

For the past month, the overarching questions in my heart, and in my messages have been, “How am I living aligned with my divine purpose, and, how am I answering the call to BE love?”

- “I do not become Spirit. I simply recognize the Spirit that I always already am.”
Ken Wilber (Or not so simply– recognize and live aligned with the Spirit of Love I AM!) Our assignment has not changed. We are sanctuary for each other– calling each other to open and to receive recognition that WE ARE Spirit, uniquely, unrepeatably expressing as the Infinite .
- Be the Lighthouse. Be the Lighthouse Keeper. Be the Light. Illuminate the way for each other. Clean off the film that makes us see dimly and makes our light grow dim, and learn from our shadow and light.
- How will I answer the call to *be* love? How will YOU answer that call? Is this the path of Love? How are we called to bring comfort and ease suffering?
- How are WE prophets in our day, calling out in the wilderness? **“Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.**

I’ve been thinking this week about my path that made its way by me walking it– we make our way step by step... I won’t go through that whole story, but it’s in our youtube archives “I Am Listening” from my audition weekend. 😊

Moment by moment, choice by choice, answering that Infinite voice within that prompts, nudges– sometimes shakes– me awake, and here is a life.

How would you live if you were exactly what’s needed to heal the world?

In my first few months of seminary at One Spirit, as I was wrestling with an inner demon– or maybe it was Jacob’s angel– I found wisdom that helped me loosen my grip on how that dilemma was spinning in me. Briefly,

- from Buddhism, the practices of non-attachment, right speech, right action and the jewel of community;
- from Hinduism, practicing ahimsa– non harming– even towards my inner monologue! Finding deep trust that my soul has lessons to learn, and every experience of this world is here to teach my soul;
- In Judaism, we are “divinity and dust” and we are here to heal the world.

- In looking at Christianity with beginner's mind, I was reminded that this Wayshower taught us a radical way of being in community, one based on non-violence, compassion, and love.

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In an interview with [Krista Tippett, Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen](#) tells the story of the first day of the world, as her grandfather, a student of the mystical Jewish Kabbalah, taught it to her.

“In the beginning, there was only the holy darkness, the Ein Sof, the source of life. And then, in the course of history, at a moment in time, this world, the world of a thousand thousand things, emerged from the heart of the holy darkness as a great ray of light.

...then...there was an accident. And the vessels containing the light of the world, the wholeness of the world, broke. And the wholeness of the world, the light of the world, was scattered into a thousand thousand fragments of light. And they fell into all events and all people, where they remain deeply hidden until this very day.

Now, according to my grandfather, the whole human race is a response to this accident. We are here because we are born with the capacity to find the hidden light in all events and all people, to lift it up and make it visible once again, and thereby to **restore the innate wholeness** of the world. This is a very important story for our times, that we heal the world one heart at a time. And this task is called ‘tikkun olam,’ in Hebrew... the restoration of the world. And this is, of course, a collective task. It involves all people who have ever been born, all people presently alive, all people yet to be born — we are all healers of the world.

And that story opens a sense of possibility. It's not about healing the world by making a huge difference. It's about healing the world that touches you, that's around you...according to this story, we are exactly what's needed.

...to just wonder about that a little, what if we *were* exactly what's needed? What then? How would I live if I was exactly what's needed to heal the world?

How would you live if you were exactly what's needed to heal the world? What is YOUR soul here to learn? How are you answering the call to love God with your whole heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself?

We make our way by walking, moment by moment, choice by choice. It's about healing the world that touches you, listening to that Infinite voice within you, following where your heart breaks and "correcting everything that stands against love."

Patricia Pearce this week wrote ["The Time of Love's Inversion."](#) She shares the memory of watching her dad in his dark room, develop the image on a film negative by flashing light through it onto the photo paper. Wondering if maybe her dad's spirit is reminding her of *"the process of creating with light and that an essential step is having a good negative to work with. Because in this collective moment, boy do we have a good negative to work with."*

...what we see playing out on our national stage at the moment is Love's exact opposite. Grievance. Division. Greed. Blame. Attack. Revenge. Domination. Exclusion. All the concepts and patterns that take shape when the mind believes its fictitious story of separateness. This inversion of Love has seemingly now become all-powerful, commandeering and plundering our commons to satisfy its own ego drives."

Yet she reminds us that:

"Love's Exposure

A photographer (literally "one who writes with light") doesn't freak out when she develops her film and discovers that the image she photographed has been rendered in its inverse. She doesn't try to destroy the negative, nor does she despair that it is evidence that her subject matter has been overcome by the "forces of darkness."

In fact, the starker the contrast the better, because she knows that only a sharp negative will produce a clear photo. All she needs to do now is shine light through it."

"We are in the darkroom now, and we are all participants in this play of Light that is bringing the Reality of Love into form on this physical plane." The metaphor and imagery spoke to me so powerfully! "We are all participants... Yet it took me reading it through two or three times to hear this line that follows, and to let it start to sink in: **Some of us are providing the negative and others shining the Light. Both are needed.**

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“The negative is in place now, and it’s our turn to allow the Light of Love to shine through us in every moment.

To meet every stranger with kindness.

To hold every trauma in tenderness.

To shower every circumstance with generosity.

To bathe every space with beauty.

To dissolve every fear with joy.

We are able to do this because we have seen these same “negative” patterns in ourselves, and rather than trying to banish or do battle with them we have illuminated them with Love. In the process we have abandoned the idea of judgment and withdrawn our belief that any of these inversions of Love are who we truly are.”

There is only One Presence and One Power in my Life, as in the Universe: the all-loving Goodness of God! The all loving goodness of Source. Of Holy Mystery. Of Infinite I AM. Of Ground of Our Being. Of the Omni-nameable and Unnameable Presence. The all loving goodness of Love Itself.

Look back at your own path. Moment by moment, choice by choice, here you are.

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We are invited, in every moment, to stay open and present. Invited to see our own shadow, our “negative” patterns with clarity, unflinching honesty and compassion. Invited to see our own light with clarity, unflinching honesty and compassion. Invited to be the lighthouse. The light, and the lighthouse keeper.

We are invited into the wisdom of ALL the ways we stay centered in right action, right speech, non-harming, non-attachement to outcomes. We are invited— never forced!-- to learn what our souls are here to learn, to recognize that we are divinity AND dust, and that it is our COLLECTIVE work to heal the world. To develop the Love that is our home, that is our call, that is our ultimate reality. We are called to make our way by walking and as we walk that path, to correct everything that stands against love. So let’s pause

together in *this* collective, pause in the quiet to hear the voice of Love as it calls to express in you, through you, and as you. Moment by moment. Choice by choice.

And so it is. Amen.