromatic rainbow is RIS love that's intensely intertwined with jealousy, whereby "<u>jealousy</u>" means "the inordinate fear of losing that which one deeply desires." The green-lover is driven by its fear of losing that which it believes to possess. The green RIS lover actively dominates, controls and commands the objects of the green-lover's desires. Beware the green eyed lover, for one day this clinging lover shall try to enslave you.
- 5. The Blue Lover: The blue monochromatic rainbow is RIS love's saddest form a form of false-love crippled with a silent depravation of hope and optimism. The hallmark of the blue-lover is despair and depression, bringing down all who get too close to the blue-lover. Pity the blue-lover, for they appear to be an innocent victim of external circumstances. But upon closer examination, we see this is not true. The blue-lover's flaw is his avoidance to embrace hope. Love without hope is no love at all. Love without hope ultimately leads to a life without hope, which is a life that's not worth living.
- 6. <u>The Purple Lover</u>: Finally, the purple monochromatic rainbow is RIS love that's highly intense but short in life. Purple-lovers are known for their intense passion, but purple-love has no staying power. The purple-lover is totally void of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty. For the purple-lover, love is just a game of psychological conquest and sexual conquest. The notorious playboy and sex

kitten are nothing more than purple-lovers. Surely and truly, purple-love is the most deceptive of all the forms of false-love. Purple love's initial encounter is unbelievably exhilarating but the ultimate act of abandonment is a crushing and devastating blow to the psyche.

A Respectful Sensitivity for Monochromatic Lovers

This has been an abstract, allegorical discussion with the intent to help the reader to stop and think about the essence and nature of true-love. I want the reader to expand his or hers knowledge and understanding of love's elementary principles. Love and all of its abstract forms are never simple and easy to define, much less to understand. And there are always variations and combinations to any concept, especially to an abstract concept. Here are some examples. Imagine a form of love consisting of a two-monochromatic-colored rainbow. Or how about a rainbow that's just missing one color, or maybe two colors? And how about a full colored rainbow that also contains some shades of gray? All of the possibilities are only limited by your imagination.

Ultimately, one fact remains certain. Sentient human beings are very complicated organisms offering a wide variety of perspectives, beliefs, attitudes, characteristics, and dispositions. This is called "the human factor." The human factor includes few certainties and many elements of confusion. Likewise, with love being a subpart of the human factor, then it's only natural for love to be saturated with uncertainty and confusion. Nevertheless, don't let love's uncertainty and confusion limit your capacity to exercise true-love. In the event you elect to be a true, sincere and genuine CIM lover, then be sure to realize the great commission that befalls upon you. Our loving Creator calls each of His children to be an Advocate of Love. Thereby, CIM lovers are People of the Rainbow, whereby we are called to provide the full spectrum of color to an otherwise gray and monochromatic world. Thus, it's the CIM lover's responsibility and duty to illuminate the world with the colorful principles of Cosmic Love. And when our careers on this world come to an end, be confident, knowing that we shall return to the Kingdom of Love and then be known throughout the Cosmos as the Creator's magnificent Rainbow Dwellers. At your moment of death are you going to think about yourself as being a rainbow dweller?

There is one more issue that must be addressed at this time. Don't be quick to judge and condemn a person just because you perceive them to be some form of a defective, dysfunctional and depraved monochromatic lover. What causes a person to be excessively angry, or an extreme hypocrite, or a trembling coward, or overtly envious, or clinically depressed, or to be addicted to sexual passions while immune to the virtues of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty? The first fruit of love is friendship. The second fruit of love is the gift of understanding. And the care of the soul is first paramount to the CIM lover. Just how fragile is the soul, the spirit, the mind and the physical brain? How capable are we to control our beliefs, our thoughts and our actions? Are we limited to the delicate, physiological operations of the physical brain? Are we no more than the brain's delicate operations of chemical reactions, biological excretions, and electrical impulses? Where do the effects of a defective brain end and the indomitable will of the human spirit begin? Be assured, there are fundamentally good people who suffer from soulful afflictions which are beyond their ability to control or heal. Have sincere and genuine sympathy for those who are afflicted with a sentient defect, or a soulful dysfunction, or a fractured personality. And if you're free of such inflictions, then be sure to thank your loving Creator for the immense blessing of good sentient health.

Now, here are some last thoughts for your consideration about the rainbow of love. What are your true colors? Do you consistently radiate all the colors of the rainbow? And just how bright is your rainbow? Let all of your inner light radiate a bright and colorful rainbow. Let all the world know you believe in love and that you're an Advocate of Love. Make this your conscientious decision and you'll have a much more meaningful and colorful life. Thus I proclaim: LUV & LIV!

Life-Lesson #11

You Know You're A TSG Lover If You . . .

How do you really know you've become a <u>true</u>, <u>sincere</u> and <u>genuine</u> lover; that is, <u>a TSG Lover</u>? The fruits of love are many, and a true and mature lover shall grow all the fruits of love. And as your love matures, then the more mature fruits of love will also appear and grow. Let us learn about the fruits of love from

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that great Wiseman known as Paul of Tarsus. I heard from a very good authority that Paul once said: "You know you're a TSG Lover if you - - - - -."

- You know you're a TSG Lover if you readily and consistently accept a
 person for whom he or she is. The first fruit of love is friendship, and
 with that friendship comes loving acceptance and a sensation of
 belonging.
- 2. You know you're a TSG Lover if you find yourself consistently trying to understand another person instead of unfairly judging them, and especially judging them in a prejudicial manner. Judge not less you be judged! The second fruit of love is the gift of understanding.
- 3. You know you're a TSG Lover if you find yourself consistently being patient and kind, for love is patient, and love is kind. Love does not yell and scream except under the direst needs of a potentially dangerous situation.
- 4. You know you're a TSG Lover if you find yourself consistently free of envy and jealousy, for love is not envious, and love is not jealous.
- 5. You know you're a TSG Lover if you consistently find yourself content within the depths of your soul, for love does not brag, and love is not arrogant. Only those who are vexed within their soul have a need to brag and to be arrogant, thus trying to compensate for their deep senses of inadequacies.
- 6. You know you're a TSG Lover if you consistently act in a becoming and selfless manner, for love is always suitable and proper, and love does not act unbecomingly, and love does not seek its own.
- 7. You know you're a TSG Lover if you consistently find yourself calm, composed and merciful in hostile situations, for love is not provoked, and love does not take into account a wrong that is suffered.
- 8. You know you're a TSG Lover if you consistently seek the righteous path and if you consistently pursue the Cosmic Truth, for love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but instead, love rejoices with the truth.

9. You know you're a TSG Lover if you've adamantly predetermined to practice fidelity without blemish and to always be loyal to those you love. A truly mature love never knows infidelity and never allows its faithfulness and loyalty to waver.

By reflecting upon the rewards and blessings of love, we see a greater truth unfolds for our spiritual enlightenment. With all the earnestness that I possess, I tell you this great spiritual truth. A truly mature love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, and thus ensures love never fails. And be sure to realize this type of love is the type of agape love by which our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator loves all His Children of Humanity. Accordingly, our Celestial Father calls all His children to ultimately exercise His agape love. Surely and truly, this is a lofty mission that's well worth our personal endeavors, for the rewards and blessings of love that we attain are far greater than the efforts that are personally expended. Rejoice in the magnificent blessings that fall upon the Advocates of Love.

TSG Love Is also Known by Its Little Good Deeds

In my personal reflections, I have also come to recognize TSG Love by the little proactive deeds people do on a daily basis. These are everyday occurrences which people do without thinking, and they're simple little good deeds that are done because they have become a part of the person's loving nature. And if you intentionally observe the daily world around you, you too will see these loving people exercising their good deeds. And hopefully, you'll discover you also practice these good deeds. Some people call these loving good deeds "random acts of kindness." This is a fine label within itself, but the truth is these acts usually are not random actions. They're intentional, selfless acts of kindness. Never forget that love is patient and love is kind. Also, realize this fact. These little good deeds are just the tip of the iceberg of love. Here are some of the little things that are tell-tale signs of a true-lover. Perhaps you can stop and think about love's little good deeds and expand this list.

The Little Good Deeds of TSG Love

- 1. <u>A TSG Lover Is Consistently Friendly</u>: If you meet a very friendly person, then you're probably meeting a true-lover. Friendship is the first fruit of love. If you're affectionately surrounded with family and friends, then you should have a reasonable assurance that you're a true-lover. If you have just a few friends, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 2. A TSG Lover Consistently Smiles: Smiles go miles, and smiles are highly contagious. A true-lover consistently meets other people with a warm and sincere smile. And a true-lover constantly smiles because they have a deep-seated sense of happiness. Where does their sense of happiness come from? Happiness is the first dimension of the HSG Love Model. If you seldom smile and seldom greet other people in a warm and friendly manner, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 3. A TSG Lover Is Consistently Courteous: You'll recognize a true-lover by their consistent exercise of courtesy. They're quick and sincere to say please, thank you and you're welcomed. A courteous person always greets other people with genuinely kind words. In addition, a courteous person always holds a door open for all and provides a helping hand whenever opportunities arise. If you fail to be courteous on a regular basis, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 4. <u>A TSG Lover Consistently Projects a Positive Attitude</u>: A true-lover is concerned and cares about one's projected attitudes, making sure only friendly and positive attitudes are projected. The projection of negative attitudes is a quick give away of an antilover, whereby animosity rules one's heart. A true-lover consistently projects the ethereal substances of hope, optimism, and a positive attitude. If you consistently project a negative, hostile attitude, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 5. A TSG Lover Never Intentionally Litters: A true-lover never litters. This especially applies to cigarette butts and chewing gum. A true-lover is profoundly aware of spaceship earth's very fragile ecological system and does what he or she can do to make the world a cleaner environment. All true-lovers actively practice the recycling of recyclable garbage, and they never put waste garbage in the recyclable bins. If you consistently litter, especially the litter of cigarette butts and chewing gum, then you may not be a true-lover.

- 6. A TSG Lover Consistently Returns One's Shopping Carts: A true-lover always returns shopping carts to their designated drop-off areas. If the shopping carts are scattered and are not stacked, a true-lover will take the time to properly stack the carts. This is especially true when the carts are so badly scattered that they occupy the driving area of the parking lot and thus interfere with the safe travel of the vehicles. If you consistently abandon your shopping charts in the middle of the parking lot, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 7. A TSG Lover Consistently Removes Potentially Hazardous Floor Trash: When a true-lover sees trash on the floor, then he or she will pick it up and properly dispose of it. This is especially true of trash that can be a slipping hazard. For a true-lover, the safety of others is always a major concern. If you're consistently unconcerned and indifferent about trash on the floor, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 8. A TSG Lover Is Consistently Charitable: A true-lover volunteers to help charities and benevolent causes. There are many good charities and causes that are worthy of support, and every charity needs all the help it can get. Those who participate in a charity's walk-a-thon are very highly likely to be true-lovers. This true loving affection also includes those who routinely donate their blood to the Red Cross and those who donate their time to the Salvation Army. And no soup kitchen could ever survive if it was not consistently staffed with friendly volunteers. If you seldom participate in charitable causes, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 9. A TSG Lover Is Consistently Courteous on the Roadways: A true-lover is consistently courteous on the roadways, especially in heavy traffic. Love is patient, and love is kind. No place needs more patients and kindness than the interstates during traffic hour. When someone lets you in before them, then be sure to realize this is a simple loving act of roadway kindness. If you seldom exercise courtesy on the roadways, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 10. <u>A TSG Lover Consistently Monitors One's Music Volume</u>: A true-lover consistently monitors the volume setting of the music one's playing, especially on the beach and on the roadway. The pleasure of music is very personal and preferential. Just as you don't like the music preferences of some other people, some other people don't like your music preference. Lowering the volume of your music is not only a loving, courteous act to

other people, it will also help save your hearing in the long-term. If you consistently play your music excessively loud, then you may not be a true-lover

11. <u>A TSG Lover Consistently Avoids Verbal Vulgarity</u>: A true-lover consistently monitors what they say, especially avoiding vulgarity. Now, almost everyone is vulgar from time-to-time. Flashes of anger can cause almost anyone to burst out with an acclamation of brief vulgarity. And this can even have a proactive affect. Nonetheless, people who are constantly vulgar reflect a soulful condition of personal and social contempt, thus exposing the antilove that governs their heart. If you're consistently vulgar, then you may not be a true-lover.

I hope you take the time to truly reflect upon this matter of Love's Little Good Deeds. It's often said that it's life's little things that really matter. And after all, you never know when a little kind word, or a little kind encounter, grows into a full-blown spiritual epiphany for some stranger you randomly encountered on a seemingly insignificant day. Every little kind word and every little kind deed is eternally recorded in Heaven's Great Hall of Kindness. Surely, one day in the relatively near future you will visit the Great Hall of Kindness, and there you shall see the mighty consequences of the little good deeds you did during your terrestrial career.

Life-Lesson #12

True-Love's Top Ten Attributes

Mankind's Greatest Endeavor Is The Pursuit Of Love

I sincerely hope the reader finds value and meaning from my personal thoughts and reflections recorded in this book. The topic is sentient-love, whereby its meaning was introduced on the book's title page. Most adults already know love is one of the most difficult concepts to understand. This is because: (1) love has an abstract nature, (2) love is often communicated by coded methods, and (3) the communications of love are highly variable; and thus, love is subject to broad,

subjective interpretations and unrealistic personal preferences and desires. When I address sentient-love I'm talking about "a higher nature of love;" that is, <u>True</u>, <u>Sincere and Genuine Love</u> (simplified as "<u>TSG Love</u>")." I also call this higher love "<u>Cosmic Love</u>." I hope the reader senses sentient-love is a far more honorable and noble form of love than any of the many other forms of conditional love. Many people fail in love because they lack the knowledge of sentient-love.

I never heard the word "sentient" until later in life. The first time I heard the word was on the TV show Star Trek, The Next Generation. In fact, the word has been used several times in various Star Trek series. The word "sentient" was always used in reference to earthlings as being "sentient beings." By being a "sentient creature" earthlings have the natural, inalienable right to explore space. I've come to perceive mankind as a "sentient being" with powers of perception by special spiritual senses. I also note that it's more correct to say we are "sentient human beings." I've also heard it said that sentient human beings are "the Children of Humanity." Surely, mankind is a higher level creature (being far above the animal kingdom) and is somehow related to a higher and greater source. We call this great source "God," and we perceive Him as our Creator.

Thomas Jefferson addressed our Creator in the Declaration of Independence, specifically stating that mankind is "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." I personally believe the pursuit of happiness is actually the pursuit of love. True happiness is derived from true-love. It should also be noted true-love actually involves three associated properties – happiness, contentment and joy. I've always perceived the sensation of joy as a very deep, soulful and spiritual sensation that far exceeds the sensation of happiness. It should be clear to the reader that my discussions are spiritual in nature, and I note these discussions are not associated with any man-made religions. Nevertheless, I firmly believe all People of Faith and secular humanist can greatly benefit from the fundamental principles of love. For this we know with great confidence. All healthy sentient human beings – whether they're spiritualists, theists, religionists, secularists, humanists, or atheists – we all want to know the sensation of the Joy of Life.

Now, do you really want to know more about this little thing I call sentient-love? Do you want to achieve a state-of-being that can perceive and know the Joy of Life? And are you willing to make the commitment that's necessary to learn the fundamental principles of true-love? Do you have the internal motivation to

succeed in this Crusade for Love. Many aspire but few ascend. Nevertheless, the person who truly wants to grow in love and spirit will succeed. Now, here's a very good suggestion that will help the reader complete and understand this book. Form a partnership with close friends and read this book together. This will not only help you read and understand the book, but it will also make the loving bond of your friendship much stronger and far more meaningful and joyful. Beyond any doubt, this is what the Joy of Life is all about. May your sentient endeavors lead you to a Life of Joy. HSG to all! (HSG stands for "happiness, safety and growth" and is one of the two models of love which I have come to believe in – that is, The HSG Model of Life.)

Introduction

True-love has many facets, and it's very important to know and understand love's attributes. The word "attribute" means: (1) something attributed as belonging; and (2) a quality, character, characteristic, or property. Accordingly, love's attributes define the quality, character, characteristic, and property of love. Love's predominant attributes are the ones which have the most practical value and should resonate within your heart, your soul, and your mind. If you sincerely and genuinely want to be a true-lover, then you must willfully, conscientiously and consistently practice the attributes of love. While I have done my best to list love's truly predominant attributes, you may have your own favorite ones which should be included in your personal list. I'm going to first list all of true-love's top ten attributes and then I'm going to address each attribute in an individual manner. It is my true and honest desire that the reader finds meaning and value in my personal reflections regarding True-Love's Top Ten Attributes.

True-Love's Top Ten Attributes

- 1. True-love is actively concerned for the soulful sensations of acceptance and belonging.
- 2. True-love is actively concerned for the inner personal sensations of self-worth, self-esteem, self-love and self-value, these being the Soul's Four Jewels.
- 3. True-love's first fruit is the gift of friendship.
- 4. True-love's second fruit is the gift of understanding.
- 5. True-love is diligently and consistently patient and kind, where patience and kindness are the hallmarks of true-love.
- 6. The heart of true-love is free-will, and like truth, true-love shall set you free.
- 7. True-love aspires, inspires and graciously teaches.
- 8. True-love's most mature fruits are faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty.
- 9. True-love diligently and consistently exercises mercy, which then leads to reconciliation.
- 10. True-love regenerates the tired, fatigued and exhausted lover, this being the positive and proactive exercise of self-love.

True-Love Attribute #1

True-love is actively concerned for the soulful sensations of acceptance and belonging.

The corner stone of true-love is built upon a foundation of personal acceptance and personal belonging. When you truly love someone, then their personal sensations of acceptance and belonging are paramount to you. Accordingly, you must make every person you love to feel welcomed and comfortable in your presence. No one wants to live in an environment where they're neither welcomed nor made to feel comfortable. Naturally, the attributes of acceptance and belonging are incredibly important in the love of children and the love between husbands and wives.

When you truly love someone, then their presence alone provides a sentient pleasure that's truly ethereal in its essence and nature. This is truly one of the many pleasures created by true and unconditional love. Where love's attributes of

acceptance and belonging are made conditional, then the relationship is founded upon a form of pseudo-love; that is, <u>antilove</u>. When the personal sensations of acceptance and belonging are no longer present in a relationship, then the relationship's foundation shifts to antilove's attributes of rejection and separation. And there's no person who has ever been satisfied and fulfilled by the sensations of rejection and separation.

Finally, our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator never rejects any of His children. Even with His most wayward children, our Creator consistently invites them to His Mansion of Love where He welcomes them with open arms, and where He makes them feel extremely comfortable. Now, why does our Creator love all His children so deeply? It's because He creates each of His children in accordance with His <u>PICV Factor</u>. The PICV is an acronym for <u>Personal Intrinsic Cosmic Value</u>. Accordingly, you and everyone you love – and also everyone you don't love – are created with a personal intrinsic and cosmic value. You're made in the image of your loving Creator. Therefore, an ember of God symbiotically dwells within your psychic entity, thus making you incredibly valuable. You deserve love because you are a child of mankind's loving Creator. Be sure to accept all of your fellow sentient human beings with the love and respect of a child of God. All of our Creator's children belong together in His family.

Do you communicate the sensations of acceptance and belonging to those you love? And do you consistently make those you love feel welcomed and comfortable? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to let all of your loved ones know they are accepted as they are and they belong in your sphere of concerning and caring love.

True-Love Attribute #2

True-love is actively concerned for the inner personal sensations of self-worth, self-esteem, self-love and self- value, these being the Soul's Four Jewels.

Love's attributes of acceptance and belonging create the seeds from which grow the inner personal fruits of self-worth, self-esteem, self-love and self-value. For the convenience of discussion, I call these the Soul's Four Jewels, whereby

each jewel is magnificent and priceless. Now, here's a very, very important truth. For the developing soul and mind of a child, there are no greater gifts of love than the tender nurturing of the child's Four Jewels. Just how important are the Soul's Four Jewels? I think it's actually more effective to consider this question from a negative view point. Have you ever had a deep-seated sensation of being worthless? Such a sensation is like a toothache to the soul. When you feel worthless, then your self-esteem totally collapses. Without an inner personal sensation of self-esteem, then you judge yourself to be unworthy of true-love. As a result, your sensation of self-love totally collapses onto itself. And then finally, if you're not worthy of love, then what value are you? You now find yourself valueless, worthless, void of esteem, and without any inner personal sensation of deserving to be loved. It should be obvious from this example that the Soul's Four Jewels are immensely important, intricately interwoven, and interdependent upon one another for psychological stability, support and healthy well-being. Just how important are they? They are the base and cause of the well-being of the soul. And never forget this most important paradigm. The care of the soul is first paramount.

When all four jewels are brightly polished, then the inner person lives life with a healthy sensation of extreme confidence. On the other hand, if just one of the jewels chips or cracks, then all the jewels cascade into a state of degradation and depravation. How on earth and in heaven can a person obtain healing of such a state of inner personal turmoil? Once again the answer is found in our Creator's PICV Factor. **Because your Creator first loved you, you can now love others**, which includes the ability to proactively love yourself. Properly perceiving yourself as deserving of love, you now gain your sense of self-value. And because you now have self-value, then you're truly worthy, whereby your self-worth is founded upon the fact that you truly are a celestial child of our Divine Creator. Being of such intrinsic worth, you now find your self-esteem has been totally bolstered. Finally, your new found self-esteem fires the ember of self-love. When you truly love someone, then you find yourself consistently polishing the Four Jewels of their Soul.

Do you actively support, encourage and inspire the self-worth, self-esteem, self-love and self-value of those you love? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to let all of your loved ones know they are actively loved by mankind's gracious, benevolent and loving Creator, and because of this cosmic fact, they have an intrinsic and ethereal source of self-worth, self-esteem, self-love and self-value.

True-Love Attribute #3

True-love's first fruit is the gift of friendship.

Do you have a friend you don't love? Of course not! True-love naturally creates friendship. In fact, friendship cannot exist without love, and most friendships are founded upon brotherly love. However, the love shared in some friendships runs much deeper than brotherly love. Do you have any friends that you love so much that you consider them to be a part of your family? Now, consider this point. When two good friends get into a quarrel, what's the first thing that happens to their relationship? Their friendship is immediately challenged, and if the quarrel isn't fully resolved, then the friendship may even be shattered. Friendship is the first casualty of a loving relationship that drifts into stormy weather, and this is what happens in most divorces. Who wants to be married to someone who's not their friend, especially their best friend?

Now, let's consider your friendship with your parents and children. By virtue of your love for your parents and children, they become your friends, but are they your good friends? If you refuse to make your children your true, good friends, then will they choose to be your friend when they grow up? And are your parents your good friends, and if so, is that because they first loved you, nurtured you, and cultivated you? In addition, you should always keep this great truth in mind. Your children are your terrestrial children only, and when they mature to adulthood, they then become your celestial brothers and sisters. Whether it's acknowledged or not, all parents are in a joint venture with their gracious Creator. This joint venture is the task of properly raising our Creator's children in a truly loving, nurturing and cultivating way. And it's the mutual goal of Creator and parents for their children to grow up to be self-sufficient, self-sustaining and a loving, productive asset to world. Furthermore, it really does take the loving friends of the village to raise the village's children. Do you really want your children to grow up and be your good friends?

Here's another important consideration regarding love and friendship. Do you ever yell and scream at your friends, especially your best friends? You probably don't act in such an offensive manner, because if you did, then your friends would stop being your friend. Do you like to be in the company of someone who yells and screams at you? However, some parents are quick to yell and scream at their children while they never scream at their friends. Beyond any doubt, if you

truly love your children, then you will not yell and scream at them. Verbal abuse can readily injure a child's developing personality, thus leaving scars that cannot be seen. Remember the Soul's Four Jewels. And worst of all, children learn that yelling and screaming is an appropriate method of raising their future children. All too often toxic parents produce toxic children who grow up to become toxic parents. Only true-love can break this vicious cycle. Surely and truly, children learn what they live, and then they live what they learned. Raising children in a proper and loving manner requires patience and kindness, especially the consistent practice of using words of loving kindness. Finally, I should note that this discussion applies to all adults who readily interface with our developing, precious children, whereby teachers have a special responsibility to America's future citizens. Teachers, don't yell and scream at your students.

In closing, I would like to address one of Jesus' most famous teachings regarding love and friendship. Jesus doesn't use the words "friend" or "friendship" in this teaching, but most Biblical scholars relate this specific teaching with love and friendship. Jesus taught people to love their enemies and to pray for them. This teaching isn't limited to actual warring enemies, but it also applies to anyone for whom you have feelings of animosity, especially belligerent animosity. Belligerent animosity is aggressive hostility of ill will for another person; or in other words, the sentient sensation of antilove. In essence, Jesus is teaching the Children of Humanity that the best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your friend. And you can only do this by the power of true-love. If you truly love your enemy, then how long will he continue to be your enemy? By virtue of your truelove for your enemy, he'll eventually realize it's far better to have you as his friend instead of his enemy. Now, I realize we live in a very dangerous world, and that some enemies are so fanatical and brutal that they would rather kill themselves and others than be your friend. Nevertheless, the conflict will never be totally resolved until true loving reconciliation is achieved. Only love can ultimately destroy your enemy. Also, know this great truth. Only people with open and loving hearts and minds can perceive world peace is a realistic potential and a real possibility. We begin this great task by teaching the principles of true-love to every person in every nation, thus making each earthly citizen a friend to all other citizens. All of our Creator's children are called to be His friend and thus help in the task of teaching all the world to truly love one another.

Regarding those you love, do you let them know what good friends they are, and do you let them know how important their friendship is to you? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to let all of your loved ones know that you truly love them and that they are one of your very best friends.

True-Love Attribute #4

True-love's second fruit is the gift of understanding.

Have you ever had a serious love relationship where you're comfortably and confidently in love? Then one day your loved one does something that's really stupid, and it significantly hurts you? Within your emotional pain and justified anger you ask yourself: "Why on earth did my loved one do this terrible thing to me? I don't think my loved one really loves me." That little three letter word "why" indicates you're actually in pursuit of love's gift of understanding. Truelove actively seeks to understand. In the pursuit to understand the total event, you're able to open a discussion about all aspects of the event. This especially includes your loved one's deeper motivations that caused your emotional pain. Sometimes these discussions reveal your relationship is actually built upon conditional love. In most of these cases the relationship shatters, and it's probably good in the long-term this has happened. But sometimes these agonizing discussions uncover mitigating factors which confidently reveal the relationship is committed to unconditional love. These newly revealed mitigating facts then allow you to exercise mercy and forgiveness. And this is very good because the loving powers of redemption and reconciliation are now available to be infused into the relationship. Quite often the relationship is actually stronger than it was before the act of antilove.

I've just used four very important words that are critically associated with the principles of love: **mercy**, **forgiveness**, **redemption** and **reconciliation**. The word "reconciliation" is especially important. Furthermore, it's very important to realize the act of reconciliation is directly associated with love's gift of understanding. Obviously, you need to first "understand" in order to initiate "the act of reconciliation." However, the word "understanding" is not included in the

definition of the word "reconciliation" or its root word "reconcile." The word "reconcile" means: (1) to render no longer opposed; (2) to win over to friendliness; and (3) to bring into agreement and harmony. The word "reconcile" is critically important in regards to human relationships.

Now, love's drive to understand isn't limited to negative events. The gift of love's drive to understand also seeks to comprehend why the positive elements of love really work. It's a good sentient exercise to periodically stop and reflect upon all of your love relationships. "Why do I love thee? Let me count the ways." The ultimate objective is to take the best elements of your relationships and then make them better. True-love consistently grows and matures, whereby the bonds of love become stronger and stronger through the passage of time. In essence, love's gift of understanding is what allows you to enhance your love relationships, and thus create smart-love. Upon further reflection you come to realize this smart-love is actually an element of wisdom, which is a hidden feature of a truly mature love. Most people already know "Love is patient, and love is kind." But a mature love is also a wise-love. Always remember this. The maturity and wisdom of love are derived from love's second fruit – the gift of understanding.

This discussion has focused upon relationships between individuals, but the principles also apply to relationships between groups of people such as nations, races, religions and so forth. You must conscientiously apply the gift of understanding if you're to mend any type of fractured relationship, and especially the relationship between warring nations. The process of understanding and reconciliation must be exercised between warring enemies if the war is to mutually end and friendship is to mutually begin. When both warring parties seek to truly understand their enemy's ideological principles, then their friendship is given the possibility to take root and grow. While love's gift of understanding may only establish peaceful coexistence, a relationship of peaceful coexistence is still preferred to the vicious brutality of war. When love's gift of understanding is conscientiously exercised, then even the unlovable become lovable.

Do you mutually exercise with those you love the attribute of love's understanding? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to let all of your loved ones know that you desire to understand them, and thus increase the bonds of love that secure your relationship.

True-Love Attribute #5

True-love is diligently and consistently patient and kind, where patience and kindness are the hallmarks of true-love.

If ninety percent of the people in the world would diligently, consistently and conscientiously exercise patience and kindness, then the whole world would be a much, much better place to live, to learn, to grow, to love, and even to die. In the Kingdom of Love there simply are no substitutes for love's attributes of patience and kindness. And most truly, patience and kindness are the hallmarks of love. The word "patient" means "bearing misfortune, annoyance, hardship or frustration with fortitude and calm, and without complaint, anger, or hostile reaction." The word "kind" means: (1) of a good or benevolent nature or disposition; (2) having, showing, or proceeding from benevolence; and (3) considerate or helpful.

Now, everyone knows there are people who are consistently patient and kind, and there are also people who are consistently impatient and mean. It's also obvious that a truly patient and kind person can eventually be broken down by the continuous barrages of irritating misbehavior and unrelenting annoyances. This is part of the human experience. We all experience flashes of anger, and never forget that **fatigue makes antilovers of us all**. When the nagging and irritating conditions of life overcome you, then quiet perseverance is quickly replaced with yelling and screaming. And physical confrontation is also a possibility. People who consistently yell and scream at other people are some of the most impatient and meanest people in the world. This especially applies to those who yell and scream at young children. And the real sad thing about these screaming antilovers is that they're not even aware of their relentless yelling and screaming. But their victims are totally aware of the animosity that's being inflicted upon them.

Now, reflect upon this feature of patience and kindness. Where patience dwells and kindness resides, then a new love attribute is created. That great attribute is called "tolerance," and it's proper to say "love is tolerant." Realize that love has the power to create compounding features of itself. In fact, the attribute of tolerance is the also associated with love's attributes of fairness and reasonability. In other words, "love is fair, and love is reasonable." Beyond any doubt, patience and kindness are super attributes of true-love.

Lastly, here's another very important truth to remember. Patience and kindness beget patience and kindness while impatience and meanness beget impatience and meanness. This simple reciprocating process is a direct affect of The Law of Reciprocity. Based upon this truth, why would anyone choose to be impatience and mean when patience and kindness are so much more rewarding? When your nerves start to become too raw to tolerate a excessively irritating condition, then quickly exercise the Love Mantra:

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is patient. Love is kind.

Are you patient and kind with those you love and with strangers you encounter on a daily basis? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to be patient, kind, tolerant, fair and reasonable with all of your loved ones and with all of your fellow sentient brothers and sisters. Finally, always remember this great paradigm. **Every act of kindness is also an act of love**, even if that act of kindness is someone simply saying "God bless you!"

True-Love Attribute #6

The heart of true-love is free-will, and like truth, true-love shall set you free.

The heart of love is free-will, and as a result of our Creator's love for His children, He initiated The Law of Free-Will. Carefully consider this most important law of the Cosmos.

<u>The Law of Free-Will</u> is the intrinsic cosmic privilege and responsibility that gives sentient beings the right to believe, to think, to talk, to act, and to behave as they willfully choose. Accordingly, The Law of Free-Will allows sentient beings to respect and obey their Creator's intentional will, or to disrespect and disobey His intentional will.

In this manner our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator intentionally chose a path that results in a condition where some of His children willfully forsake Him, deny Him, and reject Him. In spite of this tremendous loss, our loving Creator would rather lose some of His children to willful sentient disobedience than enslave all His children to a state of non-sentient existence. As a result, sentient human beings are not robotic, corporeal creatures acting within the limits of a preprogrammed, biological mind. Beyond any doubt, mankind is not an automaton or a high level animal created solely with genetic and animalistic instincts. Let it also be clear in your mind this most important truth. From this magnificent gift of free-will, mankind is also given the Freedom of Religion, the Freedom of Belief, and the Freedom of the Mind. That's a lot of sentient privileges which carries with it a lot of sentient responsibilities.

Now, here's another very important facet about true-love and free-will. As an intentional act of our benevolent Creator's free-will, He chose first to love mankind. As a result of our Creator's love, mankind can now choose to willfully love all others, thus reciprocating the Creator's love. Furthermore, mankind's love for one another is to be founded upon the mutual respect of the free-will which every child of God has been given. Truly and surely, the blessings of our Creator's generosity are beyond human comprehension, thus causing within the hearts of the thankful sons and daughters of humanity a sensation of a state of living appreciation.

This train of thought leads my mind to another very important realization. The mutual respect of mankind's sentient free-will is the very essence and nature of Brotherly Love. But what is Brotherly Love? "Brotherly Love" is the People's mutual active concern for the People's mutual well-being, thus providing the maximum good for the maximum number of people. Furthermore, it is noted Brotherly Love is the bedrock foundation of Democracy. If you took away Brotherly Love, then Democracy would cease to exist. In addition, if we ever stopped exercising Brotherly Love, then Democracy would slowly erode away and would be replaced with some despicable form of fascism. Under Democracy the

People trust in God, but under fascism the People trust in man. And be sure to realize this is a spiritual statement and not a religious statement. Now, who do you trust in: (1) the perfect love of our benevolent Creator, or (2) the imperfect nature of a highly fallible sentient human being?

Now, realize this great facet of Brotherly Love. Every love relationship is a composite of several forms of love, but the one form of love that's common in all loving relationships is Brotherly Love. Even with our children, including our very young children, we're called to exercise Brotherly Love. A true-lover actively accommodates the free-will of those they love. Of course, this broad tolerance of free-will is lovingly restricted to the condition that one's free-will desires are not degrading, depraving or detrimental to other people or to oneself. Natural and reasonable limits of one's resources (money, time, health, etc) must also be apply. You're not allowed to hurt other people or yourself. If we allowed you to that, then that wouldn't be true-love — would it? In addition, it should also be obvious you don't always get what your free-will wants. "Sorry Charlie! Maybe next time." True-love must always balance short-term happiness with long-term benevolence, and love must always be tempered to avoid the suffering caused by lust.

Finally, it's paramount to realize why it's so very important to accommodate the free-will desires of those you love. First, realize free-will is **sentient freedom**. The concepts of sentient freedom are incredibly important to the essence and nature of all sentient beings. You can never be truly happy if you feel your sensation of freedom is being oppressed or limited. Second, the fulfillment of one's free-will is the doorway to happiness and satisfaction. However, you must always balance the dynamic interactions of happiness and satisfaction with the active concern for the loved-one's safety and security as well as their growth and development.

Regarding those you love, do you allow them to exercise their free-will to the reasonable extent possible? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to let all your loved ones know that their God given gift of free-will is extremely important to you and that their ultimate sensations of happiness and satisfaction are equally important.

True-Love Attribute #7

True-love aspires, inspires and graciously teaches.

I once read a bumper sticker that stated: "Aspire to inspire before you expire." I thought that was pretty good advice. And then I said to myself: "That sounds like something love would do." Be sure to embrace this great truth. One of the most basic principles of true- love is that love actively aspires, inspires and graciously teaches.

Let's first consider the word "<u>aspire</u>" which means: (1) to long, aim, or seek ambitiously; and (2) to be eagerly desirous, especially for something great or of high value. Obviously, a person can aspire for something in a negative and conactive manner as well as in a positive and proactive manner. And of course, the ethereal element of aspiration in association with love is always exercised in a positive and proactive manner. Consequently, the aspiring person is eagerly desirous of true-love; and that's because true-love is something that's great and of high value.

Let's now consider the word "<u>inspire</u>," which has several interesting definitions: (1) to produce or arouse a feeling, thought, or sensation; (2) to influence; and (3) to guide or control by divine influence. The greatest gift you can give to your gracious Creator is to inspire your sentient brothers and sisters to exercise true-love. Also, remember this. If you have ever experienced a truly inspirational moment, then it's because a true, sincere and genuine lover has taken the time to soulfully inspire you. And this too is something you can do if you're earnestly desirous to be a true, sincere and genuine lover.

I've heard it said teaching is an art; and like all forms of art, the more you practice it, then the better your art becomes. Thus, consistent and dedicated practice continuously increases your confidence. And there's no substitute for deep-seated, inner personal confidence. When it comes to teaching the principles of love, you can teach quietly – especially by examples. But the best way to teach the principles of love is to teach in an open and intentional manner. Have you ever thought about starting a Phileo Study Group? Naturally, the best love-teachers use both the quiet method and the intentional method, customizing their teaching methods in accordance with the personalities of their students.

If you teach true-love correctly, then your students won't even know they're attending your love-lesson. This is especially true in regards to parents teaching the principles of love to their children. All they think you're doing is sharing with them your life-knowledge, your life-experiences, and your life-wisdom. And this is a very good way to teach your children the principles of love. Finally, remember this. The best love-teaching occurs when the teacher diligently, consistently, conscientiously, intentionally and graciously practices the principles of love in everyday life. One of the best ways to be an Advocate of Love is to aspire, inspire and graciously teach the principles of love to others. To every person in every nation, let us teach the principles of love. Are you willing to be a gracious Advocate of Love?

Do you actively aspire, inspire and graciously teach those you love? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to aspire, inspire and graciously teach the principles of love to all of your loved ones.

True-Love Attribute #8

True-love's most mature fruits are faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty.

Faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty are very important attributes in every love relationship. It doesn't matter if this is the first day of the relationship or the fiftieth year of the relationship. However, a deeply devoted and committed love relationship matures with time. Such a relationship naturally experiences multiple trials and tribulations, which profoundly test the relationship. As a result of these trials by fire, the elements of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty take on a new and deeper meaning. The truth is, faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty are the most valuable fruits of true-love, and they're also the sweetest and juiciest fruits of love. Only by love's three mature fruits can a marriage sustain itself into the couple's golden age. And because of these magnificent, mature fruits of love, we reverently celebrate the couple's long-term marriage anniversaries, such as the fortieth anniversary, the fiftieth anniversary, and beyond. Only the births of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren rival the joy and blessings of these precious, long-term anniversary celebrations.

Now, it's been said it doesn't matter how long you've been married. What really counts is how long you've been happily married. If you want every year of your marriage to be a happily married year, then you can only do this by the diligent, consistent and daily exercise of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty. Only in this manner will you truly have a soul mate and a life mate, and thereby, live your entire life in harmony, with extreme satisfaction, and with the ultimate fulfillment of the human experience. There is absolutely no joy in life that compares to living a long life in the cozy comfort of your spouse, always walking side-by-side and hand-in-hand, and always confident of your mate's deep and abiding love for you. I've been married for over forty years, but it seems to me I've been happily married for over a hundred years. This mighty blessing I count twice every day, and from the deepest abyss of my heart I sincerely thank my soul mate.

There are two other areas of life where love's attributes of faithfulness. fidelity and loyalty are very important. The first area is in regards to your positive and proactive love for your Creator; that is, the Great Divinity of Democracy. The second area is in regards to your positive and proactive love for your country. These two areas of love are intricately interwoven and are difficult to separate. It is truly said "the best way to love and serve your country is to first love and serve your gracious, benevolent and loving Creator." And this is totally independent of what your religious affiliation is, or even if you have no religious affiliation. Emphatically speaking, this is a spiritual belief and not a religious belief. For the theist, the Great Divinity of Democracy represents a higher cause and the greater good. For the democratic non-theist, a higher cause and the greater good is worthy onto itself, being a truly honorable and ideal sacrifice. And realize this truth. A country is not the government and the various institutions that serve the People. The country is the People. Therefore, when you love your country, you really and truly love the People. And always remember this. The backbone of Democracy is founded upon Brotherly Love. Accordingly, in all of the trials and tribulations that fall upon you, your country, and the People, be sure to dedicate yourself to the faithfulness, the fidelity, and the loyalty of your country. Listen carefully to the code of the United States Marine Corps: "Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful."

Are you truly faithful and loyal to your Creator and your country? And did you ever think that when you reverently serve your Creator that you're also serving your country? Always remember these statistical truths. In America, the vast majority of Americans adamantly believe in the following three democratic, spiritual tenets.

- 1. We the majority of the American People are devoted to the belief that we are one Nation under God.
- 2. We the majority of the American People are dedicated to the belief that it's in God we trust for we surely do not trust the imperfections of mankind.
- 3. We the majority of the American People are committed to exercising our love for our Creator and our country with faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty.

Lastly, consider this question. Do you really trust in mankind's Creator, and if you do, then how deep is your trust in God? Is your love for God and country so mature that it naturally practices faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to grow the mature fruits of love, these being faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty. Then be sure to share these yummy fruits with all of your loved ones.

True-Love Attribute #9

True-love diligently and consistently exercises mercy, which then leads to reconciliation.

Here's one of the greatest paradigms you'll ever know, and you should never forget it. We're all imperfect beings living in an imperfect world. It's also noted that many religions believe our imperfections are our sins. Subsequently, a lot of people – especially Christians – adamantly believe the world-to-come is the Kingdom of Perfection. Furthermore, only those who faithfully embrace this belief will be made perfect by this act of faith. In effect, this is the Christian pursuit of holiness, which then leads to personal salvation. This has been a very important Christian belief throughout the course of Christian history. Now, for me personally few things confuse me more than religious concepts regarding sacrifice, perfection, holiness and personal salvation. It seems to me such concepts make our benevolent Creator's love very conditional and far from perfect. Unfortunately, we'll all have to physically die in order to learn what really happens after our terrestrial death. And be sure to realize this truth. The anxiety of death is mankind's greatest fear, and perhaps that's what has always driven mankind to achieve perfection and holiness.

Now, here's some good news. The life-long work of Dr. Raymond Moody provides a truly optimistic peak into the world-to-come. Dr. Moody is famous for his research on the <u>near death experience</u>. The Phileo Phoundation's website has a link to one of Dr. Moody's videos regarding life after death. The Phileo Phoundation highly encourages everyone to watch this video. The availability of the video is subject to change, but Dr. Moody's website (<u>www.LifeAfterLife.com</u>) offers books and videos for purchase.

I'm adamantly confident there's a celestial world which is mankind's true and final destination. In our earthly world everyone is a Celestial Cadet and is in preparation for citizenship in the world-to-come; that is, the Kingdom of Love. And here's the primary life-lesson we're to learn. Our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator does not expect His children to be perfect. He only wants His children to learn The Law of Love and then exercise this great law to the best of one's ability. After learning this great lesson, then all other important life-lessons naturally fall into place. Under any circumstance, it's important to realize that imperfection and mercy are very important features of the human experience.

Now, realize this very important fact. As long as mankind has the gift of free-will, then there'll always be human imperfection. This is simply the results of the Human Factor, which is the natural effect of mankind's imperfect nature. Sentient human beings are terribly flawed, but in spite of that, our benevolent Creator still loves His imperfect children. God is perfect love, and therefore His perfect love is given without conditions. I simply cannot conceive of myself as ever being perfect, but I can clearly visualize myself as truly loving my gracious Creator and my fellow sentient human beings.

What really makes a Child of Humanity acceptable to our loving Creator? I deeply believe true-love is the answer, and it's our Creator's loving mercy that reconciles His imperfect children with His perfect holiness. Thus, the Children of Humanity are created acceptable to their benevolent Creator, and therefore will dwell in His Kingdom of Love. Meanwhile, in our terrestrial world it doesn't really matter what you personally and subjectively believe about the world-to-come and the act of faith that's required to qualify a person to dwell in that world. What does matter concerns the realities of our terrestrial world, and also what's required to achieve a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment while we live in this imperfect world. In other words, what really matters in this world are the diligent and consistent pursuit of the whole and total truth, and the diligent and consistent exercise of true-

love. This is what I believe is most paramount. We must maintain our personal relationships if we're to achieve a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment, and then ultimately to please our gracious Creator. And because of our imperfect nature, that's a very difficult and challenging proposition. We all make relationship mistakes, thus emotionally hurting one another. I bruise you, and you bruise me. But true-love has the power to heal all of our bruises.

The important task is to learn how to overcome the emotional pain and the psychological suffering we inflict upon one another. This can only be done by the intentional and selfless act of granting mercy upon the person whose imperfection created the dilemma. Only the exercise of mercy can breed forgiveness, and thus create the atonement that's needed to reconcile the imperfections we cast upon one another. Beyond any doubt, The Law of Reconciliation is paramount to the satisfaction and fulfillment of the human experience. Within one's life journey there'll be many times when one must seek forgiveness, and there'll be many times when one must grant forgiveness. Furthermore, a breach to a relationship is best mended if aided by a sincere and contrite apology that is world renown: "I am truly sorry for the wrong I have done you, and I humbly ask you to forgive me." Only in this manner can the act of reconciliation re-establish a truly loving relationship. And in some cases the act of reconciliation strengthens the bond of the relationship. Meanwhile, always remember this great teaching from Jesus. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Does your love abound in mercy, and when a love relationship incurs a breach, do you exercise The Law of Reconciliation? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to be as loving as possible, to pursue forgiveness when needed, and to graciously grant mercy when asked in a truly humble and contrite manner.

True-Love Attribute #10

True-love regenerates the tired, fatigued and exhausted lover, this being the positive and proactive exercise of self-love.

A person who is truly dedicated and devoted to the Life-Principles of Love can give, and give, and give until they're tired, exhausted and fatigued from their excessive giving. **Always remember that fatigue makes antilovers of us all.** You can give so much in the short-term that it becomes a detriment in the long-term. And ultimately, you're responsible for your own well-being. When you find

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yourself exhausted and fatigued, then it's time for you to intercede with a healthy portion of proactive selfishness; or in other words, apply a proper dosage of true self-love. In fact, proactive selfishness is a critical part of a healthy self-love, and a healthy self-love makes for a healthy sentient human being. The Art of Living mandates the moderation and balance in all elements of life. Truly, this also applies to the Art of Loving. And everybody wants and needs a dynamically balanced life.

Now, here's another great truth to remember. The mutual well-being of the collective is dependent upon the well-being of the vast majority of society's individuals. For the benefit of the collective – and especially for those you truly love – be sure to take care of yourself by periodically making time for your rest and recuperation. And also, it's proper and right for you to enjoy your own sources of personal interests and pleasures. Remember, those who love you are depending upon you to properly take care of yourself as well as those you deeply love. And because they love you, they will actively nurture you, and thus make sure you obtain the healthy rest and recreation you need and deserve. Our mutual love for one another always seeks to serve those who are most in need of loving attention. This is a critical principle of love that I call the Three C's of True-Love – Concern, Care and Compassion.

Do you proactively love yourself so you properly take care of yourself when needed, and do you make sure those you love exercise this same act of self-love? Please make a diligent, consistent and conscientious effort to let all your loved ones know when you're in need of rest and recuperation. In compassionate response, your loved ones shall surely care for you.

An Advocate of Love confidently knows and consistently practices True-Love's Top Ten Attributes.

Part 5

Fundamental Principles About Democracy

Life-Lesson #13

Sentient Human Beings and Sentient Freedom

I want to address a truly remarkable concept. I sincerely believe the study of mankind's history reveals one monumental conclusion. Mankind has slowly but consistently pursued and gained the awesome sentient quality we call **freedom**. It's more accurately defined as **sentient freedom**, for freedom truly is one of the primary essences of the sentient human being. In fact, I believe sentient freedom is a critical element of all sentient beings. There are two **sentient entities** that create the essence and nature of the sentient human being, these being the **human entity** and the **freedom entity**. The two entities join together to form the sentient human being. If you could remove the freedom entity from the sentient human being, then the freedom nature of the human being would cease to exist, and the human being would become a corporeal android.

Now, the human entity is typical of our Creator's celestial and terrestrial creative nature. The human entity includes the three elements of intelligence, volition and emotions. However, the freedom entity is a divine element of the sentient human being. The freedom entity is the spark of life which is given by the Lord of Life. It's by the gift of the freedom entity that mankind is created in the image of our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator. It's also mankind's freedom entity that makes the Children of Humanity sacred. And because our Creator is free, mankind too is ardently driven to be free. Mankind has always actively pursued the divine essence of his sacred and free nature. Consequently, mankind has slowly evolved to a greater and higher state of freedom. Our ultimate terrestrial state of freedom has yet to come, and it's probably beyond mankind's current powers of conception. And realize this truth also. To embrace this great truth is to become free. The Cosmic Truth shall set you free.

Sentient Freedom of the Mind

The core of freedom is **the Freedom of the Mind**, or in other words, "to have a free-mind." In the purest sense, a free-mind is an open mind, whereby the sentient human being is open to the pursuit of The Cosmic Truth; that is, open to the honest consideration of all realities of the Cosmos. A truly open mind actively seeks the best for the well-being of all. Accordingly, a truly open mind actively pursues the ethereal elements that liberate the sentient mind. In addition, the open mind actively seeks to be free of falsehoods, prejudices, ignorance, superstitions, and other negative ethereal elements that enslave the sentient mind. In comparison, a closed mind creates falsehoods, prejudices, ignorance, superstitions, and other negative ethereal elements. A mind that's closed to The Cosmic Truth and all that's good and beautiful quickly becomes corrupted by the dark side of life. As history has consistently proved, closed minds have always created degradation and depravation for the People.

Where The Cosmic Truth abides, freedom and love flourish. But where The Cosmic Truth is withheld, denied or insidiously altered, then ignorance, fanaticism and tyranny flourish. Wherever you find tyranny you also find terrorism, and wherever you find terrorism you also find tyranny. It's easy to recognize tyrants and terrorists. They're the ones who treat other people with belligerent animosity. At the heart of every tyrant and terrorist is one ultra selfish motivation. They actively lust for the total domination, control, and command of the People, and especially the command of the People's minds. In their sadistic lust, tyrants and terrorists attempt to force the People to believe and act as they want the People to believe and act. The first casualty resulting from tyrants and terrorists is the death of the free-mind.

Associated with the concept of sentient freedom is the concept of "mankind's natural order," also called "mankind's natural rights," also called "mankind's inalienable rights," and also called "mankind's natural inalienable rights." However, the most popular phrase used today is "mankind's human rights." These are concepts that were incredibly dear to America's founding fathers, and remain incredibly dear to the vast majority of Americans today. It's true to say that sentient freedom is more valuable than life itself, for many good and righteous Americans have given their last full measure of devotion in order to preserve this magnificent human entity of sentient freedom. Why do so many freedom loving sons and daughters possess the will to sacrifice for a higher cause

and the greater good? It should also be noted that the pursuit and development of freedom, liberty and democracy started long before Americans created their brand of democracy. Surely and truly, America is the product of the innate and natural human drive for sentient freedom. Meanwhile, it's important to remember that mankind's hard fought freedoms are directly derived from mankind's natural inalienable rights; which include, but are not limited to, Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Sentient Freedom Is the Heart of Love

Have you ever stopped to think and reflect about the source of mankind's freedom? I have and here is my personal conclusion. Because our GBLC loves His Children so much, He gives them the gift of sentient freedom. However, in our terrestrial world, sentient freedom is best known as "free-will." Emphatically speaking, the heart of love is free-will. Your greatest blessing is your gift of life. Your second greatest blessing is your gift of free-will. And this "love-quality of free-will" is required by our Creator to be exercised in all sentient relationships. If you truly love someone, then you must allow that person to exercise his or hers ethereal gift of free-will. This is a very complex issue that will be discussed in the next chapter. For the time being, consider this reflection. From free-will comes free-choice, and from free-choice comes freedom. Accordingly, your freedom is the direct result of the Creator's love for you, and your greatest freedom is "the freedom of choice" to believe as you personally desire. I'll say this important truth again. You're allowed to believe and disbelieve as you personally choose. This especially includes your freedom to believe or disbelieve in the living reality of mankind's Creator. Likewise, you'll ultimately be given the freedom to choose celestial life or celestial death. And while it's very difficult for the human mind to comprehend this celestial choice, reprobates gladly choose celestial death. In the Kingdom of Love, you are not free to create degradation and depravation for others. Only people with selfless, loving and open minds desire to dwell in the Kingdom of Love, and people with selfish, fearful and closed minds quickly flee from the presence of our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator.

Always remember your freedom is derived from TSG Love. Without true-love you would not have freedom; but instead, you would be the enslaved creature that tyrants and terrorists want you to be. Beyond any doubt, love is liberating, but love is not a freedom. Love is a free-choice, and you are free to choose love or to reject love. You have to consider this choice very carefully, and you have to consider this choice many times every day. Every encounter with a fellow human being is an encounter of love, or an encounter of animosity, or an encounter of indifference. And every time you have an encounter with a fellow human being, you have to choose one of these three choices. But beware! Our loving Creator does not accept animosity or indifference in His Kingdom of Love. If you truly choose love, then you'll find yourself consistently exercising patience, kindness, concern, care, compassion and all the other gifts and fruits of love. In this manner, you'll determine if your mind is truly opened or closed, and you'll determine if you truly desire celestial life or celestial death.

Life-Lesson #14

The Evolution of Democracy And the Teachings of Jesus

I want to share with you a deep, personal belief which I believe is very important. What is the primary force for the evolutionary development of the world's democratic social-political systems? But it should be clearly understood that elements of democracy have been active throughout the history of earth. Being an American, my personal answer is derived from the historical perspectives of western civilization. I personally believe the life and teachings of Jesus are the foundational basis for the evolutionary development of democracy. This is especially true of the democratic nations of western civilization. You also have to include the associated teachings of Jesus' disciples, especially the apostles John and Paul. The influence of the teachings of Jesus and his disciples upon the evolutionary development of Democracy also provides the social-political stratum of Democracy's theistic foundation. If the theistic nature of democracy was removed, then democracy would cease to exist. Again I must emphasize American Democracy is rightfully founded upon the strong beliefs that we, the majority collective, are one nation under God and it's in God that we trust.

I should also note I'm addressing these teachings in a secular manner, whereby Jesus is perceived to be a very good and a very wise philosopher. Indeed, I consider Jesus to be the Father of the Psychology of Love. I also profess to be a Christian, thus personally believing Jesus is a spiritual and physical manifestation of our Creator. The personal perception of Jesus is a very complicated and personal matter, even within the Christian religion with all of its splintered societies. And it's good that everyone should adhere to the democratic principle of the Freedom of Religion – to each according to the dictates of his own conscience. I remain very confident The Cosmic Truth will be crystal clear once you enter the Kingdom of Love. I also know our Celestial Father loves all His children equally, no matter what their terrestrial religious affiliation may be. And because our Creator loves all His children equally, an immense spiritual revelation is revealed. This revelation is now a great democratic truth that all true Democracians hold to be self-evident and to be conceived in Liberty. Consider carefully this great truth: "All sentient human beings are created equal." Jesus and the apostles John and Paul boldly taught the principles of love, especially the principles of brotherly love. Here are some of their teachings about love. I'm also using my personal terminology.

Selected Teachings of Jesus

Jesus boldly taught the principles of love, especially the principles of brotherly love. Here are some of His primary teachings about love.

- 1. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
- 2. Love your neighbor as yourself.
- 3. Love your enemy and pray for him.
- 4. Do onto others as you would have them do onto you.
- 5. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. If you love me, you will keep my commandment.
- 6. Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Abide in my love.
- 7. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Selected Teachings of the Apostle John

- 1 God is love
- 2. There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear.
- 3 We love because He first loved us

Selected Teachings of the Apostle Paul

- 1. Things which the eye has not seen, things which the ear has not heard, and things which cannot be conceived in the hearts of mankind is what awaits those who truly love their Creator.
- 2. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things past, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate the Children of Humanity from the love of their gracious, benevolent and loving Creator.
- 3. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- 4. Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. For he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.
- 5. If I speak with the tongues of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have all faith but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor but do not love, it profits me nothing.
- 6. Love is patient, love is kind, and love is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not arrogant. Love does not act unbecomingly, and it does not seek its own. Love is not provoked and does not take into account a wrong suffered. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Now abide faith, hope and love, these three. But the greatest of these is love.
- 7. All things work to good for those who truly love their Creator.

Democracy Was Forged by Brotherly Love

The above teachings are just some of the wonderful benefits derived from love. Accordingly, love always sees the best potential in the Children of Humanity, thus seeing what could be and what should be. But in contrast, what was actually being experienced during the course of earth's history? For millenniums, life was virtually a state of terror, tyranny, abuse, torture and other forms of human degradation and depravation. By Caesars, by Kings, by Queens, by Princes, by Lords, by Popes, by warlords, by dictators, or by any other title of social authority, evil despots consistently rose to power and brutally ruled their people, and especially their conquered subjects. And of course, despots always rule by the principles of fear, seldom by the principles of love, and only then by selective, conditional love.

Mankind's previous, predominate nature was more like a vicious animal than a loving sentient human being. Therefore, The Law of Conquest ruled the hearts of mankind, and The Law of the Jungle predominated with pure savagery. In spite of all these human atrocities, somehow and someway the principles of love slowly prevailed. Jesus' teachings of love were latent within the People's collective heart, but these same teachings were very fruitful in the hearts of Jesus' obedient followers. Slowly but surely, the evolutionary tide turned from a predominate state of fear to a predominate state of love. Mankind's true nature is evolving into a higher and higher state of love. And while mankind has a far way to reach his ultimate state of collective love, mankind has evolved far from his early stages of sadism; that is, the lust for being cruel. In fact, remarkable advancements have occurred in just in our last generation.

I'm truly convinced the social-political system we call democracy is derived from the principles of love. In fact, democracy is the ultimate product of the Power and Glory of Love. It's love that moves men's souls, making them willing to uphold the Principles of Love and the Virtues of Freedom. And where love is exercised unconditionally, there you'll also find The Five Pillars of Democracy: brotherly love, morality, tolerance, self-discipline, and the will to sacrifice for a higher cause and the greater good. The devastating winds of life's dark side may blow like a category 10 hurricane, but The Pillars of Democracy still stand after the storm has blown over. These mighty pillars may flex, but they never break. And what is the source of these five great pillars? All five pillars are derived from the same source, that source being Cosmic Love. Also, be sure to realize this great

truth. Democracy and Freedom would cease to exist if the People fail to actively exercise the glorious principles of Cosmic Love. Likewise, the People must always be mindful and watchful of the cancerous effects and insidious nature of conditional love, selective love, and the lust of hedonism. If the People are indifferent to these spiritual cancers, then it's only a matter of time before Democracy collapses within itself. Never underestimate the destructive powers of conditional love, selective love, and hedonism.

Life-Lesson #15

Mankind's Natural And Inalienable Rights

What really is mankind's natural order? This question must be addressed from the perspective of the terrestrial realm and the celestial realm. To simply answer the question with "we're the children of our Divine Creator" doesn't adequately answer the question. And the question goes far beyond an understanding of the true nature of mankind's composition; that is, "what am I?" The question also addresses the issues of relationships – the God to mankind relationship, the mankind to mankind relationship, and even the relationship between mankind and celestial creatures such as angels and demons, assuming you believe in such cosmic creatures. In addition, the issue of relationships naturally leads to the topic of the rules-of-relationships. And this topic ultimately leads us to Mankind's Natural and Inalienable Rights.

By what rules are sentient human beings to treat their sentient brothers and sisters? What are mankind's natural rights? In addition, with rights come responsibilities, and with responsibilities come privileges. Therefore, what are mankind's responsibilities and privileges? Do all sentient human beings have the same and equal rights and privileges? Are all sentient human beings truly created equal? And how does the God to mankind relationship impact the mankind to mankind relationship? These are truly profound questions worthy of sifting in the crucible of life, for the resulting beliefs impact every person on earth, societies as a

whole, and even the relationship between nations. Accordingly, what is believed by the collective masses really does matter. Surely, the collective belief of this issue creates the foundations for religious systems, social systems, governmental systems, and political systems.

Mankind has been wrestling with these issues of correct and proper relationships for millenniums. I personally believe mankind's answers ultimately led to the birth of modern democracy and the birth of America. In addition, this evolving drive to understand mankind's true nature has greatly aided mankind to free himself from the enslavement to superstition and the fear of the unknown. Mankind truly has evolved beyond caves, cannibalism, warlords, feudalism, the institution of slavery, the institution of peasantry, religious persecutions, witch burning, and many other acts of human degradation and depravation. Of course, some of these acts of degradation and depravation still exist. Surely, mankind still has a long ways to the achievement of his loving and peaceful potential. But I believe we're definitely moving onward and upward. And I believe this is true because of mankind's drive to discover and secure his Natural and Inalienable Rights.

Thomas Jefferson and America's founding fathers, as well as the great minds of the Age of Enlightenment, addressed this issue of mankind's natural order. These great men adamantly believed mankind's natural order is revealed in Mankind's Natural and Inalienable Rights. Furthermore, our forefathers deeply believed mankind's natural rights "are endowed by their Creator." Subsequently, these rights were defined as mankind's God given rights. However, I've never seen a list of mankind's natural rights. Jefferson referred to some of these rights in the Declaration of Independence when he stated, "certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Franklin D. Roosevelt referred to mankind's natural rights as, "essential human freedoms." Roosevelt said: "We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression – everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way – everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want – everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear – anywhere in the world." Also, the United Nations addresses mankind's natural rights in their Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a long list of human rights defined in 30 articles. This Declaration is available on the Internet at www.un.org/Overview/rights.html. Human rights are alive and kicking, often making front-page news. Nonetheless, the question remains. What are Mankind's

Natural and Inalienable Rights? What are the rights our loving Creator has truly bestowed upon mankind? What are the Creator's rules with respect to mankind's existence within the terrestrial realm and the celestial realm?

I'm not aware our wise and benevolent Creator has written mankind's natural rights on a pair of stone tablets for everyone to read and learn. Consequently, you must know the mind of our celestial Father in order to know the inalienable rights He has given mankind. I image someone at some time has made a list of what he or she personally believed to be Mankind's Natural and Inalienable Rights. And in doing so, that person made no impact upon recorded history. For who would be so brash and so foolish to profess he or she knows the mind of our infinite Creator? Well, I'm far more foolish than I'm brash, and I certainly don't know the mind of Infinity. However, I sincerely believe this is a very significant matter that's worthy of serious contemplation. Why not itemize what you personally believe to be your God given rights? After all, this is only another task in determining your personal perspective regarding a very significant matter. So, for what it's worth, I'm willing to share my personal model of Mankind's Natural and Inalienable Rights. For better or worse, carefully reflect upon my humble and personal reflections of mankind's natural rights.

Mankind's Natural and Inalienable Rights

- 1. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to life and self-preservation; a life secured with the inseparable gift of free-will, thus resulting in the right to believe and live as you choose, provided your beliefs and actions don't infringe upon the natural and inalienable rights of others. Also, you have the right to lay down your life so that your family, your friends, and even strangers may live this being the Greatest Love of all and the right to sacrifice for a higher cause and the greater good.
- 2. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to actively, openly and safely pursue the Cosmic Truth, knowing the Cosmic Truth shall set you free.

- 3. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to actively, openly and safely seek and worship your Cosmic Sovereign in accordance with your personal choice, thus reflecting your personal religious beliefs, traditions and culture. This also includes the right to believe the Cosmic Sovereign doesn't exist, this being the religion of the non-spiritualist.
- 4. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to actively, openly and safely: (1) express your personal beliefs, ideas, ideals and social propositions, (2) persuade other people to agree with your personal beliefs, ideas, ideals and social propositions, and (3) orderly assemble for the exchange, debate and affirmation of your personal beliefs, ideas, ideals and social propositions.
- 5. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to your personal security of life, liberty, and property. The compulsory forfeiture of this right shall only occur first within the just execution of our Creator's Divine Laws; and then second, within the just execution of mankind's legal system of justice and due process.
- 6. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to economic prosperity, a prosperity that's worthy of the dignity of a child of our gracious Creator; for otherwise the widespread degradation and depravation of economic prosperity leads to social unrest, war, destruction, desolation and death.
- 7. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to rest, leisure and personal time as required to prevent the enslavement to fatigue, for proper rest is a physical and mental necessity. In addition, personal time for the Sovereign Creator, family and friends insures domestic tranquility, promotes the general welfare, and secures the blessings of liberty.
- 8. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to create and expand the emotional, intellectual, artistic and physical foundations of society and civilization, thus exercising the right of the individual and society to grow and evolve.

- 9. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to love and to be loved, as exhibited by our loving Creator for all His children, where that love is demonstrated by the active concern for the ultimate satisfaction, the ultimate security and the ultimate development of all mankind.
- 10. As a child of the Benevolent and Sovereign Creator, you have the right to happiness, peace, harmony and tranquility, for these are the greatest gifts all loving parents desire for their children, and especially the Cosmic Sovereign's loving desire for all His children. Never forget that you have the natural and inalienable right to be happy, for your source of happiness is derived from the internal and deep knowledge that your gracious, benevolent and loving Creator first loved you.

Life-Lesson #16

The Law of Honor

The Law of Honor: The Law of Honor is the internal, cosmic drive of loving and obedient sentient beings to be honorable, whereby one's honor is revealed by: (1) consistently exercising moral fortitude; (2) expelling all deceit from within oneself; (3) devoting oneself as a guardian, advocate and helper of the weak, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged; and (4) committing oneself to courageous acts that counter and defeat the encroachment of evil.

What is our Creator's primary defense against evil? It's "the living honor" that dwells within His obedient and loyal children who dedicate themselves to upholding the principles of love and protecting all that's good and beautiful as He created it. These dedicated and devoted lovers are the Advocates of Love. The chaotic powers of evil would rule the earth and the Cosmos if The Law of Honor did not prevail. And those who are honorable inherently exercise The Law of Honor. Greater love has no one than he or she who puts his or hers life at risk so that others may live, and that they may live in a manner that deserves the dignity of our Creator's children. This is mankind's ultimate terrestrial love, and I call it

"sacrificial love." Greater love has no one than he or she who exercises sacrificial love, thus giving his or hers last full measure of devotion. It's recorded that Jesus stated this great principle this way: "This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

What do you believe in that's worth dying for? Are you willing to risk your life for those you love? Are you an honorable parent willing to sacrifice your time, energy, finances and life for the protection, the happiness, the development and the well-being of your children? What sacrifices are you willing to place upon the altar of freedom? And know this. There are many disadvantaged people in the world who need protective guardians. This especially applies to children. Furthermore, there are many unfortunate ways of being disadvantaged: physical disadvantage, mental disadvantage, emotional disadvantage, intellectual disadvantage, financial disadvantage, spiritual disadvantage, and on and on. In the terrestrial world, everyone has opportunities to be an honorable guardian. Even young school children become honorable guardians when they step forward and challenge the school yard bullies who abuse the smaller children and the disadvantaged children. It's a very sad fact of life that we all have too many unfortunate opportunities to be honorable guardians. Have you ever mustered the courage to be an honorable guardian? Can you muster the courage to be an honorable guardian?

Honor, the Knights of Love, and the Good Warriors

I call those who are truly honorable "**The Knights of Love**", for they're a noble fellowship dedicated to serving their loving Creator, their country, and their fellow sentient human beings. You can easily recognize The Knights of Love by the way they tenaciously protect and help those who are disadvantaged. Loving parents who are truly dedicated to the well-being and development of their children are Knights of Love. Those who serve in the armed forces – thus dedicated to the protection and defense of the People – are Knights of Love, but I also call them "**he Good Warriors**." The Good Warriors are actively involved in The Good Fight, which is the eternal war against the powers of evil. Without The Good Warriors, the bullies, goons and ORC's of the world would decimate all that's good and beautiful, especially the precepts of brotherly love, freedom and Democracy. Reverently consider The Creed of the Good Warrior.

The Creed of the Good Warrior

I have the soul of the Warrior, and I am The Good Warrior. I may be the land warrior, or the water warrior, or the air warrior, or the clandestine warrior; but in all cases, I am The Good Warrior. I pledge to serve and protect my family, my friends, my neighbors, my Great Divinity of Democracy (in whom I trust), and my Nation, which is a unified Nation under Democracy's Great Divinity. And I especially serve the Freedom of Religion which allows one to believe in accordance with the dictates of one's own conscience. And this includes the right to conscientiously believe Democracy's Great Divinity does not exist. To this I serve the true and full spectrum of freedom. I gladly serve my People anytime, anywhere and any how my Nation calls upon me. While I prefer to provide humanitarian aid to all nations that should suffer from natural disaster. I shall also solemnly serve in the crucible of the battlefield. And there I shall forge the Loving Bond of the Good Warriors, serving with pride and with honor, doing my best to protect my fellow comrades in arms, and to extinguish the Evil that actively seeks to destroy my Nation, my People, and the American Way of Life. I shall gladly put myself in Harm's Way so others may live, especially those I love so dearly. I am reverently prepared to sacrifice for my Country's higher cause and its greater good. And I'm also prepared to give my last full measure of devotion to the American People, our glorious principles of Freedom, and to the loving grace of our Great Divinity. I proudly do this in the solemn honor of those who fell before me and thus laid their last sacrifice upon the Altar of Freedom. In the event that I shall fall, remember me with happy and joyful memories, knowing that we shall one day be reunited in the Loving Kingdom of Democracy's Great Divinity. Meanwhile, fear not for me. I have a living faith that I shall return home and live the remainder of my days with the awesome rewards, blessings and abundance that are derived from the principles of American Democracy. I have the soul of the Warrior, and I am the Good Warrior. I may be the land warrior, or the water warrior, or the air warrior, or the clandestine warrior; but in all cases, I am the Good Warrior.

The Good Warriors are an invaluable component of America's Citizen Soldier System, which is the bulwark of Democracy. Democracy only exists because unassuming daily citizens of good-will and good, moral character bond together to become The Knights of Love and The Good Warriors. Thank our loving

Creator for these courageous men and women and their families; for without them, all that's good and beautiful would surely perish. It's engrained in the hearts of the sons and daughters of liberty that freedom is not free, but is purchased by the blood, the guts, the tears and the sacrifices of The Good Warriors. Now, here's a very important question that should be carefully considered and often asked. We the People – those who stay home in America and daily enjoy the prosperities of Democracy while our young men and women give their last full measures of devotion while fighting in a foreign land – are we truly worthy of the sacrifices that our Good Warriors place upon the Altar of Freedom? In reflective summary, consider this quote from Winston Churchill, one of Democracy's greatest Good Warriors

In war, resolution.
In defeat, defiance.
In victory, magnanimity.
In peace, good will.

Sir Winston Churchill

Parental Honor

Perhaps the most important element of honor concerns parental honor. Parental honor is directly derived from the fifth commandment of the Ten Commandments: "Honor your father and your mother that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you." This is actually a double commandment, whereby a second commandment is hidden within the meaning of the obvious commandment. In fact, the hidden commandment is more important than the obvious commandment. I don't mean to diminish the importance of children honoring their parents, but let's stop and think about this. Can a child honor a parent who is dishonorable? The answer is emphatically NO! No one can truly honor a person who is dishonorable. Therefore, this is the second and hidden commandment. Parents, be honorable so your children may honor you, and thus grow up to also be honorable parents.

What is the first duty of parenthood? The first duty of parenthood is to be good and loving guardians of your children. As a parent, it's your duty to protect your children from physical harm, emotional harm, psychological harm, harm from intellectual ignorance, harm from spiritual ignorance, and protection from all other detrimental elements of the human experience. In contrast, parents who mistreat and abuse their children are not only despicable parents, they're also dishonorable parents. Surely, the best way to teach your children to be honorable is by the living example of being an honorable parent. Honorable parents beget honorable parents while dysfunctional, toxic parents beget dysfunctional, toxic parents. Never forget this great truth. Children learn what they live, and then they live what they learn. Also, never forget this greater truth. Our loving Creator is depending upon you to raise His children in a loving and honorable manner. Finally, know this. Honorable parents are the marrow of a loving, moral and vibrant society. Accordingly, all of society is depending upon you to be a good and loving parent, thus raising your children in a manner that will guide them to become good, loving and honorable parents. Surely and truly, it's the innate desire of all loving parents for their children to grow up to be self-sufficient and self-sustaining, thus becoming a proactive, loving, moral and honorable participants in society.

The Proactive Pride of Honor

The Law of Honor isn't for the socially meek and the spiritually weak. Furthermore, those who enlist in The Good Fight must be forever vigilant. And it should be stated that all Democracians are somehow and some way involved in The Good Fight. Accordingly, there's an appropriate and proper pride held among The Knights of Love. This is a proactive pride earned by righteous deeds and acts of valor, thus deserving the admiration and affection of the brothers and sisters who The Knights of Love serve. All who love shall one day serve as a Knight of Love, especially if you're a loving parent. The Knights of Love earn more than your respect. They rightfully earn your honor, for only the honorable can be honored. This is a great spiritual law which all parents must always remember and exercise.

By being an honorable parent you'll never spoil your children, but you'll properly train them to become loving adults who readily exercise brotherly love, morality, tolerance, self-discipline, and the will to sacrifice for a higher cause and the greater good. And like so many other honorable parents, you may even be a participant in the development of a Good Warrior. Surely, no loving parent actively

seeks to send a child to war. But there is a sacred parental pride of having a child who is actively involved in The Good Fight and The Good War. In a similar manner, I believe citizens who enlist in America's Peace Corps are equally honorable to The Good Warriors. All parents should be extremely proud of their children who elect to become Good Warriors and Peace Corps volunteers. And now reflect upon this great truth. Without The Knights of Love, the Good Warriors, and honorable parents, the village would surely collapse into chaos and even possibly disintegrate into oblivion. Never underestimate the nature and power of honor. Without honor, brotherly love and Democracy would surely cease to exist.

Honor and Our Celestial Father

Our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator is also our Celestial Father. In my personal reflections, I wonder if mankind is also commanded to honor our Celestial Father as well as our terrestrial father and terrestrial mother. And if the Children of Humanity are commanded to love their Celestial Father, then is there also a Celestial Mother whom we are commanded to love? In the event this is true, then who is mankind's Celestial Mother? Could it be the Holy Spirit; or in other words, our Holy Mother Spirit? It seems to me the Holy Spirit – that is the Great Comforter – excels in tender loving care just the same as earthly mothers excel in tender loving care. In a similar manner, does our Celestial Father excel in tuff-love just the same as our earthly fathers excel in tuff-love? Lastly, is the Celestial Father an honorable being and thus deserving the honor of His sentient children? And the same question applies to our Celestial Mother, provided there is such a celestial entity.

I earnestly believe our Celestial Father is absolutely honorable and without any question He has earned the honor of His Children of Humanity. Perhaps our honor for our Heavenly Father is more deserving than our love for Him. Our Celestial Father is also our great and wise Celestial Guardian. And I sense deep within my soul and spirit that our Celestial Guardian is perfectly and tenaciously vigilant regarding the protection and development of His earthly children. Who guards and protects you better than your gracious, benevolent and loving Creator? Therefore, I recommend mankind revise The Ten Commandments to the "The 10½ Commandments." Mankind needs to add this commandment, which is commandment 4½.

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<u>Commandment 4½</u>: Honor your Celestial Father and your Celestial Mother that your days may be eternal in the Celestial Land which the Lord of Life gives you.

Now, another great question arises. How do you show and exercise your honor for your Celestial Father? Of course, the first thoughtful reply focuses upon the obedience to The Law of Love: "Love your Creator with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." However, I feel this is insufficient relative to the true wishes of our Heavenly Father. My senses tell me this. Our Creator's inner desire is for His children to seek, know and fulfill His intentional will. So then, what is our Celestial Father's intentional will? May your terrestrial journey be spent learning The Cosmic Truth of this great and enigmatic question. May The Cosmic Truth be with you, and may you actively seek to fulfill the intentional will of our Celestial Father.

Part 6

A Sincere And Cheerful Farewell

Closing Reflections

I've tried my very best to write this book in a soulful, interesting and successful manner. This has been a tremendous, personal challenge because I'm not gifted with a natural literary talent. Nevertheless, I know I'm a better person for my efforts. In spite of my writing limitations, I hope the reader has enjoyed this book and finds his or hers efforts were worth the investment. To this task I've been true, sincere, and genuine. I like to think of myself as adding warmth and color to a cold and gray world. I also know the primary topic of this book – that is, sentient-love – is a very good topic and a very important topic. Sentient-love is like a rainbow which radiates warmth and comfort. Our world needs a much better understanding of the fundamental principles of love. In turn, I truly and deeply hope the reader would share his or hers reflections of this book with their family and friends. Please help expand the collective's knowledge and understanding of love. In reflection of this fact, I wish the reader all the blessings that life has to offer. Live long and prosper, actively sharing all the fruits of your love with your fellow sentient human beings.

Live Life By The Ideology of Love

Maybe you haven't fully bought into the power and glory of sentient-love. Are you on the fence, tending to totter between love and antilove. I know for many people, antilove is a very viable choice, but that's only because they don't believe in the living reality of mankind's Creator. If this is the case, then please consider one more very important element of life. I know life is a very difficult struggle, and disadvantaged citizens have a far greater challenge than the fortunate citizens who are blessed with life's abundance. Nonetheless, all citizens need to focus upon the big picture of life, which includes the ultimate prize for the Children of Humanity. What is the ultimate prize of life? The ultimate prize of life is the continuing

existence in the world-to-come; that is, life in the Kingdom of Love. Sentient-love shall lead you to the freedom of the fear of death, and the freedom of the fear of death is the greatest gift you can obtain in our terrestrial world. This is true whether you're a disadvantaged child of God or an advantaged child of God.

In the event you perceive yourself as being a disadvantaged child, then consider this great truth. Being poor doesn't diminish a person's ability to live life by The Ideology of Love. Growing up in a low income neighborhood that's riddled with violent crime, dope dealers, dope addicts, and prostitutes doesn't reduce a person's ability to live life by The Code of Love. Growing up in a single parent family doesn't decrease a person's ability to live life by the principles of love. And growing up in a family where one or both parents are defective and toxic doesn't negate the ability to live life by the life principle of love. Ultimately, there's no cosmic excuse for failing to live life by the power and glory of love. While antilovers may misguide a person along life's path to loving enlightenment, all of God's children are presented with many invitations to the fruits of love. It all a simple matter of a person choosing love over antilove. It's all a matter of personal will, and where there's a will, there's a way.

Now, consider this fact. The power and glory of sentient-love includes immediate short-term rewards and blessings as well as future long-term rewards and blessings. Love is the most satisfying ethereal substance known to mankind. Selfish desires may promise immediate gratification, but these selfish gratifications don't satisfy and fulfill the deep longings of the soul. These false promises of immediate gratification are black lies, and they're usually made with the intentional purpose of deceit and deception. They're looking for the spiritually weak who can easily be trapped by the lure of selfishism. Ultimately, selfishism leaves a sour and bitter taste, thus forging the person into a sour and bitter state of being. Surely and truly, everyone must consider this great and wise question regarding the reality of life: "What does a man profit if he gains the whole world but loses his soul?"

Sentient-love is impartial and indiscriminant. With sentient-love, it doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, or if you're highly intelligent or simple minded. With sentient-love, it doesn't matter if you're male or female, or if you're straight or gay. With sentient-love, it doesn't matter if you're Christian, Jewish, Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist, or any other earthly religion. And with sentient-love, it doesn't matter if you're capitalist, communist, socialist, or any other political ideology. Sentient-love is for all, but not all are for sentient-love. This is very tragic when you

consider the personal value love is to the sentient human being. And it's all a matter of personal choice. Love is never an accidental occurrence, but it's always an intentional exercise of those who willfully chose to live life by the power and glory of love. Sure, the world may be in total turmoil, but sentient-love is always creative and always finds the good rewards of life. Now, how about you? What shall you choose? Do you choose sentient-love and celestial life, or do you choose selfishism and celestial death? I hope you chose love and life! Finally consider these questions. Where shall your mind dwell at the moment of your terrestrial death? What do you think the Angel of Death really looks like?

The Angel of Death Is Mankind's Greatest Fear And Anxiety

There's no greater faith than the confident belief that your terrestrial death is also your celestial birth. The person who diligently and consistently exercises sentient-love steadily evolves in spirit and faith. Eventually you attain an enlightenment that reveals your spiritual entity shall continue to live after your physical death. Thus, you have the ability to live your terrestrial life with confidence, joy, optimism and a positive anticipation that the best is yet to come. And what is the source that creates these inner personal sensations of confidence, joy, optimism and positive anticipation? It's the three great sentient promises our Celestial Father has revealed to His Children of Humanity.

<u>Sentient Promise #1</u>: All things work to good for those who truly, sincerely and genuinely love their Creator.

<u>Sentient Promise #2</u>: Things which the eye has not seen, things which the ear has not heard, and things which cannot be conceived in the hearts of mankind is what awaits those who truly, sincerely and genuinely love their Creator.

<u>Sentient Promise #3</u>: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things past, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate the Children of Humanity from the love of their gracious, benevolent and loving Creator.

O' Mighty and Frightful Angel of Death, Would You Please Be My Friend and Neighbor?

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I shall fear no Evil, for my loving Creator is always with me. His powers of love comfort me, and my cup of abundance runneth over. In His infinite grace, He prepares a great feast for me in celebration of my life. Surely, goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell forever in the Holy Mansion created by my gracious, benevolent and loving Creator. Because my benevolent Creator's love is absolutely perfect, His love casts out all my fears and anxieties, and my soul is liberated to soar like an angel on high. With great joy, I now make the Angel of Death my good and comfortable friend. O' mighty Angel of Death, my true forbearing and foreboding friend, where now is your sting? And to my all powerful, all knowing, and all present Celestial Father, into your hands I entrust my soul and spirit. When you truly love your gracious Creator, then every day is a good day to die!

Be a Mighty and Noble Advocate of Love

I've asked you several times in the process of this book for you to become an **Advocate of Love**, which I abbreviate as "**AoL**." What does it really mean to be an Advocate of Love, especially a Mighty and Noble Advocate of Love? The word "**advocate**" means: (1) to plead in favor of; support or urge by argument; recommend publicly; and (2) one who defends, vindicates, or espouses a cause by argument; upholder; defender. Here's my personal definition of an Advocate of Love.

Definition of an Advocate of Love

An Advocate of Love is a person who supports, recommends and urges their family, friends and acquaintances to: (1) pursue the truth about the principles of sentient-love, (2) exercise sentient-love, (3) quietly and graciously teach the principles of sentient-love, and (4) defend the principles of love as being the best Life-Principle and Life-Ideology by which a person can live their life.

It's actually a simple thing to be an AoL. Basically, you make the conscientious decision to live life by The Ideology of Love, and then you follow up on that decision by consistently exercising the fundamental principles of love. Thus, you become dedicated, devoted and committed to exercising the principles of love. In addition, you share the principles of love with other people, including family, friends and acquaintances. Upon gaining experience and confidence as an Advocate of Love, you'll find yourself sharing the principles of sentient-love with strangers. Lastly, you need to know there are two types of Advocates of Love. You'll have to make a decision which type of AoL you want to be. The two types of AoL are the Quiet Advocate of Love and the Vivacious Advocate of Love.

The Quiet Advocate of Love

The Quiet AoL is for the loving person who commits himself or herself to the quiet and inward practices of the fundamental principles of true-love. I designate this type of AoL as "the Quiet Advocate." Quiet Advocates exercise the principles of love to all persons they meet, but they especially exercise love principles with their family and friends. As a Quiet AoL, you actively talk about the principles of love with your close circle of family and friends. When you do this, you'll learn your love for them grows even stronger. Likewise, you'll learn their love for you also grows stronger. Thus, the bonds of love are reinforced, and they shall not break when the Winds of Fate blow trials and tribulations upon you and those you love. This shall be a magnificent blessing to you and those you love.

A Quiet Advocate will use every opportunity to express some little elements of love principles with strangers that are encounter every day. If the stranger is also an AoL, you may even remark to the person that they appear to be an AoL. If they

are an AoL, then they'll probably smile with you and respond in a courteous and friendly manner. If they're not an AoL, then you'll have an opportunity to briefly mention to them The Ideology of Love, especially the elements of hope, faith, brotherly love, democracy and the great optimism of life. Let them also know about the freedom of the fear of death.

Now, here's the blessing a Quiet Advocate of Love obtains for his or hers efforts. You may be the loving person whose smile and kind words lead a stranger to a better life, a more satisfying life, and a more fulfilled life. If that should happen, then I bet they'll seek you out and thank you greatly for the quiet guidance you selflessly gave them. If this doesn't happen in this world, then I know it'll happen in the world-to-come.

The Vivacious Advocate of Love

The Vivacious AoL is for the loving person who commits himself or herself to the energized and outward practices of the fundamental principles of love. I designate this type of AoL as "the Vivacious Advocate." The Vivacious Advocate is a person who is a pupil of, and an adherent follower of, the fundamental principles of true-love, whereby the Vivacious AoL actively seeks to share and teach the principles of love to others. As defined by the definition of the word "vivacious," a Vivacious AoL is a lively, animated, enthusiastic and committed Advocate of Love. Now, the Vivacious Advocate does everything the Quiet Advocate does, but they also actively seek to teach the principles of love in an active manner. This is done in many ways, and whenever and wherever opportunity strikes. But this is best done in a well planned and methodical manner. Accordingly, the Vivacious AoL actively pursues to fulfill The Great Love Mission: "To every person in every nation, let us teach the principles of love."

The potential rewards of the Vivacious Advocate are beyond human perception. And who really knows what you can do as a Vivacious Advocate of Love? Maybe you'll be the Vivacious Advocate who takes a low income neighborhood that's riddled with violent crime, dope dealers, dope addicts, and prostitutes, and turns the neighborhood into a thriving and spiritually prosperous neighbor-hood – that is, a fantastic neighborhood where concern, care and compassion rule the hearts of all who dwell there. Now, there's a neighborhood that all citizens would be proud to grow up in. Would you please be my loving

friend and neighbor? And the amazing truth is there are love-scorched and lovedried cities where one can find several neighborhoods that are a love-oasis. Love is like a cool, wet glass of water in the scorched and dry desert of despair. And as an Advocate of Love, you're the water bearer.

Start a Phileo Study Group

In the event you choose to be a Vivacious Advocate of Love, then your personal mission is to actively fulfill Love's Great Mission: "To every person in every nation, let us teach the principles of love." I personally believe the best way to accomplish this admirable mission is by having an informal and limited gathering of family and friends for the primary purpose of learning and sharing the principles of love. I call this a Phileo Study, for which the literal meaning is "the Study of Brotherly Love." Let us study together and learn the principles of love.

A Phileo Study Group should have at least six members, but no more than twelve members. The study group should meet once each week, on the same day and at the same time. Meeting consistency is critical for the success of the study. However, the group must also plan appropriate breaks from the weekly meetings. The group should choose the materials to be studied, and of course I recommend the group begin their study with this book. This obviously would be very rewarding to me on several levels. Needless to say, there are many good books on the subject of love. The group should select several books for study and be prepared to start the study of the next selected book. Include a variety of book subjects that are inspirational and enlightening to the soul. Such books can be fictional as well as nonfictional. Furthermore, the study group should mix things up such as watching a good, life affirming movie. Be sure to have a lively discussion concerning the love principles that are part of the movie.

Now, the continuous learning of the principles of love is fulfilling within itself, but a secondary advantage of a Phileo Study Group is derived from the close socialization with family and friends. Each study session should also include refreshments and time for individual interactions. At least one group session each month should include a pot luck dinner prior to the study secession. You should also vary the home location where the study session occurs. When the group has finally completed the chosen study material, you will probably find the greatest

enjoyment of the study was the socialization with your family and friends. Consequently, your bond of love shall continue to grow stronger with your family and friends. And here once again, the power and glory of love provides additional satisfaction and fulfillment in conjunction with the positive affirmation and ethereal blessings of this wonderful human experience.

Once a vivacious AoL has some experience with several Phileo Study Groups, then the AoL should start a Phileo Study Group with individuals who are outside one's immediate circle of family and friends. This would also be an excellent way of creating new friends. Places of Religious Assembly (churches, synagogues, mosques, and so forth) should also start Phileo Study Groups, both for their members and as an outreach program for their communities. I believe it would be wonderful if Vivacious Advocates would start and organize high school programs for Phileo Studies. Such Phileo Studies would be an after school activity and could even be called the Phileo Club. Furthermore, this type of activity would also be a study of many academic elements including government and civics, sociology, psychology, and theism. The heart of the program is to help these highly impressionable teenagers make wiser life-choices and to help prepare them to become better citizens. Likewise, colleges and universities should offer special programs for Phileo Study Groups. And who really knows? Maybe high schools and colleges will even offer the study of love's elementary principles as a credited course. America and all nations truly need dedicated educational courses that teach the fundamental principles of love.

An Affectionate Goodbye

I've presented many features regarding the fundamental concepts of the human experience. If there is one feature that is first important, then it's the concept of the innate value of each and every sentient human being. You are of great worth and of great value simply because you're literally a precious child of the Cosmic Creator. You're literally a very highly valued entity with a cosmic potential that's beyond your current ability of conception. You are created by your loving Creator with a cosmic element that I call the <u>PICV Factor</u>, where PICV is an acronym for <u>Personal, Intrinsic Cosmic Value</u>. If you accept this great paradigm and let it take root within your sentient heart, then your entire perspective of life becomes solidly bonded in the fundamental principles of love. When you

truly accept your PICV, then you shall become the personification of love. When this great love meets you face-to-face, it's an event you shall never forget. And you shall recall this event from time-to-time, drawing inner strength in moments of spiritual trial. Relax and rest in this moment of your destiny.

You're probably wonder how I know this cosmic condition with such personal conviction? It's because I had this personal experience of meeting love face-to-face. It was revealed to me as a PSE of the Second Kind. Such an event is a matter of subjective truth in the terrestrial world, but this great event lingers in my heart as a great objective spiritual truth. I'm confident that if you sincerely seek to know the living reality of your loving Creator, then you too shall have a PSE of the Second Kind. I hope you're wondering what a "PSE" is. "PSE" stands for "Personal Spiritual Experience."

I have sincerely learned that one of the driving forces of love is to share the meaning, power, and glory of love. This book is my personal attempt to fulfill this Driving Force of Love. How well have I done? Of course, the answer is not for me to determine. The fruits of one's love cannot be judged by oneself, but they can only be judged by others. And you shall be known by the fruits of your love. Likewise, it's proper to say: "I profess to be an Advocate of Love." But it's not proper to say: "I am an Advocate of Love." Only other people are capable of determining if you're a true Advocate of Love, and that's because they can reasonably judge the fruits of your love.

If I don't achieve my personal dream of this book being a success, then that's fully acceptable to me. I cast my fate upon the wind, and where fate blows my efforts, then that's where fate has taken me. For this I am confident. It's a far, far better thing to have tried and failed than to not have tried at all. After all, all I really have to offer you is the sincerity of my personal convictions. However, personal convictions are a dime a dozen and few people really care about another person's convictions. Hence, I sense I'm just a whisper in the wilderness where mighty prophets yell and scream for your attention. How can my whisper be heard over the clanging of the mighty prophets? On the other hand, one who truly pursues the truth shall strain an ear just to hear a whisper of truth.

Have I Helped You

My friends, I hope your efforts in reading this book have been worthy of your investment. It has been my intent and desire to speak to the heart of your very existence. Have I helped you in your journey to better understand the principles of love?

Have I enhanced and expanded your perspective of love, life and death? I truly hope so.

Have I helped you find a gracious and benevolent resting place for your mind to dwell at the moment of your terrestrial death? This would surely be a good thing to do.

Have I assisted you in building up your confidence in the belief of the world-to-come and your pending celestial birth? I wish for you to have a very happy, happy celestial birthday.

Have I tenderly touched your mind so it has lead you to a life of hope? If I have, then I am highly satisfied.

Have I gently stroked your soul so it has guided you to a life of faith? If I have, then I have accomplished a mighty deed.

And have I cast a soothing whisper to you so it slightly opened a door to your heart and the Spirit of Truth rushed in, and thereby a life of love has been actualized? If I have, then the desire of my life has been fulfilled.

If I could know I have done these things, then I shall die a very contented man.

I hope you have found some satisfaction in reading this book.

I look forward to the paths of our minds crossing once again.

Choose to be an AoL and help fulfill love's great mission.

To all my friends I say, let's <u>Luv & Liv</u> forever.

The sincerity of my love I give to all.

HSG to all!

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Please consider the following questions.

Are you a person of honorable character?

Are you a positive, proactive and optimistic person?

Do you diligently and consistently exercise true, sincere and genuine love?

Are you the kind of person who makes other people happy simply by entering their presence?

Have you forged your deep-seated beliefs by your willful exercise of introspective reflections?

Do you believe life has meaning, value and purpose that's primarily derived from a spiritual origin?

Do you believe the moment of your physical death is also the moment of your celestial birth into the world-to-come?

Where shall your mind dwell at the moment of your physical death?

If you find yourself interested in these questions, then this book by Reid Collier may help you find a better insight of love and life.

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