

Reflections on Love, Letting Go & Remembering Who We Are

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I Am a Little Book of Love

Beloved Reader,

I am a little book about love, letting go, and remembering who we are.

It is an honor to meet you.

The purpose of my being is to invite you deeper into yourself and deeper into the world through the doorway of the Heart.

Much has changed in the world since my first appearance over 25 years ago. I came to be during a different phase of our collective experience and in a different era of Maja's creative, emotional, and spiritual development. Still, as humble and imperfect as I am, what my words point to are more important now than ever.

So here I am once again, in an updated form but essentially the same. Please read me with your heart. Your loving attention, directed anywhere at all, is life-giving water in a thirsty world.

May this reading be part of your momentto-moment participation in the joyful flow of love.

May you be and become like a clear mountain spring choicelessly bringing life to the world around you.

May we together cultivate a field of loving awareness in which good things naturally take root, flower, and bear fruits for the nourishment of all.

Gratefully, ONE LOVE ~ February 14, 2022

Introduction (1995)

Where do these poems come from?

These words are you. They come from nowhere and go nowhere. Any wisdom you find here is your wisdom. Any memories you discover spring from your own heart. Trust your divinity — what it says and doesn't say. and let this wisdom gather in your consciousness until your world is filled with a love so sweet, so gentle, so beautiful, that nothing else matters.

Maja's Note: Some of this book is written in "my voice" in the form of prayers, learnings, or reflections. Most of it came from "another voice" speaking through me and to me, in the form of encouragement and advice as I explore and learn along my journey. I hope you find in these pages something that feeds your spirit, brings you joy, or helps you to see who you really are. To the One who is reading these words.



1 BE REAL

Be real, by living in a world of Love. For that, my friend, is the only reality that exists here or anywhere.

2 BREAKING OPEN

Love:

the strong enduring bond unbreakable.

The heart is broken so that it might open its shell to reveal the glowing pearl it holds. The breaking brings us closer to seeing the truest love our eyes will allow. Experience it as an opening and your love will shine forth in joy. If you feel pain, release your will and let the gate be opened. Then pour yourself into the new world, and wait for the revelation. *

3 PERFECT LOVE

Perfect love comes only from God. So in your struggle to love rightly you will eventually see that you need to let go.

In letting go, you allow God's love to pour forth though you, unhindered by the human love you *try* to give.

In letting go, you discover the true essence of love as it reveals itself through you and blesses another.

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4 OPEN THAT DOOR

If you filled the universe with your self, what door would you walk through to get there?

Open that door and see how it opens you. Feel how every expansion of your self-understanding, every enlargement of who you know you are, fills you with a greater love, fills your full cup again. For every inch of knowledge makes your understanding of all the others new again.

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The answer is always, "How can I most fully love you?"

6 ONLY BEING

The love that is present within every living being is so vast that it covers the entire consciousness of the universe.

When we seek that love, we can find it in every speck of dust floating in space. When we know it is everywhere, we have to conclude: It is also in *here*.

Believe in the love you are. What else is there to believe in? And keep believing until there is no question of belief, only knowing.

7 FULL IMMERSION

When you wish that things would be different than they are you cannot see the perfection of God's creation, you cannot experience the joy that is present now, and you miss this moment's opportunity for real change.

Take the love in your heart and pour it upon the world of aridness around you.Then watch that world spring up with a beauty beyond your imagining.In this way, you cannot fail to experience the wonder of God's presence.

Presence beyond presence. Full immersion in everything. Become that immersion and you experience yourself as God.

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8 WAKE UP

Wake up and open your eyes to a world you remember loving.

Can you see how the love you lost was only a dream, and the love you find is everlasting?

Let go now into eternity, where words bear no use or meaning, and only love is seen among the forgotten clouds of fear.

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9 Bonds of Freedom

Release the thoughts of bondage to another soul.

The only *real* bonds free us to be us more deeply and completely.

You can recognize love when you feel the freedom and joy that it brings.

Let go of the fear that sometimes moves you into believing something else. *

10 REALIZE THIS BEAUTY

We are one being united by the bond of love.

Through our many forms and faces, the One shows us its beauty.

May we work together to realize this beauty and release it into the world of consciousness.

11 YOU ARE NOT EXEMPT

Do you believe in the perfection of all that exists including you?

You are not exempt from the glorious bonds that unite all those experiencing this illusory world together.

12 UNIQUENESS

Now stop labeling everything "love."

Experience each thing in its uniqueness so you can discover its relationship, its gift, to the whole. *

13 GOD'S WILL

Believe that God's will is the one will that will occur.

No assistance is necessary. No interference is possible.

Let go of wanting or trying to control. For this expression of love is misdirected.

See instead the perfection of this moment.

Trust that what is needed will occur or come through you as naturally as water flows down the river from one moment to the next.

14 YOUR BEAUTY

Advertisements from your ego establish a false awareness of your beauty.

Let go and see that your beauty is your clarity not your clever ideas or decided deeds.

You cannot enhance the facets of a diamond crystal by adding *things*.

Instead, let your actions and thoughts be a polishing,

a clarifying.

Then the natural expressions of love are projected by the God-self through the God-self of you.

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15 ALLOW THESE RIVERS

Do you see the love that gravitates toward you like rivers flowing into the sea? Do you feel its power emanating the sounds that heal your soul?

Open your heart and allow these rivers to fill your endlessness.

16 THIS MIRACULOUS FLOW

First ask, then receive. Both are acts of letting go and allowing this miraculous flow of divinity.

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17 THE ONLY DIFFERENCE

Open your eyes and ask yourself:

Who am I?

If you see even the seed of an answer, you are carried to another world where all exists and doesn't exist as a manifestation of God.

The only difference between this world and that world is the eyes you have opened and the joy that is given and received through that opening.

18 YOUR VASTNESS

If the wonder of your incredible life ceases to exist within your consciousness, close your eyes to the world around you and open your inward gaze.

> Look around in there and see that all you have ever seen outside is inside. Every sight. Every sound. And the farthest stars you can imagine.

This seeing is the realization of your vastness and the oneness of everything. *

19 THE MYSTERY KNOCKS

Who are you my spirit-friend, and what is the purpose of our meeting here?

Do I need to know the answer to this question asked every time the mystery knocks at my door? Let me go into this not-knowing and behold each newness. Let this love-giving fill me and show me that knowing why is not necessary if you know who is waiting for your presence.

Let me be the presence not the wondering about something else.

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20 DOORWAYS LIKE YOU

I don't know why you inspire these words. They are a way, perhaps, to return the joy I receive through the doorway of looking into your soul. The beauty I see there is one shared by all.

Why do we see it in so few?

Perhaps if I saw it in everyone everywhere I would die from this world and live forever in that knowing.

We are here for a reason unknown and doorways like you are vacations into the forgotten world of love.

Thank you, friend for being that now. Someday soon may you experience this bliss returned.

21 TRUST WHAT COMES

You can feel the joy pushing on the floodgate and don't know what to do when it finally breaks.

This is why you *slowly* let go of ideas and identities that create a *certain* world in your mind.

Be in the not-knowing and trust that what comes is the will of the One Mind, the highest decision maker. Let it all be as is determined in a realm way beyond where your conscious understanding even thinks to step.

22 ANCIENT HEARTBEAT

Feel in your heart the essence of the thousand-year-old heart. Let this peace overcome but not overwhelm you.

Let go of that which can be overwhelmed, and be the one that feels and knows without question who you are.

Let the rhythm of this ancient and future heartbeat lead you to the place within that knows you already are your highest dream of love.

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23 LOOK BEYOND REASON

You must look beyond reason to find the reason for anything.

Open the eyes in your heart and you will understand all the things that need understanding. And beyond the vision of your heart lies the Mystery which is to forever remain unknown untouched unchanged by the boxes and rules and shapes and symbols that the heart and mind converse with.

Beyond the vision of even your heart

is a place you can only enter with your whole being.

If you want to understand the Mystery, become whole become one and you will see the why of everything.

24 THE ONLY REASON

I was about to say something I knew then realized I didn't even know that. Just wanting to know, and knowing perhaps, that the only truth there is to know can only be seen with the heart; and the only reason to see is to love with a greater wholeness and reflect more vividly the divinity thus beheld.

THE SECRET

Ah ha! You have found the secret to your love: It is *always* in *you*. *

26 ALWAYS IN LOVE

Do you love *him* or do you love *God*?

You love God, and you see God in him.

Don't forget the difference between this love and That Love.

You are always in love with the One.

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27 ONLY YOU

When you let go of something you free *yourself*.

Holding on

to anything at all keeps you from your destiny because you're stuck on the path with that *thing*.

Things don't travel on your journey. Nor do people.

To get where *only you* can go, you must be forever alone.

But you will discover in that loneliness your constant companion: Everything.

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28 YOUR GREATEST GIVING

Always in your heart and forever lies the gift of peace you seek. Let it be given unto you in every moment.

Receive it with your greatest giving to God.

29 LOVE'S EXPRESSION

This feeling of love turns into an expression when you settle into it.

There is nothing you need to do. Just be there with it and it soaks into you and fills you with itself, then creates in the world its natural expression of beauty.

> Realize this love by entering into it, by letting go of holding on and just be.

And from this being, Love can do its work.

30 AS THE OCEAN MOVES

Your life is to be lived as the ocean moves toward the moon. Always reaching. Always powerful. Always allowing itself to be used and moved and molded according to what absolutely is. *

31 TEN THOUSAND PIECES

When you look at yourself, what do you see?

If you really look you will see only love.

> And when you see that, your heart shatters into ten thousand pieces each growing again a greater love than you can imagine.

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32 WAITING STILL

You are beginning again to realize the nature of your existence here. Among the glorious souls inhabiting this planet is you, the Holy One, waiting still to discover yourself.

It is in this *still*-ness that you find what you seek.

Do you see now, how time is a way to understand what stillness is? It creates a doorway through which you enter the Self, the everpresent All-Being, the vastness of endless space, the neverending expansion of Love.

33 INSTEAD OF TRYING

When we try to be something, we are trying to be something that we are not.

Let us, instead of trying, release.

Release the struggle but not the longing or the love that moves us ultimately toward a deeper expression of ourselves and God.

$_{34}$) The Next Move

You are a dancer like no other. The next move is entirely yours. Will you step as *you* choose, or will you allow highest intentions to move you in a way you cannot contemplate, only receive?

This is you, my friend. Dancer here and there. Stay in your heart, in yourself, and wherever your dance goes, you are there.

35 A LEAF DROPPING

Do you see now the futility of holding on?

There really is nothing to hold on to. The only thing worth that kind of pain is with you always, no matter what.

Be with this something by setting yourself free.

> Let go, like a leaf dropping from a tree.

36 THE BEACON

In the midst of all that drives you is the essential nature of your being: Always there. Always strong. Nothing can bring it harm or good. It absolutely is.

Let this is-ness be the light you walk toward. Let it be The Beacon to which you adjust your course.

Keep your eyes on this light, and you shall see it growing larger not because you're closer to it, but because you are more free and more open to allow its light.

The dance is between moving toward and opening up. Both are the same, essentially, and in the mind are different.

That difference allows the beautiful play through which you praise the one light the one being that we all are.

37 ROOM FOR THE MYSTERY

Release the temptation to get caught up in every detail of your existence.

Allow room for the mystery to grow and change you from the inside

out.



Give yourself the freedom of allowing what is to be.

39 WHAT REALLY MOVES YOU

For a moment, let go of the idea that you control what you are doing. In this way you can see what *really* moves you.

What you consider you-the-doer is such a small part of your totality.

Let go of doing.

Watch what happens and what directs the happenings.

40 YOUR FLAWS

You are a perfect being. All the things you see as flaws are great gifts that serve you in ways unknown. It is through your conscious mind that these gifts are opened and understood.

Put loving awareness on what you see as your faults and watch how that sunlight melts the covering of the gifts to reveal the intentions of healing for which they came.



Be aware of paradoxes.

42 STORM OF UNKNOWING

Ride into the center of the storm of unknowing. Discover the place deep within you that never moves.

Focus deeper and deeper within until you finally reach the end where there never was a beginning. *

$_{43}$ You are the One

Yes! You are the one I have been talking about!

Oh, reader of *this* message, let me reassure you a million times over that your presence among the rest here is a divinity which you cannot help and cannot hinder.

> Be yourself and allow yourself to be.

44 THE BEAUTIFUL SKY

The wonder you long for is available to you in every blade of grass and every breath and every river of happenings in your life.

Let yourself float freely on this river and look up to see the beautiful blue sky that has contained your journey all along.

Then ask yourself: Who is the sky? and What if I remember it's always there? *

45 TO WISH TRULY

You will believe someday that whatever you truly wish comes true.

When you know this in your deepest heart, you unravel each mysterious moment of life with more courage than ever before possible.

Teach yourself what it means to wish truly.

Exercise this strength of heart, this miracle of muscle, mind, soul, spirit, and silence

— aligned, and thus become truly able to serve in the name of One.

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46 ALL YOU WANT

Don't give up on what you want, until you know of something better to hope for.

Always ask for your highest desire until you reach the place where all you want is love.

47 WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

Intermittent windows of opportunity open to reveal your highest desires.

Enter into them without understanding or knowing how the end comes.

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48 NO LESS SAFE

Ah, yes. The mystery again knocking at your door. "Danger is never far."

The mystery is no less safe than that which you know.

Let it in and watch until its form is revealed by the light inside you. *

49 TRUE BELIEVERS

You are a true believer. And true believers have the rock solid power of knowing that they don't *really* know.

True believers are free to explore infinite and intimate places available only to those who need no path laid out before them those who have strength to climb the high mountains of wonder, courage to navigate the dark caves of the Holy, and humility to enter the one and sacred chamber of the deep self.

(50) THE HIGHEST HONOR

It is in holding the paradox of dark and light that you allow yourself the highest honor of loving everyone.

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51 SPARK BY SPARK

Please send me a poem to remind us of the essential beauty and meaning of each other.

Being love

brings joy into the hearts of those who share even a spark of your vision.

Find in everyone the spark that lights their own way, and make it brighter by speaking of it.
Let the gentle wind of your words blow on its embers so it may become more of what it wants to become.
Do you see it more easily now?

Focus the light of your attention on the light in everyone's heart. And, spark by spark, ignite a flaming new world of love.

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52 THE WHISPER

Please send me a poem that reminds me how to align myself with higher knowing.

A few short words will not make you enlightened.

But one very quiet whisper in the back of your mind is *always* calling you toward the next step. Follow that prompting to its source and discover One Love waiting with open arms for your return home to yourself.

53 QUIET PROMPTINGS

When you can't figure out what to do, stop asking your mind for breadcrumbs and follow instead the quiet promptings of your heart.

But, before you take that next step, open your heart a bit wider and look into your world through that opening.

> Notice what shifts in your seeing and knowing and prompting.

54 A DEEPER PEACE

Pretend, for a moment, that you believe in the highest outcome. Do you feel your body settle into a deeper level of peace?

Now, as you feel that peace, let go of the belief and allow what is to be and you go deeper still.

Feel the essence of that which you are moving into, and discover a taste of yourself. *

55 ATTACHMENTS

Attachments creep in through the back door and you don't realize you've been entertaining them until the party's over.



Let go of everything that is not present in your reality to make room for what is.

57 HIGHEST ACTION

Let go of the idea that you need to control or decide what highest action is. Just let God's love flow through you.

Don't try to figure it out.

God's love is way beyond your knowing or not knowing about it.

> Just be it, and let it be you. *

58 NOW THAT YOU KNOW

Now that you know where God is, just practice seeing where God is. *

59 This Moment's Note

This moment comes and goes like the note from a distant reed flute.

To capture it, one can only listen with full attention and willingness to let it drift away as quickly as it came.

You capture this moment only when you assign to all the other moments the same glory of your desiring.

60 THIS TREASURE

You are amazing.

You live in such darkness, and yet find by the light of distant stars, the key that unlocks the door to your heart.

Is it you who gains this treasure, or is it the world?

61 EXPRESSING THE ESSENCE

Reveal in your own way the essence that waits for expression within your heart.

Do not decide or ponder how it might be revealed.

Instead, hold it in your open heart and hands and let its light enter you with every breath.

Let the essence feed you and fill you and keep filling you until it overflows.

Allow it

to open your gate.

62 UNDERSTANDING

You will never understand the complexity of your psyche. Understanding does not go that far. You will realize, however, that you are here and you are free.



Be right. Be wrong. Do you ever *really* know?

64 WIND-BREATH PRAYER

Oh, winds of change, whisper yourself through me. You are, indeed, the breath of life.

You call me into the moment of Now, as it exists beyond contemplation, desiring, or deciding.

Let the spirit you carry into me, move me and use me according to the highest wish.

And let me live inside you creating, with each newness a new expression of love.



Why do you insist on trying to create a you that is better than you already are?

> Your presence is a gift created from the perfection of love.

The only thing you need to do is look for that Perfection within you. *

66 Original Authority

We are trying so hard to become something someone else told us to be.

Who is the Original Authority?

Why not go directly to the top, and surrender?

67 TRUE EXPRESSION

Stop trying to *say* anything.

True expression of Self, comes only when we let go of knowing or deciding what the message is.

True expression means listening for the message and listening to the message that comes to you and through you.

68 WHEN YOU FEEL ATTACHED

When you feel attached to something, open your heart a bit more.

Create space around the things your heart is holding onto.

Let the beauties you love fly freely in and out.



Create spaces inside you where wildflowers grow.

70 EMPTY CLEAR AIR

Reach into the empty clear air, and hold your hands toward the sun. The light fills you through the emptiness bringing time and space into your heart. *

71 THE VISION OF LOVE

All the people in the world in a loving embrace awaken instantly with the vision that emptiness brings.

72 APPRECIATE REALITY

We can only appreciate reality when we see what exists without it. *



We *feel* what we need yet to fully receive.

Patience comes with understanding this truth:

> You are holy now; I am holy now.



When beauty enters your heart it dances with each beat. It reaches further in and further in until it becomes equality of all things.

> We can only know beauty when we are with it now.

> > Only now.

Its presence is there (Here), even when we are not.



It is you.

You are the awareness you seek. You are the love that is waiting behind every experience. Everything you behold is this beauty, this you.

You are never and always alone, for you contain within you all the world. All of life lives in you.

Let this awareness of "am" be.

76 THE CHOICE

Don't ask for things, ask for The One.

> Things will take you only to the darkness of their opacity.

Instead, go for the invisible wonder, the everpresent lover, the polisher of souls.

What we choose, we create.

Choose responsibly: Choose your Self. Choose life. Choose to follow the light and love that is always waiting.

(77) JUST SO GOD KNOWS

Having had the opportunity to explore many paths to enlightenment, which one will you choose?

When you figure that out, close the door to all the others just so God knows you're serious.



Love is enormous, yet somehow it lives in my heart.

How is it possible?

Who I am, who I *think* I am responds with an explosion.



Nothing could be simpler than One.

Thank You

Thank you for the heartful attention you have brought to this little book of love. I am honored to have shared this communion with you — even as we find ourselves in different points of space and decades from the time these words came to be.

May we each find more and more shared moments of love-awareness in our lives — like springtime blossoms opening in the gardens of our hearts. May we cocreate, and become immersed in, a new ecology of Love and discover in that immersion more beauty than we thought to imagine.

If nothing else, hopefully your reading of this book has been an invitation to play with thoughts of love.

May the thoughts of love become feelings. May the feelings become

healings. And may the healings become love itself flowing through a human being.

Gratefully,

Maja ~ 2022

P.S. If this book has touched you in some way, it would be so very lovely to hear from you.

You can write to me or explore my other creations at www.maja.love.