



Handouts for Week of January 29, 2023- "Love"

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Qualities & Attributes on “Love”

A way to study the subject on “Love” is to look up all the attributes and qualities that one can think of about LOVE.

Think about ‘what Love is,’ And ‘what Love does,’ and ‘what Love frees me from.’

Here is my list, but I always am working each week to add to it. I try to affirm and acknowledge that these qualities are a part of my natural being. I reflect LOVE because God IS LOVE. The kingdom of LOVE is within me.

Words that describe LOVE:

Loving
Kind
Gentle
Affectionate
Patient
Benevolent
Grateful
Pleasant
Giving
Considerate
Charitable
Affectionate
Tender
Humane
Tenderhearted
Generous
Warm
Caring
Supportive
Courteous
Thankful

Unselfish
Fearless
Forgiving
Moral
Kind
Good
Christian
Helpful
Sweet
Sharing
Uncritical
Accepting
Loved
Treasured
Friendly
Comforting
Merciful
Longsuffering
Compassionate
Lovable

LOVE is:

Irresistible
Unconquerable
invincible
Irrepressible
Overriding
Powerful
Mighty
Uninhibited
Magisterial
Imperious
Unstoppable
Inviolable
Indestructible
Floods in
Pours in

What does LOVE do?

Heals
Cares for
Nurtures
Teaches
Pours forth
Preaches
Shows actions of love
Gives
Purifies
Corrects
Sustains
Declares itself
Separates the real/unreal
Sees
Enlightens
Causes us to see clearly
Throws light on

What does Love free me from?

Hatred
Envy
Malice
Malpractice
Grief
Mesmerism
Malfunction
Deformity
Death
Decay
Decomposition
Aging
Decline
Deceit
Dreaming
Impurity
Adulteration
Imperfection
Stoppage



“Agape” & “Phileo”

Two words in Greek are used in the Bible.

AGAPE: (divine Love) 25 in Strong's and Thayer's Greek Dictionary

- Used often in the First Epistle of John of the love of Christians toward one another; of the benevolence which God has exhibited by sending his son to them; the love which led Christ in procuring human salvation, to undergo sufferings and death, the idea of affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, grateful recognition of benefits received when used of love to a master, God or Christ
- Affection, good-will, love, benevolence
- Of the love of men to men; of that love of Christians towards Christians
- Of the love of men towards God
- Of the love of God towards men
- Of the love of Christ towards men
- Enkindled by the Holy Spirit

3rd degree: Greek: 25: **Agape**

- ❓ - divine love, with a capital 'L' in all Mrs. Eddy's writings
- ❓ - This love is divine, infinite, ever-present, all powerful, all active
- ❓ - never changes, permanent, never fluctuates, always constant
- ❓ - enkindled by the Holy Spirit
- ❓ - includes self-sacrifice
- ❓ - spontaneous overflow out of an infinite wellspring: like heat from a fire
- ❓ - unselfed love

PHILEO: (human love) 5368 in Thayer's Greek Dictionary

- To approve of; to like; have admiration
- To treat affectionately or kindly like a friend
- To befriend
- To show signs of love
- To delight in; long for

2nd Degree: Greek: 5368: **Phileo**

- small letter 'l' human love
- human sense of love, a personal emotion of love for a person or thing
- if person goes away through death, divorce, separation, changes to grief, jealousy, hatred, disappointment personal attachment, domination, etc.
- brotherly love: Philadelphia



Old Testament Timeline (These dates are all approximate.)

CANAANITE PERIOD (2000 – 1200 BCE)

2000-1900 BCE	Abraham arrives in Canaan; land controlled by Amorites and Canaanites. Isaac Jacob and Esau 12 sons of Jacob: Children of Israel
1700 BCE	Joseph in Egypt
1630 BCE	Jacob travels to Egypt.
1290 BCE	Moses and the Exodus.
1250 BCE	Joshua and the Hebrews enter land of Canaan.
1225-1020 BCE	Judges: Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech, Jephthah, Samson.

MONARCHY BEGINS

1200 BCE	Philistines invade Palestine.
1050 BCE	Samuel the prophet
1020- 1000 BCE	Saul founds monarchy.

ISRAELITE PERIOD (1000 – 586 BCE)

United Kingdom

1000- 965 BCE	David captures the city and reigns as King of United Kingdom: northern kingdom is called Israel , southern kingdom is called Judah . The name the "City of David" has been used ever since.
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David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, and purchased the temple mount area outside the city walls (II Sam. 24:24) with a plan to build a permanent temple for the worship of God.

- 961-922 BCE Solomon, the son of David, reigns as King of Israel.
- 950 BCE Solomon builds the first temple in the City of David (I Kings 6:1).

Divided Kingdom

- 931-913 BCE Rehoboam (Solomon's son: King of Judah)
- One Kingdom split into 2 kingdoms:
- Kingdom of Israel in the north. (Samaria)
 - Kingdom of Judah in the south.
- 911-869 BCE Asa: King of Judah
- 870-848 BCE Jehoshaphat: King of Judah
- 885-873 BCE Omri: King of Israel
- 874-853 BCE Ahab: King of Israel, defeats the Assyrians at Qarqar
- Prophets Elijah and Elisha.
- 733-586 BCE Time period of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah, Amos, Hosea
- 723 BCE Assyrians capture Samaria and take the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Israel captive; the ten Israelite tribes are lost to history.
- 715-686 BCE Hezekiah: King of Judah
- 702 BCE King Hezekiah prepares for battle with Assyria: diverts the water from the Gihon spring through Hezekiah's tunnel.
- King of Assyria fails to besiege Jerusalem although Kingdom of Israel was destroyed in 722 BCE and its residents exiled to Assyria.
- 686-642 BCE Manasseh: King of Judah
- 641-609 BCE Josiah: King of Judah (book of *Deuteronomy* found)

BABYLONIAN PERIOD (586 – 539 BCE)

- 598 BCE King Nebuchadnezzar invades Palestine; 10,000 Jews taken captive with Ezekiel.
- 586 BCE Babylonians sack Jerusalem after a long siege; Temple is destroyed.

PERSIAN PERIOD (539 – 332 BCE)

(from exile until the return)

- 538 BCE Fall of Babylon to Persia; Edict of Cyrus (who conquered Babylon) allows Jews to return from exile to their homeland.
- 520-515 BCE The Second Temple built by Zerubbabel.
- 458 ? BCE Ezra gathers the Great Assembly to hear the word of the Law.
- 445 ? BCE Nehemiah rebuilds Jerusalem including the Wall and is made the governor of Jerusalem.

End of Old Testament



Kings of Israel & Judah





“Flood Tides of Love”

Another friend, Reid Charlston, Director of Camp Owatonna, added more great insights into Mary Baker Eddy’s use of this “flood-tides of Love” analogy.

Flood Tides of Love

Written by Reid Charlston, Friend and Director of Camp Owatonna

“In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy says, “The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love” (201:17). Many people who do not live near the ocean, and especially the northeastern coastline of the United States, are not very familiar with tides. As a long-time sea kayaker who has taken and led many trips along the Maine coast, I want to share a little more about these tides to help explain this metaphor a bit more.

“The tides on the ocean are caused by the gravitational pull of the moon as it orbits the earth. The tide changes every six hours and thirteen minutes from high to low and back, which means you can predict it accurately to the minute for every day into the future and back into the past. When the moon is on one side of the earth it both pulls the water on that side towards itself and it pulls the earth itself towards itself and away from the water on the other side of the earth. This means that high tide will always be experienced on the side of the earth the moon is on and the opposite side at the same time. Low tide will be on the other two sides, and the shift between the two causes the rising and falling of the tides.

<https://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/earth/geophysics/tide-cause.htm>

“From what I have been told, this tidal pull affects every body of water on earth, even a glass of water on your desk, but it is only visible when there is a large amount of water moving over huge amount of space. Thus we really can only see the moon’s gravitational effect on the oceans, and nowhere is that effect more prominent than the coastline of the Atlantic ocean from New England up into Canada.

“So, what is a flood tide? When the tide is going out (being pulled to the other side of the earth) we call that an ebb tide. When all that water comes rushing back, we call it a flood tide. The greatest example of this tidal swing is in the Bay of Fundy in Canada where the tidal range is 56 feet between low and high tide. Go to these web addresses to see some great time lapses of the water coming in and out of the Bay of Fundy. One video I watched said that at least 100 billion tons of sea water comes in and out of the Bay of Fundy each day.

https://youtu.be/_x9nbW0HW8c (great explanation of how tides work)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3LteF9Wpt4> (short time lapse)

<https://youtu.be/6RI4-vJ8Unw> (another great short one)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OObk9ZPcGfo> (longer video of the area with some great perspective of how much water comes in and out...

“While I’ve never heard that Mrs. Eddy got to experience the tides at the Bay of Fundy, she more than likely got to witness the shifting tides off the coast of her native state of New Hampshire, possibly too in Massachusetts and Maine, both places we know she visited. So, this concept of flooding and ebbing tides was a natural one for her to use as a metaphor in this sentence.

“As I have read this passage I have always been struck by just how much love she is implying we need to pour in to extract error. It is no trivial amount, but rather a surge of the absolute maximum amount of love that we can possibly give – an amount we know is unlimited as we can only express God’s love which is infinite.”

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Lazarus' Tomb

