

in Romans 10:9-10-we are told the heart of man believeth - Peter 3:3 & 4
..... the hidden man

-Of the heart in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.

In this day the same truth is stated by Baha'u'llah- O Son of Dust All that is in heaven and earth I

have ordained for thee, except the human heart, which I have made the habitation of my Beauty and Glory.

It is interesting to note in the old and new Testaments the kinds of heart man is subject to. There is

the, hard heart, the stony heart, the double heart, the bitter heart, the fearful heart, the adamant heart and

the understanding heart, the large heart, the soft heart, the meek and lowly heart, the sound heart.

These are all qualities of the heart - qualities that being expressed, color the actions and re-actions of the one giving out.

Baha'u'Allah shows us some of the functions of the heart as well as describing the quality of the

heart. He likens it unto a tablet upon which things can be inscribed- it can also be a mirror - reflecting

whatever it is focusing on. He likewise likens the ear in which can be planted seeds that will bring forth

their kind. He also refers to the cities of men's hearts. In analyzing this analogy we discover a city is a

center of great activity - has much light and energy; is the hub or heart of the surrounding area. It is a

(local point from which is generated many ideas and activities.

~the physical heart and the spiritual heart are one. The human heart is one in that heart in every

organ, has the same muscular formation, the same purpose, the same end and is object of the same

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quality. It does not matter what part of the earth one lives in or what color of skin the body may be

wrapped in. The hearts are one in nature and function.

We speak of the heart of mankind- kind means species - so we speak of the species of man. There

are all kinds of men - just like we have all kinds of trees. There's a kind of man that has a short body and

long legs, or the reverse, there's the fat kind of man, or the thin kind of man, the tall, the short, the selfish,

the generous kind of man- all kinds of man. These men all have the same kind of heart subject to the

same kinds of qualities. We have all kinds of color in these various kinds of men. The long legs or the red

color do not keep him from being man. He still belongs to the species and is one of the various kinds of men.

Also we find all kinds of qualities amongst mankind - loving, honest, generous, lazy, lying. These

qualities show the color of the heart of men. "As a man thinketh, in his heart, so is he". Let's say this

differently - As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Both give the same coloring to the quality of the man.

His heart's nature discloses the nature of the man. His every act, or thought expressed is colored by his feelings.

The heart is the seat of emotions. We cannot give out what we do not have stored within. It is not

ours to give because we do not have it. We cannot give out selfishness if we are free from that quality.

We discover through our study of the scriptures the heart of man and its condition has been the

theme of all the messages given by the prophets. From the time of Adam until now the prophets have

all come for the purpose of enlightening the hearts of men and lifting them up and away from the earthly attachments.

They have lived and pleaded for the regeneration of men's hearts - for the second birth, the

awareness or consciousness of the world beyond. If you start on a journey you should have an idea of where you are going.

Baha'u'llah said one of the paradoxes was that man was to live in the world, but not be of it. Our

struggle is to keep our hearts or the centers of our affections, from being attached to the earth. The

prophets have given us many teachings on this subject. They have always drawn their followers, by word

and life toward a higher affection. Man was created for love, and because he is a manifestation of love he

has to express love. Love is the motivating power of the world. It is expressed by cohesion in the mineral

realm and in other forms in the other realms. Man is the highest expression of love, so; therefore to be true

to his kind, he has to express the highest love, and that is to love without any barriers or limitations.

In order to have love to express we must open up the receptacles of love in our heart and turn them

toward the source of the outpouring of love - as we would open up our hands and lift up our face toward

the sky if we wanted to catch rain or sunshine. We have to connect with the

source in order to have a supply. And if we do this just now and then, we have love to give out only now and then. In order to have love to enjoy within ourselves and to express to others, we have to keep the channel open in order for it to come into our hearts and pass through on to others.

God sets the standard for us in our expression of love. All men regardless of their type or color,

have access to the same sunshine, rain, wind, cold, heat, need for shelter and clothing - all can call n

His Divine Mercy for forgiveness, all can rely upon Him for guidance, all can pray to Him, all receive in his

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outpouring of love. And when one expresses love to another by thought, expression or deed, the intention

is the same. It is love expressed, regardless of the type of person.

God's love is the same in the east as it is in the west. All the prophets have told of • the One God,

one creation, one earth, one humanity and love summons people to the one God.

The heart of all things

Religion has been love, and religion is the attitude toward God reflecting in life. Religion is love

expressed.

In the scriptures we find many references to the conditions that will exist at the time of fulfillment,

and the condition of men's hearts is dwelt upon. Mention was made earlier of the hard heart. and the stone

heart. Also the scriptures tell us of the failing of the hearts in the latter days because of fear. Heart disease

is the number one killer in our country, not the world. We consider ourselves a leader among the nations

because of our material progress, and we have become perhaps the most materialistic nation - thereby

being the least concerned with our spiritual condition or progress. Hearts are afflicted with fear - the fear

of not having enough money, or having security - and afflicted because we do not have faith and

confidence in the Almighty provider. We do not know God's love. The world is full of fear and hate. This

is the age of suspicion and mistrust - because the amalgamating force - love which binds together - is no

longer present. Conflict and combat are the products of fear.

Men have come to fear everything, other religions, other cultures, other classes, other races. There

is no love of God being expressed today, so we have suspicion and fear to combat. If we had love we

would have understanding.

Our own country is in strife today because because we do not understand that color of skin does not have anything to do with the color of the heart, neither does it qualify the love expressed by the heart encased in a colored skin.

Nowhere in the scriptures do we read about God creating the different races and which one was created first and which one was more important. All we can find is a statement of His having created man.

Is it not possible to realize that grief is just as real to a yellow mother who has lost her babe as it is to a white mother? When they both cry out in anguish and say "Oh God spare my little one", have we any reason to believe there is any difference in God's response? Aren't the tears shed by a redskin just as wet as those shed by the black skin?

In a family I know, there is a set of twins - one is very dark and the other is blonde. Was this a cause for discord? Is either one discriminated against because of the difference in coloring? No - we think because they were born into the same family they should be equally loved and cared for. Cannot we apply this on a wider area?

The Divine teachings tell of the separating of the families or tribes and their scattering over the face of the earth. They also tell the time when these families shall be re-united again into one fold with one shepherd.

This is the time of fulfillment. There are not many who doubt it or even those who professedly know little of the scriptures, are aware of the time in which we live. This is the time when the prophecies are to be fulfilled, when the spirit is to guide us unto all truth. The time when we will have one fold and one shepherd one lord and his name one. You see the scriptures say it will be the time of oneness, - one fold •

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our shepherd on Lord one home.

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Baha'u'llah, the Glory of God, proclaims to be the time of oneness. He proclaims, among other things, we must become conscious of our oneness. All the barriers of differences that man has built up over the past centuries - differences such as languages, boundaries, cultures, customs etc. - these

barriers have fallen one after another in approximately 100 year .

Do we think we can hold out against God? God decreed centuries ago that at a certain time this

oneness would come about. Does not history record the futility of man in trying to escape the Divine

Decree. Why not acquiesce and say Thy will be done. The urge of the age is oneness. Why are people so

afraid of the color of the skin? It does not rub off. We should be more concerned with the coloring of

hearts, because that coloring does rub off.

As a man thinketh, in his heart, so is he. Let us think loving thoughts. Let our hearts be mirrors and

reflect love to our fellow men that God bestows upon us.

The Holy writings state:

Love is of God

Love worketh no ill

There is no fear in love

Love is as strong as death

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Let us think about our hearts. We have been told we are to be called to account for our doings.

Can we freely respond? Are our hearts filled with love - are they the fortified city?

Let us beware; if our hearts become fearful and contracted - the blood cannot flow through a narrow passage,

otherwise we become ill physically and spiritually. If our hearts are open, generous, loving, we have a

large heart.

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A Tablet Abdu'l-Baha wrote to a Baha'i in Paris. Quote~

When we acquiesce - when we have faith or confidence all things we be right in the ultimate, we

are relaxed, free, content. However this is not a passive state where we sit and wait for God to

work it out. Life is expressed in forms of action. Doubt is stillness. We have to do our part and

show interest by asking for guidance and then doing as we are bidden and then the miracle of

experiencing the working out of a difficult problem or situation is our own. We have to have faith.

patience. For everything there is a sign, a season, a time we have been told by the Divine

Messengers.

Mrs. Hazelton. This soul demonstrated Faith and acquiescence.

Love is universal Hearts are universal. There is not a person without one. In

order to be in tune
with the urge of the age. we have to be universal in our concepts. To grow we
have to become bigger and
to become bigger we have to grow. Growth is our expansion and enlargement.
Let's trive to enlarge our
hearts to see how much love we can put into them. Of course we won't be able to
hold onto it, because
love ii;; a force and it moves. But we can see how large we can make our
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The heart p. 323 - very good

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I am within thee p 14

#:2Ponder this in thy heart, how it behooveth thee to be

-& 43 & 44 & 76 Persian 81?

1/36Gladness of heart

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#66 Hearts cannot contain me

#68 all created from same dust

Bible - - -

Hard heart - Mk 8: 17

Double heart - Chr 12:33

Understanding heart - Kng 3:9, 12

Largeness of heart - Kng 4:29

Heavy heart - Prov 25:20

Soft heart - Job 23: 16

Heart is deep - Ps 64:6

Sound heart - Ps 119:88

Better heart - Prov 14: 10

Fearful heart - Isa 35:4

Stone heart - Ezek 11: 19

Adamant - Zach 7: 12

Meek & lowly - Mat 11:29

Discerning heart - Eccl 8:5

With the heart man believeth - Rom 10: 10

Hidden man of heart Peter 1 :3,4

When fear shall be in the way - Eccl 12:5

Heart's failing because of fear - Luke 12:26

Fearful man brings a narcotic - Prov 29:25

Fear of Lord leads to life - Prov 1 :23

Not high minded but prayerful - Rom 1 :20

Love is of the Lord - 1 John 4:7

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Love worketh no ill - Rom 13: 10

No fear in love - 1 Jn 4: 18

Love is as strong as death - Song of S 8:6 (?)

Own no man anything, but to love - Rom 13:8

Love covereth all sin - Prov 10: 12

None other name given among men - Acts 4: 12

New Name which mouth of Lord shall name - Isa 62:20

One Lord and his name one - Zech 14:9

Keep the unity of spirit - Eph 4:J

One fold one shepherd - John 10:16

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