



ALTERED STATES

LOVE REALLY IS THE DRUG OF CHOICE FOR SO MANY OF US. TOO BAD WE WON'T JUST ACCEPT THAT WE ARE, SOME OF US, HELPLESS IN EVERY EFFORT TO ACT, PRETEND, AND INSIST THAT SOME HOW WE CAN, COULD, WILLINGLY LIVE WITHOUT LOVE AND ALL THAT IT PRODUCES.

"WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?"

SO MANY OF US DESIRE MORE THAN ANYTHING, TO KNOW LOVE. WE GO THROUGH EACH DAY KNOWING HOW LOVE IS ABSENT OR LACKING IN OUR LIVES. WE ARE, I AM, SOME OF US, EXIST IN A CONSTANT RESPONSE TO LOVE'S BEACON, AND WE ARE DRAWN FORWARD BY THE LESS-NESS OF SINCERITY, CLARITY, AND BEING CHASED BY SHADOWS OF A PAST THAT CATCHES UP WITH US REGULARLY JUST TO BIZING US EMPTY REFLECTIONS. AND SO — WE, I, PURSUE LOVE. WE ARE IN PURSUIT OF A LOVE THAT STANDS INFILTRATE TALL, ALONE-FULL, GIZARD-REDICULOUS, AND THANK GOD, UNCONDITIONAL. IT IS NOT LOVE THAT HAS CONDITIONS. IT IS "OUR" CHOICES IN "RELATIONSHIPS" THAT GIVE ROOM AND LEASE SPACE TO CONDITIONAL LOVE, WHICH IS LOVE'S GREATEST IMPOSER. WE, YOU AND I, MUST "REMEMBER" CONSTANTLY THAT LOVE IS NOT THE SOURCE-IDENTITY OF A FEELING; AND LOVE IS ALSO NOT THOSE POETIC DESCRIPTIONS THAT WE HEAR SO OFTEN THAT OVERFLOW WITH INACCURATE AND RANDOM DECLARATIONS OF ECSTASY. AND OF COURSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT LOVE IS NOT THE CLINGING THING, THE LONGING TO BE BE WITH ANOTHER THAT WE PEDISTAL AS "THE ONE WE LOVE". THIS IS NOT THE CHARACTER OF LOVE, NOT IN IT'S ORIGINAL STATE. IF WE WOULD PAUSE MOST STILL ~~AND~~ FOR AN ETERNAL MOMENT IN THE MIRROR, AND LOOK AT THE WORK OF "THE CREATOR" REFLECTING BACK — WE WOULD RECOGNISE A POWER SOURCE THAT IS IRRESISTABLE, HUMBLING, AND CANYON-WIDE IN SUBMISSION TO OPPORTUNITIES TO REVEAL GRACE. IT IS THIS LOVE THAT CANNOT BE MISTAKEN FOR ANYTHING ELSE. FOR THE GOAL OF LOVE IS TO EXPRESS OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN YOU AND I, IN ALL OF OUR LIFE, WORLD, RELATIONSHIPS AND AFFAIRS, AND LOVE IS THIS WAY THROUGH A PROFOUND UNSELFISHNESS THAT TRANSCENDS AND TRANSMUTES ALL THAT CHALLENGES "LIGHT". LIGHT, BRIGHT, AND LOVE THAT IT IS; PERSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES AND MANIFESTS THE THING WE CALL: "A MORE EXCELLENT WAY" IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT IS CONTRACTED DIFFICULT, BUT WE, I MUST —

BE AVAILABLE TO ALLOW LOVE WITHOUT RESTRICTION TO CALIBRATE
OUR AWARENESS AND REMAIN AT AN OPEN LEVEL THROUGH US. WE
MUST "STOP" PRETENDING TO CARE, AND PRETENDING TO HONOR THE
SACREDNESS THAT IS LOVE THAT WE SHARE AND EXPRESS WITH AND
TOWARDS EACH OTHER. WE "MUST" REJECT THE LIE OF ALONE-NESS,
BUT STAY FREE IN THE LIBERTY THAT ATTRACTS AN INTRODUCTION TO
OTHERS IN HEEDLY-SEARCH OF EXPRESSING THE ULTIMATE DRUG,
WITH OR WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION, LOVE WILL CONTINUE TO SEND US
PLACES SO THAT WE CAN SET THE BOUND-UP FREE AND BREAK
THE INVISIBLE LOCKS THAT HOLD US CHAINED DOWN. IF WE CHOOSE TO
TRUST, LOVE WILL CARRY US FORWARD TOWARDS THE INNER SOURCE
WHERE THINKING IS FRESH, ORIGINAL, AND UP-LIFTING. SO UP-LIFTING
THAT WE, YOU & I, RISE WITH NEW THOUGHTS, DEEPER UNDERSTANDINGS,
AND WE MAY EVEN HEAR THE REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR
ASK...

WHO DO WE THINK
WE ARE?

P.S. ... WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE; THAT
WE WOULD BELIEVE INSIDE US THE ABLE
POWER TO "BEAR ALL THINGS, BELIEVE ALL THINGS,
HOPE ALL THINGS, ENDURE ALL THINGS...? WHO DO WE
THINK WE ARE? .. TO BELIEVE THAT WE COULD LOVE.

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