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Love is the finest way we celebrate our humanity. Love is the perfect present in the here and now moment. Love is both intimate and yet impersonal. Love exists simply for love's sake. We are all participants in the dance of love call life.

As a human being — you and I — possess the full potential for manifesting and sharing love with others. We all seek a life of happiness no matter our unique circumstances in life, whether rich or poor, successful or mediocre, famous or unknown.

Love helps us to better understand the mystery and the conundrum of earthly life — with the highs and the lows that we encounter and experience physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually — in space and time, in a three-dimensional world.

Our individual journeys on this good earth are deeply enlightened by love, given and received in a full circle. The outward expression of love to others is through an uplifting positive attitude of empathy, lovingkindness and compassion.

We start by being consciously aware of our personal power. Yes, each person has the capacity to be a generous agent of love regardless of who and what and where we are at the moment.

Without warning, 2020 ushered an alarming year of unprecedented suffering, crippling pain and severe economic loss for people all over the world. And the cause of this global crisis is a viral pandemic of harsh proportions.

The Covid-19 virus unleashed the full fury of socio-economic disasters as virtually all countries resorted to border shutdowns. Air travel came to a swift grinding halt. Even now, travel restrictions are in place to curb the dreadful spread of this global pandemic. The worldwide official death toll

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now stands at more than 2.6 million lives terminated, as at March 9, 2021.

Notice that the feelings of fear, worry and suspicion have taken root in our modern psyche in terrifying proportions. We are adversely impacted by this global crisis no matter who and what and where we are, living in the scourge of this disease. No doubt, more deaths will add to the already cryptic statistics.

Almost overnight, job loss, mental stress, and financial hardship have brought unimaginable human suffering and misery to hordes of people all over the world. This sorry state is expected to get worse before a much needed economic recovery can turn things around.

In times like these, we also witness the altruistic nature of selfless love and sacrificial work by ordinary people to help others — even under the enormous burden of exhaustion and insufficient rest. These ordinary heroes include our healthcare workers and medical professionals and doctors who work at the frontline fighting the disease daily just to save lives.

Consider the global community of research scientists working in medical laboratories round-the-clock — collaborating beyond borders — to understand and to find a pragmatic solution to this viral disease, and thus restore good health to a desperate humanity.

All such medical activities are the sure signs that we human beings will rally together to survive, overcome and eradicate this pandemic. Love inspires focal action to find the cure to overcome this deadly viral crisis. In this instance, there's a popular maxim that says: "No one person is safe until everyone is safe!"

Mankind exists through love and for love: to love and be loved. Love inhabits our natural instinct and engulfs our complete consciousness and awareness. Love empowers each woman and each man with the awesome power to create moments of lasting joy, true peace and good health.

Indeed, love reveals the true moments of wonder, magnificence and self-expression in a world of constant change. Love is the energy that

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heals and restores our natural and wholesome goodness. Love is the essence of truth that lives forever.

Abrupt change forces each person to make choices. Do we choose to love, or deny love — and thus, to look sanguinely or the other way — as we confront adversity and pain, or suffering and fear. Love uplifts us despite the social confrontations, anguish and misery that selfish human situations often highlight.

Love is the best way we can confront and face the daily reality of struggle and conflict through change and painful circumstances. The inherent quality of love is impersonal and selfless, and that makes love powerfully real beyond plain logic and reason.

Love shows the way to live and let live despite the contrary turbulence of an imperfect world where remorse, deceit and revenge escalate. Love is both the beginning and the end of all things. Love is the highest quality of mercy that understands and forgives the silly and stubborn errors of human folly.

Love inspires myriad encounters with change for the better despite the upheavals that we face in living the good life we desire. Love confronts our pathways with the sparkle of life. Love inspires the sure charisma of faith and hope as we celebrate each encounter with light and zest. To experience profound love is to know how simple love can truly be — and yet, be witness to an awesome touch of timeless spirituality.

Love brings us grace to endure and to overcome the onslaught of a world governed precisely by cause and effect. We are oftentimes abused by mindless aggravations, and stubborn provocations that incite thoughtless deeds and unkind conflicts. Love is sufficient unto love. Thus, we can discern wisely, and we can forgive and forget the cruel transgressions of pain and suffering inflicted by ignorance.

Love is truly the vital force moving the miracle of constant evolution in these mortal spheres. We can follow the law of love even as life moves ever forward with joyous expressions of beauty and truth despite our witnessing of the ugly side of life.

Yes, we can honour love with marvellous and magical moments of exuberant wit, easy humour and healing laughter. Let our daily

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encounters with people invoke feelings of unconditional love despite the indifference we face as we bring love wherever we go.

Love keeps us safe and secure despite witnessing a world of pain and persecution, even of injustice as good men and good women struggle with the negative forces of darkness and evil. Love prevails despite our human weaknesses and destructive tendencies. Learn to be a beacon of precious love that heals all wounds.

Evil and darkness are not conquered by hate and ever more violence. Know that darkness is not conquered by more darkness. Only love can overcome hatred as the light of love consumes darkness. Love shines a light that shows darkness to be hollow and empty. The light of love shows the true character of darkness: an empty shell devoid of significance. Fear vanishes in the light of love.

In time, we come to know that the sufferings and the pains that darkness inflicts serve only to make us more resolute and stronger in the way of living with true love, day in and day out. Love transcends all things. Simply because love succeeds everything.

To love is to be a catalyst for unconditional love that nurtures and transforms and thus heals our wounded humanity. Realise that we live in a world of duality where apparent opposites are ever at conflict — where opposing forces combat — good versus evil. This is the pervasive drama on the stage of life that goes on without end in a transient world of opposite polarities.

Only by the power of unconditional love can humanity ever reconcile the divergent odds into a single whole. This is the measure of how powerful the force of love truly is. And grace is the way a human being accepts and endures the raging fire — a fire that purifies the soul and the spirit to sublimate in accord with the law of love. All conflicts cease in the light of love.

Love is the attribute of grace and light bestowed upon a mortal world that is riddled with opposite forces. Not surprisingly, each person faces change and uncertainty that provoke a better way of being and becoming.

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Love is the catalyst for goodwill, harmony and peace in a mortal plane that can often feel very cold and hard with sorrow and suffering that seems to prevail. Yet, we instinctively know that no matter what the crisis, love is our way home to light, peace and joy.

So, know this truth that sets your heart and your soul free. Love is the way, and love lives forever. If you can see beauty despite the canvas of ugliness in this world, you will recognise and understand the awesome power of love.

Love can truly save the world. So, be an agent of love no matter who or what or where you are. And love will be your finest reward and eternal blessing. Live each day of your life journey with peace of mind and with a heart filled with unconditional love for all.

Love is surely the way we celebrate our humanity because love endures forevermore. Yes, love lives forever.

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