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Relationships

A letter to various people answering their questions regarding the teachings of Divine Love and how those teachings impact their personal relationships.

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1. Relationships

Introduction

Hello and greetings to everyone

Some have been struggling with their personal relationships, and this has been causing them internal stress, since there is nothing more consuming of our emotional energy and time than a relationship that does not seem to be working, and they have asked me for my advice to assist them. In each case, I have written a personal message to them. But since relationships are a very important part of our life, I thought it would be good to provide some of the answers in a more general format for all of you to read.

There is always danger in providing relationship advice when you have not seen the people in the relationship together, and so, rather than say things I personally feel from comments made to me, I would like to make some general comments that I feel may apply to most situations.

What Does Love Do?

The first question that must be asked in a relationship is:

WHAT DOES LOVE DO?

Since we are often injured in our love, the question "What Does Love Do" perhaps needs to be supplemented with "What Does God's Love Do?" Often our love injuries cause us to have an incomplete view of love, and these injuries usually manifest themselves in either a poor viewpoint of love of self, or selfishness when dealing with others. When we ask "What Would God's Love Do" we are attempting to see our partner and ourselves as God sees us, and we come to understand that our feelings, and our partners feelings are equal in importance to our God.

Now, since a relationship involves two people, then the question "What Does Love Do?" must be applied to both persons within the relationship. In addition, when asking this question, it must be asked from two perspectives. Firstly, what would my love of myself do? Secondly, what would my love of my partner do? Finally, each person in the relationship needs to ask the same questions. So, if we ask the two questions to the two people within the relationship from two perspectives, we get a sum total of 8 questions, 4 that are asked by each partner. And they are:

I will ask from my own perspective:

- What would my love for myself motivate me to do for myself?
- What would my love for my partner motivate me to do for them?
- What do I feel my partners love for themselves motivate them to do for themselves?
- What do I feel my partners love for me motivate them to do for me?

My partner will ask from his or her own perspective:

- What would my love for myself motivate me to do for myself?
- What would my love for my partner motivate me to do for them?
- What do I feel my partners love for themselves motivate them to do for themselves?
- What do I feel my partners love for me motivate them to do for me?

If the answer to any of the four questions each partner asks is negative, in the sense that the answer in our personal lives is either; "No, my love for myself would not allow this", or "my love for my partner would not allow this", or "my partner's

love for me would not allow this", or "my partner's love for themselves would not allow this", then there are problems within the relationship that, if one or both partners in the relationship are unwilling to resolve, will result in the decay of the relationship.

If one partner is unwilling to ask their personal set of four questions of themselves, there is a high likelihood that the decay of the relationship will occur. Often, many are willing to ask the questions that relate to the other person, but are totally unwilling to ask the personal questions that will resolve the issues within. When both partners are willing to answer all questions, then it becomes apparent that the relationship may continue, but that will depend on the truthful answers from the questions, and the required actions taken by two people attempting to live by honouring their feelings and emotions.

Love of My Self

In any relationship we need to firstly ask what would love of myself do? Although many people would think this to be a selfish perspective, we need to think carefully about the following truth:

Betrayal of myself in order to not betray another is the highest form of betrayal.

If, to love someone else, we must betray ourselves, then we are really lying to both ourselves and the other person about the true nature of our own feelings, and we are refusing to act upon the true feelings we have. Since living in the soul requires that we act upon our own feelings, if we refuse to do so in order to please another person, then the resulting action is really based on a misrepresentation of our internal truth, and can only result in future pain or suffering for both persons within the relationship.

In a relationship, there are two people that would love you completely, yourself, and your partner. If you love yourself, you will not be able to take an action that results in the betrayal of your deepest feelings.

If your partner truly loved you completely, they would not allow or ask you to do something that seems to be a betrayal of yourself. For example, if your partner loves you, they would not ask you to do lie for them or anyone else, since for you to lie would be a betrayal of yourself.

Love of My Partner

In any relationship, the next question we need to ask is what would love of my partner do? We need to remember that the following statement is also applicable to our partner.

Betrayal of myself in order to not betray another is the highest form of betrayal.

Or, putting this into our partner's perspective it would read; if my partner has to betray his or her self in order to not betray me, then this is their highest form of betrayal.

If, to love me, my partner must betray himself or herself, then my partner is really lying to both themselves and me about the true nature of their own feelings, and he or she is refusing to act upon the true feelings they have. Since living in the soul requires that they act upon their feelings, if they refuse to do so in order to please me, then the resulting action is really based on a misrepresentation of their internal truth, and can only result in future pain or suffering for both of us.

In a relationship, there are two people that my partner would love completely, his or her self, and myself. If he or she loves himself or herself, he or she will not be able to take an action that results in the betrayal of his or her deepest feelings.

From my partner's perspective, if I truly loved my partner completely, I would not allow or ask them to do something that seems to be a betrayal of his or her self. For example, if I loved my partner, I would not ask my partner to ignore the fact that my parents treat them badly, since I would be asking them to betray themselves and ignore their own feelings.

Other Circumstances

Obviously, since each person in a relationship while on earth is generally a "work in progress", it thus follows that each relationship is a "work in progress". Since this is the case, we cannot expect a relationship to be perfect unless each person has completely resolved within them all personal outstanding painful emotions and feelings. This is a rare circumstance, so an additional question needs to be considered, and that is:

Do both parties to the relationship have the same level of desire for personal development and the resolution of internal painful emotions, and do they both understand that this path of personal development has the potential in the future to result in the separation of the partnership?

If both parties do have this strong desire, and they are also willing to understand that their partner will make mistakes just as they do along the path of self development, and each understands that there is the potentiality that sometime in the future the true nature of one or both persons will be exposed by this process of development, and that true nature may dictate that their partner or themselves will need to move away from the relationship to further progress, then the relationship will continue to be a source of true happiness for the couple until that time comes.

Of course, it is much more advisable for a person to only enter into a relationship when they have dealt completely with all of their personal outstanding painful emotions and feelings. This can be done by developing a complete relationship with their God, since He has no injuries in Love, and so therefore, we will be forced into dealing with all of our personal love injuries when we develop our relationship with Him. This does not have to take along time, as some seem to think, since as we progress into at-onement with our Father, His Love flows to us in greater quantities, and this exposes all issues internally we have within to deal with. If we have an openness and willingness to deal with these issues, then we can, within a relatively short time, come into the condition where we have resolved painful emotional issues that would damage a relationship.

Practical Situations

Perhaps I can give some examples of how the questions I mention can assist us. Lets say that we love our partner, but our partner is an alcoholic, and continuously drinks too much, with the resultant chaos in our lives together. We need to ask ourselves, what would love do? If I loved myself truly, would I allow the other person to continue to interrupt and damage my life experience by drinking too much? If they loved me, would they continually desire to damage my life experience? If I loved them, would I allow them to continue to do damage to themselves without attempting to resolve the issue? If they loved themselves, would they drink too much?

So, four issues become clear. The first is that our partner cannot love themselves and drink to much. The second is that we cannot love ourselves and allow our lives to be interrupted from the drinking of our partner. The third is that we are not loving our partner if we allow them to do something that destroys themselves and we take no action. The forth issue is that our partner does not love us if he or she is unwilling to deal with a personal issue that causes our distress. So, if we think we truly love our partner or ourselves and stay in this situation, then we are wrong, and we have not come to know love. If our partner feels they love themselves and us and yet remains in this situation, then they are also wrong, and do not understand love. What has resulted is a co-dependent unloving relationship that both parties continue to view as a loving relationship because of their personal love injuries.

If the other person is unwilling to resolve their drinking issues, then we may have to move away from the relationship for a period of time. If, after the period of time allowed, our partner still has not resolved their drinking problem, then we will need at some time come to decide whether the separation from the relationship needs to be permanent. If we find it difficult to

remove ourselves from the relationship when our partner refuses to change, then we need to personally work on our love of self since our conception of ourselves is damaged, and we also need to work on our concept of love generally, since love does not assist another person to destroy themselves.

Another example may be that our partner has homosexual tendencies and inclinations, but is in the relationship with ourselves to please us and other people. We need to ask ourselves, what would love do? If I loved myself truly, would I allow myself to live a life that is not completely fulfilling, where I do not have a complete sexual relationship with my partner and additionally have the worry of them leaving me? If they loved me completely, would they desire sexual contact with another person? If I loved them, would I allow them to continue a lifestyle that seems to be against their own deepest nature? If they loved themselves, would they remain in a relationship that is sexually unfulfilling?

We can see that when we ask these questions, often the answer to the question “What would love do” becomes very clear.

Once we know what love would do, then we can make the decisions we need to make to ensure that, as far as it depends upon ourselves, we do what love does. In some cases, love does dictate that we leave the relationship. In others, love may dictate that we stay in the relationship, or that we decide upon a time apart from the relationship and then re-evaluate. In the end, we are personally responsible for all of our personal feelings, actions and thoughts, and so we must take that personal responsibility, and not expect others to make our decisions for us.

Often, we remain in a relationship that love would dictate we leave because of fear. If this is the case, then we must eventually come to the understanding that fear and love cannot co-exist, and “perfect love throws fear aside.” While fear exists and controls our personal actions, we are in a state of not understanding love. Most fear is false expectations appearing real. Some situations we fear may be real, but often we do not need to fear them. Rather, we just need to learn to take responsibility for them, and, as far as it depends upon ourselves, base our actions and reactions on love, and when we do this, we come to understand that when we base our actions on truth and love, our own lives, and the lives of those close to us, are always benefited by our actions.

Of course, as with most subjects, there are many more things that could be mentioned, but any more information on the subject is usually based on the basic principles I have presented above. When we come to understand these principles within our soul, our feelings and emotions will motivate our loving actions, and the decisions that face us within our personal relationships become a joy to resolve.

Our Soul Mate

Of course, there is one natural relationship (relationships not including our God) that at some time in our future will be our only permanent, lasting, and strongest relationship, and this is our relationship with our soul mate.

As we become closer to our Father, if our soul mate is living, then we will also be assisted by Him to find them, and if our soul mate has died, then our soul mate will assist us to find someone who is best suited as our life companion.

We are ready for our soul mate when we have dealt with our personal outstanding painful emotions and feelings. Once we are ready, then, as we become closer to our Father, He will lead us towards our true partner, since that partner is essential for our personal soul progression, and our complete happiness. Many find their soul mate before this time, since the soul mate has a soul affinity towards its mate.

However, just because you find your soul mate this does not mean that relationship problems are all resolved. Your soul mate may not be of the same soul development as yourself, and so they also may have personal outstanding painful emotions and feelings to deal with. While they do this, issues and complications will arise that will need to be resolved within the relationship.

But if both partners have the desire to deal with all their personal outstanding painful emotions and feelings before they begin a relationship together, then the relationship has the ability to be a source of great love, happiness, joy, and contentment.

Conclusion

I hope that you have found this information to be beneficial to you, and for those who are experiencing any personal pain working through their relationships, I pray that you continue to understand that your Father will lead you in the direction that is for the highest good for yourself and your current partner.

On a personal level I would like to say that I am very much a romantic at heart, and when I see relationships that are struggling I always feel strongly for each person in the relationship. Although my soul mate and I are not together presently, and I have been alone for nearly 18 months now, I am very much looking forward to being able to express my love for her again. Besides my Father, she is my one desire.

I would like all to be as happy in their personal lives as I am in mine.

Your friend

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