

March 2018 Article

This week I received a tiny card that pops open in the front to reveal George Carlin's quote, "Everyone smiles in the same language."

My train of thought began, "If so, then doesn't everyone cry in the same language, too?" So many things differ between us that on the surface it might seem we have little in common. Jesus advocated otherwise, as divinity is housed within all creation.

"... 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.... Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me – you failed to do it to me.'"

(Matthew 25:39-40, 45 – from *The Message*)

Each person's circumstance and experience may vary, yet every smile and tear come from what we share in common – divine, eternal breath living a finite, human experience. This unifying bond exists below the surface of what our eyes "see," beyond the judgements our minds "think," and helps form a basis for our enduring principle, *Unity in Diversity*. We are each God's beloved creation – accepted and loved "as-is," in every moment.

This coming week and month, I commit to practice aligning my heart with God's heart. I know that I will often fail and any "successful" action will be fleeting and imperfect. Yet over time, experiencing God's heart will get easier. I invite you to stretch into the practice you are led to discover. Together, let's continue to exercise our spiritual stamina – being blessed to become a blessing.

Yours,
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