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This book is intended for the person who wants to obtain a better understanding of the principles of true-love. The book includes discussions regarding all forms of love including conditional love (pseudo-love) and unconditional love (true-love). The book is based upon the premise that the meaning, value and purpose of life are founded upon the virtues of true-love. Topics include the ideology of love and its ethereal nature, the philosophy of love, love's 3'C, love's top ten attributes, and The Law of Love. Love is like a rainbow, shining all the colors of life upon the Children of Humanity. If you have true-love, then what do you lack? But if you lack true-love, then what do you have? The book is written from the perspective of a spiritualist (versus a religionist) and is based upon three spiritual tenets of belief.

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

If the reader finds value from this book, then the reader would probably enjoy other books written by the author. Let us pursue together the Art of Loving and Living.

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Love is never an accidental occurrence!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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! 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 1 needs love, and that especially includes you and me!

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A Sincerely Cheerful Greeting!

May the reader find value and meaning from my personal thoughts and reflections recorded in this book. The topic is love; and as most adults already know, love is one of the most difficult concepts in life to understand. I'm talking about True, Sincere and Genuine Love, or what I call TSG Love and also Cosmic **Love.** Because there are so many forms of pseudo love, it's necessary to clearly distinguish real and unconditional love from the many forms of false and conditional love. Here are the first four important truths about love. (1) Love is complex. (2) Love is abstract. (3) Love can be very mysterious and mystifying. (4) Love can cause you to have immense pleasure or it can break your heart. I personally perceive love from the perspective of a spiritualist. I believe in the living reality of mankind's Creator. Nevertheless, as a spiritualist or a nonspiritualist, everyone knows love can be glorious ecstasy or soulful misery. And everyone sometime in their life will know both the ecstasy of love and the heart ache of love. What are the positive elements of love that make people so desperate to realize the beauty of love? Is the pursuit of true-love worth the potential miseries that may be incurred? Are you willing to keep trying until you have achieved the grace of love? What are your personal understandings and beliefs about this crazy little thing we call love? And do you have a desire to learn more about love? If you do, then you should read this book.

If you actually read this book, then you will have accomplished a truly admirable task. This is especially true in light of the fact that the book is written by a daily citizen and not a professional writer. I'm not in the business of psychology, theology, sociology, or any other social science which is usually the background source for this type of book. In fact, I'm the son of a professional sailor, where the son is much saltier than the old Chief. I'm blue collar by birth and white collar by education and occupation. I have feed, clothed and supported my family by the occupation of electrical engineer. And engineers are widely known for their inability to spell correctly, to write correctly, and to explain themselves in a clear and understandable manner.

My only credentials that qualify me to write this book are these. I've been happily married for over four decades, and I've only been married once. I've been a father of three for over three and one-half decades. I've been a grandfather of three for almost one and one-half decades. And I have a total life-experience of over six decades. And please believe me! A long life-experience really does

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matter! In addition, I should also let you know that I'm known to my family, friends and co-workers to be a rascal. Sometimes I may go too far and become the mischievous rascal, thus embarrassing myself, my children, my friends, strangers, and much too often my lovely wife. But most of the time I'm just the jovial rascal adding a little fun to the daily life.

I like to think I'm adding color and warmth to our gray and cold world. I also deeply believe our world needs much more laughter and many more smiles. To me personally, life is to be sincerely appreciated and celebrated whenever and wherever possible. Sharing friendship and humor is a significant part of celebrating life. But you can't really celebrate life if you don't dance, especially to dance to the old Rock & Roll music. Does your mama dance and does your daddy Rock & Roll? Let's raise an ice cold mug of beer and drink to a good cheer. "To love and life, to family and friends, and to the ethereal pleasures derived from those you love and from those who love you!"

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

friends; and in the end, I hope we become two good friends. I'm now at the threshold of completing this book, and I wonder if my hard and long labors will bear any fruit? This is how I shall measure the success of my efforts.

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If I could tenderly touch the mind of just one person so it leads them to a life of hope, then I shall be highly satisfied. If I could gently stroke the soul of just one person so it guides them to a life of faith, then I shall have accomplished a mighty deed. And if I could cast a soothing whisper of truth to just one person so it slightly opens a door to their heart and the Spirit of Truth then rushes in and a life of love is actualized, then the purpose of my life shall be fulfilled. If I could obtain just this level of success, then I shall die a contented man.

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

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

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

HSG to all!

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Part 1

Preliminary Concepts About Truth And Love

First Reflections

This book is about the pursuit of truth which leads to the understanding of love. I'm talking about the "real truth" which I call "The Cosmic Truth." Love is as complex and confusing as it's desirable and powerful. Subsequently, discerning The Cosmic Truth about Cosmic Love is a significant challenge. What is The Cosmic Truth about Cosmic Love, and how do I convince you I know this great truth? For myself, I know the path of truth is paved with critical doubt, and all my assertions are but reasons to doubt me. How do you discern the difference between the biased and self-serving opinions of a self-deceived demagogue versus the wise and truthful counsel of a noble sage? History has proven demagogues can appear to be very wise, sincere and convincing in the short-term; but in the long-term these demagogues lead their followers to their doom. Ultimately, you must seek The Cosmic Truth for yourself, actively seeking the long-term effects as well as the short-term effects. For my own part, I only promise you the sincerity of my love and the gentle convictions of my heart. Meanwhile, I believe you'll find great value in what I have to share.

In your personal endeavor to pursue and find The Cosmic Truth – that is, the real truth and nothing but the truth – I only ask one thing of you. In the intentional process of formulating your beliefs, exercise the following methodology.

The Truth-Seeker's Methodology

- 1. Ensure your beliefs are as objective as possible.
- 2. Ensure your beliefs are reasonable, sensible, rational and logical.
- 3. Ensure your beliefs are compatible and consistent.
- 4. Ensure your beliefs are sincere and genuine.
- 5. Ensure your beliefs enhance life and not impair life.

Please read and ponder carefully what I share with you. After all, it just might bring meaning, understanding and happiness into your life. And it just might bring peace, order and harmony into an otherwise chaotic existence. So, if you're truly willing, then prepare yourself for serious reflections. To understand love and life you must first stop and think, reflect and ponder. Remember the Wiseman who warned us: "An unexamined life is not worth living." Life is not easy, and if you want to understand the meaning, value and purpose of life, then you must discipline yourself for The Great Quest for Understanding. Commit your mind and spirit to the challenging quest of uncovering love's elementary principles and to understanding life's meaning, value and purpose. This is truly a journey of the soul, thus reflecting the essence of your inner person, your inner spiritual yearnings, and your ethereal nature. Herein now, let us begin the journey. Ponder and reflect wisely upon the following reflections about true-love. But before we proceed there are some fundamental concepts that first need to be addressed and understood.

Primordial Concepts About Truth and Antitruth

<u>Truth</u>: The truth shall set you free. Truth is a verifiable and indisputable fact, idea, ideal, principle, concept, condition, experience, or other similar state of reality, thus revealing the Realities of Reality of the Cosmos. By personal convention, I use the phrase "The Cosmic Truth" to designate "that which is truly-true." Those who pursue the truth and embrace the truth to the best of their ability are known as "the People of the Truth."

Antitruth: The antitruth shall enslave you. That which is "not-true" is called antitruth. Antitruth can be either a direct opposite of truth or an indirect opposite of truth. Antitruth is also the distortion of truth, the deviation of truth, the opposition to truth, and the contrast of truth. Antitruth conceals the Realities of Reality. Those who evade the truth, distort the truth, or deviate from the truth are known as "the People of the Lie."

First, I want to explain the meaning of the word "primordial" as I'm now using it. The word "primordial" means: "constituting a beginning; giving origin to something derived or developed; original; and elementary." All lessons about life should always begin with a deep-seated and heartfelt desire to know all original and elementary truths about life. In other words, the meaning, value and purpose of life begin with the sincere and internalized desire to know The Cosmic Truth. The Cosmic Truth is out there somewhere, and as a sentient human being, it's your personal responsibility to find it. Seek and you shall find. Furthermore, truth can be objective or subjective, and can occur in many shades of gray. The personal perceptions of truth can be as variable as the waves upon the oceans. In spite of the immense difficulties of "truth-seeking," sentient human beings have consistently and reverently sought that which mankind calls "self-evident truths." But beware! Some people are willing to die for what they personally perceive to be The Cosmic Truth, even if you personally perceive this "so called Cosmic Truth" to be Cosmic Antitruth. This we know for sure. Properly perceiving The Cosmic Truth, especially "The Cosmic Spiritual Truth," is the greatest challenge of the sentient human experience. You must consistently discern truth and antitruth in order to live a happy, joyful and fulfilling life.

Antitruth is the antithesis of truth." The word "antithesis" means "opposition; contrast; the direct opposite." In addition, antitruth has a twin brother whose name is "Hypocrisy." Hypocrisy is the personification of a living lie. In addition, antitruth may occur intentionally or unintentionally. Consequently, the truth-seeker must wield a two edge sword – one edge to wisely discern and embrace the truth and the other edge to defend against the deceit and foolishness of antitruth. And of course, antitruth is most devastating when it's intentionally used in a malicious and malevolent manner.

Primordial Concepts About Love and Antilove

Love: As a basic perspective, **love** is the active concern for the well-being of another person, or corporeal entity, or celestial entity, thus demonstrating the lover's embracing affirmation of life and creation. Love is always active in its nature. There's no such thing as passive love. The corporeal entity includes animals, especially pets. The celestial entity includes mankind's Creator and loved ones who have already departed earth and entered the world-to-come. By personal convention, I use the phrase "**Cosmic Love**" to designate "true, sincere and genuine love," which I also abbreviated as "TSG Love."

<u>Antilove</u>: As a basic perspective, antilove is the passive or active degradation or depravation of the well-being of another person, or corporeal entity, or celestial entity, thus demonstrating the antilover's rejection and assault upon life and creation. Note that antilove can be either passive or active.

The happiness, joy and fulfillment of life begin with the sincere, internalized desire to love. Love is never an accidental occurrence. Truly, love is the very basis of all that's good and beautiful in our gracious, benevolent and loving Creator's Cosmos. In our Cosmos there is "love," but there is also "that which is not-love." **That which is "not-love" is called "antilove."** Antilove is also "the antithesis of love." In their foundational forms, love is selflessness while antilove is selfishness. Antilove is also synonymous with fear. Antilove is fear, and fear is antilove. An enlightened heart filled with genuine love is easy to discern because it's

consistently patient and kind while it actively pursues peaceful harmony. A black heart filled with antilove is easy to discern because it's consistently impatient and mean while it aggressively creates discord and distress. It's also noted the heart of love is free-will while the heart of antilove is domination and the lust for social power. Even a passive antilover seeks to dominate, control and command other people. It's also very important to realize you must understand the concepts of antilove in order to better understand the concepts of true-love.

While the intent of love always focuses upon the well-being of another person, antilove creates the "degradation" and "depravation" of another person. I define "degradation" as: the act of reducing or lowering in character or quality. I define "depravation" as: the act of making something bad or worse, or the act of corrupting. In addition, both love and antilove are exercised consciously and subconsciously. A person may not be aware when they exercise love versus antilove. And of course, love and antilove are also subjectively perceived by the person who is the object of affection (in the case of love) or the object of animosity (in the case of antilove). The consequences of love can range from insignificant to cosmically important while the consequences of antilove can range from insignificant to cosmically devastating. Emphatically speaking, you must discern love and antilove in order to live a happy, joyful and fulfilling life.

Everyone exercises love and antilove. The greatest and wisest lover will have a moment of weakness at which point an act of antilove falls upon another person, even a person who is deeply loved. Fatigue makes antilovers of us all, and a physical illness or a condition of non-wellness (such as a cold, a headache, or the discomforts of a woman's menstrual cycle) makes everyone prone to antilove. We're all imperfect human beings, and everyone is subject to the weaknesses of the terrestrial body and mind. Thus, everyone needs forgiveness, redemption and reconciliation. Sincere, genuine love provides understanding that quickly leads to forgiveness. The truth is everyone needs to love, and everyone needs to be loved. This includes even the most notorious antilovers. However, antilovers exercise limited acts of genuine love. Antilovers exercise acts of conditional love and selective love, but nevertheless, antilovers can sincerely exercise true, genuine love that focuses upon the well-being of the person loved. Now, here's the point to consider. What ethereal force dominates your life, the ethereal force of love or the ethereal force of antilove? What is your reflective answer? And is your answer the same as those people who are an active part of your life?

The Terrestrial Nature and the Celestial Nature

Mankind's Terrestrial Nature: Mankind's terrestrial nature is his physical nature which is derived from and founded upon the corporeal body and the corporeal mind. It's widely believed the corporeal mind is a function of the physical brain, and in the event the physical brain is damaged, then the mind may also be damaged. Mankind's terrestrial nature is also his animalistic nature, whereby mankind is considered to be a highly intelligent animal. Within the soulful heart of every sentient human being dwells a beastly creature called the "human-beast." The human-beast has the potential of immeasurable greed and human horror.

Mankind's Celestial Nature: Mankind's celestial nature is his spiritual nature, which is derived from and founded upon the essence and nature of his soulful entity. Accordingly, the sentient human entity has both a physical mind and a celestial mind. The essence and nature of the mind continues to be a never ending debate between scientists, religionists, spiritualists and the mass of humanity. It's widely believed mankind's soulful entity has an angelic nature that actively pursues the truth, exercises unconditional love, upholds the virtues of morality, tolerance and self-discipline, and provides the courage and internal fortitude to sacrifice for a higher cause and the greater good. Within the soulful heart of every sentient human being dwells an angelic creature called the "human-angel," and which has the potential of profound compassion.

Let us consider the dichotomy of the body and the spirit. Mankind has a dual nature that plays a major role in the human experience. In the earthly world you have a terrestrial nature and a celestial nature; or in other words, a physical essence and a spiritual essence. Whenever you address the spirit, soul, or heart, you're addressing mankind's celestial nature. In effect, the earth is a terrestrial birth sphere that actively serves the celestial realm. Mankind's ultimate destination is the celestial realm. While many people believe mankind is **a physical human**

being seeking a spiritual experience, in reality mankind is actually a spiritual human being seeking a physical experience. Accordingly, mankind's terrestrial nature is derived from the physical realm and his animalistic origin. Mankind's celestial nature is derived from the spiritual realm and his Godly origin. It's proper to say: "I'm a spiritual entity bound within a physical body." However, this concept should be expanded by saying: "I'm a celestial being enclosed and mated to an organic, corporeal body, for which I'm to experience and understand the sentient nature of my created being" Our celestial nature is a continuum, and the celestial world-to-come is beyond mankind's terrestrial imagination. Whether you realize it or not, and whether you accept it or not, you're a celestial cadet attending basic training for the world-to-come.

The terrestrial nature is intended to be in harmony with the celestial nature, but too often the two natures conflict with each other. Therefore, it's said: "The spirit is willing but the body is weak." People of Faith believe the animalistic nature of mankind is the primary source of mankind's moral deficiencies, and thus leads the individual to spiritual corruption and social disharmony. This spiritual corruption is readily discerned by the individual's pursuit of selfish desires, physical pleasures, immoral behavior, social intolerance, and the collapse of selfdiscipline. Spiritual corruption is the human addiction to hedonism. If you allow your terrestrial nature to dominate your life, then you become the human-beast. There's a terrible beast living within every sentient human being, and if all moral restraints are broken, then the beast is released. On the other hand, if you choose your celestial nature to dominate your life, then you become the human-angel. The human-angel can dominate the heart of man even in war, thereby giving rise to The Knights of Love, also called The Good Warriors. Can you really love your enemy while you actively pursue his demise? In summary, if you believe mankind only has a single nature; that is, the terrestrial nature only, then you're a terrestrian. If you believe in mankind's duality; that is, mankind's terrestrial nature in combination with his celestial nature, then you're a celestian. Finally, in conjunction with the celestial nature, it's also very important to realize you are a sentient human being.

You Are a Sentient Human Being

In reflection of our celestial relationship within the Cosmos, we call ourselves "human beings." While many people respectfully disagree with me, I believe we call ourselves human beings with the primary intention to setting ourselves apart from the animal world. Not only do we set ourselves apart from the animal world, but we also set ourselves above the animal world. Also, we don't call an animal an "animal being." I believe that's because we don't conceive animals to have the essence and nature of a cosmic being. I deeply believe it's correct and proper to call ourselves cosmic beings. In reflection of our cosmic nature, I personally call human beings "the Children of Humanity." And as an individual, I am "a Child of Humanity," and you are "a Child of Humanity."

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

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

The essence and nature of humanity is something very special. If you seriously stop and think, reflect and ponder, then you come to realize you truly are a Child of Humanity, and collectively, we are the Children of Humanity. Mankind is specially created with a specific meaning, value and purpose that's unique within the Cosmos. By virtue of your existence, **you are a sentient human being**. And when you finally realize and internalize this great truth, then you confidently evolve to know you're on the path to understanding the meaning, value and purpose of life; that is, **the MVP of Life**. So then, what does the word "sentient" really mean, and what does it mean to be a "sentient human being?

Definition of the Word "Sentient"

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

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

senses helping you make the best decision. In a similar manner, you may respond to your decision making by saying "I just want to sleep on it." That too is your sentient senses helping you make the best decision. Your sentient mind has the ability to keep working even while you're sleeping.

Definition of a "Sentient Human Being"

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

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

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

The science of psychology calls mankind's ethereal senses "extra sensory perception," better known as ESP. Everyone has some level of ESP, even if that level is too minimal to readily detect. Also, the minimum threshold sensation of ESP is a very mundane sensation; a sensation so mundane that we don't readily detect it. It's exactly like breathing. How often are you self-aware of your

breathing? You become aware of your breathing only under certain circumstances. Likewise, you become aware of your ESP only under certain circumstances. Have you ever had a deep-seated feeling or sensation that you can't explain and you just can't shake? People who consistently practice prayer and meditation often talk about deep-seated sensations that they personally contribute to the spiritual realm. That's your mundane power of ESP communicating with yourself.

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

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

Part 2

Twelve Lessons About True-Love

Love Lesson #1

Everyone Loves in Some Manner

Introduction

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

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

Here's a great life-principle to remember. Everyone loves in some way, somehow, and some manner! In its most rudimentary form, the word "love" means "the personal concern, care and well-being for a person, animal, plant or thing." Now, some people believe you can only love people, and you can't really love animals, plants and things. It's said the love of animals, plants and things is not really love, but is actually a "strong predilection". The word "predilection" means "a pre-existing tendency to think favorably of something; partiality; preference." This perspective of love may be true, or it may just be a subjective preference of a personal belief. However, this is what I personally believe. You can truly love your pets, especially dogs and cats. An avid gardener can truly love his or hers plants, especially plants such as orchids. And a dedicated collector can truly love his or hers highly prized possessions, especially great works of art. However, too many people intensely love things and selfishly use people while the intent of life is to selflessly love people and objectively use things.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Rudimentary**: pertaining to rudiments or first principles. The word "**rudiments**" means: (1) the elements or first principles of a subject; and (2) a

mere beginning; first slight appearance; the undeveloped; or the imperfect form of something. The rudimentary principles of love are learned in the first few grades in the School of Love and Life. To learn the higher principles of love, you must be dedicated and successful in the higher grades in the School of Love and Life. In the School of Love and Life, what grade are you now in?

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

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

choice to exercise love. Finally, it's noted that as a default practice, the word "love" by itself will always refer to CIM Love; that is, TSG Love or true-love. When I intentionally address RIS Love, then I'll say "RIS Love," "false-love," "pseudo-love," or another similar phrase.

Have you ever considered of becoming a mighty and noble Advocate of Love?

Love Lesson #2

True-Love Is Like a Rainbow

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

The Full Spectrum of CIM Love

1. <u>Love's Red Substratum of Patience and Kindness</u>: True-love is consistently patient and consistently kind, always being slow to anger, even in moments of fatigue and exasperation. Accordingly, true-love patiently waits to obtain that

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which it sincerely desires. By its own virtue, true-love is very seldom envious. Furthermore, true-love knows righteous indignation is justified anger tempered with tender loving care.

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

The Discolored Rainbows of RIS Love

Now, RIS Love also comes in the form of a rainbow. Actually, RIS Love has two forms of rainbow. The first rainbow form is comprised of shades of gray. Can you imagine taking pictures of rainbows before mankind discovered colored photography? There's nothing awesome about a gray rainbow. In fact, it's dismal and depressing. I pity the person who is totally color blind. A gray rainbow is indicative of a morgue or a cemetery, reflective of death and decay. Perhaps a better allegory is to say the gray rainbow has a lack of life. Is this form of RIS Love dead, or is it just in a deep slumber? Can it be awaken so its true colors can shine through? Even a gray rainbow contains an element of hope, for hope is the most abundant fruit of love.

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

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

The Six Monochromatic Pseudo-Loves

- 1. The Red Lover: The red monochromatic rainbow is RIS Love that's saturated with anger. "If you don't make me happy then I'll get angry and bring my wrath down upon you." The red-lover is usually enslaved to its envy, whereby "envy" means "the inordinate fear of not obtaining that which one deeply desires." The bullies of society are notorious red-lovers. Always be aware of the angry red-lover, for their wrath shall one day fall upon you.
- 2. The Orange Lover: The orange monochromatic rainbow is RIS Love that's plagued with hypocrisy. Imagine a great orange pumpkin with a wonderful external appearance but its interior is rotten to its core. Ppppp Uuuuu! This form of RIS Love projects itself with the appearance of true-love, but internally it's seething with contempt, false indignation, and a malevolent disposition. The hypocrite lover talks a good talk but fails to walk the straight and narrow path of TSG Love. Acts of true-love are seldom exercised by the orange-lover. Even when true-love is exercised, the act usually contains an ulterior motive. It's just a matter of time before the internal decay of this false-lover is revealed.
- 3. The Yellow Lover: The yellow monochromatic rainbow is RIS love that's spiritually weak and too timid to grasp the good fruit that's maturing on the magnificent tree of life. Lacking the internal fortitude to act in a responsible manner, the yellow-lover eventually withers away and dies as a result of its lazy and lethargic nature. Our Creator disdains a lazy child. Everyone enters life with inherent responsibilities that are becoming of a noble Child of Humanity. Lacking confidence, courage and self-esteem, the yellow-lover is a despicable coward at heart.
- 4. <u>The Green Lover</u>: The green monochromatic rainbow is RIS love that's intensely intertwined with jealousy, whereby "<u>jealousy</u>" means "the inordinate fear of losing that which one deeply desires." The green-lover is driven by its fear of losing that which it believes to possess. The green RIS lover actively dominates, controls and commands the objects of the green-lover's desires. Beware the green eyed lover, for one day this clinging lover shall try to enslave you.

- 5. The Blue Lover: The blue monochromatic rainbow is RIS love's saddest form a form of false-love crippled with a silent depravation of hope and optimism. The hallmark of the blue-lover is despair and depression, bringing down all who get too close to the blue-lover. Pity the blue-lover, for they appear to be an innocent victim of external circumstances. But upon closer examination, we see this is not true. The blue-lover's flaw is his avoidance to embrace hope. Love without hope is no love at all. Love without hope ultimately leads to a life without hope, which is a life that's not worth living.
- 6. The Purple Lover: Finally, the purple monochromatic rainbow is RIS love that's highly intense but short in life. Purple-lovers are known for their intense passion, but purple-love has no staying power. The purple-lover is totally void of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty. For the purple-lover, love is just a game of psychological conquest and sexual conquest. The notorious playboy and sex kitten are nothing more than purple-lovers. Surely and truly, purple-love is the most deceptive of all the forms of false-love. Purple love's initial encounter is unbelievably exhilarating but the ultimate act of abandonment is a crushing and devastating blow to the psyche.

A Respectful Sensitivity for Monochromatic Lovers

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

Ultimately, one fact remains certain. Sentient human beings are very complicated organisms offering a wide variety of perspectives, beliefs, attitudes, characteristics, and dispositions. This is called "the human factor." The human factor includes few certainties and many elements of confusion. Likewise, with love being a subpart of the human factor, then it's only natural for

love to be saturated with uncertainty and confusion. Nevertheless, don't let love's uncertainty and confusion limit your capacity to exercise true-love. In the event you elect to be a true, sincere and genuine CIM lover, then be sure to realize the great commission that befalls upon you. Our loving Creator calls each of His children to be an Advocate of Love. **Thereby, CIM lovers are People of the Rainbow, whereby we are called to provide the full spectrum of color to an otherwise gray and monochromatic world.** Thus, it's the CIM lover's responsibility and duty to illuminate the world with the colorful principles of Cosmic Love. And when our careers on this world come to an end, be confident, knowing that we shall return to the Kingdom of Love and then be known throughout the Cosmos as the Creator's magnificent Rainbow Dwellers. At your moment of death are you going to think about yourself as being a rainbow dweller?

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

Now, here are some last thoughts for your consideration about the rainbow of love. What are your true colors? Do you consistently radiate all the colors of the rainbow? And just how bright is your rainbow? Let all of your inner light radiate a

bright and colorful rainbow. Let all the world know you believe in love and that you're an Advocate of Love. Make this your conscientious decision and you'll have a much more meaningful and colorful life. Thus I proclaim: LUV & LIV!

Definition of an "Advocate of Love"?

An Advocate of Love is a person who supports, recommends and urges their family, friends and acquaintances:

- 1. To pursue the truth about the principles of true-love.
- 2. To exercise true-love.
- 3. To quietly and graciously teach the principles of true-love.
- 4. To defend the principles of love as being the best Life-Principle and Life-Ideology by which a person can live their life.

Love Lesson #3

Love Is Complex and Confusing

What is really meant by this word "love?" This is not an easy question to answer, and only the naïve believe love is simple. The truth is love is very complex and often ambiguous. Love's ambiguities are major contributors to the confusion of life. Life can be confusing even for the wisest people. And because love is generated from the human heart, it's often used by connivers to dominate, to control, and to deceive the young, the naïve, and the vulnerable. This abusive domination is sometimes non-intentional, where the dominating party sincerely believes he or she is acting in a good, responsible and loving manner. This is also reflective of the eternal battle between **tender-love** versus **tuff-love**. It can be very difficult to discern where love's responsibility ends and where abusive domination begins.

This challenge of love especially applies to parents and their children. And of course, this abusive form of dominating, controlling love is not true-love, but instead is a pseudo-love that's selective and conditional, and is actually a form of

antilove. It's easy to understand why so many people believe love is overrated, overused, misused, abused, mundane, trite, meaningless, deceptive, and often associated with emotional pain, suffering and misery. And it's widely believed that only love can break a heart. Lastly, many people sincerely believe true, sincere, genuine love is a fairy tale. Beyond any doubt, the truthful facts about love's fundamental principles must first be learned in order to overcome the intentional abuses and misleading ambiguities of love.

The confusion regarding the true essence of love is fully understandable in American society where fifty percent of first marriages end in divorce, where sixty percent of second marriages also end in divorce, where single parent families are routinely accepted, where deadbeat dads avoid the well-being of their children, where child abuse is constantly in the news, where suicide among teenagers and young adults is a hidden epidemic, where abortion is often used as a contraceptive method, where religious news is usually negative coverage of pedophiles and embezzlers, where pornography is the most abundant and most profitable business on the internet, where herds of people retreat to alcohol and drugs to escape their life responsibilities, and where police brutality is actively pursued by the news media. It's sad to say the true essence of love is shrouded in darkness. But do not fear and lose hope. Love is enlightening, and those who truly love are never left in the dark. True-love is like a lamp onto your feet.

In spite of love's misconceptions, the panorama of Cosmic Love is illuminating, always piercing the hovering, dark clouds of confusion and deception. In the pursuit of truth, you must first clear the smoke of misinformation, half-truths, and blatant falsehoods. Don't let false teachings and negative experiences deter you from the true essence of love. In its most basic and simple intent, TSG Love always focuses upon the well-being of the one loved. You can also recognize CIM love because it's consistently patient and kind, it's constantly concerned, caring and compassionate, and it always seeks peace and harmony. Complexities in relationships occur because a person's well-being has many subjective facets. In other words, love has many subjective facets.

The Many Subjective Facets of Love

- 1. <u>Love Is Subjective</u>: Love is subjective, and its subjectivity naturally causes subjective responses that are exposed to human folly and human imperfection; or in other words, a lack of wise judgment. The subjectivity of life creates the life-factor that's called "the human factor." Wise judgment must also be consistently exercised to achieve long-term success. Consequently, love must be wisely exercised and consistently exercised in a wise manner.
- 2. Love's Short-Term Effects Versus Love's Long-Term Effects: A person's well-being has both short-term effects and long-term effects that must be properly balanced. In general, tender-love focuses upon the short-term effects of love while tuff-love focuses upon the long-term effects of love. When to apply tender-love versus tuff-love is very subjective and can easily be misapplied. Furthermore, the proper communication of love is readily disrupted by: (1) an excess of tender-love or tuff-love, or (2) by a deficiency of tender-love or tuff-love. The power of love is incredibly dynamic and takes significant wisdom and experience to properly balance. Accordingly, the proper communication of love is a special skill that must be diligently practiced in order to master the Art of Love.
- 3. <u>Love's Many Forms</u>: There are many forms of love, and each form must be properly understood. Some of the forms of love include brotherly love, Platonic love, romantic love, spousal love, union love, confederate love, love of parents, love of children, sibling love, family love, love of country, love of God, godly love, unconditional love, if-love, because-love, selective love, tragic love, conditional love, in-spite-of-love, healing love, reconciliation love, everlasting love, and so forth. Can you provide some additional forms of love to this list?
- 4. <u>The Quandary of Self-love</u>: Consider the quandary of self-love. Let it be clear in your mind and your heart that there is a selfless form of self-love and a selfish form of self-love. Definitely, there is a positive form of self-love and a negative form of self-love, also called **proactive** self-love and **conactive** self-love. Beware the power of negative, conactive self-love, whereby it can slowly and gradually transform into pure human lust.

5. <u>The Concepts of Proactive and Conactive</u>: I define the words "**proactive**" and "**conactive**" as follows.

Proactive: The word "proactive" is defined as: the positive affirmation and enhancement of the quality and value of life. The proactive seeks to take the best and make it better, thus providing the maximum good for the maximum number of people, and at the equitable expense of all. Those who act in a proactive manner consistently do so in an honest method. **As an example, true-love is proactive.** (Note: This meaning of the word "proactive" is not included in dictionaries but was developed to help the author explain certain concepts addressed in this book.)

<u>Conactive</u>: The word "conactive" is defined as: the negation, degradation and depravation of the quality and value of life. The conactive seeks to take what it selfishly desires for the benefit of a selected few, does so at the expense of others, and thus causes degradation and depravation to those others. Those who act in a conactive manner usually do so in a deceptive method. **As an example, antilove is conactive.** (Note: The word "conactive" is not included in dictionaries but was developed to help the author explain certain concepts addressed in this book.)

6. Love's Changing Forms: Love has many forms that are subject to change, being easily altered by the human factor. In other words, love can be inconsistent, and conditional love can be very inconsistent. There are many counterfeit forms of love, especially including conditional love and selective love. There are two types of conditional love that should be noted at this time. There's because love: "I will love you because you do the things for me that I want you to do." And there's if love: "I will love you if you do the things for me that I want you to do." Not only is love confusing, but it can also be very unpredictable. Accordingly, love may have an amorphous nature like a slimy, oozing compound. Love may be slimy to some people, but hopefully you've already experienced the solid forms of true-love, thus experiencing the Wonder of Love and the Power of Love.

- 7. Love's Intellectual, Volitional and Emotional Elements: Love has an intellectual element, a volitional element, and an emotional element, where all three elements must be dynamically balanced. An excess or deficiency of any one element creates a distortion of TSG Love. When any one element becomes excessive or deficient, then love degenerates into a form of conditional love. Love's intellectual element is like an automobile. An automobile will take you where you want to be, and your intellect will also take you where you want to be. Love's volitional element is like the automobile's driver. Your volition is your will power, and your volition will drive you where you want to be. Lastly, love's emotional element is the automobile's passenger. Your emotions are an active participator in the operations of love. Love would cease to be if love's emotional element was thrown out of the automobile of intellect. But beware! Don't allow your emotions hijack your automobile. Emotions don't have a driver's license, and emotions can easily be reckless and destructive.
 - A. Love's Intellectual Element: Most people realized there's a "smart-love" and a "dumb-love". Many people suffer because of the lack of information regarding the principles of love. Because of their lack of knowledge, they practice dumb-love. A person must learn the principles of love in order to free oneself from the ignorance of pseudo-loves. Dumb-love is the case when the intellectual element of love is deficient. On the other hand, the intellectual element of love can also be excessively exercised. A love that excessively focuses upon the intellectual element of love is like a "robotic-love," which is a form of love that's cold and without feeling. A person who focuses upon the intellectual element of love never falls in love but only executes a programmed version of love. Thus, a love that's excessively intellectual is a form of love that is lifeless and without emotional substance. Mankind is an emotional creature, and you must experience the emotions of love if you're to have any sensation of being truly alive.
 - B. <u>Love's Volitional Element</u>: **Love is never an accidental occurrence.**That's because every act of love is first a function of the human faculty known as "**the volition**." The word "<u>volition</u>" is an extremely important word and it means: (1) the act of willing, choosing, or resolving; (2) a choice or decision made by the will; and (3) the power of willing. If you could measure a person's volition, then it would be measured in units of wisdom. A person with a healthy volition has a high quantitative

measure of wisdom, and thereby consistently chooses wisely. A person with an unhealthy volition has a low quantitative measure of wisdom, and thereby consistently chooses foolishly. A person with a healthy volition is called a sage while a person with an unhealthy volition is called a fool. Have you ever heard of "a love-fool?" Healthy sentient human beings consist of one part healthy intelligence, one part healthy emotions, and three parts healthy volition. By far, it's your volitional nature that makes you a sentient human being.

- C. Love's Emotional Element: Many people focus upon the emotional element of love, thereby disregarding love's intellectual and volitional elements. In this case the mind dwells upon love's elements of affection and devotion. These are the people that perceive love as being overly simple. This is their perspective. "Prove that you love me by making me happy." While true-love contains the dimension of personal happiness, it also contains the dimensions of personal safety and personal growth. A person who primarily focuses upon the emotional element of love is constantly falling in and out of love, and in extreme cases is defined as being addicted to love. This, of course, is a false perception of romantic love. Nevertheless, emotions are a very critical element of love, and it's your emotions that put the fizz in love. Just be careful not to get too much fizz, or otherwise you'll have a love with a condition of bad gas. You must intellectually and wisely control your emotions if you want to maintain loving relationships.
- 8. The Self-Rewarding Element of Love: Love is self-rewarding. This is a result of The Law of Reciprocity. When you're given love, it's your human nature to return love. Conversely, when you give love, then love is naturally returned to you. Recall the story of the Wizard of Oz when the Wizard gave the Tin Man his heart. The Wizard proclaimed to the Tin Man: "Your love is not measured by how much you love others, but instead, it's measured by how much others love you." However, a conflict may arise in one of two ways. First, some people perceive this natural element of love's reciprocity as being selfishness. Only the person who is expressing love truly knows if their love is given without any conditions. Nevertheless, some people are too cynical to perceive love as an act of unconditional grace. Second, some people give their love on the conditional basis that their love is returned, and quite often the love they give must be returned with interest. Too often a person's love has hidden

agendas and ulterior motives, and it can be extremely difficult to discern conditional love in the short-term. You need a dollop of skepticism to protect yourself from the self-serving desires of conditional lovers, especially selective lovers. You shall recognize the true intent of love by the long-term fruits of love. A bad tree cannot produce good fruit, and a good tree cannot produce bad fruit. If you consistently exercise Cosmic Love, then you shall produce the most excellent fruits of love. True, sincere, genuine love provides mutual benefits for all involved parties. We must constantly challenge ourselves to ensure we are truly exercising CIM Love. And in this great challenge of true-love, you should also seriously consider becoming a noble Advocate of Love.

Would you like to be a mighty and noble Advocate of Love?

Love Lesson #4

Paradigms And The Ideology of Love

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

The First Paradigm of Life

We know very little while we believe very much.

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

Paradigms and the Person's Inner Being

Now, what's this element we call "the inner being?" Some people call mankind's inner being the heart of man, or the human heart, or the soul, or the spirit. I personally prefer to use the phrase "the heart of man," but I also like the phrase "the human psyche." The word "psyche" is the ancient Greek word for "soul." From the perspective of psychoanalysis, the psyche is defined as "the mental or psychological structure of a person, especially as a motive force." Here's another ambiguous phrase "motive force". For me personally, the word "motive" as used in the phrase "motive force" means "something that prompts a person to act in a certain way or that determines volition." Holy macaroni! Here's that word

again – volition. Finally, no human being really knows the difference between the human heart, the human soul, and the human spirit. The soul and spirit remain great mysteries, and they're more a function of faith than a matter of objective truth. As a personal standard writing convention, whenever I use the words "soul" or "spirit", or the phrases "the heart of man" or "the human psyche," then I'm addressing the sentient human being which is the spiritual essence of a person.

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

The Ideology of Love, Its Idea, and Its Ideal

The word "<u>ideology</u>" literally means "the study of ideas." "<u>The Ideology of Love</u>" literally means "the study of the ideas of love." As a formal definition, the word "<u>ideology</u>" means "the body of doctrine of a social movement, institution or large group, and often in reference to a cultural or political plan." For the Ideology of Love, "the body of doctrine" is the composite of beliefs regarding the principles of love. Accordingly, an ideology is a collection of beliefs; or in other words, a collection of paradigms. For the Ideology of Love, "the social movement" is mankind's collective desire for all citizens to consistently exercise the principles of love. Various cultures, groups, subgroups, and political systems have multiple ideologies, whereby opposing ideologies may compete and conflict with one another. The competition of ideologies occurs between individuals as well as between special interest groups, political parties, and even nations. The violent

history of mankind is largely due to fanatical ideologies that violently oppress and attack competing ideologies. In fact, the violent competition between opposing ideologies continues to be mankind's worst nightmare. Even The Ideology of Love is in constant competition with opposing ideologies, and I'm trying to convince mankind to choose The Ideology of Love. I do this because I deeply believe only the consistent exercise of love provides the maximum good for the maximum number of people. Where love rules, prosperity follows. What do you deeply believe in? What is the ideology that governs your personal life?

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

The Ideology of Love, Brotherly Love and Democracy

As a result of my personal reflections, I have come to deeply believe love is an ideology onto itself. But equally important, I have come to believe The Ideology of Love is directly associated with brotherly love and democracy. Carefully consider the following reflections regarding The Ideology of Love, brotherly love and democracy.

- 1. The Ideology of Love and Brotherly Love: The Ideology of Love focuses upon the fundamental principles of brotherly love. When I use the phrase "brotherly love," this is what I mean. Brotherly love is the People's mutual, active concern for the People's mutual well-being, and thus provides the maximum good for the maximum number of people. True, sincere and genuine brotherly love is the most rudimentary form of unconditional love, whereby brotherly love is the bedrock foundation of all other forms of true-love. All other forms of true-love are built upon the bedrock foundation of brotherly love. In addition, the innate and internal nature of brotherly love actively seeks to take its best and make it better. Hence, brotherly love is the primal force that has driven, and continues to drive, mankind's developmental process of spiritual evolution. Mankind today is nothing like his forefathers, and he is especially nothing like his ancient forefathers.
- 2. Brotherly Love and Democracy: The essence and nature of brotherly love actively seeks the maximum good for the maximum number of people. Subsequently, only the People's active and intentional exercise of brotherly love can successfully serve the mass of mankind. As the exercise of brotherly love has increased throughout the course of history, the social, political, economical and spiritual conditions of mankind have also immensely advanced. Through a very long period of time and with much suffering and loss of life, The Ideology of Brotherly Love forged the principles and doctrines of Democracy. I'm deeply convinced Democracy would not exist if brotherly love did not first take root in the hearts and minds of the People. Likewise, Democracy would cease to exist if brotherly love was not actively and consistently exercised by the People. While Democracy is far from perfect and its history is plagued with practices of antilove, Democracy has slowly improved itself and thus expanded its loving embrace of all the People, its consistent protection of all the People, and its equitable judicial practice of all the People. While Democracy is far from perfect, it surely has come a long ways from our forefathers, and especially our ancient forefathers.
- 3. <u>Democracy and the Ideology of Love</u>: As a result of the advancement of Democracy, the essence and nature of true-love has also made significant progress. When you hear the words "love" and "democracy" used at the same time, it's usually associated with "the love of country." But when you stop and think about it, you realize a country is its People. Therefore, the love of country is really the love of the People. Again it's noted this form of love is brotherly

love. So then, what is The Ideology of Democracy? The Ideology of Democracy is The Ideology of Brotherly Love. Or in a simplified form, The Ideology of Democracy is The Ideology of Love. Accordingly, it would be entirely fitting to say brotherly love is founded upon the principles of love that are of the People, by the People, and for the People. Rest assured, the principles of Democracy are so interwoven with the principles of love that one cannot separate Democracy from love. And that may be the most important feature of The Ideology of Love.

Is there any paradigm that's mightier or more noble than the belief in the Advocacy of True-Love?

Love Lesson #5

Love, Life and The Ethereal Nature

Personal ideas, ideals, ideologies, beliefs, paradigms and attitudes are very, very important. This importance applies to the individual as well as to the social collective. These words address your interpersonal concepts of life which then manifest themselves to become your character and state of being. In addition, these words are associated with **the ethereal stuff of life**. In fact, I personally believe love is an ethereal substance of life, being experienced in both the physical world and the spiritual world. The word "**ethereal**" has several interesting meanings: (1) light, airy or tenuous; (2) extremely delicate or refined; and (3) heavenly, celestial or spiritual in nature. All three definitions are important to my intentional use of the word "ethereal," and a proper understanding of ethereal is paramount in my personal ideology of love and life. I sincerely believe both love and life have an ethereal nature.

Obviously, people who don't believe in life's spiritual dimension disagree with my personal ideology of life's ethereal natural and the spiritual realm. This is a natural split and dichotomy between the spiritualist and the non-spiritualist. However, it's noted that TSG Love favors neither the spiritualist nor the non-spiritualist. Surely and truly, you don't have to be a spiritualist to exercise CIM Love. Nevertheless, I deeply believe the ethereal aspect of life is critically

important to the principles of love and the Art of Living. The belief in the ethereal, spiritual and celestial elements of life provides the shortest path to the greatest attribute that serves the Children of Humanity. This attribute has a very deep ethereal element, and this magnificent attribute is called hope.

Just how strong is my belief in the ethereal nature of life? In a broad and general sense, I believe the ethereal nature of life separates: (1) moral people from immoral people; (2) law abiding citizens from criminals; (3) honest, trust worthy people from thieves, cheaters and liars; (4) happy and joyful people from discontented and cynical people; and (5) the people of light from the people of darkness. Do you believe in the ethereal battle between good and evil? Never underestimate the value and function of your inner ethereal nature and the importance of your personal beliefs, your life-principle, and your ideology of love and life. Those who believe in mankind's spiritual, ethereal nature quickly become the Children of Light. Those who reject mankind's spiritual, ethereal nature quickly become the Children of Darkness. Be quick and courageous to avoid the path that leads to life's dark side!

Now, I want to make it very clear the above paragraph is not an issue regarding spiritualist versus non-spiritualists. The above paragraph primarily concerns morality versus immorality and love versus antilove. It doesn't take much life experience to learn there are moral spiritualist and moral non-spiritualists. And also, there are immoral spiritualist and immoral non-spiritualists. The point is this. Love has an ethereal nature, and that nature may be perceived to include a spiritual element or it may be perceived to exclude a spiritual element. But this much is sure. True, sincere and genuine love involves an intangible, ethereal element that's readily sensed by the vast majority of the Children of Humanity. Even immoral people can sense the ethereal element of love, but they fail to exercise true-love in its full, colorful spectrum. Accordingly, RIS Lovers are highly prone to character flaws that quickly lead them to an immoral, degraded and deprayed state of being.

It's well established by the science of psychology that the happiest and most fulfilled people are those who have a deep-seated sense of purpose that's derived from the ethereal, spiritual nature of love and life. Furthermore, it has been consistently determined that the happiest people on earth have a prominent, deep-seated belief in the spiritual realm of life, and by which they actively share their spiritual faith. And it doesn't matter which religious affiliation, if any, they may have. Be confident in the belief that you truly are a spiritual creature.

Emphatically speaking, if you want to truly live your life joyfully and triumphantly, then you must first love with all of your heart, with all of your soul, and with all of your mind. Accordingly, love and life are this simple, and yet love and life remain to be extremely complex, confusing and challenging. Why is that? Can you sense the ethereal nature of love? Surely and truly, the person who exercises and communicates the ethereal nature of love will become a dedicated, devoted and committed Advocate of Love.

True-love is ethereal in its very essence and nature, and thus makes it very worthy of its advocacy.

Love Lesson #6

The Philosophy of Love

The phrase "The Philosophy of Love" is synonymous with the phrase "The Ideology of Love." Accordingly, the discussion concerning The Ideology of Love applies equally to The Philosophy of Love. However, the concept regarding one's Philosophy of Life is far more prevalent than the concept regarding one's Ideology of Life. Has anyone ever asked you: "What is your Ideology of Life?" The probable answer is no. However, has anyone ever asked you: "What is your Philosophy of Life?" The probable answer is yes. And even though you may never have taken an academic course in philosophy, you still know what the question means. You also know you really do have a philosophy of life. Did you ever think about yourself as being a philosopher? Have you ever thought about yourself as being an ideologist? And do you have the ability to articulate your personal lifephilosophy and life-ideology?

The truth is everyone is a philosopher. In fact, the personal philosophy of the daily citizen is a very important element of life. Your personal philosophy of life not only affects you, but it also affects the social collective. As an example, consider the personal philosophy that creates the law abiding citizen versus the personal philosophy that creates the citizen who cheats, lies, steals, robs, rapes and murders. Everyone has a personal philosophy of life, and everyone has a vested interest in the personal philosophy of the daily citizen. Let it be crystal clear that

your personal life-philosophy is either the source of your happiness and contentment, or is the source of your suffering and misery. Consequently, your personal philosophy of life is very important to you and to society. Do you have a positive, healthy life-philosophy, or do you have a negative, anemic life-philosophy?

The word "philosophy" literally means "the love of wisdom." The phrase "philosophy of love" literally means "the love of the wisdom of love." Imagine that! Love and wisdom go hand-in-hand. Does this mean the best CIM Lovers in the world are also the wisest people in the world? It truly is an act of wisdom when you choose The Philosophy of Love to be your personal life-philosophy. Furthermore, recall the previous discussion regarding the human faculty of volition. Therefore, it's important to realize that before love is an act of your wisdom, it's first an act of your volition. Finally, you need to also realize philosophy has an ethereal nature, being "spiritual in nature."

I favor two formal definitions of the word "**philosophy**:" (1) the rational investigation of the truths and principles of being, knowledge, and conduct; and (2) a system of principles for guidance in practical affairs. I find meaning in the first definition, but I sense it's more reflective of academic philosophy. My dictionary even identifies three branches of philosophy: natural philosophy, metaphysical philosophy, and moral philosophy. I believe the second definition clearly defines the common sense, practical philosophy that's routinely exercised by the daily citizen. After all, life is a series of "practical affairs." And surely, The Philosophy of Love is the most practical guide to successful living. And did you know The Philosophy of Love is a form of art; that is, the Art of Living.

Lastly, I want to share a related element of my personal life-philosophy that's pertinent to the writing of this book. I've already defined that I deeply believe in the living reality of mankind's loving Creator. Accordingly, I first and foremost profess to be a spiritualist. In addition, I should note that I'm also a religionist. Being born and raised in America, I'm naturally influenced by Christianity, and I have come to profess to be a Christian. However, I'm a rebel type Christian, thus being a true heretic by definition. Now here's the rub I have with mainstream Christianity. I personally cannot believe in the Christian monopolization of heaven, thus highly limiting the access to mankind's loving Creator. This is a deep and profound matter that pierces the heart of mainstream Christianity. Nevertheless, I've earnestly read the Christian Bible, and I clearly see

what Jesus specifically taught about love and life. Furthermore, I have had several encounters with other Christians who believe in the same manner as I believe in this highly important matter. I'm even sensing this heretical belief is gaining support, and it may actually become Christianity's Second Reformation. Is there a new sect of Protestants that's breaking away from the original Christian rebels of the old Roman Catholic Church?

Now, be sure to realize this important fact. I don't want to thrust Jesus Christ and Christianity upon anyone. The Freedom of Religion is far too precious to force or coerce personal religious beliefs upon another sentient human being. And it's the personal responsibility of each sentient human being to find mankind's benevolent Creator in accordance to the dictates of one's own conscience. Nonetheless, Jesus is a major historical source that leads to an excellent understanding of the principles of love. Furthermore, the life and teachings of Jesus are saturated in philosophy and psychology. Each of these arenas of study is an academic field of study onto its own. Of the two academic fields, I personally prefer the psychology of the life and teachings of Jesus. Accordingly, I shall reference Jesus as a secular source and not as a Divine Source. Under this perspective, I consider Jesus to be the Father of the Psychology of Love. Now, there's a very interesting phrase – the psychology of love. The word "psychology" literally means "the study of the soul." The" **psychology of love**" literally means "the study of the soul of love." What do you think is the soul of love? Are you a soul of love? Hereinafter when I reference the life and teachings of Jesus, please think of Him as the Father of the Psychology of Love and not as the Son of God.

An Advocate of Love readily promotes the Philosophy of Love as well as the Psychology of Love.

Love Lesson #7

Love and the Power of Words

Never underestimate the power of words, be they spoken words or written words. Remember the Wiseman when he taught: "The pen is mightier than the sword." And carefully consider the words of love versus the words of **animosity**,

especially the 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 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 TSG Love closely watch the words they utter.

What are the definitions for the words "animosity" and "belligerent"? The word "animosity" means "a feeling of ill will or enmity that tends to display itself in actions that are detrimental to another person." Synonyms include "hostility, unfriendliness, opposition, antagonism, animus and hatred." The word "belligerent" means: (1) aggressively hostile; (2) warlike or given to waging war; (3) bellicose; and (4) inclined or eager to fight. All too often a feeling of animosity begins as a war of words, but then quickly transforms into assault and battery. Animosity quickly begets belligerent animosity. An event of animosity can create consequences that result in a visit to the city's jail. But an event of belligerent animosity can create consequences that result in a two years sentence in the state's penitentiary. The saddest element of the unnecessary event is that a few words of a loving disposition could have defused the entire matter. Instead of uttering words of love, words of antilove were chosen. Words of animosity that are directed at you can definitely hurt you, but note also that your own words of animosity can hurt you. What you give to others is almost always returned to you, and what is returned is often escalated. It's always wise to properly bridle your words and to holster your anger. Use your anger only when it proactively serves you and others. And even then, carefully and wisely select your words, especially words of confrontation.

Now, I know talk is cheap, and many people clamor for your attention. Some of these people who want your attention are fools that neither help you nor hurt you. But some of these people who want your attention have malice in their hearts, hoping to snare the naive, the gullible, the vulnerable, and the weak. And of course, some of these people who want your attention are wise and incredibly helpful – where TSG Love truly guides their hearts. Beyond any doubt, words can and do change people's lives. Words founded upon truth are enlightening and

awaken the soul that slumbers. Therefore, you must pursue The Cosmic Truth with astute vigilance. Remember, I use the phrase "The Cosmic Truth" to represent "the true, factual, total, ultimate and absolute TRUTH." The Cosmic Truth defines "the Realities of Reality." But beware! Discerning The Cosmic Truth, especially The Cosmic Spiritual Truth, is the greatest challenge of your life. Accordingly, you must consider my words carefully and wisely. I also know my sincere convictions are all I really have to offer you. And at the heart of my convictions resides this great enigmatic question: "What is the true meaning, value and purpose of life?" Or in other words: "What's life really all about?" And of course, love is the answer. If you truly and deeply believe this, then you should become an active Advocate of Love. And one of the best ways of being an Advocate of Love is to consistently exercise patience and kindness. By consistently exercising kind words and deeds, you'll keenly and wisely demonstrate you are an Advocate of Love.

Lastly, I want to share a warning from the teachings of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 12: 33-37. In this verse Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees, and He's warning them about their hypocrisy and their use of careless words. Beware! This is a very fearful lesson to absorb.

"Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil. And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."

There are no mightier or more noble words spoken than when an Advocate of Love shares the principles of love with another person.

Love Lesson #8

The 3 C's of Love

You can always recognize a person is a true-lover by their active concern, care and compassion for other people and for life in general. **These are the 3 C's of Love – concern, care and compassion.** Here's an obvious and trite element of love that's worthy of emphasis. If you "truly love," then you also "truly care." A person who loves is a person who cares, and a person who cares is a person who loves. The important thing to realize is that a person who's expressing their care about you – or their concern for you – is actually expressing their love for you. This is usually in the form of brotherly love. Brotherly love is the predominant form of love within our terrestrial world. Brotherly love is the People's mutual active concern for the People's mutual well-being.

Most acts of human love are first recognized by the internal activation of concern. If the depth of concern is sufficiently felt, then the person will communicate their concern by providing expressions of care. If the depth of care is sufficiently felt, then the person will then demonstrate their care by providing acts of compassion. Expressions and acts of concern, care and compassion can be demonstrated by a wide variety of methods: (1) a kind word to a stranger; (2) an uplifting conversation with an acquaintance; (3) a small gift; (4) a card or a letter to a good friend who's emotionally down; (5) a physical touch, a hug, or an embrace; (6) a casual walk that's shared with the pleasure of good company; (7) a delightful treat of chocolate candy or ice cream; (8) a specially enjoyable lunch or dinner with a good friend; (9) a romantic date with the one you love the most; (10) the gift of a good book or a good movie; (11) a visit to the hospital for a person who's in need of soulful uplifting; and (12) many, many other ways. Perhaps you can reflect upon these thoughts and add to the list. And of course, these have also been expressions of tender-love. However, concern, care and compassion can also be expressions and acts of tuff-love. Tuff-love is the proactive confrontational form of love. Tufflove focuses upon the long-term concern, care and compassion of a person. Expressions of concern, care and compassion flow throughout society, and they readily flow without people realizing these thoughtful and soulful expressions are actually exercises of love. Now, how about you? Do you let your love flow, and how do you let your love flow?

I believe the words "concern" and "care" are readily understood, but the word "compassion" requires further examination. The word "compassion" means "the feelings of tenderness and sympathy for another person who's in need of physical and/or emotional care, and thus help alleviate the person's pain and suffering." The tenderness of love is a very powerful force, but it's the sympathy of love that ultimately separates the conditional lover from the unconditional love. Sooner or later everyone is in need of physical and/or emotional care. Truly, truly, we're all in need of compassion. It's also noted that the greater the effort applied to help alleviate the person's suffering, then greater is the depth of compassion.

In regard to the 3 C's of Love and relative to mankind's terrestrial experience, I personally place the emphasis of ethereal value upon the second C of Love; that is, the exercise of care. I know most people would say the exercise of compassion far exceeds the simplistic nature of care. My personal perspective lies in the comparison of the quantity of care versus the quality of compassion. It should be quite obvious that acts of compassion reflect a deeper love than acts of care. Surely, acts of compassion in comparison to acts of care are far greater appreciated, are remembered far longer, and require a much greater effort and sacrifice of the person who is the compassionate care-giver. So then, what's at the heart of this difference between the care element versus the compassion element? The element of care is readily expressed as an element of brotherly love. The element of compassion is readily expressed as an element of godly love. However, the quantity of care expressed in the terrestrial world far exceeds the quantity of compassion expressed in the terrestrial world.

By virtue of the quantity of care, the element of care is the greatest facet of love within the terrestrial world. And it's vitally important to realize that acts of care are also acts of love. Accordingly, it's true to say: "Love is in the air." "Love is all around." And this is only true because acts of care are in the air and are all around. If you would take the effort to closely observe the interactions between people you encounter during a routine day, then you would detect the expressions of care all around you. But how often do you see true acts of compassion. While the quality of compassion may far exceed the quality of care, the quantity of care far exceeds the quantity of compassion. Acts of human care abound in the world like water that runs upon the earth. Now, I know it's impossible to either qualify the ethereal substance of love or to quantify the ethereal substance of love. But it's my hope this analogy will provide some meaningful insight to this important matter. Truly and surely, the world abounds with "people who care," so I call them the

PWC. Likewise, I call a "**person who cares**" a **pwc**. How do you define the quality of love, and how do you measure the quantity of love? What's the quality of your love? What's the quantity of your love? And lastly, are you a pwc?

You can readily detect an Advocate of Love by their concern, their care, and their compassion. Furthermore, every Advocate of Love is a pwc.

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Love Lesson #9

The Union Organism, Union Love and Confederate Love

Let us return to the previous discussion regarding the union organism. The union organism is predicated upon a truly loving and interdependent relationship. The concept of the union organism may apply to all members of a relationship, including the relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, family members, church members, employers and employees, the armed services, government and citizens, and even between nations. This demonstrates the concept of the union organism is very broad and very deep. It's also critically important to understand that all relationships are not founded upon the concept of a union organism. It's a sad thing to have to say, but many relationships are willfully founded upon the concept of a confederacy. In my reflections, I have come to define two additional forms of love, **union love** and **confederate love**. Both types of love can be applied to any form of relationship, but I find the greatest value of these two forms of love apply to the concepts of marriage and the courting process that leads to marriage.

I define "<u>union love</u>" as "a special form of unconditional love that's intensely dedicated to, devoted to, and committed to the well-being of a premeditated and truly loving interdependent relationship that willfully creates the union organism." Union love especially applies to the fundamental concepts of an intentionally strong and healthy marriage. Where union love is truly exercised

within the marriage, then the marriage never totally fails and dissolves. Accordingly, the bonds of love may stretch and bend, but the bonds never fracture and break. A marriage founded upon a union strongly tends to bond and succeed. Therefore, the roots of the union organism grow deep and strong, making the organism fertile, vibrantly alive, and very fruitful.

I define "confederate love" as "a special form of conditional love which may or may not be premeditated, and which may passively or actively seek a dependent relationship." This type of relationship forms a "confederate organism." Confederate love especially applies to the fundamental concepts of a conditional type of marriage. Either by a predetermined agreement or by an undefined, default understanding, the marriage will be allowed to last until one or both members of the marriage determine they want to dissolve the marriage. Accordingly, the bonds of love are weak and the nature of this conditional bond is to stretch and fracture. A marriage founded upon a confederacy strongly tends to secede and dissolve. Therefore, the roots of the confederate organism are shallow and vulnerable, thus allowing the organism to wither away, to be barren, and eventually die.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of life is to create a truly loving and successful marriage. And beyond any doubt in my mind, the greatest blessing in life is to create a truly loving and successful marriage. And of course, this blessing is derived by the mutual love, the mutual respect, and hopefully the mutual honor of soul mates and life mates. This blessing is also greatly multiplied when the marriage produces children. While raising and nurturing children is a tremendous responsibility and sacrifice, the pleasures and rewards of the blessings of children are beyond verbal description. I say this with great sympathy and sensitivity for couples who are unable to have children. In some mysterious manner, having children provides a sensation of existential perpetuality, thus fulfilling the greatest human drive of self-preservation. While this issue is highly debated, many parents perceive an essence of themselves within their children, and by virtue of their children, they continue to live on. Marriage is also associated with the intense human drives of sex, companionship and pleasure. Now, here's the point to underscore and high-light. Marriage is a very, very, very big thing in the course of the human experience. Having this in mind, then why do so many marriages fail, and why do so many marriages fail so miserably?

Twelve Lessons About True-Love

There were two long-standing American statistics which defined that 50 percent of all first marriages end in divorce and that 60 percent of all second marriages end in divorce. This is no longer true today because many couples today avoid marriage. Many couples today simply choose to cohabitate. This greatly undermines the very important public, social and legal features of lawful marriage. The exercise of union love and the intentional creation of the union organism have greatly deteriorated while the exercise of confederate love and the creation of the confederate organism have greatly grown. This is a sad, sad condition within the social fabric of America. And why do so many people choose an option of life that's destined to eventually cause them heart break, great emotional pain, senseless suffering, and unnecessary misery? I believe the answer is very simple. We as a collective society do not know the elementary principles of love. We need to be "love-educated." Everyone needs to know about the life-principles of union love and the union organism, and they need to know these proactive principles in comparison to the conactive principles of confederate love and the confederate organism. Now, how about you? Do you really know and understand these great principles, and are you willing to be an Advocate of Love, and thus lead your family and friends to the elementary principles of love? And for those who are currently married, is your marriage founded upon union love and the union organism? And if you're currently engaged to get married, or if you're single and desire to get married, are you actively seeking a marriage that's based upon union love and the union organism? Why not pursue the best in order to achieve the greatest?

Union love is the intentional and conscientious goal of every Advocate of Love.

Love Lesson #10

True-Love's Top Ten Attributes

Mankind's Greatest Endeavor Is The Pursuit Of Love

I sincerely hope the reader finds value and meaning from my personal thoughts and reflections recorded in this book. The topic is sentient-love, whereby its meaning was introduced on the book's title page. Most adults already know love is one of the most difficult concepts to understand. This is because: (1) love has an abstract nature, (2) love is often communicated by coded methods, and (3) the communications of love are highly variable; and thus, love is subject to broad, subjective interpretations and unrealistic personal preferences and desires. When I address sentient-love I'm talking about "a higher nature of love;" that is, <u>True, Sincere and Genuine Love</u> (simplified as "<u>TSG Love</u>")." I also call this higher love "<u>Cosmic Love</u>." I hope the reader senses sentient-love is a far more honorable and noble form of love than any of the many other forms of conditional love. Many people fail in love because they lack the knowledge of sentient-love.

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

Thomas Jefferson addressed our Creator in the Declaration of Independence, specifically stating that mankind is "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and **the Pursuit of Happiness**." I personally believe the pursuit of happiness is actually the pursuit of love. True happiness is derived from true-love. It should also be noted true-love

actually involves three associated properties – happiness, contentment and joy. I've always perceived the sensation of joy as a very deep, soulful and spiritual sensation that far exceeds the sensation of happiness. It should be clear to the reader that my discussions are spiritual in nature, and I note these discussions are not associated with any man-made religions. Nevertheless, I firmly believe all People of Faith and secular humanist can greatly benefit from the fundamental principles of love. For this we know with great confidence. All healthy sentient human beings – whether they're spiritualists, theists, religionists, secularists, humanists, or atheists – we all want to know the sensation of the Joy of Life.

Now, do you really want to know more about this little thing I call sentient-love? Do you want to achieve a state-of-being that can perceive and know the Joy of Life? And are you willing to make the commitment that's necessary to learn the fundamental principles of true-love? Do you have the internal motivation to succeed in this Crusade for Love. Many aspire but few ascend. Nevertheless, the person who truly wants to grow in love and spirit will succeed. Now, here's a very good suggestion that will help the reader complete and understand this book. Form a partnership with close friends and read this book together. This will not only help you read and understand the book, but it will also make the loving bond of your friendship much stronger and far more meaningful and joyful. Beyond any doubt, this is what the Joy of Life is all about. May your sentient endeavors lead you to a Life of Joy. HSG to all! (HSG stands for "happiness, safety and growth" and is one of the two models of love which I have come to believe in – that is, The HSG Model of Life.)

Introduction

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

attributes and then I'm going to address each attribute in an individual manner. It is my true and honest desire that the reader finds meaning and value in my personal reflections regarding True-Love's Top Ten Attributes.

True-Love's Top Ten Attributes

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

True-Love Attribute #1

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

The corner stone of true-love is built upon a foundation of personal acceptance and personal belonging. When you truly love someone, then their personal sensations of acceptance and belonging are paramount to you. Accordingly, you must make every person you love to feel welcomed and

comfortable in your presence. No one wants to live in an environment where they're neither welcomed nor made to feel comfortable. Naturally, the attributes of acceptance and belonging are incredibly important in the love of children and the love between husbands and wives.

When you truly love someone, then their presence alone provides a sentient pleasure that's truly ethereal in its essence and nature. This is truly one of the many pleasures created by true and unconditional love. Where love's attributes of acceptance and belonging are made conditional, then the relationship is founded upon a form of pseudo-love; that is, **antilove**. When the personal sensations of acceptance and belonging are no longer present in a relationship, then the relationship's foundation shifts to antilove's attributes of rejection and separation. And there's no person who has ever been satisfied and fulfilled by the sensations of rejection and separation.

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

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

True-Love Attribute #2

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

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

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

Being of such intrinsic worth, you now find your self-esteem has been totally bolstered. Finally, your new found self-esteem fires the ember of self-love. When you truly love someone, then you find yourself consistently polishing the Four Jewels of their Soul

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

True-Love Attribute #3

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

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

Now, let's consider your friendship with your parents and children. By virtue of your love for your parents and children, they become your friends, but are they your good friends? If you refuse to make your children your true, good friends, then will they choose to be your friend when they grow up? And are your parents your good friends, and if so, is that because they first loved you, nurtured you, and cultivated you? In addition, you should always keep this great truth in mind. Your children are your terrestrial children only, and when they mature to adulthood, they then become your celestial brothers and sisters. Whether it's acknowledged or not, all parents are in a joint venture with their gracious Creator.

This joint venture is the task of properly raising our Creator's children in a truly loving, nurturing and cultivating way. And it's the mutual goal of Creator and parents for their children to grow up to be self-sufficient, self-sustaining and a loving, productive asset to world. Furthermore, it really does take the loving friends of the village to raise the village's children. Do you really want your children to grow up and be your good friends?

Here's another important consideration regarding love and friendship. Do you ever yell and scream at your friends, especially your best friends? You probably don't act in such an offensive manner, because if you did, then your friends would stop being your friend. Do you like to be in the company of someone who yells and screams at you? However, some parents are quick to yell and scream at their children while they never scream at their friends. Beyond any doubt, if you truly love your children, then you will not yell and scream at them. Verbal abuse can readily injure a child's developing personality, thus leaving scars that cannot be seen. Remember the Soul's Four Jewels. And worst of all, children learn that yelling and screaming is an appropriate method of raising their future children. All too often toxic parents produce toxic children who grow up to become toxic parents. Only true-love can break this vicious cycle. Surely and truly, children learn what they live, and then they live what they learned. Raising children in a proper and loving manner requires patience and kindness, especially the consistent practice of using words of loving kindness. Finally, I should note that this discussion applies to all adults who readily interface with our developing, precious children, whereby teachers have a special responsibility to America's future citizens. Teachers, don't yell and scream at your students.

In closing, I would like to address one of Jesus' most famous teachings regarding love and friendship. Jesus doesn't use the words "friend" or "friendship" in this teaching, but most Biblical scholars relate this specific teaching with love and friendship. Jesus taught people to love their enemies and to pray for them. This teaching isn't limited to actual warring enemies, but it also applies to anyone for whom you have feelings of animosity, especially belligerent animosity. Belligerent animosity is aggressive hostility of ill will for another person; or in other words, the sentient sensation of antilove. In essence, Jesus is teaching the Children of Humanity that the best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your friend. And you can only do this by the power of true-love. If you truly love your enemy, then how long will he continue to be your enemy? By virtue of your true-love for your enemy, he'll eventually realize it's far better to have you as his friend

instead of his enemy. Now, I realize we live in a very dangerous world, and that some enemies are so fanatical and brutal that they would rather kill themselves and others than be your friend. Nevertheless, the conflict will never be totally resolved until true loving reconciliation is achieved. Only love can ultimately destroy your enemy. Also, know this great truth. Only people with open and loving hearts and minds can perceive world peace is a realistic potential and a real possibility. We begin this great task by teaching the principles of true-love to every person in every nation, thus making each earthly citizen a friend to all other citizens. All of our Creator's children are called to be His friend and thus help in the task of teaching all the world to truly love one another.

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

True-Love Attribute #4

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

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

you to exercise <u>mercy</u> and <u>forgiveness</u>. And this is very good because the loving powers of <u>redemption</u> and <u>reconciliation</u> are now available to be infused into the relationship. Quite often the relationship is actually stronger than it was before the act of antilove

I've just used four very important words that are critically associated with the principles of love: mercy, forgiveness, redemption and reconciliation. The word "reconciliation" is especially important. Furthermore, it's very important to realize the act of reconciliation is directly associated with love's gift of understanding. Obviously, you need to first "understand" in order to initiate "the act of reconciliation." However, the word "understanding" is not included in the definition of the word "reconciliation" or its root word "reconcile." The word "reconcile" means: (1) to render no longer opposed; (2) to win over to friendliness; and (3) to bring into agreement and harmony. The word "reconcile" is critically important in regards to human relationships.

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

This discussion has focused upon relationships between individuals, but the principles also apply to relationships between groups of people such as nations, races, religions and so forth. You must conscientiously apply the gift of understanding if you're to mend any type of fractured relationship, and especially the relationship between warring nations. The process of understanding and reconciliation must be exercised between warring enemies if the war is to mutually end and friendship is to mutually begin. When both warring parties seek to truly understand their enemy's ideological principles, then their friendship is given the

possibility to take root and grow. While love's gift of understanding may only establish peaceful coexistence, a relationship of peaceful coexistence is still preferred to the vicious brutality of war. When love's gift of understanding is conscientiously exercised, then even the unlovable become lovable.

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

True-Love Attribute #5

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

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

Now, everyone knows there are people who are consistently patient and kind, and there are also people who are consistently impatient and mean. It's also obvious that a truly patient and kind person can eventually be broken down by the continuous barrages of irritating misbehavior and unrelenting annoyances. This is part of the human experience. We all experience flashes of anger, and never forget that **fatigue makes antilovers of us all**. When the nagging and irritating conditions of life overcome you, then quiet perseverance is quickly replaced with yelling and screaming. And physical confrontation is also a possibility. People who consistently yell and scream at other people are some of the most impatient and meanest people in the world. This especially applies to those who yell and scream

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at young children. And the real sad thing about these screaming antilovers is that they're not even aware of their relentless yelling and screaming. But their victims are totally aware of the animosity that's being inflicted upon them.

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

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

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

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

True-Love Attribute #6

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

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

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

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

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

This train of thought leads my mind to another very important realization. The mutual respect of mankind's sentient free-will is the very essence and nature of Brotherly Love. But what is Brotherly Love? "Brotherly Love" is the People's mutual active concern for the People's mutual well-being, thus providing the maximum good for the maximum number of people. Furthermore, it is noted Brotherly Love is the bedrock foundation of Democracy. If you took away Brotherly Love, then Democracy would cease to exist. In addition, if we ever stopped exercising Brotherly Love, then Democracy would slowly erode away and would be replaced with some despicable form of fascism. Under Democracy the People trust in God, but under fascism the People trust in man. And be sure to realize this is a spiritual statement and not a religious statement. Now, who do you trust in: (1) the perfect love of our benevolent Creator, or (2) the imperfect nature of a highly fallible sentient human being?

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

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

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

True-Love Attribute #7

True-love aspires, inspires and graciously teaches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

True-Love Attribute #8

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

Faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty are very important attributes in every love relationship. It doesn't matter if this is the first day of the relationship or the fiftieth year of the relationship. However, a deeply devoted and committed love relationship matures with time. Such a relationship naturally experiences multiple trials and tribulations, which profoundly test the relationship. As a result of these

trials by fire, the elements of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty take on a new and deeper meaning. The truth is, faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty are the most valuable fruits of true-love, and they're also the sweetest and juiciest fruits of love. Only by love's three mature fruits can a marriage sustain itself into the couple's golden age. And because of these magnificent, mature fruits of love, we reverently celebrate the couple's long-term marriage anniversaries, such as the fortieth anniversary, the fiftieth anniversary, and beyond. Only the births of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren rival the joy and blessings of these precious, long-term anniversary celebrations.

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

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

founded upon Brotherly Love. Accordingly, in all of the trials and tribulations that fall upon you, your country, and the People, be sure to dedicate yourself to the faithfulness, the fidelity, and the loyalty of your country. Listen carefully to the code of the United States Marine Corps: "Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful."

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

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

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

True-Love Attribute #9

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

Here's one of the greatest paradigms you'll ever know, and you should never forget it. **We're all imperfect beings living in an imperfect world.** It's also noted that many religions believe our imperfections are our sins. Subsequently, a lot of people – especially Christians – adamantly believe the world-to-come is the Kingdom of Perfection. Furthermore, only those who faithfully

embrace this belief will be made perfect by this act of faith. In effect, this is the Christian pursuit of holiness, which then leads to personal salvation. This has been a very important Christian belief throughout the course of Christian history. Now, for me personally few things confuse me more than religious concepts regarding sacrifice, perfection, holiness and personal salvation. It seems to me such concepts make our benevolent Creator's love very conditional and far from perfect. Unfortunately, we'll all have to physically die in order to learn what really happens after our terrestrial death. And be sure to realize this truth. The anxiety of death is mankind's greatest fear, and perhaps that's what has always driven mankind to achieve perfection and holiness.

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

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

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

What really makes a Child of Humanity acceptable to our loving Creator? I deeply believe true-love is the answer, and it's our Creator's loving mercy that reconciles His imperfect children with His perfect holiness. Thus, the Children of Humanity are created acceptable to their benevolent Creator, and therefore will dwell in His Kingdom of Love. Meanwhile, in our terrestrial world it doesn't really matter what you personally and subjectively believe about the world-to-come and the act of faith that's required to qualify a person to dwell in that world. What does matter concerns the realities of our terrestrial world, and also what's required to achieve a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment while we live in this imperfect world. In other words, what really matters in this world are the diligent and consistent pursuit of the whole and total truth, and the diligent and consistent exercise of truelove. This is what I believe is most paramount. We must maintain our personal relationships if we're to achieve a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment, and then ultimately to please our gracious Creator. And because of our imperfect nature, that's a very difficult and challenging proposition. We all make relationship mistakes, thus emotionally hurting one another. I bruise you, and you bruise me. But true-love has the power to heal all of our bruises.

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

True-Love Attribute #10

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

A person who is truly dedicated and devoted to the Life-Principles of Love can give, and give, and give until they're tired, exhausted and fatigued from their excessive giving. Always remember that fatigue makes antilovers of us all. You can give so much in the short-term that it becomes a detriment in the long-term. And ultimately, you're responsible for your own well-being. When you find yourself exhausted and fatigued, then it's time for you to intercede with a healthy portion of proactive selfishness; or in other words, apply a proper dosage of true self-love. In fact, proactive selfishness is a critical part of a healthy self-love, and a healthy self-love makes for a healthy sentient human being. The Art of Living mandates the moderation and balance in all elements of life. Truly, this also applies to the Art of Loving. And everybody wants and needs a dynamically balanced life.

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

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

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

Love Lesson #11

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

How do you really know you've become a <u>true</u>, <u>sincere</u> and <u>genuine</u> lover; that is, <u>a TSG Lover</u>? The fruits of love are many, and a true and mature lover shall grow all the fruits of love. And as your love matures, then the more mature fruits of love will also appear and grow. Let us learn about the fruits of love from that great Wiseman known as Paul of Tarsus. I heard from a very good authority that Paul once said: "You know you're a TSG Lover if you ----."

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

- 7. You know you're a TSG Lover if you consistently find yourself calm, composed and merciful in hostile situations, for love is not provoked, and love does not take into account a wrong that is suffered.
- 8. You know you're a TSG Lover if you consistently seek the righteous path and if you consistently pursue the Cosmic Truth, for love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but instead, love rejoices with the truth.
- 9. You know you're a TSG Lover if you've adamantly predetermined to practice fidelity without blemish and to always be loyal to those you love. A truly mature love never knows infidelity and never allows its faithfulness and loyalty to waver.

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

TSG Love Is also Known by Its Little Good Deeds

In my personal reflections, I have also come to recognize TSG Love by the little proactive deeds people do on a daily basis. These are everyday occurrences which people do without thinking, and they're simple little good deeds that are done because they have become a part of the person's loving nature. And if you intentionally observe the daily world around you, you too will see these loving people exercising their good deeds. And hopefully, you'll discover you also practice these good deeds. Some people call these loving good deeds "random acts of kindness." This is a fine label within itself, but the truth is these acts usually are not random actions. They're intentional, selfless acts of kindness. Never forget

that love is patient and love is kind. Also, realize this fact. These little good deeds are just the tip of the iceberg of love. Here are some of the little things that are tell-tale signs of a true-lover. Perhaps you can stop and think about love's little good deeds and expand this list.

The Little Good Deeds of TSG Love

- 1. <u>A TSG Lover Is Consistently Friendly</u>: If you meet a very friendly person, then you're probably meeting a true-lover. Friendship is the first fruit of love. If you're affectionately surrounded with family and friends, then you should have a reasonable assurance that you're a true-lover. If you have just a few friends, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 2. <u>A TSG Lover Consistently Smiles</u>: Smiles go miles, and smiles are highly contagious. A true-lover consistently meets other people with a warm and sincere smile. And a true-lover constantly smiles because they have a deep-seated sense of happiness. Where does their sense of happiness come from? Happiness is the first dimension of the HSG Love Model. If you seldom smile and seldom greet other people in a warm and friendly manner, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 3. A TSG Lover Is Consistently Courteous: You'll recognize a true-lover by their consistent exercise of courtesy. They're quick and sincere to say please, thank you and you're welcomed. A courteous person always greets other people with genuinely kind words. In addition, a courteous person always holds a door open for all and provides a helping hand whenever opportunities arise. If you fail to be courteous on a regular basis, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 4. <u>A TSG Lover Consistently Projects a Positive Attitude</u>: A true-lover is concerned and cares about one's projected attitudes, making sure only friendly and positive attitudes are projected. The projection of negative attitudes is a quick give away of an antilover, whereby animosity rules one's heart. A true-lover consistently projects the ethereal substances of hope, optimism, and a positive attitude. If you consistently project a negative, hostile attitude, then you may not be a true-lover.

- 5. A TSG Lover Never Intentionally Litters: A true-lover never litters. This especially applies to cigarette butts and chewing gum. A true-lover is profoundly aware of spaceship earth's very fragile ecological system and does what he or she can do to make the world a cleaner environment. All true-lovers actively practice the recycling of recyclable garbage, and they never put waste garbage in the recyclable bins. If you consistently litter, especially the litter of cigarette butts and chewing gum, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 6. A TSG Lover Consistently Returns One's Shopping Carts: A true-lover always returns shopping carts to their designated drop-off areas. If the shopping carts are scattered and are not stacked, a true-lover will take the time to properly stack the carts. This is especially true when the carts are so badly scattered that they occupy the driving area of the parking lot and thus interfere with the safe travel of the vehicles. If you consistently abandon your shopping charts in the middle of the parking lot, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 7. A TSG Lover Consistently Removes Potentially Hazardous Floor Trash: When a true-lover sees trash on the floor, then he or she will pick it up and properly dispose of it. This is especially true of trash that can be a slipping hazard. For a true-lover, the safety of others is always a major concern. If you're consistently unconcerned and indifferent about trash on the floor, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 8. A TSG Lover Is Consistently Charitable: A true-lover volunteers to help charities and benevolent causes. There are many good charities and causes that are worthy of support, and every charity needs all the help it can get. Those who participate in a charity's walk-a-thon are very highly likely to be true-lovers. This true loving affection also includes those who routinely donate their blood to the Red Cross and those who donate their time to the Salvation Army. And no soup kitchen could ever survive if it was not consistently staffed with friendly volunteers. If you seldom participate in charitable causes, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 9. <u>A TSG Lover Is Consistently Courteous on the Roadways</u>: A true-lover is consistently courteous on the roadways, especially in heavy traffic. Love is patient, and love is kind. No place needs more patients and kindness than the interstates during traffic hour. When someone lets you in before them, then be

sure to realize this is a simple loving act of roadway kindness. If you seldom exercise courtesy on the roadways, then you may not be a true-lover.

- 10. A TSG Lover Consistently Monitors One's Music Volume: A true-lover consistently monitors the volume setting of the music one's playing, especially on the beach and on the roadway. The pleasure of music is very personal and preferential. Just as you don't like the music preferences of some other people, some other people don't like your music preference. Lowering the volume of your music is not only a loving, courteous act to other people, it will also help save your hearing in the long-term. If you consistently play your music excessively loud, then you may not be a true-lover.
- 11. <u>A TSG Lover Consistently Avoids Verbal Vulgarity</u>: A true-lover consistently monitors what they say, especially avoiding vulgarity. Now, almost everyone is vulgar from time-to-time. Flashes of anger can cause almost anyone to burst out with an acclamation of brief vulgarity. And this can even have a proactive affect. Nonetheless, people who are constantly vulgar reflect a soulful condition of personal and social contempt, thus exposing the antilove that governs their heart. If you're consistently vulgar, then you may not be a true-lover.

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

An Advocate of Love knows deep within their essence-of-being they're governed by the Code of Love; and therefore, they know they truly are TSG Lovers.

Love Lesson #12

The Law of Love

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

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

Love prevails. Let us consider the Virtue of Love, which is Love prevails. Let us consider the Virtue of Love, which is actually a meaningful pursuit of the ethereal substance I call Cosmic Love. Let's begin by examining the dictionary definitions of the word "love." My dictionary includes several interesting definitions for the word "love." "Love" is defined as: (1) a strong predilection or liking for anything (such as, I love pizza and beer); (2) the affectionate concern for the well-being of others; (3) an intense and steadfast affection and devotion to a person, thus enduring loyalty; (4) a feeling of warm personal attachment and deep affection; (5) the profoundly tender or passionate affection for a person resulting in a sexual relationship; and (6) the benevolent affection of God for His creatures. Note that the word "affection" dominates these definitions. Other key words include: devotion, loyalty, attachment, warmth, tenderness, passion and benevolence. Other words and phrases that are not included in these definitions but are associated with the word "love" are: fondness, adoration, reverent adoration, emotional regard, friendship, romantic feelings, adulation, consecration, and worship. I've emphasized the word "attachment" because it directly relates to Love's association with "interpersonal connection" and "human bonding."

True-love attracts true-love and thus has a natural affinity to connect and bond people together. In turn, this leads to the concept of true-lovers having a "<u>mutual common cause</u>."

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

Here's another interesting feature of The Law of Love. This law contains a third and hidden commandment that's derived from the second part of the law: "Love your fellow sentient human beings as yourself." The hidden commandment states: "Love yourself." Accordingly, the second part of the law is expanded as follows: "Love your fellow sentient human beings as you love yourself." This is love's very important principle of proactive self-love. Now, here's the basis for the derivation of this hidden commandment. How can you "love your fellow sentient human beings as yourself" if you don't first truly love yourself? In other words, you can't possibly love your fellow mankind as yourself if you don't really love yourself. It's critical to realize there's a positive, proactive self-love that's selfless in its very nature. Not all forms of self-love are conactive or narcissistic. It's also noted your fellow mankind is literally all of our Celestial Father's children, even His children who are your active enemies. By loving your enemy, you literally destroy your enemy by making him your friend. Does any rational sentient human being wage war upon his friends? Truly, the first fruit of love is friendship. Accordingly, let's wage love – not war. Beyond any doubt in my mind, our GBLC wants us to love our enemies as well as our friends and as well as ourself.

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

The Law of Love and the MVP of Life

I firmly believe The Law of Love is the very core of the meaning, value and purpose of life; that is, the MVP of Life. The happiness, joy and fulfillment of life are achieved by consistently exercising this great spiritual law. If you disregard this law, you'll eventually harbor a death wish. Ultimately, you shall desire and embrace the totality of death and the nonexistence of oblivion. If you disregard The Law of Gravity, you face the potential consequence of terminating your terrestrial life. But if you disregard The Law of Love, then you face the potential consequence of terminating your celestial life. Why would any rational sentient human being reject the benefits of love and all of its wonderful blessings? Why would a person with a sound and healthy mind choose death over life? Why do people reject The Law of Love? In my contemplations regarding The Law of Love, I found five very important reflections that should be embraced and fully understood.

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

When you truly love your Creator and your fellow man, then the blessings of your Creator are poured upon you. This first includes spiritual blessings and then worldly blessings. The gift of worldly blessings doesn't mean you're going to become rich and prosperous, but it does mean your worldly needs will be satisfied. I also realize this is a statement of faith as well as a test of faith, and I also know the world's prosperity is not fairly and equitably distributed. Jesus addressed this issue by noting how well our Celestial Father takes care of the birds of the sky and the lilies of the field. And then Jesus noted how much more our Celestial Father loves his Children of Humanity than He loves the birds and the lilies. When you truly love your gracious Creator and work hard to enhance His creation, then prosperity follows. Prosperity then leads to the abundance of life, which in turn empowers you to further exercise The Law of Love, especially by helping your fellow man who's in need of your help. Love and charity always go hand-in-hand. It's also noted in the original King James Bible, the English word used for "love" is the word "charity." Accordingly, it's stated: "But now abide faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Beyond any doubt, those who love are always charitable, and a charitable person is concerned about and cares for the well-being of other people, especially the world's disadvantaged people.

Compassion immediately follows, whereby one's compassion is measured by one's willful commitment and one's available resources.

Love's Final Analysis

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

Life must be more than the limited love experienced in this terrestrial world, and our Creator's love must be omnificent. I fear I shall never feel absolutely secure if our Creator's love isn't omnificent. And then I recall the Wiseman's great and comforting exhortation: "Perfect love casts out all fears." Listen! The Lord of Life is whispering: "Fear not my child! It is I, your concerned, caring and compassionate Creator. Come home to me and enjoy my Kingdom of Love." I praise my Lord for the gift of spiritual intuition and its ability to sense His perfect love. Alas! The vile cancer of fear is purged from my spirit and soul, and I know my Creator is actively concerned about me, truly cares for me, and is compassionate about my ultimate well-being. My ultimate satisfaction, security and development are totally fulfilled by my loving Creator. Truly, truly, our Creator is love, and all things work to good for those who love Him. **Ultimately, love isn't everything.**It's the only thing. Love shall prevail.

The Law of Love is the internal motivation of every Advocate of Love.

Part 3

Associated Spiritual Concepts

The Law of Reciprocity

The Law of Reciprocity: Regarding human social interactions, The Law of Reciprocity is the natural cosmic occurrence where the social reaction (effect) of a second party is equal to or greater than the initial social action (cause) of a first party. Hence, the social action of the first party is returned in kind (reciprocated) by the second party to the first party. The actual social reaction of the second party varies as a result of various social forces, especially the forces of love and fear.

There are several well known sayings that define The Law of Reciprocity. Consider the following sayings. (1) If there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, and bruise for bruise. (2) You shall reap what you sow. (3) You give what you get, and you get what you give. (4) Love begets love, and antilove begets antilove. (5) Kindness begets kindness, and belligerent animosity begets belligerent animosity. (6) Peace begets peace, and violence begets violence.

It should be very obvious The Law of Reciprocity is not a rigid social law that the Children of Humanity must follow and obey. Nonetheless, this great law follows its natural human course, where the law's usual and customary exercise is like a knee-jerk reaction of the sentient mind. When someone is nice to you, then in return it's your human nature to be nice to the person. You may even have a sense of social obligation to return a gift of kindness when a gift of kindness was first given to you. After all, it's only fair and reasonable to reciprocate kindness with kindness. On the other hand, when someone is mean to you, then in return it's also your human nature to be mean to the person. You may even have a sense of social obligation to return an act of meanness when an act of meanness was first inflicted upon you. After all, this mean person is only getting what he or she deserves. Our penal institutions are loaded with criminals that are now getting what they deserve.

However, there are occasional occurrences where an act of kindness is returned with an act of animosity, or where an act of animosity is return with an act of kindness. Everyone has the ability to counteract the natural tendencies of The Law of Reciprocity. In fact, The Law of Reciprocity is readily counteracted by three types of sentient human beings: (1) the mentally disabled person, (2) the conniving person, and (3) the compassionate person.

- 1. The Mentally Disabled Person: Unfortunately in our terrestrial realm, some people are born with a disabled sentient mind. The sentient mind can also become disabled as a result of accidents or diseases. In general, the mentally disabled person cannot discern reality from their own imaginations. The source (or sources) of the disability remains a great mystery, creates very perplexing predicaments, and casts immense sorrows in all the villages of the world. The mentally disabled person is highly challenged just to exercise the most rudimentary functions of personhood. Consequently, proper and appropriate social interactions are impossible. At best, The Law of Reciprocity is highly limited for a person who is mentally disabled.
- 2. The Conniving Person: The conniving person is an active Agent of Evil. The conniving person can be aggressively brutal or amazingly beguiling and cunning. And such people will use The Law of Reciprocity to gain advantage of their victims. In the end the conniving person doesn't really care about The Law of Reciprocity. Their concern and care is focused upon how they can achieve and fulfill their selfish and wanton desires. And they'll take advantage of any person who just happens to cross paths with this malevolent Agent of Evil. They see their victims as suckers, fools and easy marks. Ultimately, the conniving person becomes a master at returning acts of meanness where acts of kindness were first given to them.
- 3. The Compassionate Person: The compassionate person willfully exercises acts of kindness even when acts of meanness were first inflicted upon them. This is because true-love rules their heart, their soul, and their mind. The compassionate person actively practices the instructions to love their enemy and to pray for them. In spite of first being inflicted with acts of animosity, the compassionate person will not exercise The Law of Reciprocity, and thus return acts of animosity when animosity was first given to them. On the contrary, the

compassionate person is quick to exercise The Law of Reciprocity where kindness is returned in lieu of animosity. The compassionate person only exercises The Law of Reciprocity whenever this mighty law can enhance The Law of Love.

The Law of Reciprocity Is Mankind's Intrinsic Nature

Obviously, reactions to The Law of Reciprocity can vary greatly. That's because sentient reactions are subject to personal volition. Remember, volition and wisdom are directly associated. Furthermore, one's volition can be dominated by love, selflessness and kindness, or it can be dominated by fear, selfishness and belligerent animosity. Accordingly, The Law of Reciprocity can be a very powerful, positive and proactive force, or it can be a very negative force that adversely affects the relationships of mankind. In fact, the negative elements of The Law of Reciprocity are the greatest deterrents to true-love, world peace, and global harmony. Accordingly, The Law of Reciprocity may greatly help you, or it may greatly hinder you. Furthermore, a significant portion of mankind allows The Law of Reciprocity to dominate their lives in an extremely conactive manner. As an example, every act of road rage is the result of The Law of Reciprocity. The person infested with rage perceives himself as a victim of an insult perpetrated by another driver, and he's now determined to reciprocate that insult back to his unknown nemesis. And of course, the original insult, if it actually did occur, may have been intentional or non-intentional. Whatever the circumstances may have been, insult begets insult. Mankind must evolve beyond the limitations of The Law of Reciprocity if he's to achieve his ultimate potential within the Creator's cosmic village.

The exercise of The Law of Reciprocity is mankind's first nature, thus making it very natural and very easy to love your own kind. In response, your own kind naturally reciprocates their love for you. Your own kind is represented by your family, your neighbors next door and across the street, your fellow countrymen, your fellow members of your race or religion, and so on. This type of love is a conditional love based upon the condition: "I love you **because** you're part of my family, or neighborhood, or country, or race, or religion, and so on. You're the same as me; therefore, I love you." This type of conditional love is called "**selective love**." Selective love is very limited and very rigid, thus restricting your heart and mind from loving those who are different from you. And

if you limit your love in conjunction with The Law of Reciprocity, then your heart and mind will never open to loving all of God's children; that is, your fellow sentient human beings. And know this great truth. Selective love is the death of morality and tolerance. The restriction and limitations of morality and tolerance quickly undermines the very essence of Democracy. If selective love ruled the hearts and minds of the People, then true Democracy would cease to exist. It would quickly decline into a fascist dictatorship, and the undesirable people who are different from the ruling selective class would become second class citizens. And look what's coming next – persecution, false prosecution, unjust isolation, social inequality, and in extreme case murder.

Selective Love as Addressed by Jesus

I personally believe Jesus' primary topic of His teachings concerned the principles of love. As The Father of The Psychology of Love, His teachings are worthy of consideration. Did Jesus actually address the topic of selective love? Of course He did. This teaching was in association with the Roman's practice of State authorized revenue collectors; that is, the Tax Gathers. This is the recording of what Jesus said about selective love. "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax gatherers do the same?"

The tax collectors in Jesus' day were the scum of the earth and were highly despised. These tax collectors lusted for money, and they sometimes used extortion and brutal force to obtain payment for alleged taxes. Often the tax debts were fabricated or were not legally binding. Subsequently, even the most corrupted scum of the earth love their own kind. Selective love is the single greatest obstacle to mankind's ultimate, spiritual evolution. Truly, selective love prevents the Children of Humanity from evolving to the spiritual level that our GBLC wants His children to achieve. When the collective of mankind removes the barrier of selective love, then peace and good will shall dominate all nations, which in turn shall allow mankind to achieve a quality of life that's now considered impossible. And know this important fact. Any selective lover can overcome his or hers nature to be a selective lover. Even one of Jesus' apostles was a tax collectors, that apostle being Matthew.

Note that The Law of Reciprocity may directly conflict with The Law of Love. Under The Law of Love, you're called to love all of our Creator's children, even those who are different from you and those who are your enemy. If you only exercise The Law of Reciprocity, then you'll never be able to make peace with your enemy – and thus secure peace for your children, your grandchildren and your great grandchildren. Let's stop and consider military conflicts between two nations, especially long-standing conflicts. When belligerent people start loving their children more than they hate their enemy, then peace shall take root and dissolve the animosity that separates the warring parties. While the proactive elements of The Law of Reciprocity may serve you well (love begets love), the conactive elements of The Law of Reciprocity are a great stumbling block (antilove begets antilove). Beware the dark side of The Law of Reciprocity, and always seek to first fulfill The Law of Love. Always remember this. You can't truly love your GBLC if you're belligerent and hateful to any of His other children. When true, sincere and genuine love takes root in your heart, then wonderful things happen to you. Likewise, when true, sincere and genuine love takes root in the hearts of the global collective, then wonderful things shall happen to this great, beautiful and wonderful world.

The Law of Reconciliation

The Law of Reconciliation: The Law of Reconciliation is the element of true, sincere and genuine love that creates the intentional and premeditated act to resolve and dispose all ill-will and contempt between opposing parties. The ultimate goal is to intentionally create mutual agreement, mutual respect, and mutual harmony between the conflicting parties, and thus achieve the dignity that's deserving of noble sentient beings such as the Children of Humanity.

The Law of Reconciliation is the only way to peacefully resolve hostile conflicts between two parties. This is because of the ethereal powers that are a part of this great cosmic law. The heart of The Law of Reconciliation is love, mercy and forgiveness. To move from the negative facets of The Law of Reciprocity to the good and righteous elements of The Law of Love, you must first exercise The Law of Reconciliation. By the exercise of The Law of Reconciliation, a conflict

between opposing parties is dissolved, and the once contemptuous parties are now harmonious parties. Reconciliation is always a willful act that's considered and planned for the specific purposes of resolving a conflict. This can only occur as the result of the internalized, sentient operations of a truly loving person. Like love, reconciliation is never an accidental occurrence. I believe an act of reconciliation involves an intellectual element, a volitional element, and an emotional element.

- 1. Reconciliation's Intellectual Element: Reconciliation begins with an intellectual element that seeks to understand the events and circumstances that led to the respective conflict. In effect, reconciliation first reviews and assesses the grievances of all conflicting parties. You must discern which grievances are true and reasonable, and which grievances are petty and lack reasonable justification. And above all, all parties must be as objective as possible to ensure all parties are treated fairly and reasonably. Accordingly, reconciliation always begins with an act of intelligence. In addition, when you need the grace of reconciliation, it's extremely helpful to specifically assess long-term effects as well as short-term effects. The heart of reconciliation's intellectual element is based upon the fact that "love and peace" are highly preferred to "fear and war." Note that love and peace are mutually and highly beneficial to all parties.
- 2. <u>Reconciliation's Volition Element</u>: Reconciliation is finally culminated with a volitional element that willfully forgives the persons who are in conflict. This especially includes forgiving oneself for the wrongs one has done. Reconciliation can never be realized unless both opposing parties desire and will to achieve "the state of reconciliation." All parties are mutually benefited when true, sincere and genuine forgiveness is exerted by all parties and to all parties.
- 3. Reconciliation's Emotional Element: Reconciliation then continues with an emotional element that initiates the sentient attribute of mercy. It's a common misconception that mercy is a voluntary act of the intellect. I personally believe mercy is an involuntary act of emotional feelings, those feelings being a composite of sympathy, sorrow and compassion. These three emotional attributes have the power to open a flood gate of mercy. In addition, these emotional feelings must be applied to all parties, including oneself. Everyone needs the internal attribute of self-mercy. And again, note that all parties mutually benefit from acts of mercy.

It's noted you must be cool, calm, collected and rational in order to properly exercise your faculties of intelligence, volition and emotions. You must be in control of all of your faculties if you're to exercise The Law of Reconciliation. Subsequently, if you're distressed and lacking in any one of these faculties, then you won't be able to exercise The Law of Reconciliation. This especially includes the control of one's emotions. Hostile emotions, especially hidden hostile emotions, always derail the reconciliation process. And know this great truth. The Law of Reconciliation is the only way to resolve one's personal, internal, soulful turmoil and agitation that's a result of internalized, belligerent animosity. I'm talking about self-belligerent-animosity that one inflicts upon oneself. All imperfect sentient beings need to exercise self-reconciliation. Harboring belligerent animosity sucks the happiness and joy right out of your life. And realize this. Belligerent animosity is a state of personhood that's created by the exercise of antilove. Some level of mercy and forgiveness is required to sustain the best of loving and healthy relationships. Consequently, all relationships only survive because The Law of Reconciliation is periodically exercised.

The HSG Love Model

<u>The HSG Love Model</u>: Love is the active concern, the tender care, and the affirming compassion for the <u>happiness</u>, the <u>safety</u>, and the <u>growth of another sentient being</u>. HSG Love is the predominate form of true-love that's exercised among the Children of Humanity.

In my reflections, I have concluded mankind is primarily influenced by two forms of true-love. Each form of love is rooted within one element of mankind's duality; that is, mankind's terrestrial nature and mankind's celestial nature. Accordingly, there is terrestrial love and there is celestial love. Mankind's terrestrial love is founded in Brotherly Love, which the ancient Greeks called "phileo love." Mankind's celestial love is founded in godly love, which the ancient Greeks call "agape love." I define mankind's terrestrial love as "the HSG Love Model" and mankind's celestial love as "the SSD Love Model." The HSG Love Model is based upon the active concern for a person's happiness (H), safety (S), and

growth (G). The SSD Model of Love is based upon the active concern for a person's ultimate satisfaction (S), ultimate security (S), and ultimate development (D). Agape Love and the SSD Love Model are addressed in the next section.

It's emphasized the HSG Love Model is founded upon Brotherly Love. However, the HSG Love Model is far broader and much deeper than what is generally regarded as Brotherly Love. The HSG Love Model is like an iceberg where the essence and nature of Brotherly Love is only the tip of the iceberg. I firmly believe all true-love relationships begin with Brotherly Love. But look closely below this love-iceberg, and there you'll find all the other forms of TSG Love that are part of the human experience. This especially includes the love between husbands and wives, parents and children, good citizens and their country, and the Good Warrior and his or hers fellow citizens. The HSG Love Model is also called phileo love, and whenever I use the phrase "phileo love," I'm referring to the HSG Love Model. Likewise, I use the phrases "terrestrial love" and "HSG Love" to refer to the HSG Love Model. In addition, I use the word "phileoian" to refer to a person who exercises the HSG Love Model. If you're concerned, caring or compassionate about the happiness, safety and growth of those you love, then you're a phileoian. It's also noted that a phileoian is an "Advocate of Love."

This love-language which I have developed may seem silly and trite to many people, but I would gladly be labeled a phileoian and an Advocate of Love. Humbly speaking, I profess to be a phileoian, and I would be personally proud if my fellow citizens believed I really am a phileoian. Now, how about you? Would you find it acceptable to be defined as a phileoian or as an Advocate of Love? Do you want to be an Advocate of Love? And is it true that everybody loves a lover? Would they love someone who advocated HSG Love? Now, here are my personal reflections regarding some elementary principles of the HSG Love Model.

Elementary Principles of the HSG Love Model

1. <u>HSG Love Is Always Active</u>: All forms of HSG Love are always active. I believe there's no such thing as passive love. A passive love is not TSG Love; but instead, passive love is an anemic form of pseudo love. A passive love has

shallow roots and as soon as the relationship experiences the trials and tribulations of life, the passive love quickly withers and disintegrates. And most of all, passive love is well known for its absence of faithfulness, fidelity and loyalty.

- 2. <u>HSG Love Has All Three Dimensions of HSG</u>: True-Love involves all three human dimensions of happiness, safety and growth. Emphatically speaking, True-Love cannot exist unless all three HSG dimensions are an active part of one's self-professed love. If one of these dimensions is missing in a love relationship, then that love relationship is a conditional and rudimentary form of love.
- 3. The Inner Dynamics of HSG Love: The three dimensions of HSG Love actively interact and mutually support each other. The activity of each dimension must also be approximately equal or otherwise the love relationship becomes unbalanced. HSG Love is like a three legged stool where each dimension represents a leg of the stool. If all three legs are equal then the stool is balanced. If one leg is short and deficient, then the stool is unbalanced and tilted. No one likes a tilted love relationship no more than they like sitting on a tilted stool. You always have the nagging sensation you're about to slip off your foundation of love. Never allow your love to become unbalanced and then slip away. All love relationships require constant maintenance, and the best form of maintenance is preventive maintenance. Keeping the HSG love stool balanced is a function of preventative maintenance. Always remember, pay equal attention to the happiness, safety, and growth of those you love.
- 4. The Multiple Facets of Love's Growth Dimension: Most people readily understand love's dimensions of happiness and safety. In fact, most people over emphasize the dimension of happiness, and some people even believe love and happiness are synonyms. And of course, love that's only concerned with happiness is a highly conditional love. Regarding love's safety dimension, most people also readily associate safety with the essence and nature of love. The active concern for the safety of someone you love is a very natural occurrence. This especially applies to loving parents and their love for their children. Throughout history, societies have always placed the safety of children as the societies' first concern. It really does take a village to properly raise a child. Also note that the safety of the youngest children receives the society's highest concern and protection. On the hand, the concern for a person's growth is often

overlooked. Do you associate love with a person's growth? Furthermore, be sure to realize that love's growth dimension is not limited just to a person's physical growth and their good health. Love's concern for a person's growth includes all the multiple facets of the sentient human being and the human experience. The active concern for one's growth includes physical growth, intellectual growth, emotional growth, psychological growth, sentient growth, spiritual growth, and ultimately, to grow in the knowledge, wisdom and exercise of love. Let your love grow! And for those you love, be sure to fertilize them with love.

- 5. <u>HSG Love Is Mankind's Higher Lover</u>: HSG Love is the primary form of love that mankind achieves and exercises within the terrestrial realm. Accordingly, HSG Love is the terrestrial love form of mankind's higher love. This is especially in comparison to the many forms of conditional love. It's also noted at this time that Agape Love is a higher form of love than phileo love, and I call it "The Great Love."
- 6. <u>HSG Love Is Unconditional Love</u>: HSG Love is an unconditional love, thus being a higher state of love than any form of mankind's conditional loves, especially selective love. Any form of conditional love is not a true, sincere and genuine love, but represents a false and pseudo love. It's also noted perfect unconditional love is a human goal and is not a human condition. We are an imperfect people in an imperfect world, and we can only strive to do our best to be an HSG Lover.
- 7. HSG Love Is the Bond That Binds Sentient Human Beings: HSG Love is the cosmic sentient force that provides the love attribute called "human attachment." Human attachment is also called "interpersonal connection" and "human bonding." This is a positive, proactive and optimistic form of bonding, and this type of bonding produces the interpersonal sensations of acceptance and belonging. Because of the power of acceptance and belonging, just the simple presence of your loved ones can make you happy. In a healthy relationship this bond continues to grow, and eventually the bond becomes unbreakable. Consequently, the love relationship evolves into "union love." Thus, it is deeply believed "true-love never fails." Lastly, it should be noted and emphasized that the concept of the "love-bond" never restricts or impedes

- the principles of sentient freedom. If it did, then the love-bond would actually be a form of human bondage. Never forget the heart of true-love is free-will, thus honoring our Creator's gift of sentient freedom for all of His children.
- 8. HSG Love Graciously Resolves Personal Human Conflicts: In the best and strongest of relationships, personal human conflicts still occur. Naturally, how you handle these inevitable conflicts will affect the quality of your relationships. In the mist of a conflict, it's very important for you to stop, listen, pause and think about your loved ones perspective of the conflict. You must graciously do this reflective communication in order to respond to your loved ones in a way that not only connects you with them, but also validates both of you. In this way, you have a better chance of arriving at a solution that will "connect you with your loved ones" and not "disconnect you from your loved ones." After all, HSG Love is all about mutual communications, mutual connections, and mutual commitments. Without love's interpersonal connections, your relationships will wither away and eventually die. Accordingly, the intentional exercise of HSG Love mutually, respectfully and peacefully resolves your personal human conflicts.

Additional Reflections

Now consider this. A person exercises HSG Love when that love focuses upon the happiness, safety and growth of those people that are truly loved. If I express concern for your happiness, then I'm actually expressing my love for you. If I express concern for your safety or growth, then I'm also expressing my love for you. Beyond a doubt in my mind, you express your love for someone by addressing your concerns for their happiness, their safety and their growth. And this is all a critical element in the concepts of the HSG Love Model. Accordingly, I can send you a coded message that says "I love you" simply by saying "HSG." And in doing so, I believe I significantly expand the depth of meaning of my love for you. I think it's great to use the three little words "I love you," but the three letter acronym "HSG" expresses far more meaning and does it with less emotional uncertainty.

The truth is many people have learned not to trust the phrase "I love you." On the other hand, "HSG" is a code that represents a cognitive concept that focus upon the three dimensions of life that matter the most – your happiness, safety, and growth. This is not to belittle or diminish the emotional element of love, for love

cannot exist without a healthy portion of your emotional investment. But I sincerely believe we first need an intellectual grasp that provides a social standard for an introductory beginning of TSG Love. Accordingly, love is HSG! This is surely biased by my male gender disposition, where the science of psychology has well established that men tend to be intellectually polarized while emotionally subdued. Men think first and feel second. The truth is men often need to think less and feel more. And it's noted the male's intellectual polarization is independent of one's actual IQ. As for me, I know I'm smart because I adamantly embrace The First Paradigm of Life: "I know very little while I believe very much."

Nonetheless, I most sincerely believe the elementary principles of the HSG Love Model are a great starting point for expressing my personal love for those I truly love. To those who read this message I say: "HSG to each and every one of you!" And I really mean that! May everyone in the entire world embrace and exercise the HSG Love Model.

The SSD Love Model

<u>The SSD Love Model</u>: Love is the active concern, the tender care, and the affirming compassion for the ultimate <u>satisfaction</u>, the ultimate <u>security</u>, and the ultimate <u>development</u> of another sentient being. SSD Love is the only form of love by which mankind's Divine Creator loves His Children.

It's important to remember the distinction between the HSG Love Model and the SSD Love Model as defined in the above introductory paragraph of the HSG Love Model. This specifically applies to the concepts of celestial love, agape love, and their association with the SSD Love Model. Having that information in mind, it's emphasized the SSD Love Model is focused upon a godly type of love that far exceeds the foundations of Brotherly Love. The SSD Love Model is agape love, and whenever I use the phrase "Agape Love," I'm referring to the SSD Love Model. Likewise, I use the phrases "celestial love" and "SSD Love" to refer to the SSD Love Model. Furthermore, I use the word "agapian" to refer to a person who exercises the SSD Love Model. If you're concerned, caring or compassionate about the ultimate satisfaction, the ultimate security, and the ultimate development of those you love, then you're an agapian. I believe mankind's ultimate aspiration is

to be a true, sincere, and genuine agapian, where the actualization as an agapian reflects mankind's ascension as a "godly sentient being." What shall be your ultimate state of sentient development? Now, here are my personal reflections regarding some elementary principles of the SSD Love Model.

Elementary Principles of the SSD Love Model

- 1. <u>SSD Love Is Always Active</u>: All forms of SSD Love are always active. In fact, there is no form of love that's more active than SSD Love.
- 2. <u>SSD Love Has All Three Dimensions of SSD</u>: Agape Love involves all three sentient dimensions of satisfaction, security and development. True Agape Love doesn't exist unless all three SSD dimensions are an active part of one's self-professed Agape Love. If one of these dimensions is missing in a love relationship that aspires to be an SSD Love relationship, then that love relationship is not founded upon SSD Love.
- 3. The Inner Dynamics of SSD Love: The three dimensions of SSD Love actively interact and mutually support each other. These are the same type of dynamic principles that apply to the HSG Love Model. The only difference is SSD Love is broader, deeper and more intense than HSG Love. Always remember, pay equal attention to the ultimate satisfaction, the ultimate security, and the ultimate development of those you love.
- 4. The Multiple Facets of Love's Development Dimension: Once again as with the HSG Love Model, the SSD Love Model's associated dimension of development requires a lover's special attention. As with the active concern for a person's growth, the active concern for a person's development is often overlooked as a function of love. But in contrast, the active concern for a person's ultimate development far exceeds the active concern for a person's growth. In fact, the concern for a person's ultimate development is believed to be the zenith of love. Can you love a person more than the love that supports the person to achieve the actualization of their full and ultimate potential? And what do you do after you have achieved the actualization of your full and ultimate potential? Are you now an Ultimate Lover?

- 5. SSD Love Is Also Called "The Great Love": HSG Love is the predominate form of love that mankind achieves and exercises within the terrestrial realm. Accordingly, HSG Love is a terrestrial love and is the terrestrial form of mankind's higher love, especially in comparison to all forms of conditional love. However, mankind has always recognized humanity yearns for a greater and more enduring love than his limited form of terrestrial love. Mankind needs to be loved beyond their human abilities. And by virtue of our Creator's love for His children, He does love His children beyond their abilities. Therefore, SSD Love is "Godly Love," and it's called "The Great Love."
- 6. <u>SSD Love Is Unconditional Love</u>: Sometimes I like to stirrup the pot. And this is a pot of "food for thought." I believe Godly Love is actually very conditional. But there's only one condition, and that condition is for Godly Love to be totally and absolutely unconditional. Therefore, the Lord of Life whispers to all His children.

"I love you in spite of all your imperfections, blemishes and failures. I love you simply because you are. Now, come home to me my precious child and be an active, creative and loving collaborator in my Kingdom of Love. And here in my kingdom you shall develop to be a great agapian lover. Truly and surely, you shall become the actualization of your full and ultimate potential."

Now, how does the SSD Love Model differ from the HSG Love Model? There's a sensation of personal satisfaction that far exceeds all terrestrial sensations of happiness. There's a sensation of personal security that far exceeds all terrestrial sensations of feeling safe. And there's a level of personal development that's far beyond all levels of terrestrial growth. In my reflections, I have come to believe in three additional elements of SSD Love.

A. <u>SSD Love Is Mankind's Ultimate Love</u>: SSD Love is the ultimate form of love that mankind longs for. Only a disabled sentient mind would reject a love that provides the ultimate concern for their ultimate wellbeing.

- B. <u>SSD Love Is Partially Achievable in the Terrestrial Realm</u>: A partial form of SSD Love is achievable within the terrestrial realm. Where HSG Love ends and SSD Love begins is very difficult to discern.
- C. <u>SSD Love Dominates the Celestial Realm</u>: SSD Love is the type of love that's predominately exercised in the celestial realm; that is, in the world-to-come. Be of great faith! The best is yet to come! What your eye has not seen, or what your ear has not heard, nor what you cannot conceive in your heart is what awaits you if you willfully exercise true-love
- 7. SSD Love Is the Bond That Binds Mankind's Creator With His Children: HSG Love involves "human attachment," but SSD Love involves "cosmic attachment." In addition, cosmic attachment provides mankind's ultimate sensations of acceptance and belonging. Just try to imagine the sensation of being lovingly bonded with your gracious, benevolent and loving Creator. And one day He shall make a public announcement where He will call you out and then pronounce:

"This is my beloved Child of Humanity with whom I am very pleased. Listen to her (or him), for she (or he) knows all about my perfect love for all of my Children of Humanity. My love cannot be separated from any of my children who truly love me Accordingly, we shall always be connected."

So then, just how strongly connected are you with your gracious Creator? Here is the Lord of Life's answer to this question.

"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"

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Accordingly, SSD Love is primarily a celestial form of love, and it's properly referred to as a form of "a living love." In other words, love becomes us; and we become the personification of SSD Love. Hence, true-love is a state of being, and we have the ability to reflect this great truth within our terrestrial world. The Children of Humanity are called by their loving Creator to become the essence and nature of love. Thus, SSD Love is both a godly love and a Godly love. Our Creator's love for his children is agape love, whereby our Divine Creator is actively concerned for the ultimate well-being of each and every one of His children. When it comes to the well-being of His children, our Heavenly Father is tenacious in His caring, His concern and His compassion for all His precious children.

Agape love is the greatest of the ancient Greeks' four loves and literally represents a form of love that has a Godly nature. In many of the books and articles I've read, agape love is simply defined as Godly love. In the Bible's New Testament where Jesus teaches The Law of Love, the Greek word used for "love" in the phrases "love God" and "love your neighbor" is the Greek word "agape." In other words, The Law of Love requires you to love God with a Godly love and to love your fellow man also with a Godly love. Even when Jesus taught to "love your enemies," the Greek word used for "love" is "agape." Consequently, you're even required to love your enemies in a Godly way. SSD Love is mankind's ultimate form of love, and it's the form of love by which our gracious Creator loves all His children. Therefore, agape love is truly The Great Love, and it truly is a living love. Love is alive, and love is all around.

Now beware! Agape love isn't for the socially meek or the spiritually weak. Surely, the Lord of Life's intentional will for mankind is to exercise SSD Love, this being the greatest challenge of mankind's terrestrial experience. Mankind's greatest dilemma is learning how to love his enemies and how to love those who are unlovable. How do you love the unlovable? Herein lays the answer. How deep and how broad is your personal capacity to exercise The Law of Reconciliation? How capable and committed are you to loving your fellow man the same way God loves him? Truly and surely, it's tough enough just being a phileoian, but being an agapian requires a state of selflessness that can only be achieved by deep-seated prayers and meditations. How deep is your love, and how willing are you to totally commit yourself to agape love? Beyond any doubt in my mind, the only way you can love your enemy is to exercise true, sincere and genuine SSD Love.

Finally, let me leave you with a great personal belief which I believe with all my heart. In the Kingdom of Love there is no one who professes to be a Christian. There is no one who professes to be a Jew or a Moslem or a Hindu or a Buddhist or any other member of an earthly religion. In the world-to-come, there are only two types of sentient beings. There are those who humbly profess to be an agapian, and there are those who humbly profess to be a phileoian while earnestly aspiring to be an agapian. Actively seek the Kingdom of Love so that you may achieve your ultimate satisfaction, your ultimate security, and your ultimate development.

The Model of Antilove

<u>The Model of Antilove</u>: Antilove is the active or passive degradation or depravation of the well-being of a sentient being. This degradation or depravation may be an attack upon a person's happiness, satisfaction, safety, security, growth or development. An antilover is motivated by conditional love, selective love, selfishness and fear.

In order to truly understand true-love, you also have to understand antilove. There is "love," and there is "that which is not-love." That which is not-love is called antilove. Antilove manifests itself in two forms – selfishness (envy and jealousy) and fear (especially the fear of anxiety). Antilove is counter-creative and counter-productive to all that's good, righteous and beautiful. Antilove seeks to destroy and to create chaos. In addition, antilove wants to dominate, control and command all sentient beings, especially the Children of Humanity. It's the active will of antilove to enslave all sentient beings. Deep within the heart of the ultra antilover dwells the intense desire and demented will to usurp the Throne of God. Finally, antilove is the essence and nature of malevolence and evil. Beware the deceptive powers of antilove, for antilove will beguile you and take command of you. The weapons you possess to fight antilove are truth, love, prayer and meditation, these being the ethereal substances that lead to enlightenment. Arm yourself well in the Good Fight against antilove. Now, here are my personal reflections regarding some elementary principles of the Model of Antilove.

Elementary Principles of Antilove

- 1. Active and Passive Antilove: Antilove can be either active or passive. Active antilove is exercised by the bully who attacks a vulnerable person. Passive antilove is exercised by those who do nothing while watching the bully attack his victim. In theological terms, the active antilover exercises sins of commission. The passive antilove exercises sins of omission. It's also noted the greatest form of passive antilove is laziness. Be sure to know that our loving Creator despises laziness; that is, God regards laziness with contempt, distaste, disgust, disdain and scorn.
- 2. <u>Degradation and Depravation</u>: The definitions of the words "degradation" and "depravation" are as follows: (1) "<u>degradation</u>" means "the act of reducing or lowering in character or quality," and (2) "<u>depravation</u>" means "the act of making something bad or worse, or the act of corrupting." An antilover wants to reduce your sentient character while trying to corrupt your sentient soul.
- 3. <u>Antilove Nullifies Love</u>: Antilove can affectively nullify HSG Love and SSD Love. Antilove especially favors manifesting itself in the form of lawlessness. When lawlessness increases, many people's love grows cold, becomes withdrawn, and then is totally negated. Antilove would rule our world and the Cosmos if it could overpower the good and tenacious Knights of Love. Sometimes it takes a lot of courage to be a true-lover, and all too often it also takes a lot of sacrifice.
- 4. Antilove's Selective Attacks: In order to be effective in its corruption, antilove only needs to degrade or deprave one dimension of HSG Love or SSD Love. And sometimes it can be very difficult to recognize antilove when it's degrading or depraving only one dimension of true-love. When conditions and limitations are applied to just one dimension of true-love, then that limited form of love is a conditional love. The question to consider is this. How much antilove exercised in a relationship can be tolerated before the relationship crumbles into a total disaster?
- 5. <u>Everyone Exercises Antilove</u>: Everyone exercises antilove in some way, in some manner, and some times. The truth is fatigue makes antilovers of us all. Consequently, we must always remember this great paradigm. We are all imperfect people in an imperfect world, whereby we all need to receive and to

give mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation and redemption. Now, what predominates in your heart – love or antilove? And what are you doing to be the best and most consistent TSG Lover you can possibly be? Constant vigilance is required to guard against the dark powers of antilove.

- 6. <u>Antilove Is a State of Being</u>: Just the same as love is a state of being, antilove is also a state of being. In addition, it's extremely easy to fall into a state of antilove. Fortunately, the state of love is also easily entered through the open doors of prayer, mediation and love's power of reconciliation.
- 7. Antilove Effectively Blocks Interpersonal Communications: You must communicate your love if you're to sustain your love. On the other hand, antilove is often the results of a failure to communicate. TSG Love mandates expressions and communications. Therefore, beware of the detrimental consequences created by the failure to effectively communicate. A breakdown in love's communications can quickly lead to a state of antilove and fractured relationships. Meanwhile, malevolent antilove is actively involved in shutting down all channels of communications. When you hear someone say "I don't want to hear about it!" then you know antilove is jamming all hopes of establishing loving communications.
- 8. Antilove Separates the Bonds That Bind True-Love: It's easy to recognize antilove because of its nature to repulse and isolate the people that predominately exercise antilove. Whereas true-love's nature is to attract, attach, connect and bond people together, antilove's nature is to repulse, detach, disconnect and dissolve all healthy forms of relationships. While true-love provides the foundational sensation of personal acceptance, antilove provides the foundational sensation of personal rejection. And while true-love provides the foundational sensation of belonging, antilove provides the foundational sensation of expulsion and isolation. Finally, a person whose character is founded upon true-love makes you happy when they enter your presence. Such a person is a Type 1 Happy Maker. On the other hand, a person whose character is founded upon antilove makes you happy when they leave your presence. Such a person is a Type 2 Happy Maker. Consequently, everyone has the ability to make other people happy. It's just a question if you're a Type 1 Happy Maker or a Type 2 Happy Maker. Antilovers are incredibly selfish, lonely and unhappy people. Now, how about you? Are you primarily a Type 1 Happy Maker or a Type 2 Happy Maker?

Additional Reflections

The Model of Antilove is a new concept for most people, and many people have a negative response to the concept. It's difficult to consider yourself as an antilover. And yet, everyone sooner or later degrades and depraves another person in some way, in some manner, and somehow. Every thought, word and act of animosity is an act of degradation and depravation upon another person. Facing your blemishes and imperfections can be very demoralizing, thus sucking the wind right out of your sails. That's why it's critically important to learn how to forgive yourself and thus build (and rebuild) the proactive sentient elements of your self-value, self-worth, self-esteem, and self-love. Our gracious, benevolent and loving calls all His children to take their best and make it better.

This is why I like The Model of Antilove. The war of "love versus antilove" is a constant battle, and we need a convenient method of determining how the battle is progressing. If you ignore the reality of antilove, then antilove has already won the war for the domination and control of your mind. Therefore, I throw down before you the gauntlet of love. This gauntlet is to be your living reminder that antilove truly does exist and it actively wants to dominate, control and command your beliefs, thoughts, mind, actions and character. Hence, in everything you believe, think, say or do, you have the willful choice to exercise either love or antilove. Now consider this. Are you winning the battle against antilove? In all your beliefs, thoughts, words and actions, challenge yourself to discern if your true self is founded upon love or antilove. And every time you exercise this great and enlightening challenge, remember these two great paradigms. You shall be what you resolve to be, and love is never an accidental occurrence.

Antilove and Lust

Lust is a special form of antilove that's a concentration of hedonistic selfishness. My intentional meaning of the word "lust" expands beyond the common understanding of the word. The word "lust" is usually used in the context regarding sexual desires, especially lecherous sexual desires. I define the word "lust" to mean "the innately and inordinately selfish nature of wanton desires." The word "inordinate" means: (1) beyond proper limits, or excessive; (2) disorderly, or uncontrolled; (3) unrestrained in conduct, feelings, or other sentient attributes; and (4) unregulated and undisciplined. The word "wanton" means: (1)

unprovoked actions accomplished with malicious and unjustifiable conduct; (2) willful, deliberate and without proper and reasonable provocation; and (3) without regard for what is right, just and humane. The definition of principle interest is "without regard for what is right, just and humane". Accordingly, here is my expanded meaning of the word "<u>lust</u>." Lust is the uncontrollable and excessive selfish desires to obtain what you want without regard for what is right, just and humane.

Lust resides in the very heart of mankind's animalistic nature, for lust is the immoral essence of the human-animal. Like the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, there is a beast dwelling within every terrestrial human being, and if the beast is not controlled, it will create havoc for the individual and society as a whole. Sentient beings who allow lust to govern their lives ultimately live life by The Law of the Jungle and The Survival of the Fittest. Beyond any doubt, sentient human beings have the potential to have many forms of lusts including the lust for money, social power, sex, violence, gambling, alcohol, drugs, food, and even laziness. Lust has many forms, and any one of those forms has the ability to totally destroy you. Beware of the intoxicating powers of lust, for lust is the direct and slippery path to life's dark side.

Antilove, Fear and Selfishness

If you closely consider and reflect upon the essence and nature of antilove, then you'll come to realize antilove is also the essence and nature of fear. In fact, antilove is fear, and fear is antilove. In this usage of the word "fear," I define "fear" to mean "a distressing emotion or state of being aroused by impending pain, danger, evil, or any other condition that leads to a person's degradation, depravation or detriment." Fear can be real or imaginary, and whether the fear is real or imaginary, fear can be very paralyzing and destructive. And remember the Wiseman who warned: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Extreme fear has the power to obliterate all sensations of personal happiness and satisfaction, safety and security, and growth and development. Surely and truly, fear is the essence and nature of antilove.

Now, most people believe the opposite of love is hate. But this is not true. **The opposite of love is fear.** Hatred is actually a reaction to fear, whereby "<u>hate</u>" is defined as "an intense dislike for something or someone, and thus creates an

aversion to what you fear." You come to hate what you truly fear in your heart. Now, it's important to realize there are only three forms of fear: jealousy, envy and anxiety. Also note that jealousy and envy are the two forms of selfishness. Consequently, fear and selfishness are directly associated with antilove. Here are the definitions of the three forms of fear: (1) **Jealousy**: the inordinate **fear** of losing that which you deeply desire. (2) **Envy**: the inordinate **fear** of not obtaining that which you deeply desire. And (3) **Anxiety**: the **fear** of the unknown.

What is the full meaning of the word "anxiety?" My personal, definition of the word "anxiety" is "the fear of the unknown." The textbook definition of the word "anxiety" is "distress or uneasiness of mind caused by apprehension of danger or misfortune." There's also a very interesting psychiatric definition for the word "anxiety," which is "a state of apprehension and psychic tension found in most forms of mental disorders." It should be very apparent the ethereal substance of anxiety is a major factor in the lives of everyone. Where anxiety rules, then the quality of life greatly suffers. Everyone suffers from some degree of personal anxieties.

Jealousy, envy and anxiety always attack the heart of your well-being. If left unchallenged, these evil forces shall consume your spirit and soul, and then you'll become the living essence of antilove and an agent of evil. If you're to be an obedient and loving child of your Divine Creator, then you must be the master of your fears. This especially applies to the fear and anxiety of death. Do not fear death; but instead, accept and embrace the perfect love of your gracious and benevolent Creator. Never forget, perfect love casts out all fears. By being the master of your fears, you'll then have the power and ability to overcome your selfish desires. Always beware the seductive powers of antilove, fear and selfishness, for these evil forces actively seek to lure you to sleep and then snag you into their web of deceit and doom.

The Proactive Elements of Selfishness and Fear

Everything in life has both a proactive feature and a conactive feature. While the ethereal substance of love is predominantly proactive, love can also have a conactive feature. As an example, there is a form of love that's called "smother-love." Excessive tender-love can bury a person until they lose their sense of self. The good intentions of the person exercising the smother-love may be true, sincere

and genuine, but the ultimate act of smother-love undermines the well-being of the person loved. Love is a dynamic force that must always balance the short-term benefits with the long-term benefits. As an example, water is an incredible benefit of mankind, but if you get too much water, then you can easily drown in it. Too much of any good benefit can easily become a degradation and depravation to a person.

In a similar manner there are proactive forms of selfishness and fear. Proactive selfishness is actually a specific application of true self-love. True self-love is always active and always proactive. Proactive fear is actually a reverent and deep-seated respect of a power, force, authority, or other specific condition that could be potentially dangerous. Let us stop and ponder about proactive selfishness and proactive fear.

A person who is truly dedicated and devoted to the Life-Principle of Love can give, and give, and give until they're exhausted from their excessive giving. You can give so much in the short-term that it becomes a detriment in the long-term. Ultimately, you're responsible for your well-being. When your love-giving has become so great that you're totally exhausted mentally, emotionally, financially, or spiritually, then it's time for you to intercede with a healthy portion of proactive selfishness. The Art of Living mandates the moderation and balance in all elements of life. Everybody wants and needs a dynamically balanced life. It's a natural element of life that sentient human beings easily and readily deplete themselves, and thus require periodic rest and recuperation. In fact, proactive selfishness is a critical part of proactive self-love. And this is a great truth. The mutual well-being of the collective is dependent upon the well-being of the vast majority of society's individuals.

I firmly believe fear is mankind's ultimate nemesis. It's the soul – not the body – that suffers the most. If fear truly is mankind's ultimate nemesis, then how can there be a proactive form of fear? But I also know there is a proactive form of fear. Surely, we can fear a snake or any other dangerous animal, and that fear is certainly a healthy and proactive feature of self-preservation. We can also experience the fear of failure which actually is a specific type of anxiety. Truly, fear can be a major motivating force on the road to ultimate success. In addition, most people have heard of these two wise sayings. "The fear of the Lord is the

beginning of wisdom." "Fear not he who can destroy the body; but instead, fear He who can destroy the body and the soul." These are definitely two examples of proactive fear.

Now, when it comes to the fear of God, many Bible scholars define that form of fear to be "an immense and deserving measure of respect." This also results in a discussion regarding the difference between the respect of God versus the honor of God. Do you fear the Lord of Life, or do your respect the Lord of Life, or do your honor the Lord of Life? But no matter what your personal perspective may be, everyone who believes in the living reality of mankind's Creator has a deep-seated inkling of "Godly fear." The question to consider is this. Does our loving Creator actually want His children to fear Him? I personally believe our loving Creator only wants His children's love and not their fear. Nevertheless, that old inkling of fear can quickly activate and make the hair on the back of my neck rise up and tingle. But on the other hand, how many stories are there about a sentient human being's encounter with his Divine Creator, and where the story begins with the Creator saying: "Fear not! It is I, your Heavenly Father." Surely, these are some of the best stories that have ever been told.

Conactive Anxiety

Conactive anxiety may be the greatest mental and emotional disorder experienced by mankind. This statement is based upon a quantitative perspective, thus representing the massive invasive nature of anxiety throughout society. Sooner or later everyone is affected by conactive anxiety. However, some people's encounters with anxiety are far more severe than the usual and customary encounters served up by anxiety. The mental and emotional stress of anxiety may also cause a variety of physiological related disorders. My sympathy is extended to those people who suffer from an excessive measure of anxiety, especially anxiety that's generated by imaginary apprehensions. Imaginary apprehensions are the unknown factors of anxiety, and that's why anxiety is the fear of the unknown. Excessive anxiety results in the soulful turmoil of panic attacks. Panic attacks can range from mild conditions to extremely severe conditions. In addition, excessive anxiety quickly leads to depression. Anxiety and depression go together like two sides of a coin. Furthermore, the more intense the anxiety is and the longer the anxiety lasts, then the more severe the depression becomes.

Now, anxiety and depression are natural elements of life, and everyone experiences some levels of anxiety and depression. Fortunately, most people work through their personal bouts of anxiety and depression. As previously addressed, some forms of anxiety actually benefit a person. Unfortunately though, there are some people who react to anxiety with an excessive and irrational response that creates havoc in their souls. And it seems to me that some of the worst cases of crippling anxiety are created by religious generated anxieties. This is the irrational thinking that may occur.

Anxiety's Potential Mind Trap

I really believe in the living reality of my Creator, and I truly love Him. So then, why isn't my life happy, satisfying and fulfilling? Why do my problems and concerns manifest themselves as incapacitating worries? Am I hiding some dark secret sin which I have concealed from myself? Have I offended my Creator so badly that I'm now His reprobate? Why am I like a sinking ship in a sea of despair? Is anyone concerned about me, and does anyone really care about me? Where is the compassion I'm supposed to receive? And where is the love? Where is the perfect love that shall set free me from all my anxieties? Why is it that I feel so all alone and why do I even exist? Mighty Angel of Death, can you at least comfort me?

Based upon my personal inquiry of self-interest, it has been consistently proven that anxiety and depression are best mended by proper and effective cognitive therapy. This type of therapy is based upon the pursuit of truth and the exercise of love. And a critical part of the pursuit of truth involves the patience's education of love's elementary principles, especially the principles of proactive self-love. The truth shall set you free, but a disabled mind presents a tremendous challenge to the therapist's success. A person's dysfunctional emotional nature can readily nullify the person's intellectual nature and enslave the person's volitional nature. In such a case, neither acts of intelligence nor the will of the spirit can overcome the intensity of the anxiety and the inertia of the depression. We're incredibly fragile creatures, thus often making life unfair, risky, uncertain and imperfect. How do you mend a broken heart that's beyond human mending? O Mighty Creator, where is your tender and healing love? Please pour upon your disabled child the healing miracle of your compassionate love.

If I had the power to eradicate just one detrimental element of the human experience, I would eradicate the conactive and detrimental effects of excessive anxiety and immobilizing depression. The care of the soul is first paramount, and a broken soul is a truly sad and demeaning condition of the human experience. When a person's life is saturated in the darkness of total despair, then it's extremely difficult to see the small glimmer of hope that radiates from the heavenly side of the clouds of despair. Can a sentient mind actually be defective, and therefore, incapable of adapting and adjusting to life's usual and customary levels of anxiety and depression? Are such conditions the result of The Law of Fate? And will mankind ever find a way to heal a sentient mind that's ravaged with irresolvable anxieties? To the victims of excessive anxieties, I know my words offer very little solace. But I truly do feel for you, and I wish you well. All I can really do is leave you with this thought. Embrace the ideals of hope, faith and love, for in the end, this is all anyone can really possess – no matter what one's state of mind may be. Never give up your hope of soulful mending, and never give into the degrading and depraving whispers of anxiety and depression. Our gracious and benevolent Creator's love is perfect, and in the end, His perfect love shall prevail. It simply has to!

The Life-Principles of Antilove and Selfishism

A life consumed by antilove is a life that's based upon the Life-Principle of Antilove. You can even divide the Life-Principle of Antilove into two subgroups: (1) the Life-Principle of Active Antilove, and (2) the Life-Principle of Passive Antilove. As an example, a hard core criminal lives a life based upon the Life-Principle of Active Antilove. The active antilove lives life by this principle: "What is yours is mine, and I shall take by whatever means is necessary." A person who isolates and insulates himself or herself from society lives a life based upon the Life-Principle of Passive Antilove. Such a person avoids the responsibilities of love and life, and they hardly ever (if never) give from the charity of their heart. This is because they have no charity in their heart. The passive antilove lives life by this principle: "What is mine is mine, and I shall keep it mine no matter how much you may need it." In a similar manner, a life consumed by selfishness is a life that's based upon the Life-Principle of Selfishism. Let me first define what I mean by the word "selfishism." I define "selfishism" as "the internalized sentient drive founded

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upon the fundamental concepts of selfishness, whereby one willfully chooses to live life by actively fulfilling their selfish desires." Accordingly, selfishism seeks to immediately fulfill the self-gratification human pleasures.

All forms of lust are selfishism, and all acts of selfishism are acts of antilove. Now, everyone acts in a selfish manner every now and then. And don't forget about the proactive form of selfishness that can be very beneficial. However, people who consistently act in a selfish manner are living the Life-Principle of Selfishism. There are some people who are extremely loving, and there are some people who are extremely selfish. It's always easy to distinguish the extreme ends of life's spectrum. However, most people dwell somewhere between the two extremes of the spectrum. Accordingly, it can be very difficult to distinguish the genuine lovers from the selective lovers. What truly dominates, controls and commands your heart? Is it love, or is it antilove? Do you intentionally choose the Life-Principle of Love, or do you allow your innate animalistic nature to control you, thereby living life by the Life-Principle of Selfishism? The choice is blatant, and you must make a choice. Do you choose love and selflessness, or do you choose antilove and selfishism?

Part 4

A Sincere And Cheerful Farewell

Closing Reflections

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

Live Life By The Ideology of Love

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be a Mighty and Noble Advocate of Love

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

Definition of an Advocate of Love

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

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

The Quiet Advocate of Love

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

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

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

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

The Vivacious Advocate of Love

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

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

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

Start a Phileo Study Group

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

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

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

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

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

An Affectionate Goodbye

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

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

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

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

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

Have I Helped You

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The sincerity of my love I give to all.

HSG to all!

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Please consider the following questions.

Are you a person of honorable character?

Are you a positive, proactive and optimistic person?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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