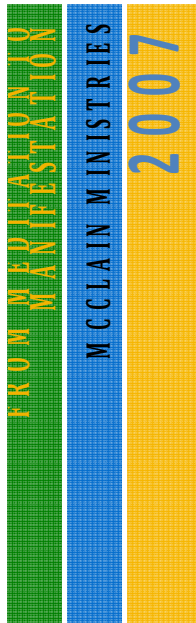


Chapter Fifteen

REAL LOVE



By love, I mean a much greater love than the emotional attachment and possession that so much 'love' on Earth has become. I don't mean "I love you if I'm attracted to you, darling". Nor "I love you if what you do is acceptable to me, or if you conform to my idea of someone who deserves to be loved."

I mean "I love you, whatever you do". That kind of love. Without condition or possession. It is the love we have for our children. We don't always agree with what they do and say, but we love them just the same.

If we can see each other in that light, the ills of this planet will fade away. With this unconditional love for self and each other, we would not produce economic arguments for why homeless people must sleep in the streets. The economic system would become subordinate to love and reflect that love. The idea that we would allow one person to be without adequate shelter would be unthinkable. We would stop charging interest on money, remove the debt so far accumulated, and spend what was necessary, interest free, to build enough good quality homes for people to live in.

The love in our hearts would accept nothing less. We would dismantle the economic tyranny and encourage communities to take back the power over their lives, providing what is necessary for the benefit of people, not some Elite Group. Love would eliminate the pain and suffering we impose on the animal kingdom. We would recognize that the privileged minority on this planet cannot, with love, go on living off the backs of the Third World and then ease their conscience by putting a few dollars in a collection plate here and there.

Love would insist that we withdraw from such economic dictatorship and allow those oppressed billions to live their lives for the benefit of themselves and not the multinational corporations.

Love would cease to cooperate with the present structures of global power and in doing so, it would show just how little power they really have. They only exist because we created them and because we continue to cooperate and bow to their will. The real power in a pyramid lies at the base, not the top. Nothing survives if it is not founded on love and the present structures of control will not survive. The governments we select in a world of love would reflect that desire to serve, to set free, and not impose.

How many people today vote with love in their hearts? People vote, overwhelmingly, for what they believe is best, materially, for them in the short-term. That is the reality they create - governments which serve themselves, short-term self-interest, and not the interests of others. We get what we vote for, because we get what we are feeling in our hearts when we, collectively, decide how to vote.

If the human race voted out of love, it would attract and elect such people into government. It is no good hurling all the blame at politicians for what is happening in the world. Politicians can only get elected by telling people what they have been programmed to want to hear. What people want to hear is what is in it, materially, for them. The kind of politicians we elect are an exact reflection of the collective attitudes which voted for them. When the collective human mind changes, so will the kind of politician we elect. Try getting elected on a policy of ending the Western dictatorship of the Third World which would affect the incomes and imports of the industrialized countries. No chance. Only with love in the collective heart will that be possible. Power to the people with the power of love.

Love for self and others will transform our lives, not least in the way we heal ourselves and others. Today, the medical services are controlled by the multinational drug companies. Sixty per cent of the US drug industry is owned by the Rockefellers alone. As a result, what claims to be state-of-the-art 'medicine' offers the scalpel or the drug in response to almost every ill. Both are motivated, at their controlling levels, by profit, not people. Wealth and not health.

The infinite knowledge of healing in the world which understands how imbalances in our eternal selves create

physical dis-ease is kept out of 'official' medicine. The body-as-machine so farcical, that a hospital doctor I once met treats the nurses with homeopathy, but cannot treat his patients in that way, except secretly, because the wrath of the official drug-company-controlled medical establishment would be brought down upon him.

Millions die of cancer while many cures are suppressed. If you can't sell it at a vast profit under contract to a drug company, every effort is made to destroy methods of healing that would remove the so called "incurable" diseases of today. There are no incurable diseases. Every one is caused by an energy imbalance - an imbalance that can be returned to harmony and in doing so, the body returned to health. This is happening every day outside the medical establishment.

Love for self will insist on taking back power over our own bodies. The drug companies dominate because the human race has, largely, handed over control of the body to doctors and pharmacists. It is an expression, yet again, of the way humans look outside themselves for answers. We look outside for confirmation that we are ok; for someone else to blame when something goes wrong; and for the answers to our discomfort when our body is ill. The answers for all three are inside us.

Self-hatred and frustration leads to cancer and heart disease, and every other ill can be linked to a mental, emotional, or spiritual imbalance, all of which can be corrected. As we begin to love ourselves and let go of the fears, guilts, and resentments accumulated over the years and the aeons of time, disease in the world will plummet. The cause of it will have diminished. We will see the illness that does occur as a sign of something amiss inside us. We will then address that, and think ourselves well again. Our physical dis-ease is also the result of our inner dis-ease.

Love is not just a word. It is the power that holds creation together. It is the power that holds us together and, as we can see, whenever love is missing, a life, or a world, simply falls apart.

Respect

This, together with love, is the self-balancing mechanism of any balanced society. An imbalanced society creates endless rules and regulations to say “you will” and “you won’t” to overcome the lack of respect. When you have respect for the Earth, you don’t need laws and government agencies to tell you not to damage or pollute the environment.

You would not dream of doing so. When you respect life as sacred, you don’t need laws against cruelty to animals because you would not dream of harming a fellow expression of creation. When you respect another’s right to live their life as he or she sees fit, you don’t seek to impose your view on them.

You respect and celebrate their right to be different. Not wrong. Different. When such respect is awash in the collective human being, people will be living their lives in a way they believe to be right, while allowing others to do the same. All will shape their behavior so they do not impose their thinking upon another. There will be no need for laws as we know them today because love and respect will be the balance that allows different beliefs to live in harmony.

This respect for others comes, as always, from respect for self. A lack of respect for others is the outward expression of a diminished respect for self. When we respect ourselves, we stop looking to others to tell us what to do and think. We have respect for our own infinite capacity to decide what we can do in any situation. We might seek another’s advice and view, but in the end self-respect decides for itself. Self-respect also has the confidence to go against the majority view when appropriate and to decide on God’s morals and values.

With God as our guiding light, there can be no fear, or guilt, or resentment.

Forgiveness

The burden of guilt carried by the human race is caused by a refusal to forgive ourselves. If we do not forgive ourselves, we find it so much harder to forgive others. If we don’t forgive others, we eat ourselves away with resentment, and seek revenge against those we consider to have acted badly towards us. Hence we have the conflicts and feuds that span the

generations and the inherited prejudice and divisions which the enemy exploits.

The fact is you should get angry with others and try to exact vengeance on them because they are victims, too, the physical result of the emotional and spiritual imbalances within them which desire to control and dominate others. These broken places in them represent 'unmet' needs that they are trying to get met through you. The last thing they need is more hatred. They need our love. By that, I don't mean a love that walks away and allows all this to continue unchallenged. I mean a love that does challenge the imposition, but without hatred or a desire for revenge. We are one. We are each other. The two approaches, the love and the challenge, are not incompatible.

Forgiveness of self and each other will bring an end to visceral hatred and revenge. Let the divisions between us fall away, for they have been manufactured on the classic principle of divide and rule. That is the reason behind the engineered wars and the divisions of race, color, country, class and income bracket. When the us and them becomes we, which is what we really are, all part of each other, the manipulation of the enemy will end. Let us put our arms around each other, the Arab and the Jew, the Christian and the Muslim, the manipulator and the manipulated. It's been a nightmare, but the nightmare can be over over. It's time to dream.

You are a beautiful spirit. You can be whatever you want to be. You are unique and you are loved in a way that we find so hard to comprehend on this planet. I experience that love from all, and for all, of Creation. It is a love without fear, guilt, resentment, judgment or division. It is an experience beyond words and it is ours, yours, for the taking, the thinking, the feeling.

We've been away too long, my sisters and brothers. It is time to come home and reconnect with all that is. In the words of a lovely song recorded for the Comic Relief Appeal:

When we stand together,
It's our finest hour.
We can do anything, anything, anything, anything,
Keep believing in love's power.
Love can build a bridge,

**Between your heart and mine,
Love can build a bridge,
Don't you think it's time?**

There are gathering millions who are screaming "YES WE CAN!" to that question. As love, respect, and forgiveness sweep across the human mind and we love out of existence the misunderstandings of the past, we are destined to be the first generation for thousands of years who will leave our children a better world than the one we found. That is our gift to, and from, this glorious planet. And the Universe. It is truly a great time to be alive.