



THREADS OF TRUTH WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF LIFE

A series of ideas meant to deepen your inner journey

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WE ARE ONE HUMAN FAMILY

A terrible disease is afflicting our family, and it may not be what you think it is. This disease cannot be treated with a vaccine. It is far more insidious than that. It is a disease of the heart and it has blinded us to our brothers and sisters, the ones who don't look like us, think like us, or worship as we do. The cultural upheaval we are witnessing in America is but a microcosm of a global pandemic of social, cultural and spiritual blindness.

Everyone has their version of "the truth," but which version is really "The Truth"? WisdomGuides posits that when we advocate for an idea (any idea) that befits our precious version of the truth, we will ultimately surrender what we really want. Human beings have an innate desire for connection and harmony within their tribe. We derive a sense of worth in believing we are on the side of what is "right" and that we stand for something that matters. But when we promulgate our's as "the only truth," there is bound to be conflict. This is happening right now, here in our own country and around the world.

Observe that movements/causes (even those that embody righteous and noble ideals), when taken to the streets, invariably cause negative—and sometimes more vehement—reactions. Such causes succeed in rallying like-thinking people, while shoring up the walls of separation from their dissenters. This is why WisdomGuides says: "Anything we do that does not

bring us together serves to divide us.” Such is the condition of humanity in the new millennium.

We propose that there is but one narrative that can create peace and harmony on a broad scale. Other narratives are simply too narrow and too fragile to accommodate all conflicting versions of the truth. Only “Love” is wide enough and deep enough to bring our estranged family into one accord. A spirit of Love is the only antidote for the spiritual blindness that infects us. Perhaps this sounds Pollyannish and arrogant, as if we are staking our own naive claim to “The Truth,” but we accept the burden of proof in proclaiming Love as the answer for what ails us.

One of the great luminaries of modern times made this observation:

“When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am not speaking of that force which is just emotional bosh. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality.” †

WisdomGuides seeks to build bridges, not deepen the chasm that separates us. In our work, we make every effort to encourage discourse among different constituencies, while continuing to



challenge our own limited versions of reality. We adhere to the ideal of loving our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. As Christians, we find it much more discomfoting that we must also learn to love our enemy, but we remain firmly convinced that this radical imperative is the only way to achieve “one human family.”

There will be more to come in future *Weavings* about how Love works to cure our blindness of heart, but meanwhile we suggest that you ask yourself if what you are doing is creating harmony in the human family, or simply defining the boundaries and deepening the divide that alienates us from one another.

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† From a speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1967, at a meeting of Clergy and Laity Concerned at Riverside Church in New York City.