

To Ponder: Via Delio, OSF in Ten Evenings with God

How simple—*God is love*—and out of this love flows all of life. ...

Why do we speak of the love of God? Because the will of God is God's inscrutable love for us! ... The will of God is not a "thing" or a rule or an object to attain. It is not like getting a degree or finding the right spouse. We cannot find the will of God as if finding an object; nor can we follow the will of God as if following a method or a plan of life. We cannot understand God's love in the same way we understand a math problem or a story. The will of God is the perfect, simple, absolute love of God and the desire of God for his creatures.

To seek the will of God is to remain open to the many ways God expresses his love for us, through our neighbors, our family members, our community, or the beauty of creation. God's love is mystery; it is incomprehensible, ineffable, invisible, indescribable, yet this love is the reason for our lives and for the life of this universe. Without the love of God we would not exist.

God's will is God's love for us and we must be ready to encounter that love, accept it, and respond to it in love. The meaning of our lives can only be found in the love of God. For deep in the love of God lies our happiness, our peace, our hope, and our fullness of life.

Prayer: William Cleary in Prayers to an Evolutionary God.

Our hearts abound in joy, Holy Mystery,
to belong to a reality far greater than ourselves
where we discover
the loving face of a benevolent mystery
and within which everything—ourselves included—
is blessed with purpose and meaning.
We need not know what that purpose is
or just how to define our meaning.
We need not be happy with our role.
Still with faith we entrust ourselves
to an evolving cosmos,
and rest in a reality
that is—we believe—full of meaning,
and ultimately good.
Amen.



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a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...

Love Flows On covered by Oliver Shanti and Friends

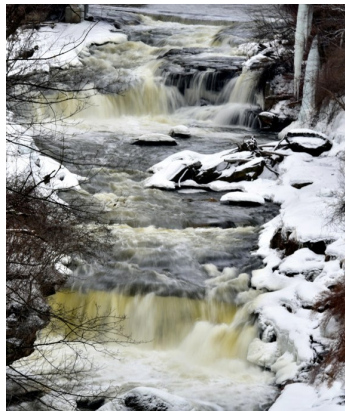
Love flows on
like a silent song
in my heart,
in my heart.

Love comes true
linking me with you
in our hearts,
in our hearts.

Love joins all
creatures great and small
in one heart,
in one heart.

Love flows free
rivers to the sea
in God's heart,
in God's heart.

Love flows on,
like a silent song
in my heart,
in my heart.



A song I wrote while living under the spell of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy.
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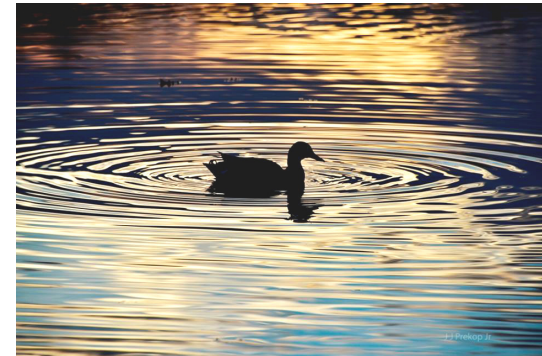
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Our prayer is characterized
by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.