

## *The Greatest Commandment* by Porter's Gate

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind  
And love your neighbor as yourself  
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Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love  
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By the way we love

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And love your neighbor as yourself  
(Let us be known, let us be known By the way we love)

Love, Love, Love  
The greatest commandment is love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEIUWTNsYXU>

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## *Faith in Action*



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.

### *Renew · Refresh · Refocus*

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**To Ponder:** Steven Charleston, Episcopal priest & Choctaw elder  
*"Ladder to the Light"*

Even if we do face darkness, that is never the final word. There is something we can do. We can learn from other cultures and grow stronger. In the end, we can overcome the darkness and shift the pendulum of history toward the light. But do I do not want to leave it at that. I do not want to allow myself to imagine that by just saying everything will be alright you have accomplished what you set out to do.

If we know anything about the Spirit, it is this: she likes to make things. Vast galaxies spinning, endless planets with vast mountains and valleys, tiny cells hidden inside frozen water for a thousand years, and great swimming creatures swimming silently in distant seas. What the Spirit thinks, comes to be; what she dreams, happens; when she speaks, matter changes shape and crackles through the open places in our lives. She is the maker of all things, and she calls each one of us to share her image. Not to be complacent. Not to sit idle in the heart of change, but to take up our tools and make tomorrow happen.

This is how hope in action works. We need to bring our vision down to earth and see what it will do when it gets its hands dirty working in the real world. We need to see how the systems of religion and politics would change if we were living in a world in which the Ladder to the Light was the norm for living in the real world.

**Reading:** Hafiz, "Now is The Time"

Now is the time to know  
That all you do is sacred.

Now, why not consider  
A lasting truce with yourself and God.

Now is the time to understand  
That all your ideas of right and wrong  
Were just a child's training wheels  
To be laid aside  
When you finally live  
With veracity  
And love.

Hafiz is - [You are]- a divine envoy  
Whom the Beloved  
Has written a holy message upon.

My dear, please tell me,  
Why do you still  
Throw sticks at your heart  
And God?

What is it in that sweet voice inside  
That incites you to fear?  
Now is the time for the world to know  
That every thought and action is sacred.

This is the time  
For you to deeply compute the impossibility  
That there is anything  
But Grace.

Now is the season to know  
That everything you do  
Is sacred

**Sharing...**

**a word...**

**a phrase...**

**a reflection...**