

I AM IN CHARGE OF THE PROCESS OF ATONEMENT.....WHICH I UNDERTOOK TO BEGIN....

My Atonement was for the canceling out of all sins (i.e., lack of love) which human beings could not otherwise correct. That is what the Biblical statement "underneath are the Everlasting Arms" means. (Helen explanation: This means that He will backstop whenever human miracles will not suffice for atonement purposes. However, it is perfectly clear that when a person can atone by miracles, both giver and receiver are atoning. It is better to atone this way because of the mutual benefits involved.) "Inasmuch as you do it unto the least of these, my children" really ends with "you do it unto yourself and ME." The reason why YOU come before me is because I do not need miracles for my own Atonement, but I stand at the end in case YOU fail temporarily.

SPECIAL EXPLANATION: (In response to Helen request regarding possible corrections.) Change the word "sin" to "absence of love". Sin is a manmade word with threat connotations which he made up himself. No REAL threat is involved anywhere. Just because "nature abhors a vacuum," which is true enough, it does NOT follow that "a vacuum is filled with hellfire." Nothing is gained by frightening yourself, and it is very destructive. Miracles need freedom from fear. Part of their Atonement value involves just that. Note that the word "atone" really means "undo."

The purpose of the Atonement is to restore everything TO you. (That is, to restore the awareness. Later clarification.) You had everything when you were created, just as everyone did.

Having been restored to your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. You now share MY inability to tolerate the lack of love in yourself and in everyone else, and MUST join the GREAT CRUSADE to correct it.

The slogan for this Crusade is "Listen, Learn, and DO." This means: Listen to MY Voice, Learn to undo the error, and DO something to correct it.  
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## IT'S TIME TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES

Now, if I said to you that you were all ordained by God to be healers, your egos would like that, and you at a deeper level might find that inspiring. But remember you are the salvation of the world. That's your Function. And so the call for Love is calling for you to fulfill your Function. And you've got to abandon the desire to have a dreamy state in which to be the Presence of Love, an idyllic state in which to be the Presence of Love. Because the Presence of Love is called for where Love seems to have been lost and people are behaving as though they are not loved and Love is not available to them and it's your Function to show them otherwise.

So, what can I say? It's time... it's time to roll up your sleeves and answer the call and stop wishing for some better circumstance in which to be the Presence of Love. Once you begin to feel your Function as the Presence of Love embodying in the world, the stresses of the call for Love will stop distracting you from the pleasure of being the place where Love is embodied and where those calling for Love can find safety and security so that they can dare to feel Love and be able to extend it.

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