

# Love Ye One Another

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How is our speaker behaving this morning? Is that about right? You know, I can't hear the hum here. It sounds good from here. So if it gets too noisy, just let me know.

The subject this morning: "Love Ye One Another," is a beautiful subject, if you take it and consider it as it should be considered. Not from the aspect of human love, but from the aspect of Divine Love. As I have said this morning in the scriptural reading and in the few comments, that love is the greatest Force in the Universe, because it is God's Power – it is God's Power.

If you get beyond the Dream Consciousness of God, the consciousness of this universe, where you see the paradoxes and injustices, there you will find the real underlying Eternal Verity – God's Love. But we see, we see the operation of the Dream Consciousness and we are confused. We see the paradoxes, and such things, which we cannot explain under the heading of Divine Love. But, nevertheless, the reality behind it – God's Love – is the real. And remember, that's the greatest Force in the Universe, as I will try to point out.

So, as we discuss this subject, just briefly this morning, because I've given you most of the Eternal Facts in the scriptural reading, when I have said that God is Love; God is Love; and God has made universe upon universe, and His Power is Love.

Now, human love, as you know, cannot give us those things which Divine Love does. As you look about you and you consider human love, especially in families and children, you will see how the Souls are thwarted and prevented from attaining that freedom of Divine Love, which they should have. Human love is Divine Love, but it is circumscribed, conditioned. Divine Love is Unconditioned. Divine Love knows no bounds. And so, that's why it is the Power of the Universe, and that's why this subject should be considered this morning: "Love Ye One Another." "Love Ye One Another." Not with human circumscribed love, but with God's Love, Divine Love.

Now Jesus said to his disciples, and, remember he was not speaking from the standpoint of human love, but from the standpoint of Divine Love; and he said, in St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter, the 12<sup>th</sup> Verse: "This is my commandment..." that shows how important it is to love one another, but to love one another with the *right* love. So Jesus said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

Now Jesus spoke, especially in the later part of his ministry, from the standpoint of Christ Consciousness, not from personality, and so when he said, "...love ye one another, as I have loved you," means that he gave to his disciples the Divine Love of God. His channel was open. And each and every one of us can be a channel, as Jesus was, that the Divine Love of God fo, flow freely. We have to make ourselves a channel whereby God's Great Power can flow through us. And we can do that by making our hearts of pure gold. If there's any dross there, any worldly consciousness, any limitations of our love, it is not Divine Love, and it will not fo, flow freely.

Divine Love is naturally implanted in our hearts. God has done that. That's why I said that we do not have to search it out; we have to just let it bubble forth by removing the dross that is in our hearts. And by, by dross, I mean just worldly consciousness. Most people are good. Most people have love for one another. But it is limited by the consciousness in which they live. Do you see? It is limited by worldly consciousness. And worldly consciousness cannot express Divine Love. It is not complete enough. It has not the power, the ability to express Divine Love, because it is the consciousness of duality, governed by ego consciousness with its likes and dislikes – limitations.

So, to express Divine Love we have to remove the ego; remove worldly consciousness; and let the Power of God, His Consciousness, which is naturally inherent in us as the natural love in the heart; let that flow forth. That's what will change people. Not only change all your conditions, but, if you want to help people, be one with that Divine Love. Then you can help them. Not with human love.

And so, as Jesus said to his disciples, "Love Ye One Another," the Master said the same thing when he left, as I quoted a few moments ago. He said, "When I am gone, love alone will take my place," because he was a true son of God, and he exemplified so wonderfully that Divine Love of God, which those of you who had the privilege of meeting him, realize. But that Divine Love didn't pass with the Master no more than it passed with Jesus when he left. But we were a little

attached to personality in outward consciousness, so we felt that we were gonna lose it. But God is not circumscribed by any of his channels or his vehicles. God is Supreme. And so, as the Great Divine Love stayed with the disciples, so it will stay, and does stay, with all true devotees of God through the channel of Self-Realization; through the channel of the beloved Master.

Don't think that you are left without anything because the Master is not here in person. The impediments have been removed, and you can contact him more easily now than when he was with us. And remember, that Divine Love is the greatest Force in the Universe. That's why the Master said, "When I am gone love alone will take my place." And he didn't mean human love. Because, one time, in leaving Boston, naturally, I was a little upset to have him go, where I had lived with him for three years, four years; and he, naturally, saw my predicament. A little bit of attachment, you know; and he said, "Never mind what happens to me. Don't forget God. And that Light which you see at the Christ Center, that's far greater than I am. That's God Himself. In that Light is Divine Love."

So, when a Great One like the Master recognizes it, we should do likewise, and not moan the fact that he is not with us, or that perhaps, we cannot progress now that the, the Master isn't with us. That's not so. What kind of a God would it be if He limited us that way? We are His children. It is not so. Divine Love is here just the same, even though the Master has gone.

And so, underneath this, this saying of Jesus that ye love one another is a great metaphysical truth, because unless you have that love for one another, unless you have that Divine Love, you cannot know the Christ Consciousness; you cannot realize it, if there's any dross in the human heart. And so, until you remove all the dross from the human heart, you cannot realize God, the Father in you as Christ Consciousness. And that's why Jesus emphasized that one thing: "Love Ye One Another," that you be able to recognize and merge in God in you as the Christ Consciousness, and from that Christ Consciousness receive everything you need.

That's the Comforter of which Jesus spoke. When I am gone I will send you the Comforter<sup>1</sup> which will give you, tell you, all that you need to know and guide you. And so that's why this subject, "Love Ye One Another," is so important. By

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<sup>1</sup> St. John 15:26 "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify for me:"

loving one another, trying to feel each and every one as a child of God, we remove the dross from the human heart; and then, then we can contact God in us as Love, and be guided by Him. Isn't that what you want? Isn't that what I want? I don't want money, unless God wants me to have it. You don't want it either. I don't want possessions, if I have to give up God. Neither do you. We want God first, because we have felt in our hearts that's our greatest need, our greatest necessity is God's Love. Therefore, we have been admonished by Jesus, and the Great Ones: "Love Ye One Another." Not with human love, but with Divine Love, because if you do that, then you are one with God, because God is Love.

Now going on just a little bit, I want to read just from the Bible just a few words to show you the importance of that ye love one another. From St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Verses, we read as follows, I'm sure that you have read this before; but listen carefully: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

God is behind all things. He is the Husbandman. The Vine is His Presence in Creation as the Christ Consciousness. Now those who merge in that, bear good fruit. But then he says he purges it. If we keep, through perfect love for one another given to us by the Master, if we keep in the Word of God, as it says – "...now ye are clean through the word..." if by loving one another, perfectly, you keep in the Word – and you can do it only by Divine Love within you – if you feel that love for one another and all humanity; then you will stay in the Holy Vibration, the Word. What's the result? You are purged of all outward consciousness, and you are clean in the Presence of God. Isn't that wonderful? That's why this subject of love is so important.

And then going on just a little bit, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Line: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." That's why Jesus said, "Love Ye One Another." If you do that, then you can keep his commandments. If you don't, you cannot. If you hate someone, or do not feel that All-encompassing Divine Love for a person, you cannot get one step toward heaven; otherwise why would the saints have said that? And that's why the Master said, "When I am gone, love will replace me, only love will replace me." And then, shortly before he passed away he said, "Those who keep my commandments," those who are loyal to Self-Realization and the teachings, and love one another – which means the same thing – "I will

reach down from heaven and lift them that they, too, know the Father's Love as I know it." Could that be any plainer? Therefore, "Love Ye One Another" is very important, because, if you want to keep the commandments of the Master, or of God, through the channel of Jesus Christ, the Great Ones, and the Master, you can do it only by loving one another and removing the dross from the heart. Then, then you can keep the commandments of God through the channel He has sent.

And finally, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Verse: "I am the vine, ~~and~~ ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Without the Guidance of God in you, you cannot do anything real. You can work in worldly consciousness, but you cannot really do God's Will. But, if you remove the dross in the heart by loving one another with Divine Love, and abiding in the Christ Consciousness, then you are a fruitful branch in the Tree of God's Great Creation. Love one another is very important.

And so, remember, attunement with Christ Consciousness, which is so important. That's why there is so much trouble in the world, because people are not guided by God; not guided by Divine Consciousness, but are guided by everything else. They are not guided by God's Presence. You can never fail, if you can keep in His Consciousness and be guided by Him. You can never fail. You can never but do right. "...Thy will be done<sup>2</sup>." That's why Jesus said, "...Father, let this [cup] pass from me<sup>3</sup>," but if it is Thy Will let it be done. Because the end is what we must never lose sight of. Not just the immediate reward, but the reward of Eternal Life in the Great Love of God.

Now going on just a bit, as I have said, the love of which Jesus spoke is not conditioned love, but Unconditioned Divine Love. And we have this spoken of, the proof of this, in another scriptural reference, which I'd like to give. The Bible is so full, especially in the New Testament, in Jesus' words of compassion and love, that I know of no better way to present this to you than to use a few of Jesus' words. And in St. John again, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Verses, we read as follows, showing that the love of which Jesus spoke is not human love; not limited love; but Divine Love. And there we read: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:" continue, "continue in that love." Not human love, but the Love of God; Divine Love. "As the Father has loved me, I have loved you."

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<sup>2</sup> Matthew 6:10

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 26:39, "And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

And so, the Master, and all great saints, loved his disciples, and their disciples. Not with a limited, circumscribed love, but with Divine Love. And his interest, as you will remember, those of you who met him, and have known him, was not personal; impersonal; for your best good, for my best good. Sometimes it hurt to be disciplined, but what was the result? Freedom; freedom of your consciousness; freedom of your love; oneness with Divine Love.

And so in the 10<sup>th</sup> Verse: “If ~~you~~ [ye] keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments [, and abide in his love.]” Every saint, even as Jesus, did the Will of God; kept His Commandments. How much more should we keep the Commandments of God through the channel He has sent us; through the way He has sent to bring us back home. “...even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.” And so, you can see, Jesus spoke not of mundane love, human love, but of Divine Love, which “passeth all understanding<sup>4</sup>” on the human plane of consciousness. God is Love. Realize that.

Now, we have proof, also, in the Bible of the Power of God’s Love. God’s Love is All-pervasive. God’s Love can take care of all things, as solace, the greatest solace we can have. But there is Power in God’s Love. And we read in this next reference – and please never forget it – do not belittle the Power of Divine Love, even though, sometimes, it seems to react, and you are walked on, so to speak. Don’t, don’t hold that. God’s Love is Supreme. And, if you cling to God, you will see in the end, that you will come out right, and He is with you through every condition. I have seen it, and I know it is so. There are times when you feel “What’s the use, what’s the use?” Don’t feel that way. Remember the Master’s words: “Leave all else, but never God’s side.” That’s the greatest thing. Why? Because Divine Love is the Greatest Power in the Universe and will never leave you alone.

And so, we read in Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, 37<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> Verses; if you remember nothing else this morning, remember this: “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.” If you want God, you’ve got to give him everything. There cannot be any mental reservations. You’ve got to fully surrender to God. And that simply means, fully surrendering outward consciousness. Then the dross is removed from the heart; then His Love can naturally flow through you.

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<sup>4</sup> Philippians 4:7

Now, this is the first and greatest commandment. Why not? God is the Author of all things. It is He who is in all things, in everyone's heart. That's why you should love one another; you should realize that you could have nothing – father, mother, wife, friends, – nothing except God's Love, because He has produced all things from His Love. That's why this is the greatest commandment, the first and greatest commandment is to give due respect, and recognize the Giver; not be satisfied with His Gifts.

Now going on; "And the second is like unto ~~this~~ [it], Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Now, you cannot do that, you cannot love your neighbor, unless you feel the Unity of Divine Love in your neighbor, can you? I know some neighbors I can't, and I have to dive deep to feel that Divine Love, because they're so much engrossed in outward consciousness. They're mean, and they're mean, and they're mean. But underneath that, I've see the meanest of them change – turn right around – because the Power of Divine Love is Supreme. But while they're in that other consciousness, they're terribly mean at times. But we have to, if you feel God's Love in your heart, if you remove the dross from your heart, you can do it.

If a little child comes up and kicks me in the shins, I'm not gonna get cross. I may, for a moment, feel like ringing his neck, but I know God is in Him, and so I realize that. And that's how we have to feel toward these neighbors who are not nice. We have to realize, underneath, God is there just the same. He's playing that part. I hope He enjoys it. We don't sometimes. But God is all. He's in that, He's in the sinner just as much as in the saint; only the saint expresses it – Divine Love.

And so, there we have the importance of Divine Love. But I haven't given you the thing I want you to remember. It is in the last Verse, the 40<sup>th</sup> Verse: "On these two commandments..." On these two commandments, that you shall love God with all your heart, and soul, and strength, and your neighbor in the same way, because you recognize him as a part of God's Love; "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Everything; every reality in the universe, hangs on those two commandments. In other words, God's Love – Divine Love – is the Supreme Power in the Universe. Everything has come from that. It is camouflaged in outward consciousness. But, underneath, when you know outward consciousness is a Dream, you see the

reality of the great statement in the scripture: "God is Love."<sup>5</sup> God is Love. Remember, all law and the prophets hang on that one statement; the first and second commandment: Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart and strength, and thou shalt see Him in every other human being, and in all things. That's why Jesus said, "Love Ye One Another." If you do that, you won't have to worry about the law taking care of things. If you do *not* do it, you will never have any Peace of the Soul. You will never be what you should be, and are; a true child of God.

And so, this Love of God, which is so important, can overcome all things, even the deepest engrained habits. Remember that. God's Love can do that. The ego operates in the realm of likes and dislikes, and hates, and all the things we see about us. But you let God's Love come in, and those deeply engrained habits, likes and dislikes, which seem so real, and which seems insurmountable, will give way when God's Love comes in.

One little funny thing comes to my mind, and then I'll be through, in a minute – one. I was talking to a lady at the greenhouse one time, when we operated the Paxton's greenhouse. I was talking about this certain other lady, and I was saying certain things. She says, "Oh she's full of prunes. She's full of prunes." Well, I'd never heard that before, and I said, "What do you mean?" "Aw, she's full of prunes, that's all." Well, I said, "Listen," I said, "Why don't you feel different toward her?" And so, I talked a little while, and I said, "Why don't you say 'She's sweet and full of honey'?" Well, I think the contrast was so, so great, that it had its effect, and she said she wouldn't say that anymore: "She's full of prunes." That's a funny statement, but it just simply shows that in spite of that, immediately she changed, and you should have seen her face when she said, "She's full of prunes," as a woman can. But, in just a little while this, I said, "Say it, 'She's sweet as honey'." But her face completely changed. So do not be taken up too much with likes and dislikes. They are simply in the realm of ego consciousness.

And those mean neighbors, as I have been talking about, they're in the realm of ego consciousness. But God's Love once touches them, I've seen them change so they're angels – just angels – by the Power of God's Love. And remember, God's Love, God's Love is the greatest antidote, the greatest healing balm, the greatest rectifier. There's nothing that will equal it. You may have money, and position, and power, and you think, "Oh, I'm getting along all right." But there'll come a

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<sup>5</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:16

time when you'll have to have God's Love; you will have to have Divine Love. And remember, it is the greatest balm; the greatest solace; the greatest rectifier; because it is Supreme. God's Love is Supreme.

There was a gentleman at the, at Encinitas, just a little while ago; and talking to him he said, "You know," he said, "I was an alcoholic." "And," he said, "I waked up one morning, and I found I needed God alone, and it left me." Why? Because all the dross was removed from his heart; there was no outward consciousness left to inhibit the flow of God's Great Love. Having that, it replaced that vicious habit, which he had of alcoholism. The Power of God is tremendous. There's no power – I don't care – there's no passion; there's no habit which you have; which cannot be replaced by God's Love. And even sex, and those deeply engrained habits; they can all be removed, if you replace them by one thing – God's Love. I don't care what habits you have. I don't care how flat you are. Remember, God's Love can replace it, and can lift you up, because it is Supreme. And that's why Jesus said, "Love Ye One Another."

And in the final analysis, if we are to gain the Divine Goal, which is oneness with the Master of the Universe, the Storekeeper of the Universe, then we must love one another, because we must remove all dross from the heart – all outward consciousness – that we merge in Him. And that's our goal. Our goal is union – union with God. There's no other way out. You will never be satisfied until you have that union with the one common Father.

Now, if you want that, if you want that, the heart must be pure gold. Dross must be removed. Divine Love must be cultivated in your heart. Cultivate the Divine Love. It is there. It is naturally there. And remember, the goal. Not only freedom from trouble in this world. I don't mean in outward consciousness, but by the Grace of God and His Love, you get out of outward consciousness into the Realm of Consciousness where this Dream Consciousness cannot bother you. Now, if you want that, if you want companionship with the Master of the Universe, you must have Divine Love, because He is Love. God is Love.

And in conclusion, I'd like just to read from Sri Yukteswarji's [The] Holy Science, the last few lines in his book where he says: "Love rules the court, the camp, the grove, the man below, the saints above. For love is heaven, and heaven is love."

*Closing Prayer*

Infinite Father, we feel Thy Peace and Thy Joy, and we know it is Thy Great Self, Thy Great Love. Thou art Love. May Thy Love always bubble in our hearts, giving us the power to overcome all difficulties, and finally come back home with Thee in Cosmic Consciousness. Om. Peace. Amen.