

"I WISH TO SEE THE EVIDENCE OF LOVE.....I WISH TO BE THE EVIDENCE OF LOVE

Now, the thing to remember is that you will see what you're looking with. You always see what you're looking with. You will always find your world reflecting back to you the attitude with which you are looking at it. If you are depressed, the clouds are depressing. If you're full of joy, the clouds are beautiful. Or you say, "Oh wow! This is a good, chilly day. A great day to have a hot inside-warming dish. I've been waiting for this day, 'cause I can't have it on hot days."

What you're looking with is what you will see, and so these two prayers are significant. The first one: I wish to see the Evidence of Love. Mm. Well, what is one of the outstanding characteristics of the Evidence of Love? Its loveliness. So you're asking to see loveliness in your world, the Evidence of Love, that which is a pleasure to see, a pleasure to experience. And when that is what you are looking with, I promise you that is what you will begin to see reflected back to you. I wish to see the Evidence of Love.

Now, God is Love, and so when you say, "I wish to see the Evidence of Love," you're really saying, "I wish to see the Evidence of the Presence of God." If that isn't included in the meaning of the words, "I wish to see the Evidence of Love," you're not being open enough. Because you don't want to just see the evidence of friends and neighbors and acquaintances being loving toward each other; you want to see the Evidence of the Love that God is embodying in and as the world. So your prayer not only gives your attention a direction, it also causes your attention to open up to something larger than whatever is already in your memory banks. It is an invitation to let something bigger in than just you.

Now when you say, "I wish to be the Evidence of Love," it establishes an intent in your mind about you. And how can you be the Evidence of Love? By letting the Love That God Is through you, extended to an object, or objects, of your affection. In other words, it's an intent on your part to extend love what? From your puny little mind? No. From the Source of Love, so that you might embody God, so that you might embody the Excellence that is in you. And so once again it's more than just you embodying Love; it's you opening the door for an Awareness of God in you flowing through you because you want to be able to embody it, extend it, give it presence in the world.

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