

PRAYER TO ACQUIRE ALL VIRTUES IN HARMONY

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God is love, wisdom, life, abundance, joy, and grand harmony. These six attributes of God are the foundation through which all His virtues are expressed.

However, these six attributes of God are not separate and unrelated to each other. When God's love is perfected, His wisdom will manifest naturally and our life is perfected. We become healthy and through our vigorous life and wisdom, we obtain infinite abundance from which joy and harmony will manifest naturally.

If these six attributes act independently, none will manifest their respective perfection. When wisdom is not perfected, love becomes infatuation, bringing pain to the one we love. Love and wisdom are like the two wheels of a cart that work together, as they perfect their respective virtues.

Likewise, when there is only wisdom and no love, one may coldheartedly pass judgment on another. Such a person cannot be in harmony with others; his intended goodness will result only in hurting them.

However, where there is deep love, wisdom that sustains love will naturally well forth from the very depths within. Love and wisdom are not separate entities, for in the depths of true love dwells true wisdom; they are connected as one. Wisdom without love is not wisdom in the truest sense. True wisdom is accompanied by love that naturally invigorates life. Why? This is because wisdom and love well forth from life within.

The essence of life is love, and through wisdom love sustains others and protects life itself. For life to be sound, it must draw out its latent love and wisdom. Where there is no love, life is like a tree without blossoms. Similarly, where there is no wisdom, life is like a dying tree thirsting for water. Hence, neither tree will be able to bear fruit. When life manifests its wisdom, trees blossoming with love will bear fully ripened fruit and not fruit that falls prematurely. Infinite abundance will then naturally follow. Since infinite supply

comes in abundance, not only will it naturally sustain us but others as well.

My life will naturally savor joy by enlivening others. True joy cannot be obtained by being selfish or self-centered. This is because we are all brothers and sisters, born as individuals from one universal grand life. When our brothers and sisters are in harmony, they can truly become happy and harmonious. Therefore, although the six attributes of God--love, wisdom, life, abundance, joy and grand harmony--may appear to be separate, they are all essentially one.

O God, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to You for teaching me this Truth. Thank you very much!

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