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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.*

Love's Great Mission

***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! It 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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Part 1

Mankind's Greatest Endeavor Is The Pursuit Of Love

1.0 Introduction

I sincerely hope the reader finds value and meaning from my personal thoughts and reflections recorded in this little book. The topic in general is love, which I specifically call "**sentient-love.**" The word "sentient" is pronounced as "sen-shent." The word "**sentient**" means "**having power of perception by the senses,**" and "**characterized by sensations.**" These senses and sensations are soulful and spiritual in their essence and their nature. Sentient-love is that deeply personal love that's becoming of a child of mankind's Creator. Accordingly, sentient-love is a higher and more mature form of love than what most people consider to be true-love. Sentient-love is the kind of love that Jesus and His disciples teach in the Christian's New Testament Bible. This is the kind of love that every human being needs to know, to understand, and to apply and exercise. In other words, this a calling for everyone to be a mighty and noble Advocate of Love.

1.1 The Challenges of Love

Most adults already know love is one of the most difficult concepts to understand. This is because: (1) love has an abstract and ethereal 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, TTrue, Sincere and Genuine Love (simplified as "TSG Love")." I also call this higher love "Cosmic Love." 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 my life. In fact, the first time I heard the word "sentient" was on the TV show Star Trek, The Next Generation. In the long-term 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 had the natural and inalienable right to explore space. I have come to perceive that mankind truly is a "sentient being" and that we truly have powers of perception by special spiritual senses.

It should also be noted 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.

1.2 The Pursuit of Happiness

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 want to know the sensation of the Joy of Life. This is true whether one is a spiritualists, a theists, a religionists, a secularists, a humanists, or a 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. Make a personal commitment to be a mighty and noble Advocate of Love.

Part 2

Fundamental Principles Of Love Taught By Jesus And His Disciples

2.0 Introduction

The word “gospel” literally means “good news.” There’s no better good news in the Christian Bible’s New Testament than the many teachings of the fundamental principles of love. These “love-teachings” are scattered throughout the New Testament. I used an electronic Bible and the computer’s “find/search” feature to uncover all the love-teachings in the New Testament. I sought the words “love, loves, loved, loving and beloved.” I also used personnel judgment to exclude some of these “love verses” which were not love-teachings.

As an example, I do not include any verses that use the word “love” in a negative connotation. In most of these cases the proper word that should have been used is the word “lust.” And of course the word “lust” is used many times in the New Testament. Without an organized method I found 18 verses that used the word “love” in a negative manner. The best example is from 1 Timothy 6: 10, which states: “**For**

the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil.” This verse is better stated in this manner: **“For the lust for money is a root of all sorts of evil.”**

Finally, by extracting the useable love-teachings, I then assembled and organize them in a natural and coherent manner. Together they form a compilation of the Gospel of Love. It’s my hope the reader will seriously reflect upon the Gospel of Love and then apply these fundamental love principles in his or hers daily life. Choose to be an Advocate of Love and you shall find a happiness and a joy that surpasses your expectations of life. This is actually the results of the Christian doctrine of “edification;” that is, to build up or increase one’s personal depository of faith. The Gospel Of Love will reveal the inner-dynamic relationships between hope, faith and love. And know this. The happiest people in life are those people who love with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their mind.

2.1 Jesus’ Love-Teachings Are Beneficial For Secular Humanists as Well as Theists

It should be noted that I’m also addressing these Biblical love-teachings in a secular manner, whereby Jesus is perceived to be a very good and very

wise philosopher. After all, His major teaching could be rightfully called “the Philosophy of Love.” Beyond any doubt, Jesus was a profound lover of all mankind. Accordingly, any theist or secular humanist will find value from the love-teachings of the Christian Bible, especially the New Testament.

The fundamental principles of love are very philosophical and are worthy of learning by everyone. The word “**philosophy**” literally means “**the love of wisdom.**” The phrase “**the Philosophy of Love**” literally means “**the love of the wisdom of love.**” In a similar manner, I believe it’s correct and proper to say that Jesus’ love-teachings were also psycho-logically based. Indeed, I personally consider Jesus to be **the Father of the Psychology of Love.** Jesus’ primary concern was for the soul of the Children of Humanity. Jesus taught: “What does a man profit if he gains the whole world but loses his soul?” In other words, your soul is worth more than all the wealth of this world! The word “**psychology**” is derived from the ancient Greek word “**psyche**” which means “**soul**”. The word “**psychology**” literally means “**the study of the soul.**” The phrase “**the Psychology of Love**” literally means “**the study of the soul of love.**” Now, theists and secular humanists, please open your hearts as well as your minds and learn from these great ancient Philosophers of Love.

2.2 The Great Commandment

The Great Commandment is to love God and neighbor with all your heart, soul and mind. **The Great Commandment is also called The Law of Love**. This great law is defined in each of the three synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The story is also told a little differently in each of these gospels.

The Great Commandment From Matthew 22: 34 – 40

*When the Pharisees heard Jesus put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question, testing Him, “Teacher, which is **the great commandment** in the Law?”*

*Jesus replied, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”***

It's not well known that Jesus was actually quoting passages from the Old Testament. The Great Commandment is first defined by Moses in his moral instructions to the Israelites. The exhortation is defined in Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 7.

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! **And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.** And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.*

The instruction to love your neighbor as yourself comes from Leviticus 19: 18.

*You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.***

Note that this verse limits the love of neighbor to the “sons of your people”. In the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30 – 37) Jesus clarifies that the concept of “one’s neighbor” is universal and includes all sentient human beings. We are all God’s children, thus making us all spiritual brothers and sisters to one another.

The Great Commandment From Mark 12: 28 – 34

In comparison to the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Mark describes the Pharisee to be a scribe instead of a lawyer, and Jesus' quote from Deuteronomy includes more detail. Verse 28 immediately follows Jesus' refutation of the Sadducees and their efforts to trick and trap Him. This is a very interesting encounter because in verse 25 Jesus provides a "peep hole revelation" of the world to come. That in itself is very uplifting.

One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that Jesus had answered the Sadducees well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?"

Jesus answered, "The foremost is, Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

And the scribe said to Him, "Right Teacher. You have truly stated that He is One; and there is no one else besides Him. And to love Him with all the heart and with all the

understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

*And when Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**"*

And after that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

The Great Commandment From Luke 10: 25 – 29

In comparison to the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, the Gospel of Luke is significantly different in that the lawyer defines The Law of Love instead of Jesus defining it. The lawyer also asks Jesus "who is my neighbor?" Jesus immediately responds (verses 30 – 37) with the story of the Good Samaritan. This is a very powerful story of the Christian heritage and our foundation to exercise brotherly love without any conditions or limitations.

*Behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Jesus to the test, saying "**Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**"*

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"

*And he answered and said, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.**”*

*And He said to him, “**You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.**” But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “**And who is my neighbor?**”*

Who is your neighbor? Jesus immediately answer's the lawyer with the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30 – 37). The vast majority of Biblical scholars agree that “your neighbor” is a universal representation that all of God's children are your neighbor. This realization in today's modern world is even more reinforced because we – that is, all the people of planet earth – are greatly blessed with mass rapid communications and mass rapid transportation. Science has greatly reduced the size of our planet; and thereby, science has also greatly enhanced the bond of universal love among all nations. Have you ever reflected upon the fact that space ship earth is just one great big neighborhood? Would you please be my neighbor?

The Young Rich Ruler

The story of the young rich ruler is defined in Matthew 19: 16 – 26 and Mark 10: 17 – 27. The story is similarly described in both gospels. The following description is based upon Matthew's story.

*And behold, one came to Him and said, "Teacher, **What good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?**"*

And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

And he said to Him, "Which ones?"

*And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother. **And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**"*

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept. What am I still lacking?"

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go sell all of your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who

owned much property. And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

*When the disciples heard this they were very astonished and said, “**Then who can be saved?**”*

*And looking upon them Jesus said to them, “**With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**”*

In this passage, the eye of a needle is not a sewing instrument. It's a narrow gate which people with their carts and animals must pass through in order to enter the city of Jerusalem. Fully loaded camels had a very difficult time passing through these narrow gates.

If all things are possible with God, then could He exercise His gracious and benevolent love with all His earthly children, no matter what their religious affiliation (if any) may be? And because He knows the true disposition of the human spirit, then He also knows who has become the personification of love. Ultimately, true, sincere, genuine love is the only thing that really matters. **Love as if your life depends upon it; because it does!**

The Disciples' Exhortations Regarding "Love Your Neighbor"

In my biblical search I found these passages where Jesus' disciples address the commandment to love your neighbor.

1. Roman 13: 8: *Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for **he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law.***
2. Roman 13: 10: ***Love** does no wrong to a neighbor; **love therefore is the fulfillment of the Law.***
3. Galatians 5: 13, 14: *You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through **love** serve one another. **For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.***
4. James 2: 8: *If, however, you are fulfilling **the royal law**, according to the Scripture, "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself,**" you are doing well.*

2.3 Love Your Enemy

Jesus' exhortation to love your enemy is defined in Matthew 5: 43 – 48 and Luke 6: 27, 28 and 35, 36. The story is similarly described in both gospels. The following description is based upon Matthew's story, which includes a little more information than Luke's gospel. Matthew's story is also part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is speaking and teaching to the crowd.

*“You have heard that it was said, You shall **love** your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven;** for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.**”*

This story is actually an exhortation to love unconditionally. Also, remember the wiseman's teaching: “The best way to destroy your enemy is to love him, and thereby make him your friend.” Do

you ever make war against your friend? Beyond any doubt, this is one of the most difficult love-teachings to grasp, understand and apply. This is especially true when you consider America's civil war when fathers fought sons and brothers fought brothers.

2.4 The Renown Sinner Woman Who Loved Much

One of the most hopeful, inspiring and uplifting love stories in the Bible is about the renown sinner woman who loved much. The story is recorded in Luke 7: 36 – 50. While this story does not identify who the woman is, many scholars speculate she's a prostitute named Mary Magdalene. Similarly, many scholars speculate this prostitute is the same woman that was to be stoned to death for adultery but was saved by Jesus' intervention (John 8: 1 – 11). While this is pure speculation, the possibility of this woman being Mary Magdalene makes for a much better story. Nevertheless, the heart of the story reveals that even a scummy prostitute can have a change of heart that leads one to a loving relationship with our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator. There's hope for all no matter how low one has sunk, thus revealing and reinforcing that with God all things are possible.

Luke 7: 36 – 50

Now, one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined at the table.

And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

Now, when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.

And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it Teacher."

*"A certain money lender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. Which of them therefore will **love** him more?"*

Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more."

And He said to him, "You have judged correctly." And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears; and wiped them with her hair.

You gave me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.

You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.

And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven. And those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"

*And He said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you; go in peace.**"*

Note how Jesus substitutes the attribute of love with the attribute of faith. First Jesus tells the woman that her sins are forgiven because she loves much. (To have your sins forgiven is to be saved, and to be saved is to obtain eternal life.) Then Jesus tells the woman her faith has saved her. This substitution of love and faith happens throughout the New Testament, and the same thing is done with the attribute of hope. This

illustrates the interrelationship between hope, faith and love. As a result of my reflections, I have come to believe that hope, faith and love provide separate paths to an eternal relationship with Jesus and our Heavenly Father. The perfect love of our Creator attracts Him to every one of His children who has a desire to have a loving relationship with Him. All it takes is an iota of hope, and that little seed of hope begins to take root. That root then begins to grow and quickly forms the trunk and branches of faith. That faith then matures and produces the flowers of faith. With time the flowers of faith mutate into the fruits of love. This fruit of love is the ultimate fruit of the Spirit. I firmly believe an iota of hope is all our Heavenly Father needs to ultimately establish a loving relationship with His child. There are many paths to our loving Creator, but hope, faith and love are the best paths, if not the only paths.

2.5 Love and Lawlessness – Matthew 24, 9 – 13

These verses occur near the end of Jesus' earthly mission. He's sitting on the Mount of Olives and His disciples come to Him asking to know more about His second coming and the end of the age. This is commonly called "the end days" or "the end of

days.” Theologically it’s called “eschatology” which literally means “the study of the end of days.” The doctrine of eschatology is highly debated within the Christian Church, mostly being split between liberal Christians and conservative Christians. The doctrine of the rapture (where the true believers of Jesus actually disappear from the face of the earth and are directly delivered to heaven) is a corner stone belief of those who adamantly believe in eschatological events. To the best of my knowledge, Matthew is the only gospel that addresses the end of days. Most of the eschatological doctrine comes from the last book of the Bible’s New Testament, “The Revelation to John (the Apocalypse)”. Hollywood loves the story of the end of days so much that they should be called “Holywood.”

*Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. **And because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold.** But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.*

It seems to me the first verse contradicts the concept of the rapture. But that's not my interest in this verse. Yesterday is history and tomorrow is a mystery. We poor, meek and week sentient human beings have little to no effect upon cosmic affairs. What is important about this verse is the fact that love truly decreases when lawlessness increases. Realize that every war is a major event of massive lawlessness. The internment of America's Japanese Americans at the beginning of World War II is an excellent example of this cosmic law. In the great spiritual battle between love and fear, fear conquers love until the enemy is totally conquered. With peace restored and lawlessness defeated, the love of mankind can now grow and increase, thus over-coming the fear of lawlessness.

2.6 The Gospel of John, the Apostle of Love

In regards to the New Testament, no apostle wrote more about **the importance of love** than the apostle John. This includes his gospel writing and his letters. The gospel of John is also a very mystical book. Many people have difficulties reading and understanding the gospel of John, especially including myself. Just consider how John's gospel begins John 1: 1 – 5.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The gospel of John also includes the most famous Bible verse known throughout the world. That verse is:

*For God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

This verse is believed by many Christians to be the very heart and soul of Christianity. The verse's associated topic begins with John 3: 16 and ends with John 3: 21. The topic is about spiritual salvation and the belief that only those who believe in Jesus as "God's only begotten Son" will be saved and be able to enter heaven for eternity with Jesus and our Heavenly Father. Many other Christians find this belief system to be too hard, too limiting, and too ineffective for a **gracious and benevolent Creator whose essence and nature is perfect love**. It's noted the Gospel of John also includes messages about love

that provide alternate concepts regarding the multiple paths to spiritual salvation. Consider the following Bible verses from this most unusual gospel. Each of these verses is an instruction from Jesus to His disciples.

The Message of Love From the Gospel of John

1. John the Baptist's Testimony – John 3: 34, 35

*The Father **loves** the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*

Related Verse John 5: 19, 20

*Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For **the Father loves** the Son, and shows Him all things He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.*

Related Verse John 10: 14 – 17

*I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. **And I have other sheep which are not of this fold. I must bring them also,** and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd. For this reason **the Father loves Me,** because I lay down My life that I may take it again.*

This message from John 10 is very mysterious and seldom addressed within Christianity. Who is this other fold of sheep that Jesus is talking about? Are they the gentiles that are Jesus' contemporaries whom Paul will eventually serve and instruct? Are they other divisions of the Christian Church, thus including Protestants, Catholics, Eastern Orthodox and other Christ based religions? Or could they be followers of other religions that are based upon the pursuit of truth and the exercise of love? Lastly, could this be other Children of Humanity who are born on other planetary birth spheres? How many birth spheres are there in our Creator's cosmos? How far does our Creator's perfect love expand in order to gather this mysterious flock of the Father's children?

Lastly, why is the love of the Father so very important? This is obviously a very vital spiritual element, but it's also a very vital earthly element. Everyone wants and needs a loving father as well as a loving mother. The approval of the father is a very deep seated psychological element of the male psyche. Many men suffer from an inferiority complex because their fathers failed to communicate their love, acceptance and approval of their sons. On the other hand, our Heavenly Father's love, acceptance and approval has no conditions. And I quickly note that our Creator's love applies equally to His daughters as well as His sons. All sentient human beings are loved equally by their gracious and benevolent Creator.

2. Make God Your Father – John 8: 42, 43

*Jesus said to them: If God were your Father, you would **love** Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.*

3. Serve Jesus for God's Honor – John 12: 25, 26

*He who **loves** his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; **if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.***

This verse has always confused me because proactive self-love is a very critical element of the human experience. The commandment to love your neighbor as yourself includes the hidden commandment to love yourself. If you didn't love yourself then how could you possibly love your neighbor? You can't share your love if you don't first possess love.

In regards to the last part of this verse, can a person make the decision to serve Jesus after the person dies? This especially applies to other world religions where a devotee truly loves God with all their heart, soul and mind. Does our gracious Creator have any time limitations in regards to His love for his Children of Humanity? Does the next verse answer this question?

4. Jesus' Love Is Eternal – John 13: 1

*Now, before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having **loved** His own who were in the world, He **loved** them to the end.*

I believe the following eight verses (paragraphs 5 through 12) are self-explanatory and leave me with two reflections. First, all of these verses address the relationships between the Father, the Son and the child of God. Service to the Son is the paramount topic. These verses also provide some interesting insights into the concepts of the Holy Trinity. Second, these eight verses illustrate why the Apostle John is called the Apostle of Love.

5. The Love Gift of the Helper – John 14: 15 – 17

***If you love Me, you will keep my commandments.** And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.*

6. Love's Infectious Nature – John 14: 21

*He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who **loves Me**; and **he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father**, and I will **love** him, and will disclose Myself to him.*

7. Love and the Heavenly Abode – John 14: 23, 24

*If anyone **loves Me**, he will keep My word; and My Father will **love** him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. He who does not **love** Me does not keep My word; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.*

8. Jesus Loves the Father – John 14: 28 – 31

*You heard that I said to you, I go away, and I will come to you. If you **loved Me**, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. Now, I have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass you may believe. I will not speak much more with you for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me but that the world may know that **I love the Father** and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do.*

9. Love, Joy and the Greatest Love – John 15: 9 – 14

*Just as the Father has **loved** Me, I have also **loved** you; **abide in My love**. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My **love**. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My **love**. just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His **love**. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. **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. You are My friends if you do what I command you.***

10. The World Hates the Godly – John 15: 17 – 19

*This I command you, that you **love** one another. If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would **love** its own; but because you are not of the world, I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

11. The Father Loves

Those Who Love the Son – John 16: 26, 27

*In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself **loves** you, because you have **loved** Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father.*

12. Love, Glory and Unity – John 17: 23 – 26

*And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst **love** them, even as thou didst **love** Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst **love** Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, although the world has not known thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them.*

The Message of Love **From the Three Letters of John**

Let us now consider the apostle John's first epistle; that is, his first letter. This is a relatively short letter, but it's highly packed with instructions about love. It amazes me how John can say so very much with so very little. In this letter John makes it very clear that we, the Children of Humanity are: (1) literarily His children, (2) that His love is perfect, (3) that His perfect love casts out all fears, and (4) that because God first loved His earthly children, we too can also love. There is no writing in the Bible that's more meaningful, powerful and hopeful than the First Letter of John.

1. Love's Propitiation – 1 John 2: 1 – 5

*My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins; and not for ours only, **but also for those of the whole world.** And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, I have come to know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar,*

and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.

The word “**propitiation**” means: the act of making favorably inclined, conciliatory or **reconciled**. The word “**reconciled**” means: (1) to bring to acceptance; (2) to settle a dispute or quarrel; (3) to bring into agreement and harmony; and (4) to make compatible. Our gracious Creator’s perfect love abounds with mercy, which naturally leads to forgiveness, and then finalizes into a state of reconciliation. Accordingly, our Heavenly Father patiently reconciles His imperfect child to His perfect love.

It seems to me that all our gracious and loving Father wants is to have a loving relationship with each and every one of His Children of Humanity. This is true no matter what earthly religious affiliation one may have, if any. God loves equally all His earthly children and never turns away a loving and obedient child. But beware! A disobedient and wayward child has the free-will to refuse to have a loving relationship with the Holy Father. Surely, such a child commits the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, which is said to be the only unforgivable sin. How does anyone come to refuse the Holy Spirit of Perfect Love?

2. Love's Enlightenment – 1 John 2: 10, 11

The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

3. Love and the Children of God – 1 John 3: 1, 2

See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

4. Love and Righteousness – 1 John 3: 10, 11

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious ; anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

5. Love's Good Deeds – 1 John 3: 14 – 18

*We know that we have passed out of death into life, **because we love the brethren.** **He who does not love abides in death.** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. We know **love** by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the **love of God** abide in him? **Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.***

6. God Is Love – 1 John 3: 23, 24

*And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and **love** one another, just as He commanded us. And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.*

7. God Is Love – 1 John 4: 7 – 13

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not

love** does not know God, **for God is love.** By this the **love of God** was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is **love**, not that we **loved** God, but that **He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** No one has beheld God at any time; if we **love** one another, God abides in us, and **His love is perfected in us.** **By this we now that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

Consider the beginning of this verse: “**for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**” If this verse is literally true, then spiritual salvation (that is, the gift of eternal life with God) is not limited to Christians only, but includes anyone who truly loves God. The power and glory of our Creator’s love extends far beyond human conception and understanding. And is it also said that love covers a multitude of sins? Truly and surely, the Christian Bible presents a daunting challenge to human understanding, and thus undermines the human confidence in human beliefs. Accordingly, all of God’s human children live by faith. This applies to all religious affiliations, if any. Any spiritual person who

pursues the truth and exercises unconditional love walks within the Light of God. If you disagree with this belief system (that is, God's abiding love is without limits), then carefully consider the next verse.

8. God's Love Casts Out Fear – 1 John 4: 16 – 21

And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God" and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

9. To Love God Is to Love Jesus – 1 John 5: 1 – 4

*Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever **loves the Father loves the child born of Him**. By this we know that we **love** the children of God, when we **love** God and observe His commandments. For this is **the love of God**, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.*

10. Love and Truth – 2 John 1: 1 & 6

*The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom **I love in truth**; and not only I, but also **all who know the truth**. And this is **love**, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.*

Most scholars agree that the “chosen lady” is the Christian Church and “her children” are the Christian brethren. This also coincides with the Biblical reference that the Church is Jesus’ bride, thus the chosen lady. In addition, it’s noted that the association of Love and Truth are cited several times in the New Testament. Only by the combination of Love and Truth can you obtain True Love.

11. Love and Our Brethren – 3 John 1: 1, 5 & 6

*The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom **I love in truth.** **Beloved**, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they bear witness to your **love** before the church; and you will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.*

2.7 The Message of Love

From Other Apostolic Letters

The Letter to the Hebrews

1. God Is Just In Response to Your
Love and Good Work – Hebrews 6: 9 – 11

*Beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the **love** which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of **hope** until the end.*

Note how the words “love and hope” are paired together again. The combined concepts of love and hope, including their interrelationship, are incredibly important in the Christian doctrine. The same applies with the word “faith.” See the next verse. I hope I’m stimulating you in your knowledge and exercise of hope, faith and love.

2. Stimulate Others to Love – Hebrews 10: 23, 24

*Let us hold fast the confession of our **hope** without wavering, for He who promised is **faithful**; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to **love** and good deeds.*

3. God Disciplines His Children – Hebrews 12: 5, 6

*You have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons: “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprov’d by Him. For those whom the Lord **loves** He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.”*

4. Love, Hospitality and Angels – Hebrews 13: 1, 2

*Let **love** of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

The Letter of James, Jesus' Brother

1. Love and the Crown of Life – James 1: 12

*Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive **the crown of life**, which the **Lord** has promised to those who **love Him**.*

Note that in this verse regarding spiritual salvation (that is, receiving the crown of life) the only spiritual attribute involved is love. Truly, sanctification by love is just as relevant and just as important as justification by faith. In addition, who is actually being referenced by the words “Lord” and “Him?” Is this God the Father or God the Son?

2. The Poor and God's Love for Them – James 2: 5

*Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in **faith** and heirs of the kingdom which **He promised to those who love Him?***

The First Letter of Peter

1. To Love God Is an Act of Faith – 1 Peter 1: 8, 9

*Though you have not seen Him, you **love** Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your **faith** the salvation of your souls.*

2. Love Fervently – 1 Peter 1: 22

*Since you have in obedience to the **truth** purified your souls for a sincere **love** of the brethren, **fervently love one another from the heart.***

3. Freedom, Honor and Love – 1 Peter 2: 17, 18

*Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond slaves of God. Honor all men; **love** the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.*

4. Love Covers a Multitude of Sins – 1 Peter 4: 8

*Above all, keep fervent in your **love** for one another, because **love** covers a multitude of sins.*

5. A Kiss of Love – 1 Peter 5: 14

*Greet one another with **a kiss of love**. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.*

The Second Letter of Peter

1. Start in Faith and End in Love – 2 Peter 1: 5 – 7

*Now, for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your **faith** supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, **love**.*

The Letter of Jude, Jesus' Brother

1. Mercy, Peace and Love – Jude 1: 2

*May **mercy** and **peace** and **love** be multiplied to you.*

2. Keeping in the Love of God – Jude 1: 20, 21

*But you **beloved**, building yourselves up on your most holy **faith**; praying in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves **in the love of God**, waiting anxiously for the **mercy** of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.*

2.8 The Message of Love From Apostle Paul's Letters

If the apostle John is the Apostle of Love, then the apostle Paul is the Great Instructor of Love. It's an objective statement to say Paul is the most prolific writer regarding the Bible's topic of love. But it's not just how much he has written. It's his writing style and his eloquence of words that are so profound. He is truly an excellent word-smith, and is often very poetic in his writings. He also makes love powerfully optimistic, so powerful that he removes the fear of death from one's mind (an intellectual element) as

well as from one's spirit and soul (an emotional element). "O' Mighty Death, where's your victory now? O' Fearful Death, where's your sting?"

Paul's Letter to the Romans

1. Faith, Hope, Love
and the Holy Spirit – Romans 5: 1 – 5

*Therefore having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by **faith** into this **grace** in which we stand; and we exult in **hope** of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, **hope**; and **hope** does not disappoint because **the love of God** has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

2. God's Demonstration of His
Perfect Love for His Children – Romans 5: 8, 9

Time and time again, the New Testament interconnects the three great spiritual attributes of hope, faith, and love. The word "grace" is also often

included. In addition, all four words are often associated with the Christian doctrine of salvation. However, the Protestant doctrine highly focuses upon “salvation by the justification by faith.” This doctrine is also related to the doctrine of “substitutionary atonement.” The root word of atonement is “atone.” From a Christian perspective the word “**atone**” means: “to make up for errors, deficiencies and sins.” We are guilty as sin and the penalty of sin is death. However, Jesus substitutes Himself in replacement of the sinner and takes on the burden of the sinner’s punishment. Jesus dies in replacement of the sinner so that the sinner can be saved from spiritual death. Here are two typical verses that address justification by faith and substitutionary atonement.

*Romans 5: 8, 9: But God demonstrates His own **love** toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood, we shall be saved** from the wrath of God through Him.*

*Galatians 3: 8: The Scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify** the Gentiles **by faith**, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying: "All the nations will be blessed in you."*

Now, consider this thought. You rarely hear a Protestant discuss salvation by hope or by love. In spite of this fact, there's a Biblical verse by Paul that explicitly states "in hope we have been saved." What do you believe? Is hope alone sufficient to save a person from spiritual death? If God is truly the essence and nature of perfect love, then wouldn't an iota of hope be sufficient for our Holy Creator to give His precious child a continuing chance for spiritual salvation?

Romans 8: 24, 25: For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Lastly, it's noted the Bible also states that spiritual salvation is achieved by the power and glory of love. This issue has already been address in Section 2.2 titled "The Great Commandment." The associated Bible verses are: Matthew 22: 34 – 40 Mark 12: 28 – 34 Luke 10: 25 – 29. It should also be emphasized that Jesus is directly responding to this question: "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Of course, "eternal life" is the very heart and soul of the concept of spiritual salvation. The next verse is a continuation of the concept of "salvation by love."

3. The Benefit of Loving God – Romans 8: 28

God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God.

4. No External Power Can Separate
God's Love From You – Romans 8: 38, 39

*I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God,** which is Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Bible scholars and clergy are quick to note that this list does not include the individual person. In other words, only you – the individual – has the power and ability to separate yourself from the love of God. It's your internal power of sentient free-will that allows you to accept your Creator or to reject your Creator. You create a relationship with your Creator by **truly accepting** His love. And because your Creator first loved you, you are now empowered to unconditionally love Him and all His children. This is the spiritual doctrine of the sanctification by love, and you don't have to be a Christian in order to be sanctified by love.

5. Love's Devotions – Romans 12: 9, 10

*Let **love** be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in **brotherly love**.*

6. Love Fulfills the Law – Romans 13: 8 – 10

*Owe nothing to anyone except to **love** one another; for he who **loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law**. For this, “You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not covet.” And if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying: “You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.” **Loves** does no wrong to a neighbor; **love therefore is the fulfillment of the law**.*

7. By the Love of the Spirit – Romans 15: 30

*Now I urge you, brethren, by **the love of the Spirit**, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.*

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

1. God Preparations for
Those Who Love Him – 1 Corinthians 2: 9

*Things which eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for **those who love Him**.*

2. Love and Gentleness – 1 Corinthians 4: 20, 21

*For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power. What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod or with **love** and a spirit of gentleness?*

3. Love Edifies – 1 Corinthians 8: 1 – 3

*Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but **love edifies**. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; **but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him**.*

The word “**edify**” means: (1) to build up or increase the hope, faith, morality, or other similar

attribute; and (2) to uplift. Needless to say, our Creator's love is very uplifting. Is God's love so great that it will enable sentient human beings to actually fly in the world to come?

4. Pursue Love and
Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 14: 1 – 4

***Pursue love**, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. **But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.** One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.*

This verse immediately follows Paul's famous Love Chapter, which is Chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians. Paul's Love Chapter is addressed below in paragraph 2.8. It's recommended the reader return to the above verse after reading Paul's Love Chapter. Of course, the above verse addresses the charismatic element of the Church, which is just as important today as it was at the birth of the Christian Church.

5. Do All in Love – 1 Corinthians 16: 13, 14

*Be on the alert, stand firm in the **faith**, act like men, be strong. **Let all that you do be done in love.***

6. A Sweet Goodbye – 1 Corinthians 16: 20 – 24

*All the brethren greet you. **Greet one another with a holy kiss.** The greeting is in my own hand – Paul. If anyone does not **love** the Lord, let him be **accursed**. **Maranatha**. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My **love** be with you all in Christ Jesus.*

The actual meaning of the word “maranatha” is in dispute. I found three different translations, but all have a similar meaning: (1) O Lord, come! (2) Come, Lord! and (3) Our Lord has come. It’s also stated that the word is used as a curse. It seems to me that to curse someone is not a loving act, but is actually contrary to the fundamental principles of true love. Consequently, this verse begins with a holy kiss greeting and then ends with a goodbye curse. Could that really be Paul’s intent?

Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

1. The Anguish of Love – 2 Corinthians 2: 4

*For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that you should be made sorrowful, but that you might know the **love** which I have especially for you.*

The city of Corinth, which is located at the southern end of Greece, was a strategic, commercial center with a variety of races, nationalities and religions. It was known to be a very rough city that was morally depraved. Paul also had a very difficult time with the local Jewish synagogues. In addition the Corinthian church members were naturally quarrelsome and divided. As a result, Paul anguished over the spiritual growth of the Corinthians. Paul is like a loving parent dealing with disobedient teenage sons and daughters. You would be hard pressed to find any parents who never experienced the anguish of rebellious children. How many tears have you cried for your children?

2. God's Love Controls Us – 2 Corinthians 5: 14, 15

*For **the love of Christ** controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore*

all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

3. Let Love Abound in You – 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 8

*But just as you abound in everything, in **faith** and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the **love** we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. I am not speaking this as command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your **love** also.*

4. Prove Your Love – 2 Corinthians 8: 24

*Therefore openly before the churches, **show them the proof of your love** and of our reason for boasting about you.*

How do you show the proof of your love? Do you do this utilizing your intelligence as well as your emotions? How intelligent is your love? Or in other words, **what's your Love IQ?** And is your Love IQ sufficient to clearly communicate your love, your commitment, your dedication, and your devotion? True lovers must learn all they can learn about the

fundamental principles of love, and then they must diligently and consistently exercise those principles.

5. *God Loves*

A Cheerful Giver – 2 Corinthians 9: 7 – 8

*Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.*

6. *God Knows Your Love – 2 Corinthians 11: 10, 11*

*As the **truth** of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of Achaia. Why? Because I do not **love** you? God knows I do!*

7. *Love Consumes Itself – 2 Corinthians 12: 15*

*And I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. If I **love** you the more, am I to be **loved** the less?*

One of the hurdles of love that must be overcome is the comparison of your love acts that are

given to others versus the love acts by others that are given to you. In effect, this is the practice of “keeping a love score. This is called “pan scale love.” Pan scale love is a conditional love whereby one person says I’ll give you two acts of love if you first give me two acts of love. The truth is, your love is not measured by how much you love others; but instead, your love is measured by how much others love you. The Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz learned this great law when the Oz was rewarding Dorothy’s three companions. The Tin Man learned that only love can break a heart. The Wizard of Oz is a great story of the pursuit of intelligence, love and courage; these being three great attributes that are desired by all.

Lastly, this issue also involves the Law of Reciprocity; that is, exchanging “a tit’ for tat’. In spiritual matters, what you give away always comes back to you, often multiplied by very substantial quantities. As one seed is the source of one tree, the tree itself produces bushels of fruit, year after year and until the tree comes to its natural end.

8. A Loving Goodbye – 2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 14

*Finally brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and **the God of love and peace** shall be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the*

*saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and **the love of God**, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

Paul's Letter to the Galatians

1. **Loved By Crucifixion – Galatians 2: 20**

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by **faith** in the Son of God, **who loved me**, and delivered Himself up for me.*

2. **Faith Working Through Love – Galatians 5: 4 – 6**

*You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit, by **faith**, are waiting for the **hope** of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but **faith working through love**.*

I'm truly amazed by the New Testament's repeated message of the Spiritual Triad of Salvation: Hope, Faith and Love. Hope endures. Faith preserves. And Love prevails. In addition, it's clear to me that salvation is not a monolithic condition based solely on faith. Salvation involves the germination of

Hope, Faith and Love. Hope consecrates. Faith justifies. Love sanctifies. And of course, of the three Love is the greatest. **Ultimately, the children of God who truly love their gracious and benevolent Creator become the Personification of Love.**

3. The Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5: 22, 23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Bible scholars and clergy are quick to note that the first fruit of the Spirit is the attribute of love. This also reinforces the doctrine that love is the greatest.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

1. Before God, Holy and
Blameless By Love – Ephesians 1: 3,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love.

Consider the above phrase “*just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world.***” Is this a doctrine of predestination? If this is true, then does mankind really have free-will and sentient freedom? This type of phrase occurs several times in the New Testament. Furthermore, if this belief is true, then the game of human life is rigged against the losers. This also means sentient human beings are created unequal, and the lucky blessed children of God receive special favors and gifts. You can also throw Democracy out the window.

Verses such as this one cause a natural skepticism of the Christian Bible. Where does one find the real truth? Nonetheless, no one said the Bible was easy to read and understand. The truth is everyone believes what they want to believe because that what they want to believe and that’s what they want the truth to be. I personally reject the concept of predestination while embracing sentient freedom, the equality of sentient human beings, and the power and glory of our gracious and benevolent Creator’s perfect love.

2. Love and Thankfulness – Ephesians 1: 15 –17

*For this reason I too, having heard of the **faith** in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and your **love** for all the saints, **do not cease giving thanks for you**, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.*

3. God’s Loving Mercy – Ephesians 2: 4 – 7

*God, rich in **mercy**, because of **His great love with which He loved us**, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of **His grace in kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Bible scholars and clergy note that the grace that saves you is the grace of love. The grace of faith may also save you, but it’s the grace of love that’s associated with our loving Creator’s richness of mercy. Know also that mercy is a product of love.

4. Be Rooted and
Grounded in Love – Ephesians 3: 17 – 19

*So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through **faith**; and that you, being rooted and grounded in **love**, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know **the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

5. Walk in the Manner of Love – Ephesians 4: 1 – 3

*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in **love**, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

6. Build Up the Body
of Christ in Love – Ephesians 4: 14 – 16

*As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking **the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the*

whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

7. Imitate God's Love – Ephesians 5: 1, 2

*Therefore, **be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.***

8. Husbands' Ultimate Love – Ephesians 5: 25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

From my personal experience I've learned that many Christian men are uneasy with this verse. What it states is for a husband to sacrifice his life so that his wife will be saved. The meaning of the verse could also be stated in this Biblical phrase. "Greater love has no husband than the husband who is willing to lay down his life for his wife." So, here's a question for the husbands to consider. Would you be willing to die in order to save your wife's life? This is an unfair question, but hopefully it's also a very thought

provoking question. As a good Christian warrior, would you be willing to march into hell for a heavenly fight to rescue your wife? This theme continues in verses 28 and 33.

9. Love With Faith – Ephesians 6: 23, 24

*Peace be with the brethren, and **love with faith**, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who **love** our Lord Jesus Christ with a **love** incorruptible.*

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

1. Your Love Must Evolve – Philippians 1: 9

*This I pray, that **your love** may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment.*

2. Love With Pure Motives – Philippians 1: 15 – 18

*Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; the latter do it out of **love**, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the Gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my*

*imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in **truth**, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.*

It's not well known within the Church that other independent believers and followers of Jesus were out among the people teaching the fundamental principles that were taught by Jesus. Even during Jesus' teaching period there were undefined followers who were teaching the Gospel of Jesus. Some of the disciples wanted Jesus to make them stop, but Jesus wouldn't interfere with them. It's uplifting to know that some of God's children take an independent initiative to share the glorious passion of Jesus. I truly wonder who these independent preachers were. Will we be able to learn more about them in the world-to-come, and will we be able to personally meet these Lovers of Christ? And did they die a martyrs death the same as the apostles did?

3. Be Like Christ – Philippians 2: 1 – 4

*If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of **love**, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same **love**, unite in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from*

*selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; **do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.***

4. Let Your Mind Dwell on
What Is Lovely – Philippians 4: 8 – 9

*Finally, brethren, whatever is **true**, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **let your mind dwell on these things.** The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.*

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

1. Faith, Love,
Hope and Truth – Colossians 1: 3 – 5

*We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and the **love** which you have for all the saints; because of the **hope** laid up for you in the word of **truth**, the gospel.*

2. Spiritual Love, Knowledge,
Wisdom and Understanding – Colossians 1: 7 – 9

*Just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a **faithful** servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of **your love in the Spirit**. For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

3. Be Knit Together in Love – Colossians 2: 1, 2

*For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, that their hearts may be encouraged, **having been knit together in love**, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a **true** knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself.*

4. Put on Love, the Perfect
Bond of Unity – Colossians 3: 12 – 15

*And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and **beloved**, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and*

*patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things put on **love, which is the perfect bond of unity**. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

5. Wives, Husbands
and Children – Colossians 3: 18 – 19

*Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, **love** your **wives**, and do not be embittered against them. Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.*

Now, here's a super sensitive issue of today's church. The women's independent movement has greatly affected the Christian Church. Equality of the sexes has been duly mandated by the women of America, and they're no longer willing to be subject to their husbands and submissive to their husbands. Today, we the People, representing the majority of the People believe in the equality of the sexes and marital collaboration, and the pursuit of being soul mates and life mates.

The social, political and religious doctrine of gender equality has been revised from “all men are created equal” to “all sentient human beings are created equal.” Furthermore, our women have affectively obtain most of their desires for democratic equality. This is a hard fought fact. The evolutionary development of mankind has greatly challenged many Biblical doctrines and dogmas. Lastly, be sure to note that when Paul wrote this verse polygamy was a common occurrence. Women being subject to and submissive to their husbands is as out dated as polygamy.

Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians

1. Faith, Love and Hope – 1 Thessalonians 1: 2 – 4

*We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your **work of faith**, and **labor of love**, and **steadfastness of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.*

2. The Comfort of Love and Faith When Under Distress and Affliction – 1 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 8

*But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us **good news of your faith and love**, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, for this reason, brethren, is all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your **faith**; for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord.*

3. Abound in Love – 1 Thessalonians 3: 11 – 13

*Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; and **may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men**, just as we also do for you; so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness, before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.*

4. God Teaches Us to Love – 1 Thessalonians 4: 9

*Now as to **the love of the brethren**, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are **taught by God to love one another**.*

5. We Are the Knights of Love in the
War for Salvation – 1 Thessalonians 5: 8, 9

*But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having **put on the breastplate of faith and love**, and as a helmet, **the hope of salvation**. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

6. The Relationship Between
Love and Esteem – 1 Thessalonians 5: 12, 13

*But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you **esteem them very highly in love because of their work**. Live in peace with one another.*

Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians

1. Your Faith and Love Must
Continue to Grow – 2 Thessalonians 1: 3

*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your **faith** is greatly enlarged, and the **love** of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater.*

2. Love, Hope and
Grace – 2 Thessalonians 2: 16, 17

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has **loved** us and given us eternal comfort and good **hope** by **grace**, comfort and strengthen your hearts in **every good word** and work.*

Let's stop and reflect upon this phrase: "**Every good word.**" Never underestimate the power of words, be they spoken words or written words. And carefully consider the words of love versus the words of **animosity**, especially words of **belligerent animosity**. What you say can hurt a person far more than a hard punch in the face. On the other hand, loving words of kindness can lift up a depressed soul or can heal a broken hearted spirit. What does become of the broken hearted?

Truly, what a person says can be incredibly important and powerful. On the other hand, words of animosity create scars that are beyond the perception of human vision. But the angels know all the spiritual scars a person bears. I wonder what belligerent words were spoken to give that person a broken hearted spirit. Everyone should know deep in their hearts they have the phenomenal power to cast words that either

build up a person or cut down a person. And only those who consistently exercise true, sincere and genuine Love closely watch the words they utter. Remember, Love is Patient. Love is Kind. If you can't say something Kind, then don't say anything at all.

3. The Love of God – 2 Thessalonians 3: 5

*And may the Lord direct your hearts into the **love of God** and into the steadfastness of Christ.*

Paul's First Letter to Timothy

1. Let Love Be Your Goal – 1 Timothy 1: 5

*But the goal of our instruction is **love** from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere **faith**.*

2. The Mercy, Grace, Faith
and Love of Jesus – 1 Timothy 1: 12 –14

*I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me **faithful**, putting me into service; even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor*

and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

3. Women Shall Be

Preserved If ••• – 1 Timothy 2: 13 – 15

*For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression. **But women shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.***

Here's another controversial verse, this time about women giving birth. The verse is part of the subtitle "Women Instructed" which begins with verse 9 and ends with verse 15. The topic is about what women can wear, what they can't wear, being totally submissive to their husbands, and not teaching or exercising authority over a man, but instead, the woman must remain quite. This perspective of life doesn't sit well with most American women.

Now, does the last sentence of the verse mean women won't have labor pains in child birth provided" (1) they have faith in Jesus, (2) they love Jesus, and

(3) they have the saintliness of sanctity? I truly doubt anyone can satisfactorily answer this question. Lastly, the verse in regards to Adam and Eve is meaningless if the Science of Evolution is factual and truthful. Most evolutionists reject the Biblical story of the creation of Adam and Eve. For the evolutionists, mankind slowly evolved over a long period of millenniums, and mankind is still evolving.

In further reflections, the Christian doctrine of substitutionary atonement is totally based upon the reality of Adam and his fall from God's grace. If Adam never existed, then substitutionary atonement is without merit. This is an issue that requires serious contemplation and reflection. If Adam never existed, then why did Jesus have to die, and did He have to die?

4. Instructions of Love, Faith and Purity to
the Young Minister Timothy – 1 Timothy 4: 12

*Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, **love, faith** and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.*

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

1. The Spirit of Power,
Love and Discipline – 2 Timothy 1: 6, 7

*And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of **power** and **love** and **discipline**.*

2. Faith and Love in Jesus – 2 Timothy 1: 13, 14

*Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the **faith** and **love** which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.*

3. Pursue Faith and Love – 2 Timothy 2: 22, 23

*Now, flee from youthful lust, and **pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace**, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.*

4. Paul's Love & Endurance – 2 Timothy 3: 10, 11

*But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, **faith**, patience, **love**, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord delivered me!*

5. Love and Physical Death – 2 Timothy 4: 7, 8

*I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the **faith**. In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have **loved** His appearing.*

Paul's Letter to Titus

1. Be the Good Overseer,
Loving What Is Good – Titus 1: 7 – 9

*For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, **loving** what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.*

2. Duties of the Older Women – Titus 2: 3 – 5

*Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, that they may encourage the younger women to **love** their husbands, to **love** their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.*

3. God's Love for Mankind and
the Hope of Eternal Life – Titus 3: 4 – 8

*But when the kindness of God our Savior and His **love** for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His **mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that being justified by His **grace** we might be made heirs according to **the hope of eternal life**.*

4. Paul's Farewell With
Love, Faith and Grace – Titus 3: 15

*All who are with me greet you. Greet those who **love** us in the **faith**. **Grace** be with you all.*

Paul's Letter to Philemon

1. Thankfulness, Prayers, Love,
Faith, Joy and Comfort – Philemon 1: 4 – 9

*I **thank** my God always, making mention of you in my **prayers**, because I hear of your **love**, and of the **faith** which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; and I **pray** that the fellowship of your **faith** may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake. For I have come to have much **joy** and **comfort** in your **love**, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother. Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you to do that which is proper, yet for **love's** sake I rather appeal to you – since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.*

2.9 Paul's Love Chapter

First Corinthians, Chapter 13

Paul's Love Chapter is one of the most favorite writings in the entire Christian Bible. Verse 4 is one of the most popular verses in the chapter, where it begins: "Love is patient, love is kind." The most popular verse is the last verse: "**But now abide faith,**

hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” What makes the chapter really interesting is that it’s right in the middle of Paul’s scorching admonishment to the Corinthian church. This was a charismatic church where many of the congregation spoke in tongues, prophesized, performed spiritual healings, and exercised other gifts of the Spirit.

These charismatic Christians became proud of their spiritual gifts, and became so proud that they were arrogant. Accordingly, there was great dissension in the church, affectively causing dissatisfaction and turmoil throughout the church. The charismatic members were separating themselves from the non-charismatic members. This act of charismatic separation still occurs today. The Bible verse First Corinthians 13: 12 ends with Paul saying:

All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

Chapter 13 is subtitled “The Excellence of Love.” The chapter begins by addressing the ability to talk with the tongues of angels. It’s not well known that Paul is actually talking about the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues. It’s also important to realize that

the chapter includes several other important topics besides the topic of love. Paul describes many important attributes of love, but he also addresses: (1) the meaningfulness of spiritual gifts without love, (2) the limits of spiritual gifts which only apply to our physical world, (3) the importance of maturity, and especially spiritual maturity, (4) the limits of spiritual knowledge within our physical world, thus causing great uncertainty in our world, and (5) love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts. In contrast, love is the very essence and nature of the spiritual world; that is, our world-to-come, better known as the Kingdom of Love. Wherever you find love on earth, there too you find a little bit of heaven on earth.

First Corinthians, Chapter 13 ***The Excellence of Love***

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous. Love does not brag, is not arrogant, and does not act unbecomingly. Love does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

But if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away. If there are tongues, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child. When I became a man, I did away with childish things.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

2.10 The Prodigal Son

I intentionally saved the best love story in the New Testament for the last discussion in this Gospel of Love. This is the story of the prodigal son, and it is absolutely the best and most wonderful story ever told. I wonder how many times Jesus shared this parable with His audiences? The story is only told in the gospel of Luke. Note that the word “love” isn’t even used in the entire story. Nevertheless, the heart of the story is all about God’s love for all of His precious children. And that especially includes you!

Luke 15: 11 – 32: The Prodigal Son

Jesus said: A certain man had two sons, and the younger of them said to his father: “Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.” And he divided his wealth between them.

And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. Now, when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need. And he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he was longing to fill his stomach with the pods that

the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.

*But when **he came to his senses**, he said: “How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired men.”*

*And he got up and came to his father. **But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him.** And the son said to him: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves: “Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and **put a ring on his hand**, and sandals on his feet. And bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; **for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again. He was lost, and has been found.**” And they began to be merry.*

Now, his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be. And he said to him: “Your brother has come and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him

back safe and sound.” But he became angry, and was not willing to go in.

And his father came out and began entreating him. But he answered and said to his father: “Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours. And yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.”

And he said to him: “My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”

The word “**prodigal**” means: “wastefully spending much more than what is necessary or wise, and thus going beyond what is deserved or justifiable.” You don’t have to be rich to be a prodigal person. You can be foolishly wasteful with \$10 as well as \$10,000. Would you spend \$10 for a piece of bubble gum? On the other hand, prodigal wastefulness on selfish, immoral desires and lustful endeavors have a much darker content for human judgment and reaction. Most people, including Christians, would find it very difficult to welcome home a prodigal child. But then, they wouldn’t have given the inheritance to the

wayward child in the first place. It's very good that our gracious and benevolent Creator knows the heart of the person; thus, He easily knows true remorse and repentance. Everyone needs a second chance for love and life. Now, what is this story all about? Here are my personal reflections. This story is about:

1. The Father's joy of a returning wayward child.
2. His divine love.
3. His boundless mercy'
4. His limitless measure of grace.
5. His infinite generosity.
6. His eagerness to have the return of His lost child.
7. The realization that just the presence of His children brings Him great joy and happiness.

Here are God's trademarks: love, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption. Also, remember Paul's exhortation that nothing can separate you from God's love except yourself. Truly, the best thing we can find in this world is unconditional love, and especially our Creator's love for all His children, even His wayward prodigal sons and daughters.

The true heart of this story concerns the first attribute of love which states: **True-love is actively concerned for the soulful sensations of acceptance**

and belonging. When you truly love someone then you accept them just as they are. This includes all their soulful blemishes, spiritual warts, character weaknesses, and personality irritations. Now, this doesn't mean unloving thoughts, words, actions and character traits are acceptable. On the contrary, in the Kingdom of Love you actively desire to be the most loving person you can possibly be. Always take your best and make it better. So, having been unconditionally accepted, you now find yourself belonging to the Family of God. What greater blessing could there be in all the Cosmos than having the absolute certainty that you belong in the Kingdom of Love?

In accordance to Jesus' story, the father is so happy to see his wayward son that he runs out of the house and down the road to greet the wayward son. The father doesn't even give the son a chance to proclaim his disobedience, unworthiness, and his request just to be a servant in his father's house. But the father wouldn't have anything to do with this act of repentance. Instead, the father accepts the son, embraces the son, reestablishes the son's sensation of belonging, and makes the son feel welcomed and comfortable.

Finally, the story of the prodigal son truly is a story of hope, repentance, mercy and redemption. If you find yourself in need of unconditional love – no

matter what unloving thoughts and acts you may have inflicted upon others – then dare to seek God’s love. Your **hope** in the living reality of your loving Creator is where life truly begins. Step by step your **faith** shall grow, for faith is not a leap as some believe, but faith involves small, sensible and rational steps. And before you know it, you’ll be producing baskets of a glorious fruit which we call **love**. You shall be known by the fruit you bear. Try it. You’ll like it! **Lastly, would you like to receive a Ring of Love from your great and benevolent Creator? Servants don’t wear the Ring of Love; only the Creator’s children wear the Ring of Love. Now, are you a Servant of God or a Child of God?**

Part 3

A Sincere And Cheerful Farewell

3.0 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.

3.1 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

antilothers 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. Now, 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.

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

Sentient Promise #2: 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.

Sentient Promise #3: 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!

3.2 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 neighborhood – 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 love-dried 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.

3.3 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 session. 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.**

3.4 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 **PICV Factor**, where PICV is an acronym for **Personal, Intrinsic Cosmic Value**. 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. And 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'm hoping 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.

The Gospel Of Love

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 Luv & Liv forever.*

The sincerity of my love I give to all.

HSG to all!

Reid Collier

A Cheerful Greeting From The Phileo Phoundation!

The author's website is called "The Phileo Phoundation." The Phileo Phoundation literally means "The Brotherly Love Foundation." The word "phileo" is an ancient Greek word for "brotherly love." The Phileo Phoundation actively promotes and encourages all citizens to be Advocates of Love, Democracy and Theism. The Phileo Phoundation is a spiritually based website that deeply believes in the living reality of mankind's gracious, benevolent and loving Creator; that is, the Great Divinity of Democracy. The Phileo Phoundation promotes love, democracy, spiritualism and theism. The Freedom of Religion is paramount.

This is a self-help website whereby the goal and purpose of the website is "to make this a little bit better world one person at a time." This is accomplished by challenging the visitor to examine and improve upon his or hers interpersonal, deep-seated beliefs. A person becomes the manifestation of their deep-seated beliefs, whereby their internal beliefs are demonstrated by their external character. You are what you believe. Now, consider this. Do you want to have a better understanding of love and life, and do you want to be a better and more loving and happier person? (What is your Love IQ?) If you answer yes to these questions, then please let The Phileo Phoundation help you in your quest. The website address is: www.phileo-phoundation.com.

Notes and Reflections

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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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