

*Connected through oneness and Unified in Divinity*

*Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.*

*1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT)*

This will be an odd question for you to ponder, but here it is. Have you ever noticed every person in the world has unique gifts and qualities? Every day of our lives in the metropolitan area you and I share, we encounter varieties of people who look, think, and act different from each of us. Yet, I have come to the realization that despite any appearance of differences or separations, reality informs us we are all connected through oneness. I am personally convinced we are also unified in our divinity.

Choosing to live this truth by treating others with love and kindness is my personal desire relating to my relationship with the God of all creation. When I struggle to relate lovingly with someone, I challenge myself to identify and focus on the good in that person. Admittedly, this TALK is a continuation of the vacation Sandy and I just experienced in Switzerland. I formed expectations based on the German, French, and Italian nations surrounding the home of the Alps. A friend (thank you Doug) informed me the country in the Alps had a variety of languages. My expectation was that I would not be able to communicate at all. Far from that expectation, I learned that a large percentage of the people we met communicated speaking more than one language. Happily, among the additional languages spoken, English was widespread.

When we acknowledge the good, we shift ourselves into an awareness of love. Our heart's deepest yearning is for loving relationships. Individual hearts want to give and receive love. Nothing is more congruent with true human essence than letting love be visible in our being and actions. Considering that observation, the message is clear that I, and possibly you, are tempted to blame ourselves or another person for perceived wrongs. When that feeling occurs, we must ask ourselves, "Is this how love reacts?"

This Talk is written to help us all release these burdens and meet each situation with a pure heart. We can know that letting go of feelings and subsequent reactions is a healthy guide toward enhanced relationships. Think of it this way and encourage yourself to let the human part of you merge so completely into the Divine that you are not conscious of any necessity to forgive. In forgiving, we merge with the Christ light within, living and moving from a place of pure love. Say these words now and often: In all relationships, I act and react from a place of love.

God, let it be so.

Peace always,

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