

*To Love, Serve and Remember"*  
by Kathy Zavada

Why have we come to earth?  
Do you remember?  
Why have we taken birth?  
Do you remember?  
To Love, Serve and Remember!

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# *The Circle of Truth*



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: Rev. Steven Charleston,  
Ladder to The Light*

The sixth rung on the ladder to the light is a breakthrough moment. It is the loss of illusion. It is when we begin to see clearly. The light at this level is too bright to hide the truth. Instead, the light reveals so that we can see the truth. Realizing, for example, that the United States withheld citizenship from its original inhabitants for so long (1924) is a painful awareness for those of us who believe in justice. But it is a necessary pain, because it helps us confront the difference between history as truth and history as myth. Climate change is another good example. Denial of the truth that human activity is eroding the beautiful system of Mother Earth is already killing life on the planet on a huge scale. Pretending it isn't the truth won't change the reality or consequences that await us—even for those who deny the truth.

The degree of insistence upon truth-telling arises in our Native American cultures because we understand that without it, none of the community systems on which we depend will work. Truth-telling is a prerequisite for any stable society. It is essential to say what you mean. Be honest in what you say and do - that alone could be your creed. Do no more than speak the truth to others as you acknowledge truth to yourself. See within your own motives as clearly as you see the intentions of others. Hear the Truth within your own experience as much as you hear it from the world around you. Think with an open mind. Believe with an open heart. Let Light shine into the deepest sanctuary of your spirit. Say what you mean and mean what you say, so that you may walk upright before the people, deserving their trust in every way. Deceive no one, especially yourself, for the honest path is the only way out of the forest. Always remember, the truth does not ever get lost—it only gets hidden for a while.

*Reading: Joyce Rupp, Open the Door*

When these times of mystery seem endless  
and our souls become weary of the stretch to believe,  
our prayer must be a simple request

— that we be reminded that we have not,  
nor anyone else,  
been abandoned to wander forever alone,  
no matter how far we appear to be  
from the truth of our being.

For it is often a silent flicker in our heart,  
a tiny voice within, that whispers wordlessly,  
“You are never alone. You are always loved.”

May I know this truth, Oh Keeper of My Soul,  
Your love is stronger than death.  
Your assurance is greater than my doubt.  
Your courage is bolder than my fear.  
Your vigilance is longer than my life.

In living and dying, in seeing the truth,  
I entrust myself to you.  
I open the door of my heart to you.  
I open the door.

*Sharing...  
a word...  
a phrase...  
a reflection...*