

Self Love and self love

I was listening to the song on the radio by the Everly Brothers called Love Hurts. I had to think about it. "Is that true?" I asked myself. Does love hurt? If it does why does it hurt. Aren't we told from the list we have, of faith hope and love, love is the greatest of these. If it's so great then why does it hurt? Are there two loves? Or only one? Is there a love that doesn't hurt and then a second love that does hurt? Humm.

We can find in the bible an explanation of what love is and does, as given to us by St. Paul - 'Love is long suffering, and is kind; love doesn't envy; love doesn't vaunt itself, and is not puffed up, Love doesn't behave itself unseemly, nor seek her own. Love is not easily provoked. Love thinks no evil; Love doesn't rejoice in iniquity, but does rejoice in the truth; Love bears all things, and believes all things. Hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails'.

Love never fails? Then how can it hurt? I have to ask myself again, "Is there two loves, or just one?"

'Twould seem there are two, as the world seems full of givers and takers, those that seem selfish, and those that seem self-giving. But we are told to, 'Judge not by appearances', so maybe the answer does not lay in that direction, but rather in the 'self'.

The self that looks into itself, is a self that is seeking its own. Of course when it doesn't get what it wants it is hurt. Or if it does get what it wants then loses it, again it is hurt. Paul says love seeks not its own. The self that looks outward is not considering itself, but rather, that which its eye falls upon. The self that looks into itself is a self that is seeking to be fulfilled. The self that looks outward, is seeking to fulfil rather than to be fulfilled.

So if there is only one love, and this same love can either look in or look out, then perhaps there is two selves rather than two loves. Perhaps this is getting closer to the answer. Rather than try to understand a love that hurts or a love that doesn't, perhaps we should be looking at 'the self', whether it be seeking its own, and looking for fulfilment, or 'the self' that is already fulfilled and seeking nothing. Nothing that is, except to bring that fulfilment to those that are seeking fulfilment.

Seems we can be one or the other - or can we? Do we have a choice?
Surely the question here, is to find why, or rather how, that one who is fulfilled, has become so.

'Seek and ye shall find'

Find what?

'Fulfilment. Joy. Peace' Love'.

Hence, "Seek Ye first the Kingdom of Heaven (Truth: for it is the Truth that sets free), and all these things shall be added to you" Love will no longer hurt, for you shall not be seeking a blessing, but rather looking to see how you can give or send one.

Love hurts. Sure it can. I would even say Love can destroy. It can bring a sword. But it is only seeking to destroy that which is not real. The sword is to cut off that which is false, so that only that which is real remains, and that which remains - Is Love. For God IS Love. God does not 'have' love, but rather IS Love. So when that which is not God becomes that which is, then Love - truly and truthfully Loves.