

# LOVE, THE TREASURE OF LIFE

The beauty of nature would once again take its course! A cool, warm or hot atmosphere in some places, with smiling faces everywhere then a feeling of security strength and courage would occupy every heart. A sense of satisfaction and gratitude would then be hatched out of wishes. And the hearts of the young and the old, both males and females would then find total rest from the peace that wells up in the hearts of humanity were they find true love. Life would then have its true meaning! This in part is the true picture of a world full of love.

Imagine for a moment how awesome this world would be if love occupied the heart of every single individual and drove every action performed! Love is power that overcomes evil, weakness and pain.

Years ago Napoleon Bonaparte one of the key figures during the French revolution made a profound statement that demonstrated the power of love.

“I have seen men but not one like Jesus. Men have built kingdoms resting upon force and these have collapsed! Jesus built his kingdom and rested it upon love and its stands to date” (paraphrased party)

Napoleon is remembered for his strange actions and killings. After all his actions Napoleon discovered a greater power. ‘The power of love’ which could have saved perhaps millions of lives if it drove his actions.

All the enemies of life including Nepotism, Jealousy, racial segregation, strife, terrorism and murder would be “shot dead” by a single bullet “love” the problems of war, theft hatred, bombblasts and any other problems therefore can be will have been dealt with forever and the sufferings of humanity reduced to nothing. Concern, sharing, giving, helping support, happiness, care and carefulness would fill up this gap.

Dear friends we can correctly conclude that besides the natural calamities, every other problem there may be in our world today stems from lack of love.

This however does not leave us without a ray of hope. If you and I practiced and “preached” love form today, we shall have started a great journey of creating a peaceful and lovely world

Remember, “love starts with me!”

Love starts with a personal understanding of the human value. Each of us is uniquely designed by God with special nature and abilities, you and I therefore need to understand this fact, accept it and love our special features. Only then shall we be able to appreciate and love others. If there should be love in our world then you and I should start. “Love begins with me!



Because of individual uniqueness we are independent and need each other all the time irrespective of social and economic difference each of us is of great value and special abilities.

If one had all the resources and was left to occupy the earth alone then this fact would become more apparent Each of us therefore deserves to be loved and need to love others.

But what exactly is true love

A feeling of concern, care, empathy and action for the good of others unconditionally.

True love is unconditional and will always continue. If love is based on only the positives of a individual then it is no longer true love. Each of us is bound to make mistakes, with no exception. Love should there be unconditional.

On the contrary true will always forgive. True love is patient and kind, it does not envy, neither does it boasts and is not proud.

Love is not rude, not self feeling,(but seeks the good of others) it is not easily argued and does not keep record of wrong .

True love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth.

True love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres-with all patience. True love never fails!

If we make these qualities of love sink in, we shall have done great work.

### **THE PRACTICE OF LOVE**

There is no love with action. We need to add action to our love for it to be love. If we love others that means we are deeply of concerned about them. We are moved by compassion to offer a kind hand of support. We forgive them when they wrong us, we encourage them when they are down cost. We are patient with them and seek their good.

We apologise to them when we wrong them and if we see them suffering we are moved with compassion to help. We share whatever is in our reach with them when they are in need.

No action no love

### **LOVE SEEKS THE GOOD OF OTHERS!**

My appeal and call to all of us is that we learn and practice to love others for we our selves need to be loved too.

Love is the answer! I dearly love you all

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