



Christmas 2010

Advent Inspiration on Love

Lesson One



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Dear Friends,

As individuals entered the chapel this past Wednesday for our first of five Advent classes on love, they were greeted by this beautiful altar as decorated above. In a talk given by Flower back in 1958, she described the spiritual significance of the Christmas tree.

The tree is symbolical of man's aura and the center of the tree (the trunk) of that alignment in man which unites all his vehicles. The Christmas tree has many branches and so the aura has many out flowing radiations. . . . We love Christmas trees and decorate them because they remind us of man at his best. Man at his best has these glorious globes of thought forms that are scintillating and colorful and beautiful. And his aura is never as beautiful perhaps as when he is most sincere and he should be that during the Christmastide because all of life is helping him to be that.

She then proceeded to describe the Christmas tree that she purchased that year.

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Upon hearing that this pink tree symbolized an aura full of love, I knew that we needed one for our symbol this season. May each bright pink bulb on this tree remind you of the beauty that fills your aura with each act of love that is sincerely expressed within you. For the next four weeks, I will be sending you thoughts on deepening your understanding of spiritual love that comes from the Great Ones on the inner who work with Christ. I cannot think of a better way to honor Christ than to deepen my expression of love as Christmas approaches.



May our efforts together this Advent alight the world with the pink radiations of love.

Your Brother in Christ,
Reverend Blake Isaac

In Disciplines of the Holy Quest:

If you would have your whole life encompassed by the guidance of the Lord Christ and His Hierarchy that your inner and outer affairs might then align themselves with Divine Will, this must be your effort: You must hunger and thirst for righteousness as though you were dying for need of these nutriments. By keeping the consciousness swept clean continuously, by giving attention to the immediacy of Divine Reality, you will become centered. In being centered, poise, wisdom, peace and vivification will be in effect the self-governed man, perpetually in love with Divinity, draws Divine Presence into the unfoldment of every moment.

It is our love for Divinity that guides our lesson this first week of Christmas preparation. Let us look to further words from the Great Ones on love to deepen our understanding and guide our practice:

The great and flaming need is to learn to love, to worship, to give oneself to God before all else—before even the pleasure of one's own commitments.

Action: Discover new ways to achieve this outgoing surrender and giving of the self to the worship of the whole at every moment.

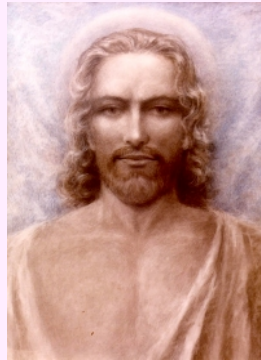
Man's most conspicuous lacking need is that of God-love in preference to self-love. When he advances into studies of this nature, his most stringent requirement becomes that of discrimination.

Action: You will need, through much more thoughtful living, to better evaluate the persons around you, both known and unfamiliar. Before making decisions, you will need to re-evaluate your desires and motivations. So often your love would be kind, and this is right. But the placement of your affection and your giving may be poorly chosen, and such giving on your part might much more intelligently serve a known and public cause.

Love is the unifying power and the transforming essence of my thoughts and actions.

Action: Say to yourself, "I pledge myself to the spirit of love and through its influence I will strive to serve my Lord and Masters."

Closing Thoughts from Flower on Christmas Preparations



Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things on earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the Light of His Glory and Grace.

Important Dates:

Christmas Retreat: December 24, 25 and 26

Check our [calendar of events](#) for more activities and up-to-date information.

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