

True-Love's Top Ten Attributes

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True-love has many facets, and it's very important to know and understand love's attributes. The word "attribute," when used as a noun, 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 top ten attributes and then I'll address each attribute individually. At the end of the composition is a link to a printable copy.

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.

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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 **PICV Factor**. The PICV is an acronym for **Personal Intrinsic Cosmic Value**. 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.

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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.

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

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I've just used four very important words that are critically associated with the principles of love, these being **mercy**, **forgiveness**, **redemption** and **reconciliation**. The word "**reconciliation**" is especially important, and I use it throughout this discussion. 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 nations. 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.

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True-Love Attribute #5

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

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

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

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's Mantra:

**Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is patient. Love is kind.
Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is patient. Love is kind.
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 and kind to all of your loved ones and to all of your fellow celestial brothers and sisters.

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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.

The Law of Free-Will 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 – the perfect love of our benevolent Creator or the imperfect nature of a highly fallible human being?

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Also, realize this great fact about 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. As a result, a true-lover actively accommodates the free-will of those they love. In other words, because I love you, I will let you have it your way, thus fulfilling your willful desires to the fullest extent possible. 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. Simply put, 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 maximum extent possible, but within the reasonable limits of their safety and development? 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 "**aspire**" 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.

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Let's now consider the word "**inspire**" 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

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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. And know this too. 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 distrust the imperfections of mankind.

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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 **near death experience (NDE)**. 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.

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.

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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 beings.

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

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

True-Love Attribute #10

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

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