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How to Celebrate the Real Christmas 365 Days a Year

Key Lesson: Part 1: Many times the best gift we can offer another is what we're willing to keep for ourselves; for instance, rather than burdening others with our fears and doubts - or judging them for the same - we choose, instead, to bear this pain in conscious silence. So that not only might we realize a spiritual strength that can't be awakened in any other way, but neither do we add to the suffering of others because we've yet to learn how to use our own.

Talk Takeaways

- What do we all really need in this life? We need to be loved.
- Everything we do in this life, however mistaken or incomplete it may be, is for the sake of feeling loved. But there is an immense difference between feeling loved and being loved. Feeling loved is a desire; being loved is an action.
- In order to love you as myself I must first stop trying to make you into me.
- There must be a new order of love that gives rise to a new order of relationship.

- If it weren't for something higher giving you an insight, a glimpse into a part of your character, you would never know that part of yourself and would live out your life serving only yourself.
- Sacrifice never has regret in it; it never measures itself.
- Real scripture is a revelation of an order of consciousness that provides a remembrance of oneself. In the remembrance of the whole of oneself comes the possibility of entering into a new life through that order of consciousness.
- The real revelation is that there is an unspeakable request for an unspeakable exchange of being.
- The transformation that takes place in the moment is because of an agreement between the light that reveals what it does and the part of us that can be present to that revelation. Request -> Revelation -> Release
- Corinthians 13:8-13 (GF substituted the word "love" for "charity") - Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
- John 21:15-17 - So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

- There is a distinction between the interpretation of the word 'love' that Christ was asking about – agape, which is “a love in your life that is before all things” - and the love that Simon Peter answered with – phileo, which is more of a brotherly love. Christ was asking Peter about another order of love, but Peter could only answer with the level of love he knew.
- We are oriented to a world through a consciousness that only knows to relate to life through its wants and not needs. It can't love this life, it only loves what it wants *from* life.
- There is an order of love that is above all other orders that understands how to use the suffering inherent in divine love in order to be in divine relationship with the source of it.
- Love cannot be seen with the eyes or intellect - it must be apprehended through a new order of consciousness, a true love, that is atonement. You can't bring about atonement - it is inherent in the realization of division.
- The only way to be "at one" (united, agape) with the divine is to be one with what the divine reveals to us in the moment.
- Resistance is the action of an unconscious will that takes the moment of revelation and uses it to validate what is intended to be released.
- We cannot bring about revelation through our own will, but we can be willing - when an unwanted moment comes - to see that it has come to show me what in me resists it.
- Life is set up to bring us into relationship with something that by its presence shows us what we really are
- The light has its own purpose, which the dark can't know about. The first sacrifice is to allow the light to reveal me to myself.
- The pain of seeing I'm nothing like what I imagine myself to be is a gift, because in that moment I have the opportunity to realize that the pain I've always run from is for the purpose of revelation.
- It's the seeing of the lower nature that is an act of love.

- The light that reveals the darkness is not outside of the darkness it reveals - it's within it.
- Exercise: There is only one way to know what it means to be one with the divine - we must be one with what is revealed in an unwanted moment. Any movement outside of the revelation of that fragmentation is the product of a fragmented mind. That end of it can only be brought about by not conceding to what the fragmented mind would have us do - e.g. get angry, depressed, negative. "Not while I am on watch." There is something in us that can watch and see what we cannot see, and in the light of its revelation brings about an action, an act of love called agape. We must have a first, which is to sacrifice the lower love and allow a higher love to choose what it puts first.
- There is a rebirth that is possible every moment of our lives. Our task is to not just learn how to ask for it properly but to be willing to receive it when it is offered to us by agape, by love.