

Living Love

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Lesson 1

Introduction

These verses tell us the two commandments given by Jesus to His followers:

Matthew 22

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Here the Lord tells us quite clearly what He wants us to be doing. No matter what else we do, we are to maintain within us an awareness of God's Love, and we are to share it.

Clearly, no one knows when the Lord will return. Over the last two thousand years or so, many have tried and failed to predict that Holy event. But we are told in the Bible that nobody will know when it will happen, until it does¹. Obviously it will happen according to God's schedule, not ours. It could be today or it could be another thousand years. We do not know. What we do know however, is *what He told us to do*. And it seems sensible and prudent that we do so. We should wonder why the Son of God would command us to Love with all of our heart, soul and mind. We must come to know God's Love as Jesus does. It is a process of learning and doing. It begins by your choice to live your life with Love.

So consider this: What treasure do you get more of by giving it away?

The answer, of course, is Love. But this is not about the love of anything or anyone in particular. It is much bigger than that. It is the state of Love and our capacity to Love. It is the same Love working the same way in all human beings, and in all living things everywhere in God's Creation. The potential to Love exists within us all. In this course, our God-given capacity to Love is being referred to as the presence of "God's Love".

In these lessons several different concepts and viewpoints come together to reveal the power in, and of, God's Love. Considerations are given to the practice of living with God's Love on earth through care, respect, cooperation, mutual empowerment and sharing. By that, a fresh image of Life and living is revealed.

The viewpoints described herein are offered as a "hands-on" way to explore the actual existence of God's Love, and the use of it as a power of transformation. These observations are not intended to replace, undermine or

¹ Mark 13 - 31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

³² But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

³³ Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

³⁴ For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

³⁵ Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

³⁶ Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

³⁷ And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

invalidate any functional beliefs, practices or treatments. The different thoughts and perspectives merely expose some ideas to consider, to test, and if you wish, to work with.

Lovers will love it. Friends will too... So will enemies when they know what's better.

Still, it is true that we all tend to want different things. Each person has their own way of living life. But if we all share a capacity to Love then we all have something good in common. That furnishes a solid foundation for a new approach to mortal life. One thing everyone wants more of when they feel it is Love. Consider that. It is saying that our capacity to Love (which is the capacity to *be* Love, to *give* Love and to *receive* Love) is an endless basis for a lasting, peaceful and progressive life. We only have to apply it.

Few people will argue against the idea of Loving one another... at least in theory. It's just that most people don't see God's Love as a vast creative power. Yet Love joins things together in a bond that allows all parties involved to flourish. Love feels right and good in the deepest sense. From such a large perspective one can see that happiness in a person, growth in a society and even peace on Earth are all connected to the same core capacity; the capacity to Love. Growth and cooperation go hand-in-hand as each feeds the other. These are the ways of God's Love.

God's Love is a natural part of who you and all people are. It is a presence that can be known by simply being open to it. It upholds the wise choices that are always there for us to see if we look.

God's Love is passive and never forceful. It will not push itself upon you but it becomes more evident as you open to it.

Your Love and the Love of others,
your freedom and the freedom of others,
your happiness and the happiness of others...

And all the growth that comes from sharing life in God's Love,
has more than enough transformational power to reshape our lives.

You find evidence of this not so much in history or necessarily in the mortal world that we look upon. But you can find it in your own inner relationship with God's Love, and with the people in your life as you share your Loving thoughts, feelings and actions with them. That is how you discover the reality of God's Love. That is how you use it to transform your world.

Physical evidence for God's Love does not exist until the Love is expressed. Your world cannot show Love until Love is given into it. You can study that by observing the areas in your life where you are showing Love now. You can explore it by giving Love into new areas.

The true nature of a power is revealed by what it leaves in its passing. Observe that Love causes lasting peace and growth. Observe that fighting causes cycles of destruction and recovery. Watch how your words and actions affect others. We can learn that we block our own vision of God's Love by the burden of fighting with our self and among ourselves. Sadly, we prevent ourselves from living happy lives that way too. As human beings, we each must understand that conflict among individuals, groups or nations only obscures God's Love.

The transformational power of God's Love only waits for the conditions that allow it to be known. God's Love does not create the conditions. They are ours. Literally everything in and of our mortal lives is conditional. But God works things differently. God's Love has no conditions. It is an Eternal aspect of Divine Presence. We allow God's Love into our lives, or deny it, according to our Will and our willingness to look honestly upon our reasons for thinking and doing what we experience during our days.

How you feel about people, what you think of them, the things that motivate you to do the things you do... these are where you look for and find God's Love... and the satisfaction, freedom and power that goes with it. First however, to see God's Love one must learn new ways to look away from fear and anger. Fear and anger block the view of God's Love. The information that follows is offered as a way to explore such a process.

For the Love of God

Romans 8

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Part 1 - Good plus good equals better

The old good-versus-evil mentality has been around for so long that people say it is human nature to be violent. That is true. But it is also human nature to seek Love and share it with others. So it is a choice. And Love is a lot more fun to be around. It is more productive too. And it feels better.

Violence is not the cause of lasting happiness and, if we use history (and current events) as our witness, conflict is not the cause of lasting peace or freedom either. If it were, we would have them by now. Fighting may appear to cause isolated peace for a limited time, but then the “bad” just changes form to rise up again. Sometimes it happens quickly, and sometimes it takes a while but sooner or later the good is undermined, evil takes root, and the process begins again. So: If sharing “hell” (which is what General William Sherman called “war”) does not cause a better world then perhaps sharing God’s Love will. Sound simplistic? Think about it. Which puts less stress in daily life? Which stimulates healthy growth? Which feels more right? Which sounds better for our children and our future?

Our historical wheel-of-war is a great overview from which to observe the good versus evil mentality. Over twelve thousand years² of repeated failure would seem to be plenty of evidence. It is clear. Looking across the millennia we see that fighting cannot possibly cause lasting peace. One may observe further that conflict of any kind cannot produce lasting peace because it does not deliver the materials that peace is made of.

The fact that good chooses to play leapfrog with evil for thousands of years rather than growing past it, and embracing God’s Love instead, seems rather significant. Obviously the choice to Love unconditionally does not make itself... and yet it must be made. Not only has the Lord commanded it, but it makes complete sense too. So, those who are able will have to make the choice consciously, and uphold it with resolve as the rest catch on. This is no small feat. Your BEST is being called. If you can make God’s Love your own and live your life in it, you are performing the only action that can permanently save our civilization. That makes you a hero. Truly, it does.

evil is a closed cycle of fear and self-centric reasoning. It lasts varying amounts of time and exists on many different scales, but it always has fear and self-centricity at the core. And as it fears its own misperceptions, it is forced to share them and to be self-aggrandizing and self-enforcing.

² Excavation at various pre-historic sites, like the one called “Cemetery 117” by the Nile River in Sudan, indicate that people have been at war with each other for over thirteen thousand years!

Force has great power in the minds of those who use it. From a narrow point of view it seems to leave such a clear win. The enemy submits. All the obstacles are removed and nothing stands in the way of the winner's desire being fulfilled... except the desire is never really filled for long. The satisfaction it seems to deliver is fleeting. Satisfaction cannot be forced because you can't use evil to make something that is good. Fear and anger cannot cause peace or happiness in any lasting way. It never will. Lasting peace and happiness are made of God's Love. Evil is made of selfish fear and anger. And you can't make something from what it is not... There is an old aphorism: "You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear". Somehow that seems to fit here.

evil can have no part in expressing God's Love because no part of God's Love is evil. Love and evil are each "cut from a different cloth" so-to-speak. At the core they are mutually exclusive, meaning that one cannot exist where the other is:

- evil delivers suffering as a byproduct.
God's Love delivers peace.
- evil cannot exist without fear and misunderstanding.
God's Love cannot exist with them.
- evil cannot exist without forced conditions and domination.
God's Love cannot exist with them.
- evil cannot exist without blind sacrifice and suffering.
God's Love cannot exist with them...

You see? God's Love cannot be upheld by what it is not.

The future holds certain defeat for those who attempt to use evil in making good. The past is proof. But it also seems rather obvious. Its failure is so consistent in fact that a clear alternative would be to explore evil's complete displacement. That is, to take a serious look at the idea of replacing evil with God's Love. The "good" in "good versus evil" is fine, only misdirected. The evil is the problem... the twisted labyrinth of selfish fear.

It has been said that we have an angel sitting on one shoulder and a devil sitting on the other. They each whisper motivations and inspirations into our minds. But remember that you, the one who hears both whispers, have the power to pick one and ignore the other. The more advice you take from the angel, the smaller and squeakier the devil gets.

God's Love is a state of being that extends to the very foundation of existence. From our mortal perspective it is indeed a vast and virtually unexplored frontier. It can be explored with others by looking for it wherever it can be seen and discussing your observations. It can be explored in nature by observing the amazing order that can be seen in all parts of nature. And it can be explored within, where we think and feel. God's Love is a "supernatural" condition in the sense that its workings can be observed at all levels of existence. It is as real as gravity or light or any other parts of the cosmic foundation. Such a vast and beautiful principal, being so easy to explore...

Consider the structure of Love: God's Love creates a condition where everything involved feels safe, meaningful and happy. It can always be seen as sharing in harmony. It coexists with things like learning, growing, mutual empowerment, mutual respect, highest productivity, happiness, and fulfillment. Here you find true strength and rich meaning. These ingredients build an inner stability that completely redefines what strength means in day-to-day life. It is a kind of strength that fixes things. It can be applied, and shared, and its presence grows.

Anyone can notice that sharing Love (and its many aspects) will transform a situation towards 'better'. When God's Love is embraced and practiced, and evil is seen as it is (ill-thought and dysfunctional), then the evil is left standing in plain sight, where it becomes easy to recognize... and observe objectively. The choice to embrace God's Love is easy from there.

The use of force, terror, coercion, deceit and domination will never cause lasting happiness. True, the destruction of an enemy does cause effects. It fuels the loop of blind struggle. It obscures the original problem. It destabilizes. It wastes... Self-centric fear always causes the same effects no matter who uses it. History shows us that, very clearly. Any surge in good that is achieved through evil practices is qualified, and does not grow for long. It begins to decay soon after it is born and becomes only room for evil to expand in as time goes by.

Part 2 - To be or not to be

Believers in the modern evolution theory tend to ignore and even shun things like God's Love. Instead, they assert that the universe comes from something unknown and that life is a spontaneous and coincidental byproduct within the universe. So according to that, life comes from lifeless matter (somehow) and then it becomes nothing at the end. That, sadly, means that life is nothing the whole time. If it has no meaning at the start and it has no meaning at the end then it has no personal meaning at all. Such a bleak philosophy of life makes the universe look cold and hard. It becomes something to fear.

What about Love? Far from being seen as a transformational power, Love is usually regarded as a frivolity, only to be indulged in during off hours. In some groups, Love is seen mostly as a weakness. In fact, in the modern evolution theory there is no room at all for things like Love, satisfaction, happiness... and the deep feelings that we all have within us and share with each other. To the followers of modern evolution, these are merely coincidental belches of random chance. They have no meaning, no significance and no worth.

So which is it? Is Love a vast power of transformation, or is it a human frailty? For that matter, what about fear, greed, hatred and anger? No one can deny that they have transformational power. These are being wielded on the world even now... and the world we are making seems kind of... well, *wrong* with its mounting needs, violence and suffering. But through it all, the transformational power of Love waits to be applied.

Part 3 - Turning the tide

Since the cycle of good versus evil cannot be broken by evil, it makes sense to stop trying that. Clearly, the only way to disengage evil is by meeting good with 'better' and leaving the evil out completely. If evil is not engaged it can only fade. This is true because it can only happen through those who foster it in their private thoughts and feelings, and then share it with others. Evil is not a person. It is only a possibility... a choice. Even the most "bad" person in the world has the capacity to Love, and a desire for it too. Such is our composition. We are what we are. We cannot change the fact that we Love, nor that we are aware of the moment we experience. We are created in God's own image³. We cannot change that. We can only change the experience that we have. Deciding to live a Loving life or a non-Loving life is not a question of being. It is a choice.

³ Genesis 1, 27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

In the good versus evil mentality each side is stuck looking fearfully at the other. Those who embrace evil-against-good enjoy the thrill of deceit, domination and chaos. Those who embrace good-against-evil love giving evil “what it deserves”. In this mindset some people tend to see peace as, well... a little lame. If there is no fight, what is a warrior to do? Yet only deception makes it appear that way. No competitor will give a better match than living a life in God’s Love. In that, a “can do” attitude and an adventurous spirit are advantages.

It is not possible to change the world by forcing evil to be good. Dealing with evil at all only causes it to persist. Looking past evil with forgiveness (letting go), and cultivating good instead, is what turns the tide. Obviously some of the issues we face today are going to take some time to solve. But the principle works the same on a small scale as it does on a large one. Apply God’s Love as you can. Let yourself win. Peace is the result of wise individuals making choices based on Love, and sharing them. Global peace is composed of each individual contributing to it. So, to do your part, you do not have to face world evil or anything like that, only your own. That’s because evil is not “someone else”. It is a capacity. It’s the same with “good”. When we share either, or use them in any way, they grow. The more effort we put into sharing only Love, the more Love we get. Your choice to be a part of that, and part of a growing transformation towards it, must be built with sincerity and dedication... No one ever said that having God’s Love in the world would come cheap... but the price is not money. What you pay for your growing awareness of God’s Love is attention, dedication and sharing.

Consider, however that the choice extends past “you”. The world we give to each other is the world that we live in now and that we will be remembered for after we pass.

Part 4 – Let Love be Love

God is a Loving God. God is not angry with us: The root of anger is fear. God knows no fear... and God is not eager to damn anyone to hell. God Loves *all* of his Children. We all are literally “in the image of God”. But many people believe differently, and live their lives in fear.

The angry god belief system says that people are naturally bad. It does not explain wholeness at all, except the angry god owns everything and the pitiful people get whatever crumbs the angry god cares to toss down. Nothing accounts for the universal occurrence of God’s Love, the order observed in nature, the intelligence seen in the ‘great unfolding’ at all levels of the universe, the beauty of nature or the blessing we get-and-give as we Love one another.

There are some unpleasant side effects to this angry god idea too. For starters, it is a bipolar system. The ‘angry god’ figure is on the top with all the good things. The ‘devil’ figure is at the bottom, with all the bad things. And the pitiful people are stuck in the middle with blind suffering and misery. This divides people into groups by necessity. The ones who are acceptable to the angry god have riches and plenty. The rejects get baked. But always, people and concepts are divided. They are seen and judged in smaller and smaller pieces. Wholeness is shunned by this system of belief. Any effort towards equality among *all* people is suppressed as quickly as possible. In this belief system, a world of lasting peace becomes impossible and is seen as a fantasy.

People who believe in the angry god cannot love each other without conditions being met. They must live carefully, by watching the guilt and fears that shine in their thoughts, and on the faces of the people around them. They must hate everything that could damn them. Relationships are guided by strict bargains and forced behavior.

In this view fighting is mandatory. Guilt, fear, and hatred are constant companions. Individuals caught in this system of belief come to think that suffering is good. They are forced to think of themselves as weak and insignificant. They live in the darkness of fear.

What they tend to miss however, is that evil and all of its baggage is utterly unnecessary. People generally believe that good and evil are in some sort of relationship where one cannot exist without the other. But that error comes from fear, not reason. It is observably true that evil cannot exist without good. As a parasite, evil has to destroy and devour the things it deals with so it can keep its fear at bay and feel supremely important. If it were not for things on the good side, like devotion (even if misdirected), re-growth, healing and repairs, evil would destroy everything. Its final survivor would be alone and with nothing. Conversely, goodness has the power to create, heal and cooperate. Good just *grows* in the absence of evil. Nothing in God's Love requires evil for its existence.

Still, everybody experiences these two distinctly different urges inside. One is the self-centric urge to fear, which is often fortified by greed, guilt, anger and/or the urge to violence. The other is the 'we-centric' urge to Love which is often fortified by care, mutual forgiveness and a shared desire to make things better. These urges come from deep in the mind, often below conscious recognition. But they become clear when we look within at them. We each allow one or the other to be the guide (or underlying reason) in:

- What we do
- How we act and react
- What we allow
- What we justify.

Self-centricity is a loud urge that calls us to fear, anger and hate.

We-centricity is a quiet urge that calls us to help each other and share happy lives.

It is futile to try and live by both urges because they lead in opposite directions. Trying to live by both only causes a feeling of being pulled, or torn. But once the choice to Love is embraced, one can begin living it. It must be made consciously and 'played' vigorously. The destiny of our civilization is at your mercy as you hold this choice in your mind.

Lesson 2

Part 5 - Being happy

Happiness is a product of God's Love. Truly, happiness is an important part of things "going right". Sharing happiness for the purpose of growing it allows the best performance under the best conditions. And it is very easy for any individual to understand and do.

We all know what being happy is and how it feels. We can also observe that sharing it causes it to grow. Across all the theories of existence and all the longings of the heart, no universal purpose fulfills as much or in as many ways as the genuine sharing of happiness. It may sound simplistic at first. But as cause and effect are understood in terms of God's Love, the power of this thought is revealed. Consider it in action:

Imagine that people around the world suddenly begin to care sincerely about each other and about sharing happiness with others. For a start, a lot of serious problems would go away immediately. There would be no room for nonsense like wars or famine or oppression. Everyone would be too busy setting things right by forgiveness, enabling growth, empowering it and making each other happy. As happiness spreads, obstructions to it disappear just as darkness vanishes when a light is turned on. A life filled with a meaningful purpose, and with security and abundance then becomes the norm. And that is just for starters. In a civilization based on sharing God's Love there is no way to even imagine the wonders that wait. Yet anyone is free to look upon this realm and explore.

Such a place remains out of reach for the majority. Modern pressures and social conditioning keep people from thinking about it. Once someone recognizes the idea of consciously living a Love-based life and the many benefits that go with it, the choice becomes obvious. So it is time for those who are able, to willfully out-grow the selfish burdens of fear, violence and suffering and share instead the power of God's Love. Such trail-blazers become the Modern Heroes of this age.

Since things of Life grow when we share them, it makes no sense to share what we do not want. Sooner or later we must realize that a selfish stance, and fear, along with violence, and all other forms of oppression, can never cause lasting peace. They can only devour it. But truly, we have an alternative. In the face of God's Love, new freedoms and new experiences rapidly develop into an environment of adventure, excitement and satisfaction with infinite proportions. Imagine a place for you in that!

When a person looks for the meaning of their life (why one is here), and its purpose (what one should do), they are really looking for what will make them feel the most Loved, connected, useful, safe and productive... in a word, happy. Happiness is very powerful. Being the point and moment of optimal operation, it facilitates positive growth. It also allows the best performance. Sharing happiness is very powerful because it creates a place where everything involved can thrive. It is a beautiful vision but only **doing it** causes it.

The choice for happiness heals our relationships and our world problems. Happiness spawns from sharing God's Love. It sets us free to embrace Life on a scale not yet seen by most people. When seen in this way, the choice to share Love unconditionally is really the only wise choice there is.

Owning such a life is not a fantasy. It is a decision. After that it is simply the result of willful Loving for a better life. It only requires an inner choice to embrace and experience life newly. In this process you start getting information from the "bigger picture". You learn to let God's Love define who you are rather than pushing your own personal definition on yourself and other people. By this you allow Love to reveal you to yourself and to others. It also means that you develop an eye for seeing what 'Loving' actually *is* in a given situation. Your ability to see a situation from different perspectives allows you to understand how to "heal" it and fit it into the greater good. It is easy to say, but in practice it is a very worthy challenge. It is faster and more fun when people share the journey.

The only place to find something you can be happy about all the time and that will never let you down is inside yourself, where God's Love, and your choices, shape your life-experience. God's Love is alive and it lives in us all. The security and empowerment you find there will always be a constant supply of the things that make your life right for you and for those you share it with. The presence of God's Love will meet you there as you open to it.

That is why those who know God's Love and live in it are always happy. Consciously operating God's Love strengthens us in ways that reveal a greater Life for all, and the benefits that such living has for each of us personally.

Part 6 - It's not a big "deal"

In one form or another love is on the mind of everyone. That is the catch. The phrase "one form or another" implies that there are different kinds of love. It is true. Generally speaking there are two different things that people call love. To distinguish them in a functional way it might be useful to call them "God's Love" and "bargain love".

Imagine that bargain love is what you see as you look out into your mortal life. This kind of love is naturally conditional because it is self-centric⁴. As we look upon our world from our view of it we see things we like, and things we don't like. There are things that we fear, and things that we love and many things that we have no particular opinion about at all. What we see also depends on the inner state that we are in when we look. Everything mortal is conditional. Bargain love, being subject to the relative conditions of its existence, is suspended in a state of cyclic change.

Bargain love can be understood best by seeing it as a "deal". It is an arrangement. Who or what is loved gives something specific in exchange for preferential treatment. In the case of people, it is the kind of love that you can fall into, and fall out of. Bargain love, like everything in time, runs in cycles. Because it is cyclic, there are degrees of it. At its peak it is that intoxicating "in love" feeling that people like to have. At the bottom it is hatred. In between, the whole spectrum of emotions plays out.

Bargain love is also a dividing force. Each individual must look upon their world and 'love' some things and 'fear' or 'hate' what is against them, according to their current beliefs. That too can change as conditions change, or as beliefs change.

The other Love, God's Love, is very different. You can feel it surge when you experience something beautiful or touching. You feel "moved" by it. It is not self-centric. It has its own presence. It is not selfless but it includes more than self. It is always eager to share. It is an inner state that can be found when it is looked for in self and others. We all have Love in us because it's part of what we're made of. It is a component of God's Life itself... of the Life within, where we cause our moment, experience our moment and share its meaning.

Each kind of love can be explored. The science of bargain love, which is conditional, is a study of the "deal". The science of God's Love, which is unconditional, is the study of Union.

It is very popular to contrast 'good' with 'evil'. Everyone who knows bargain love in any form knows that good is good and evil opposes it. Those who give a moment to notice also understand that good shares the feelings it wants to have while evil shares what it fears.

However, good can exist without evil and flourish indefinitely. In this view, 'evil' is utterly useless. In fact, it goes past useless. It holds us back. The whole idea of 'evil' could be removed from our minds completely and replaced by the presence of God's Love and things would actually run right. This may not seem realistic at this time, but the idea is worth heading for. Starting the journey is the first step in reaching the destination.

The bargain has been studied extensively. People seem to know instinctively how to "do the deal". And relationships of all kinds exist within conditions, and fall apart when some kind of "deal breaker" happens.

But the study of Union is in its infancy. A science of God's Love does not yet exist. Before someone can entertain such a concept seriously they would have to realize that everything comes from God. And God can be

⁴ In this case self-centric does not necessarily mean selfish. It just means that we tend to experience our lives from the perspective of self.

known because we are created in His image. And it is also necessary that investigators have managed to grow above the urge to fight. It is not possible to comprehend Union until individuals recognize that violence for any reason is divisive and therefore counter to any useful understanding of the whole.

God's Love, being one of the primary elements of existence, must at some point be addressed with the mind. It can be discovered and explored by reasoning. And it can be tested by experimentation in many ways.

The science of Union is a solid foundation for conscious growth. But Free Will is free. There are no hurries or pressures because in God's Living Moment there is no time but "eternity". In this model evolution can evolve all it wants. In the end there is healing when the whole of Life involved with the mortal universe realizes its Oneness in God's Living Moment. But that will be a process. Free Will has a huge stake in the realm of mortality.

For that, Free-Willed individuals living a mortal life have no functional alternative but to pursue God's Love within, and among others. Why? Aside from all the utterly obvious reasons (like happiness and functionality), God's Love can be observed in each part of the cosmos, and the entire cosmos, and it transcends the cosmos... existing forever in God's eternal Living Moment.

Joy in Life is amplified as we explore the fabric of Life that we each share in our own way. By that, there is but to find all the completion the universe can offer, and to embrace it as Union is embraced. This can take an instant, or eons. In the end the result is the same: We come to know each other and ourselves as we are in God.

God's Love cannot be seen by bargain love standards. And bargain love makes no sense to God's Love. They have a completely different composition. Structurally speaking, bargain love is made of conditions, it runs in cycles and its opposite is hatred. Conversely, God's Love has no conditions, no cycles and no opposite. It is always a willing response, giving form to the awareness that shapes it and the Will that expresses it.

Like all of the attributes of God's Living Moment, God's Love is not cyclic. It has no ups and downs. It only has Joy. God's Love can be shown to have no opposite. Hatred is not the opposite of God's Love. Hatred is only the opposite of bargain love. But God's Love exists as it is: The very fabric of Life expression. One can observe just by noticing, that hatred depends on conditions for its existence. However, God's Love, being a functional basis for unlimited expression, can exist perfectly without conditions. It knows no limits. It always grows as the limitless expression of Free Will.

By itself, God's Love is still. Harmonically responsive to Will and aware of awareness, it's Will is to be willing. Without means of judging, it is a limitless potential for extending God's Life.

Timeless revelation exists as God's Will consummates God's Love. They produce together the Life and meaning of all there is, and they share awareness of it as one.

People do not create God's Love. Indeed, people are created from it. We all have that in common. That makes it a common Truth for all. No universal ideology will be seen as more functional than a moment-to-moment decision by each individual to share God's Love and extend the expression of Life by mutual empowerment and loving co-creation. As we share God's Love consciously in our daily lives it transforms our life in a growing spiral of Joy.

Discovering the existence of God's Love opens a new and quite amazing frontier. Owning your part of it sets you free. It is possible that you have heard this over-burdened platitude before. But look at it for what it offers: Freedom involves doing what you want in a way that doesn't bite back. In God's Love you watch bad go to good and then good go to better. In this case it is you who says so. You know what feels bad. You know what feels

right. And you know what better is too. People know inside... we each have a personal sense (the conscience) of what is best for us and for those whom we share Life with. Sharing the freedom of God's Love lets you explore that. There are no limits on having. There are no limits on growth. There are no limits on time. In fact, there are no inherent limits at all in embracing God's Love.

Bargain love has to coexist with hatred because it divides things according to the conditions of its existence. Bargain love depends on very specific ordering. Those who say that they love something will often admit that they fear or hate whatever they think opposes it. But it can all change if the conditions change, or if the observer has a change of mind or a change of heart. Thus bargain-love and hatred are partners in the cyclic dance of mortal existence. Conversely, God's Love can be seen in the fundamental collective feeling of rightness that every person is a necessary part of. It is not just 'rightness' in a superficial sense. It is rightness in the sense that when something is 'right' it is in an optimal operating mode. This concept exists at all levels of the cosmos.

God's Love can only be evident to our perceptions if the conditions for it exist. Nothing in the universe can exist unless its conditions are met. But the conditions for knowing God's Love are easy to meet. God's Love is blocked until it is welcomed. Its conditions are only that it be noticed, harbored and shared. God's Love is always with us, without conditions. But our awareness of it *is* conditional. That's why it is time for all humans to grow up and take control of thoughts, emotions, words and actions... using God's Love.

So Modern Heroes are called to uphold the conditions. All things of Life grow when we share them. The presence of God's Love grows exponentially⁵ if each one shares with two others and they each share it with two more... and on and on. They grow even faster if sharing is more extensive. The more who share it, the more evident it becomes.

As the conditions for God's Love grow, its presence becomes clearer in many ways. Peace exists where God's Love is welcome. And so does happiness. And one can know and share deeper meanings regarding the mortal universe and its relationship to each individual who is involved in it. We also discover a clearer sense of purpose when God's Love is given room to grow.

Yet these actualities are seen as fantasy in the bargain love view. People who share a bargain-based belief system cannot see God's Love as a power of transformation. They are trapped in their own misperceptions. It takes motivation to even try. Many cannot look up and see the vision of God's Love. Those who can are being called to do so vigorously, and help the rest.

Part 7 - Now and then

It appears from the mortal perspective that order arises from the unknown. By living reactively, within the constraints of mortal perception, God's Living Moment is unseen. People focused in mortal perception 'look past' God's Living Moment when they perceive the mortal universe. From that perspective it actually does look like order arises from the unknown. But the 'unknown' is unknown because its cause, its meaning and its purpose are not visible with mortal perception. The origin of the so-called "big bang" and the dynamics of the singularity cannot be seen clearly for what they are except in the awareness of God's Love. Only Free Will can know these events because it is Free Will that creates them.

⁵ Observe exponential growth: First, one shares with two: $1 \times 2 = 2$, then the two share with two more each: $2 \times 2 = 4$, then: $2 \times 4 = 8$, then $2 \times 8 = 16$ then $2 \times 16 = 32$... after only 30 iterations it goes over a billion. Only three more times after that and all of Humanity is included.

The reason, of course, that the body cannot perceive purpose, is that the body's perceptions focus attention in the past, on what has already happened. You cannot see or feel something if it is not already there. You cannot hear something unless it has made a sound. The body's perceptions report only what has already happened. But cause and meaning and purpose originate and coexist only in God's Living Moment, where Life is caused, and causes. The body does not perceive them. It only grabs a reflected image of their form, after they have happened. Only awareness in God's Living Moment can know these things. Cause, meaning and purposes exist only where awareness can be. They can be known in God's Living Moment but they cannot be perceived until they are expressed.

The factors that are shared in God's Living Moment are universal. They exist everywhere and every when. Sharing eternal elements such as God's Love, the creative nature of Free Will, mutual empowerment and co-creation... sharing these in daily life with self, with others and with the environment produces better conditions that can be observed, studied and understood in rational terms.

God's Love responds to God's Will... the Source of Life revealed. What we do with it is up to us, but using it for the purpose that it exists for actually delivers the peace that everyone is missing. We find our personal well-being and our collective well-being when we look for, find and share God's Love. It is not a myth or a pipe dream or a fable. It is an utterly real option. God's Love needs only to be noticed, accepted, and given room to grow. The choice exists within us, among us and around us.

Predictably, it does not take long to identify the presence of God's Love once the conditions for it are allowed. Like gravity, electricity, and even the earth being spherical, God's Love stands as an aspect of existence. It does not matter what people say, or even if they deny it completely. God's Love exists forever within and among us, and beyond the scope of any person or group short of the wholeness of God's Life itself. And it grows in our mortal lives as we share it here.

Everything in nature seeks its optimum operating conditions. That is, any object, event or being could be interpreted as 'happy' when everything is running right for it. When happiness is around everything works better. When happiness is shared, wonders are released. All expressions of Life want to be happy, even as the conditions for it vary. But it takes wisdom to share this effectively. By discovering the happiness that we all have inside us, and sharing it, Love extends from self into others, and into the community, and the country, and the world.

We do not need fights to challenge us. We can find great challenge in embracing our lives through care, respect, mutual empowerment and cooperative action. And we do not need to dominate others before we can feel powerful. We find the power of the universe by simply taking control of our own Will. There is no need to squabble on a dirt pile when a whole garden grows around us. If we want a civilization that will last, and one that is worthy of taking humanity into the future, we must see Life clearly enough that we are able to allow God's Love to live among us and keep us well, happy and growing. We do this by embracing it consciously in all areas of our lives.

Free growth in God's Love is the only known purpose that is universal enough to be shared functionally by all forms of Life. Wisdom calls us to join in that purpose and set our lives free. Nothing else has meaning that can endure without fail.

One potent application of God's Love brings people together in a healing-spirit of cooperation and growth. No other power shapes Will more wisely than God's Love. Only God's Love has the capacity to lead us indefinitely and not cycle back to evil. It is broad enough so that all Life can partake of it, and specific enough to share in infinite and intimate ways.

One could wonder why fear is so popular if Love is so much better. It seems like peace, and other Love-based activities such as developing clean free energy, or the elimination of famine and disease, or caring for others, are seen by the believers in violence as ‘work for the weak’. Yet that is false. Clearly, reason says that strength comes from stability. In that view, fighting can be seen as a weakness. It only causes an instability that echoes misery. We cannot be brought together by force. Union can only happen through the sharing of God’s Love.

Obviously, the people and ideals that we give our attention to are the ingredients that we fill our life with. Those who allow themselves to live in God’s Love, beyond the limits of self-centric assumptions, discover that careful thought, considerate action, and cooperative efforts are the true ingredients for achieving enduring relationships with deep and lasting satisfaction.

Without God’s Love we are given to fear. It is necessary that we fear in the absence of Love because without it we feel like we are exposed to conditions that can, and do, oppose our Will or serve against our best interests. Without God’s Love we feel threatened and are forced to hate what we fear... And guilt keeps leaking in everywhere. Our conscience keeps telling us that the selfish “fear package” is a bad idea. And it is. But we often tend to give it our attention anyway...

Yet, we cannot really be without Love. The presence of Love is everywhere. We can only choose whether to welcome it or not. And then we choose again whether to apply it or not. And then the transformation begins at the point of your making. It doesn’t happen all at once. Like most things in nature, it starts small and grows.

Lesson 3

Part 8 - As I Will it

Anyone who looks for God’s Love will see it. Anyone who cultivates God’s Love will experience its benefits. God’s Love exists in all things, around all things and beyond all things. It is far more pervasive than the pushy fear and anger package that gives us broken hearts while it foils our dreams and aspirations.

A person may think they can get a lot of things by using anger, guilt and fear, but they cannot get deep and lasting satisfaction, or peace of mind. Such people cannot know true Love either, or Willful and happy cooperation. These things can only grow by sharing God’s Love... after fear, anger and guilt are starting to fade.

The concept of God’s Love is connected to functionality, rather than emotion. The sole emotion that exists in God’s Love is Joy. From the highest immortal perspective to the tiny little life of an atom, the concepts of functionality, beauty, harmony, cooperation and optimum performance can all be understood as attributes of God’s Love.

Individuals who align with God’s Love have access to great inner stability. As a living aspect of the whole of Life, the essence of a person can never be altered by what they do or what happens to them. Nothing can override that. Remember, we cannot edit the fact of our being, only our experience. Willfully sharing God’s Love reveals the wholeness of God’s Living Moment and causes ‘living’ to grow in many desirable directions. Allowing God’s Love to grow within us and among us fills us and makes us feel complete. Everything begins to make sense when God’s Love is shared in making life better.

The only question now is: Who will do it? The choice is so stark at this point that it invokes a few serious questions that one can only ask within: Do I accept that God’s Love can transform our lives? Do I want it? Do I care enough to make the effort and win the day?

Such questions really don't require a verbal answer. The answer is given as a result of what you do next. You answer these questions with every thought and action of your days, from this moment forward.

The Burden of Proof

Part 1 - Enter the Hero

John 15

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Living in God's Love requires that a decision be made first. In this you decide to reject evil and embrace God's Love instead... and then you stick to it as you proceed. Sticking to it... that is, serious dedication to the idea... is essential for success.

This will not always be easy. The whole idea of "evil" is entrenched in people's minds... and not just some people. We are all immersed in it. Every human being is constantly faced with their personal choice between the bad and the good. But the winning choice cannot be made fully until it is seen, embraced and shared. But one thing is for sure: We will never find a better life on earth until we stop chasing each other around the old good-versus-evil bush.

It is mind boggling to contemplate that such a simple and obvious choice could take so many ages to get right. Yet here we see humanity, still at each other's throats, still fighting for freedom, and fighting for rights, and fighting over practically everything else, while a whole (and much better) approach to sharing life just sits there, waiting for us to embrace it.

The choice has always been with us. The question is: Have we become aware and observant enough to get it yet, and to make it so? We can at any time. But it takes a level of maturity and objectivity to realize that the call to evil of any kind is a call to error. And to know further that embracing the call to God's Love allows rightness to flow into the world from our hearts, our souls and our minds.

Luke 10

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Those who know and live with God's Love are the Heroes of this age. These Modern Heroes will bring God's Love to the "battle" rather than bringing evil. That means many things. Applying God's Love is serious business. The intent is to solve the problem for all people involved, and to introduce growth if possible. Counting happy faces a good way to keep track of your progress.

Luke 6

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.
36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:
38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

At the root of every fight is a "call" for action. Fights happen for a reason, even if the reason is totally misguided. But the "reason" can also be seen as the **objective**. As such, it can be addressed in different ways. What comes into more serious question is the "call". Evil's call is for revenge, or to punish or expunge. The call from God's Love is the call for forgiveness, mending and integration by care and respect, and by mutual empowerment, with greater freedom, more happiness and life more abundant for everyone involved.

Here is the thing: evil can seem like an ocean when a world is being consumed by it. And it can seem like a river when it moves against good. But at its wellspring it is just a drop in each person involved. The idea of evil on any scale is just single drops brought into the situation by the people who decide (unwisely) to listen to its call, and share it. Each person, being the owner of their drop, has a choice whether to share it... or not.

It is not a question of whether or not all people have their own drop of evil. It is only a question of what one does with it. The capacity for evil deflates as you withhold your attention from it, and direct your attention to God's Love instead. Just because you have the capacity for evil (so it has a "say" in your thoughts and feelings) does not mean you have to listen to it. The capacity for evil exists in everyone, along with many other capacities. We have the capacity to Love. That runs much more smoothly. We have a capacity to *observe* too. We also have a capacity for happiness and a capacity to learn. Is it obvious by now that the pitiful capacity for evil is useless in the development of other more pleasant and rewarding potentials?

Part 2 - **We begin within**

Your Life is your property in the whole of Life. Keep a caring eye on your crop. In other words, you must guard God's Love as you grow it. The Love requires no protection but your awareness of it does. Accomplish this by consciously watching what you think and what you do and by upholding the decision that Love is what you want.

We must live Life. We *are* Life. What could be more natural? And life is easy to understand: We fill our mortal lives with what we imagine and then share. Sharing happiness sets up a place where cooperation and high performance can work. In this, everyone wins. Through cooperation growth can move in any direction. A better

life is given to everyone when people work together for it. There are no sides. There is just "up". The only thing to compete with is your own record of performance as you strive to improve it.

Practice your highest attitude, knowing while you do so that your inner feeling puts a spin on everything you say and do. Practice stopping lines of thought that are not Loving and then imagine in each situation what "Loving" would be. The more aware you are of this, and your *moment of choosing*, and the *choices you make...* and the *reasons you make them*, the more connected you feel and the better it gets.

Willingness on your part is required because God's Love does not use force to make its presence known. We cultivate it by making room for Love in our hearts and in our thoughts. Further, it is very important to develop a willingness to recognize your mistakes and take the steps needed to make things right. God's Love will guide you in this when you seek it. You will find ways and methods that help you 'change channels' and achieve your inner peace. By willing it, and applying it, anyone can know and have awareness of God's Love, and the empowerment and freedoms that go with it.

That is the only sure way to turn down the fear and anger. You make a conscious decision to out-grow it. Turn your back on the lies of anger, the threats of fear and whispering guilt. Look instead at the potent growth potential of God's Love through forgiveness and care and all the other Love-based possibilities.

Use your Will to do this. Just put the fear and anger down and let yourself relax! Take a deep breath and imagine God's Love filling you as you exhale. When you are happy inside you feel light. When you are filled with care for another, you feel connected. When you judge nothing, you are free.

Love-based life on earth is obviously not a wide reality at this time. It is an objective. But the opportunity exists in full. It runs when we run it. By choosing to share this awesome opportunity Heroes become innovators, explorers and pioneers. You find God's Love personally and know it is yours even as you share it. With that accomplishment, Heroes show the way to all who believe in, and long for a secure, fruitful and satisfying life on this world.

But it takes determination. It begins by allowing your attention to be in God's Love rather than maintaining a fear or anger-based mindset. It means seriously Willing improvement all around, and being the cause of it on any scale you can.

Learning to do that and **remembering** to do it are the first challenges. They are basic, like learning how to operate a new machine or run a new software package. You need to practice a bit before you can do it effectively. But once living Love becomes automatic, you can begin exploring. The act of living Love reveals the nature of You, a Child of God, and the existence of God's Love in all things. Where you go and what you do from there is totally up to you and your Holy inner guide. There are no limits on how far this thought can lift you. Any part of the infinite can be owned by any imagination that can embrace it.

The practice of living in God's Love is what we were told to do by Jesus. It has been called "Salvation" but that concept seems to have gotten a bad spin in these times. However, one need not fear or scorn the idea of a "higher plan" that picks humanity up... no more than one would condemn a parent for gently picking up a fallen child. Accept the hand of God's Love. It can guide us all, and our world, to a totally better way of life with richer experiences and abundance all around. God's Love is in each and every person. It is part of our being. We experience it through the conscious and mindful use of our inner sense of rightness.

The idea of seeking, finding and living in God's Love is directly connected to the life experience you have, to your relationships with others and your awareness in God's Living Moment. It is not possible to experience wholeness around you until you begin to allow it in yourself. That is an exploration of the Life within.

Exploring God's Love and sharing it is the most effective thing a Modern Hero can do to help save the world. Sharing God's Love can truly make a **functional** (with special emphasis on the first three letters of that word) and lasting difference in the direction of 'better' for our life on Earth. Sharing it with others is the key to growing it here. As the idea of sharing the reality of God's Love grows and spreads a transformation towards lasting peace proceeds in a progressive and growing environment.

Lesson 4

Part 3 - Just imagine

The kind of attention you give to people, activities and objects causes your relationship with them to grow according to what you give. If you feed God's Love by giving it, your life gets better. If you feed fear, anger or guilt, you get more of that. Remember again: It is your *choice* that determines what you do. And then what you do causes effects in your life.

Visualize a variety of situations and discover in yourself the answer to this question: Do I face my life with the 'fear package' or do I face it with God's Love? This is important because you will find that you are facing your moment with one or the other all the time. And once you notice, it becomes an obvious choice.

Choice is a good feature in a life. By facing two things and looking at them objectively you can choose between them. You have the power to pick one and reject the other.

As you look within, and face what you face your life with, is it God's Love that stands with you? Frequently we are inclined to face our moment with fear or anger or guilt, and not with God's Love. The choice is always between the fear package *or* God's Love because the two cannot coexist. But the feeling that we host in our moment is a choice that any person can make whenever they are determined enough to make it. The choice to let God's Love lead can be made when the option is seen as available. And then it must be made over and over until it becomes automatic.

You may have heard the phrase that "misery loves company". Well, that is true. But Love loves company more and sharing Love is a lot more fun to be around. And it heals things while it grows smiles on faces.

The whole idea of choosing God's Love to be the impulse that leads you to happiness, and to share it, is ready to go. It all starts by what you choose to imagine as you live the moments of your life. The imagination is the place we usually live in during mortal life. It is our living room in the mortal universe. Your imagination is the collection house for your body's perceptions, and the place where you process them. It is your home within. This is where you run scenes or scenarios, where you daydream, where you entertain thoughts, and ponder your experience. If you live there unconsciously you will find yourself in a reactive mode, with fear and its cohorts intruding. But if you live there consciously you have the power to allow God's Love lift you up.

Be aware of what you imagine. Be aware that what you imagine is what you live in, within. The things you envision, what you plan, the meaning that you give to what's around you and the way you treat people when you think of them all exist in your imagination. This is not a place of chaos unless you let it be. One can learn to control the imagination (clean up their inner room) and find many amazing connections between our 'room within' and the "real world" life experience of mortal existence. As you allow God's Love to lead your imagination, a wonderful transformation occurs.

Part 4 - Growing up and growing out

Becoming aware of God's Love is a two-phase process:

1. The first is to move from the bipolar belief that some people are good and some are bad, and stand firmly on the mono-polar decision that every person exists in the same Life as you, and that all Life is sharing the same Living Moment of God. You develop this ability by organizing your imagination... by controlling the scenarios you allow in your mind.
2. The second is to allow the guidance of God's Love to give you new meaning that you may share by what you say and what you do. This requires openness to new experiences and practicing the ability of 'listening within' for God's guidance. That takes you into greater awareness and into a life that is observably better by your own definition.

Doing that is called 'growing'. It all begins by observing your inner state and consciously allowing God's Love into your inner life. This you do by looking for God's Love in yourself, and in the life you are living... and by learning its ways.

This takes some growing up and some growing out. You grow up as you become more aware of the greater view of Life and begin to participate in it. You grow out as you become more able to effectively wield the power of God's Love. It takes strength to apply God's Love. You need strength of character. You need enough strength to care too. Here you discover where and what true power is.

You cannot rid the world of fear or anger by yourself. You can only avoid them in your own actions and in your own thoughts and then share God's Love instead. When enough people do that, the debilitating influences of evil will die of starvation anyway.

If you begin your life from right where it is, with an aggressive-but-noncompetitive stance of discovery, expressed care, and communication... If you do this and stick right with it because you truly want to make things better... you are a Hero. You really are. Sharing this path with others adds up to visible change for the better. The more that do it, the more change for the better we all will see.

A nation cannot know peace until its people practice it. Neither can a world. Peace happens when people **DO** it.

Remember, you have to actually feel the part. Be calm and real. Be happy intentionally. Do not attach your happiness to the objects or conditions around you. Instead, maintain your inner feeling independently of physical evidence by allowing God's Love to guide your thoughts and feelings. This does not mean you ignore your problems. It means you embrace them newly with an open mind and a kind heart.

Care for your inner feeling! Allow happiness inside by feeding it, knowing that happiness is a natural state and that you can have all you want. You choose it, bring it into your awareness and allow it to stay with you. Focus your intent towards moving past your own fear and anger, and starving them out. At this time you are using the power of God's Love directly upon the only real enemy that humanity has.

It is best to begin working with small objectives so it is easier to learn how it all works. Begin by looking at your own personality and deciding what is better. Work with the scenarios that run in your mind. Make them better. Work with the feelings you harbor. Make them better. Such activities open the door for a greater awareness of God's Love. Allow it to teach you. Then, once you see it work on your own personal inner feeling, and

experience it consciously, you will notice more happiness... more peace inside. You have to have peace inside before you can share it with others anyway, so personal feelings and thoughts... with those scenes that always play out in your mind... that is where you start. Edit the scenarios by looking upon them through the vision of God's Love.

Notice that God's Love is an unusual power to cultivate. In the beginning you are using your Will to do the opposite of what your desire seems to be calling for. It seems like your desire is to be angry or afraid or judgmental... or whatever. But you know that satisfaction does not come from there. It feels like you are opposing yourself when you begin. But you will quickly discover that fear and anger are not you. They aren't anything, really. The reasons they give you for harboring bad feelings inside are often so loony they can make you laugh if you look care-fully.

Living by and in God's Love is a process. It involves you and it involves the people around you. To make it work you consciously begin doing it and then you keep with it. It takes a lot more strength to be part of a process than it does to just blow up or run away. The calm strength of the Modern Hero is based on cooperative action and an awareness of being in, and sharing, God's Love. This process reveals who you are, and who you are not. Doing this comes with a lot of new thoughts and sensations. Be patient with yourself and with others as you get things sorted out.

If you pause to weigh violence against peace, you can find no rational reason to be violent. Oh yes, there is the ever ominous "surprise attack" that everyone seems to think they have to be prepared for. Or you "fight to protect your country"... or your loved ones... or your self... Okay, okay... You have to take this in steps. No one is saying the world is perfect. So what? Just because you are not a master of something is no reason not to do it! Begin with small examples in your own life. Work with things that are real. Imagined threats have no place in God's Love.

Explain to others what you are doing and encourage them to do it too. Understanding comes over time as you keep at it. As humanity grows we will discover that our reasons for violence are untrue. They don't even pertain to living in lasting peace. Let this stir you to a quest for happiness in your life and for others.

Grow to be more Loving to those who show you Love and also more Loving to those who do not. Strive to Love everyone as God Loves you. In this perspective, peace can grow within you. This peace is not the superficial peace of hyped feelings or abundant possessions. It is the sure peace that grows from the security of knowing that Life is compatible with itself... that God is Love. The Life you see in yourself and others is the same Life. Learn by observation and experience that we each express the Life within us in different ways, but it is still the same God-given Life for all⁶.

The "path" from bargain love to God's Love, already exists. We only have to pause in our moment and be open for it... tune to it. It exists as an expressive response from God's Living Moment. It addresses our sense of fear and isolation by Love and empathy. God's Love is the correct answer to all problems because it is the primal call to order and well-being. Being whole with the Will it expresses, and upholding what is optimal in any given situation, God's Love has a potential that can be accessed proactively. It can teach. It can provide. It can heal, uplift and restore. It is the conductor of all rightness and of well-being.

⁶ To get a rough idea of this concept, think of the electricity in a house. While the electricity in the wires is the same through the whole house, manifestations of it can vary widely. The house contains lighting, and perhaps a TV, a toaster, a washing machine, and many other different electrical machines. All of the machines are unique but they all run off the same electricity. Metaphorically speaking, it is like that with people in the Living Moment of God. We are all different but we are all expressing our own part of One Life in One God.

Application of God's Love consists in part of a personal choice to promote your conscience from 'guide' to 'driver'. The universal nature of God's Love is why it feels so right to do what one knows is right and why it feels wrong to do what one knows is not. Like all aspects of Life, the dynamics of conscience are universal even as manifestations of it vary.

Part 5 - Re-Union

No effort towards Union can contain force because by its very nature, force divides. Wholeness cannot be established by division. Humanity as a whole can realize this through conscious Loving by its individuals.

If the whole of Life is a Living Moment of God's Will expressed by God's Love, then that is what you are made of too. Nothing you try will run better than that. God's Love already exists in you. It is part of what creates you. You do not manufacture it. But if you give it your attention it will give you lasting peace.

God's Love is an aspect of God's Living Moment that you can easily become aware of. You can test it, grow to trust it, and become skilled in its use. This is largely a process of remembering, practice and sharing. Wholeness (totally satisfactory completion) is within you, waiting for your simple acknowledgment of it, and your dedication to revealing it. The universe cannot confirm or deny God's Love because it is beyond where perception can reach and outside of where the mortal universe can operate. The universe can only reflect such rich satisfaction when it shines *from you* and then shines *back upon you* through your life experience. But in God's Living Moment, such joy is an environmental factor. As you sincerely look upon it, it is willingly revealed to you.

In Life, like attracts like. This dynamic can be tested. To test it, all you have to do is allow your awareness of God's Love to grow inside of you and watch it begin to accumulate. To allow it means to look for it with an open mind and act upon it when you can. If you pause to look, you can see the capacity to Love in your own inner presence, and you can see it in others too.

A very potent way to explore God's Love is to observe it in others. The way you think about others, and how you react to them, reflects what you think that God thinks of you. If you know in your heart that you Love the people you think about, you will automatically know that God's Living Moment is a Loving moment. Your body cannot perceive God's Love until after it is expressed. But *you* can know and experience God's Love directly by keeping it in your awareness and sharing it.

In transforming our lives, sharing the focused purpose of God's Love becomes an issue that is paramount. Aligned purpose is a great power. From the perspective of God's Living Moment, it causes the universe, and everything in it. And by the will of humanity it causes the current world situation too... and it can cause a new and epic era of healing and growth... if we practice God's Love and allow it to grow among us.

Part 6 - Work it

While it is easy to see fear, anger and violence as dysfunctional during times of clear reasoning, it is often seen as the only choice when it seems justified in a personal way. Fear and anger have a powerful influence on those who believe in them... and everyone does at one time or another, in one way or another. But over time one learns by observing that fear and anger are lies. Conscious observation reveals it. What they urge us to do is frequently not in our best interest. This can be observed even in the times when they are upon us. All one has

to do is remember to notice and then apply the necessary fortitude to overcome the moment with God's Love. In the beginning it may seem impossible at times. But persistence pays.

When a problem is solved the situation returns to its rightful 'place' in the universe. It is sort of like it goes back to the universal 'happy spot' of optimal operation. "Happy" erupts spontaneously when everything involved is working right. It is easy to see if a problem is solved. A solved problem causes happy faces. If everyone involved has one, the problem is most likely solved. God's Love, among many other desirable and functional properties, leaves burdens lifted and happiness restored.

It is important that as many human beings as possible begin to make distinctions about our shared nature. While it is true that anger is an acknowledged part of human nature, it is also notable that our capacity to Love is too. Using one excludes the use of the other. Choose with care.

Ephesians 4

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

You probably have already considered the limitations of fear or anger as a system of living. If not, now is the perfect time. You are a human being. You have Free Will and the power to choose. No matter if fear and anger call for judgment and punishment on each serving of justice. Justice is nothing more than a temporary bargain unless it is given unconditionally from everyone involved. God's Love eliminates problems by recognizing the solution for everyone. Any other approach will become dysfunctional and ultimately allow the problem (or one like it) to happen again.

If a system of behavior is dysfunctional and changing it is possible, it only makes sense to do so. It makes more than sense. Our world is heading in several dangerous directions. There are plenty of challenges and a call for many kinds of Modern Heroes in getting this place on track so that everyone can realize their best and share it for a better life all around. Those who scoff at this idea would be wise to look carefully and lovingly at their own beliefs and decide if they are in need of repair. There is no question that Love is the best path to take. The only questions pertain to our ability to accept and uphold it.

Even embracing God's Love aggressively is possible. It is a mistake to assume that violence and an aggressive personality are the same. Aggression can be as easily aimed at fixing things or making them better as it can to violence, destruction and domination. Feel free to play the Hero.

While God's Love is the only motive that all people can share without limit, it does nothing to inhibit individuality. Any person is free to be whom and what they see as their best. We can learn from that by sharing it... we can grow in it too. It is discovered in this process that one's best cannot be achieved alone. We all can only be our best when we share our best. There are all kinds of people and there are all kinds of ways to find and share what is best.

Casual observation reveals that things run much better when God's Love is expressed than they do without it. The most superficial experimentation instantly shows that all events are more satisfying on a larger base when Love is allowed into the works. Deeper investigation reveals more. Sharing God's Love will enable and empower everyone involved. Individuals get satisfaction from sharing it because everybody wins, including self.

Your Will is expressed and your desire is fulfilled while others are uplifted by your actions. No other purpose can serve us as well.

Conclusion

Romans 8

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It may seem like God's Love is absent from our civilization. But actually all that is absent are the conditions that allow it to be known. The only conditions are that it be welcomed and shared. It always exists everywhere. So we are not exactly finding it even though it feels new as we learn to experience, and apply it. We discover God's Love everywhere by simply looking for it there. Our awareness of it grows as we feed it within and share it with others.

God's Love 'shines' (one could say 'transmits' or 'expands') in the mortal universe whenever and wherever it is welcomed. It has all of the power of the universe because it exists as part of its cause. But there is no force in it. It will be seen only where it is revealed and given room to grow.

So after all of that, do you think we can just drop the idea that fighting causes freedom or peace... that evil can be good? Evil devours and consumes, and leaves the same core issues unresolved. Despite what the "winner" believes, the same problem is present still, but suppressed... and the fight itself installs a new layer of problems in a situation that clearly had too many to begin with. This is not a solution. History proves it to us over and over. And so does logic, by reason alone.

Evil has nothing to do with functional operation or optimal living... except it degrades them. So understanding evil in new ways, and understanding God's Love in new ways, becomes necessary for a new understanding of how to stop pursuing and finally catch life, liberty and happiness for all... and keeping it.

The world has more than enough warriors. The call now is for Modern Heroes who set things right. Thus sharing, caring and communication become paramount. If we release the past by embracing and sharing a better future, the transformation will take place on its own. Such is the power of God's Love.

Galatians 5

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.