

Love



**L**ove is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

—*The Bible: Corinthians*

**W**hat a power is love! It is the most wonderful, the greatest of all living powers.

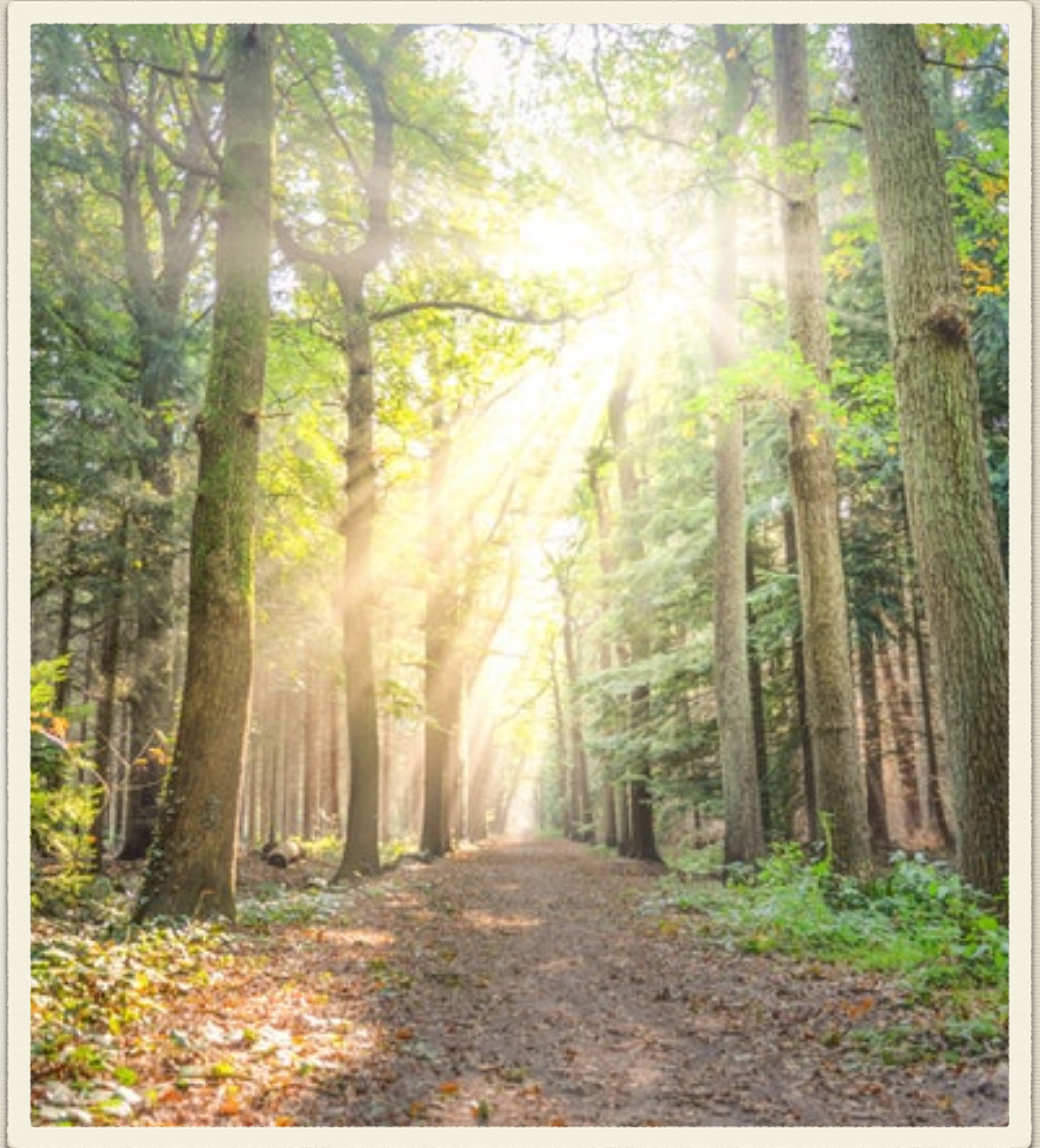
Love gives life to the lifeless. Love lights a flame in the heart that is cold. Love brings hope to the hopeless and gladdens the hearts of the sorrowful.

In the world of existence there is indeed no greater power than the power of love. When the heart of man is aglow with the flame of love, he is ready to sacrifice all—even his life. In the Gospel it is said God is love.

—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

**H**owever men try to reach me, I return their love with my love; whatever path they may travel, it leads to me in the end.

*- Bhagavad Gita*



I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.

—*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Ultimately, the power to transform the world is effected by love, love originating from the relationship with the divine, love ablaze among members of a community, love extended without restriction to every human being. This divine love, ignited by the Word of God, is disseminated by enkindled souls through intimate conversations that create new susceptibilities in human hearts, open minds to moral persuasion, and loosen the hold of biased norms and social systems so that they can gradually take on a new form in keeping with the requirements of humanity's age of maturity. You are channels for this divine love; let it flow through you to all who cross your path.

—*The Universal House of Justice*

**L**ove the whole  
world as a mother loves  
her only child.

—*Buddha*



**W**hen you love a member of your family or a compatriot, let it be with a ray of the Infinite Love! Let it be in God, and for God! Wherever you find the attributes of God love that person, whether he be of your family or of another. Shed the light of a boundless love on every human being whom you meet, whether of your country, your race, your political party, or of any other nation, color or shade of political opinion. Heaven will support you while you work in this ingathering of the scattered peoples of the world beneath the shadow of the almighty tent of unity.

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*



**N**o one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

—*Nelson Mandela*

Love is the one means that ensureth true  
felicity both in this world and the next.  
Love is the light that guideth in darkness, the  
living link that uniteth God with man, that  
assureth the progress of every illumined soul.

—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

Hast thou love?  
Then thy power is  
irresistible.

—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*



**W**ith Thy love in my heart all the  
world's afflictions can in no wise alarm me.

—*Bahá'u'lláh*

Where there is  
love, nothing is too  
much trouble, and  
there is always time.

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*

