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## Eternal Everlasting Love



The love of God, unutterable and perfect, flows into a pure soul the way that light rushes into a transparent object.

The more love that it finds, the more it gives itself; so that, as we grow clear and open, the more complete the joy of heaven is.

And the more souls who

resonate together, the greater the intensity of their love, and, mirror-like, each soul reflects the other.

[ Dante Alighieri: The Enlightened Heart  
 An Anthology of Sacred Poetry]

We are held in the Divine embrace every moment of our existence and we are loved more than we can comprehend. Miracles are happening all around us all the time revealing this incredible love and support. As our eyes open and we become more aware of it, we feel it more. The Love of the Universe is revealing itself to us – we are living in a matrix of love – it is the fabric of the Universe, and we are part of it. You can't say whether the love is flowing from you to the Divine, or from the Divine to you – it just is, all boundaries are lost, and there is just love. True love is not a feeling but a state of being that we enter into and become one with, for love is our true nature and it is Divine. We are to become that Love. Saint Aelred of Rievaulx: "... in the embrace of love, in the kiss of unity, with the Holy Spirit flowing over you; to whom you so join and unite yourself that two become one."

This is the union we all long for. We may ask, "How are we to attain the unitive state of awareness?" S. Abhayananda (curtesy CLEAR SIGHT INNER LIGHT) says: "Until we are

'lifted' into the experience of unity by the grace of God, duality for us must continue to exist. When that experience is about to happen to a person, that person's mind becomes irresistably withdrawn from worldly concerns, and becomes centered instead upon one all-consuming love, a singular sort of love, for the very source of love within. Such longing for God or Truth always precedes the experience of enlightenment, because it is the natural expression, the unfailing indicator, of a shift in consciousness toward the transcendent Unity."

Divine love draws us compellingly toward the experience of unity. This love is not the ordinary kind of love between a subject and an object, however; for in this case the subject and the object, and the love itself are one. This love is an inner experience that is breathtakingly and intoxicatingly real. It stirs from within, and centers on itself within – a sweetness that is itself the object of devotion. It has no location but the human heart, yet its source is the universal Being. It is of this love that Ramakrishna sang: *"How are you trying, O my mind, to know the nature of God? You are groping like a madman locked in a dark room. He is grasped through ecstatic love; How can you fathom Him without it? When that love awakes, the Lord, like a magnet, draws to Him the soul."*

"It is in his hand to fill us with his love, with his devotion. We feel that we love him, that we are in love with the Father, full of his devotion. Actually, he's the one who is pulling us from within and creating his love and devotion within us. But for that pull, nobody would think about the Father at all. So he's the one who is pulling us, he's the one whom we are trying to worship and he's the one who is giving us the opportunity, facility and environment to worship him. He's the doer of all that. Without his grace, we can do nothing." [Maharaj Charan Singh: Spiritual Perspectives]

"God reveals himself as eternal love and we can see that love that changes is not eternal love. God loves us with unchanging love and that this everlasting love of God for humanity is nothing but God's presence in every human heart. This everlasting love of God for humanity is non-judgemental. God's love cannot say: 'You are a sinner', or 'I forgive you', for love that forgives belongs to time and space and is not eternal. God can only say: 'I love you with an everlasting love'. The everlasting love of God transcends sin and forgiveness. Christianity has been obsessed with sin and forgiveness, and it is this more than anything that makes people leave the Church. Things would have been different if Christianity had been obsessed with the message of God's everlasting love over the years. We have to remember that love is eternal and sin is temporal; sin will come to an end but love has no end." [Brother Martin: You are the Light]

To be loved with divine everlasting love, and to know it, is good news!

OM SHANTI, MAY PEACE AND LOVE BE WITH YOU, LEELA

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