

Let the Universe Prepare the How

The Gift of Love

By Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.



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

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To Ponder

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What does it mean in Genesis that “God gave us dominion over the earth?” I wondered recently if it means that we have the capacity, in some mysterious way, to direct and shape matter and circumstance and outcome.

When some desire arises in us from the depths of our spirit, that desire goes out into the world. If we turn away from that vision, the movement shrivels, like a flower that has been given no sustenance. But when we hold fast, and keep moving in the direction of our dreams, a shift begins to happen. We are open and receptive to opportunities that the universe sends us. We begin using these opportunities like stepping stones to our goal.

It is as if, the Universe, hearing the music of our desire, provides every note of the symphony we imagine in the depths of our being.

Our role is to keep dreaming the dream, to keep living as if. We dream peace and then move in the direction of peace in our lives. We dream equality of all people and we live as if all are equal.

Recognizing in ourselves a capacity to survive the worst tragedies life can dish up, we get up every morning and continue on our hero’s journey, “bloody, but unbowed,” as William Ernest Henley says in his poem *Invictus*. We survive because we see a vision of life beyond the tragedy of the moment, as so many survivors of the holocaust have related in their memoirs.

The Universe simply steps in and prepares the HOW in answer to our own belief.

This, to me, is the gift of dominion. If we pursue the vision that arises from the core of our being — from that place of spirit that is connected to the ONE SPIRIT — we will find our meaning and purpose unfolding before us like a flower bud opening to the sun.

Reading 2 Timothy 1: 3-8

His divine power has given us everything we need
for a godly life
through our knowledge of him
who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Through these he has given us
his very great and precious promises,
so that through them,
you may participate in the divine nature.

For this very reason, make every effort
to add to your faith, goodness;
and to goodness, knowledge;
and to knowledge, self-control;
and to self-control, perseverance;
and to perseverance, godliness;
and to godliness, mutual affection;
and to mutual affection, love.

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they
will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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a reflection...