

Chapter 51

And In The End

BIBLE

When they didn't agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had spoken one word. "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah, the prophet, to our fathers.¹ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'²

"But now faith, hope, and love remain--these three. The greatest of these is love.³ Let brotherly love continue.⁴

COMMENTARY

- ¹ **Acts 28:25** Recording sessions for *Abbey Road* went well, and the album was a tremendous success, both artistically and commercially. But by this time, the band members had grown weary of being Beatles, and were eager to move in new directions. Disagreements within the group were taking their toll, but not before Paul would write their epitaph, "The End," the last song on *Abbey Road* (other than the 23 second "Her Majesty" which is tacked on as an afterthought 20 seconds after the album ends).
- ² **Galatians 5:14** In "The End," Paul brings the *Abbey Road* medley of songs, and the Beatles recording career, to a conclusion with this famous couplet: "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make." John: "A very cosmic, philosophical line."
- ³ **1 Corinthians 13:13** Spiritual practice encourages us to cultivate positive emotions such as faith, hope, love, joy, gratitude, serenity and awe. Positive emotions, the greatest of which is love, are linked to our happiness. Spiritual people are those who learn how to express these emotions even in the most trying of circumstances.
- ⁴ **Hebrews 13:1**

“For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.⁵

“As it is written ‘There is no one righteous; no not one.’⁶ Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.⁷ You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.⁸

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness. Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Yahweh, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.⁹

“Remember this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.¹⁰ Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good.¹¹

⁵ **1 John 3:11** From the beginning, love was the message we heard from the Beatles. Paul, on “Love Me Do,” their first single: “‘Love Me Do’ was our greatest philosophical song.”

⁶ **Romans 3:10**

⁷ **Luke 6:36** We all make mistakes. Everyone deserves our compassion.

⁸ **1 John 2:20**

⁹ **Hosea 10:12** In “The End,” “the love you take” equals “the love you make.” If we are “in righteousness” we are in alignment, and by spiritual law the love that we give out will come back to us. It is not possible to show love to another person without feeling that same love ourselves first, in the same way that when we use a hose to clean something off, the first thing that gets clean is the inside of the hose. Washington Irving: “Love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back and soften and purify the heart.”

¹⁰ **2 Corinthians 9:6** Spiritual law dictates that we control what comes back to us from the Universe, although we may not know (or may not be aware of) when and how we will receive our return. “The world is at your command,” John reminds us in “Nowhere Man.”

¹¹ **Proverbs 14:22** St. Francis of Assisi: “For it is in giving that we receive.”

“Therefore whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets.”¹²

“Finally, be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous,¹³ not rendering evil for evil, or insult for insult; but instead blessing; knowing that to this were you called, that you may inherit a blessing.”¹⁴

¹² **Matthew 7:12** Paul’s famous axiom is basically a restatement of this verse, the “golden rule” that is found in nearly all world religions and spiritual practices. We should treat people the way we want to be treated, and, as a corollary, others will treat us the way we treat them. The mystery of the Universe is that this principle does not necessarily manifest itself in the same social transaction. We can be confident however that *in the end* the love we make will come back to us.

¹³ **1 Peter 3:8** Edgar Cayce: “Love is the dynamic force which brings into manifestation all things. It is the healing force, the cleansing force, and the force that blesses all things we touch. With our hearts filled with love we will see only goodness and purity in everybody and everything.”

¹⁴ **1 Peter 3:9** By spiritual law, when we bless other people, we inherit a blessing. This is illustrated by the *allegory of the long spoons*. In this parable, “Hell” consists of people who are emaciated because they have been given only long spoons to eat with, making it difficult to get food into their mouths. But in “Heaven,” everyone is happy and nourished, even though they have also been given only long spoons to eat with. The difference is that here people are feeding each other with the long spoons.

The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, “Amen! Hallelujah!”¹⁵

“Yahweh reigns! He is clothed with majesty! Yahweh is armed with strength. The world also is established. It can’t be moved.”¹⁶

“Yahweh will reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise Yah!”¹⁷

¹⁵ **Revelation 19:4** [*The “four living creatures” are the Beatles*]

After the Beatles remind us that “in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make,” they join together as an angelic choir to sing in unison “aah,” the sacred sound of effortless perfection that is contained within the words *amen* (aah-men) and *hallelujah* (halleluj-aah). This heavenly sound is featured in several songs on *Abbey Road*, including “Because,” “Sun King,” and “You Never Give Me Your Money,” contributing to the lush, dreamlike quality of this classic album.

To make the “aah” sound, you simply have to breathe. It is not necessary to move your lips, teeth, tongue or jaw. “Aah” is also found within the name of the Divine from many of the different world religions. *Yahweh, Allah, Jehovah, Shivah, Buddha, Brahma, Akbar and God* all contain “aah.” For centuries people have chanted and meditated to sacred sounds such as “aah” and “ohm” to connect to their higher self.

¹⁶ **Psalm 93:1** Edgar Cayce: “Love is God. The whole law is fulfilled in these three words.”

¹⁷ **Psalm 146:10** Pete Townshend: “Love, reign o’er me.”