

## Article 249: A Cosmic Connection? -part 2

If you have decided to make a “cosmic connection” with an intimate partner and yourself, how will you live that and recognize and show appreciation for that loving “cosmic connection”? If love is true acknowledgment, and that seems to be so; and if people who are denied love are damaged, and that frequently occurs; and if you have as you give, and that is obviously so; then to have love is to actively and intimately acknowledge others, for in the process of acknowledging them you acknowledge yourself, which is love in action!

Love is not, necessarily, giving to others or caring for another ...or even helping someone, for these actions alone could easily result in harmful consequences, ...besides, how do you know the loving gift, caring action, or help to offer in each situation?...even with a loving partner you cannot know, while intimate-acknowledgement acknowledges their actions; their offerings•caring•helping. Is it more-loving to give to others ...acknowledges you, ...or to acknowledge their support and giving ...which truly acknowledges them?

Constantly acknowledging another, and his or her actions, keeps love constantly active, always “positive”, and ever-expanding. Loving acknowledgment is not praise ...or praise for “good works”, for that alone would destroy unconditional love. Can you love unconditionally? How? What is an act of unconditional love? How do you know? ...and how do you know what the results will be from an unconditionally-loving act on your part? If the act turns out harmful, ...are you to blame? ...did you do the “wrong” thing or “cause” it to occur? ...did the other person do something “wrong”? Are God’s unconditionally loving ways too mysterious and unknown for you? Maybe that’s asking too much of you! However, isn’t acknowledgment a complete act in itself? ...without consequences to consider or focus on? It is not something you do to be loving, it is loving itself; ...and while you don’t know how to be unconditionally loving, ...can’t you acknowledge another unconditionally? In this way, can you support unconditionally by continuously acknowledging another unconditionally?

As there are unloving acts, determining loving actions maintains judgments, while unconditionally intimate-acknowledgment can truly be lived at all times, ...and it rises above judgments ...and loving acts.

Isn’t it possible to be unconditionally loving, and not acknowledge an individual? ..yet, as you think about it, is it possible to intimately-acknowledge another and not be unconditionally loving? In your mind and heart, which is “greater” ...and constantly active and loving? Isn’t the physical act for acknowledgment what you truly want in wanting love?

Would you rather live in unconditional love, which is passive and does not require acknowledgment, or live in an environment of unconditional intimate-acknowledgment, which is both active and loving?

Profound love is profound acknowledgment!

Following are a few more questions to consider about yourself and your personal-relationship ...and ask yourself, "What do I really know about my partner ...and what do I truly desire?"

How deeply and profoundly do you know your intimate partner? ...and how do you know you are on the right track with this person? ...or know that it is time to create something new and unique in your life? ...or, as usual, are you merely following old habits of reacting against matters and running away? What might your partner be running away from? ...and haven't you always found that whatever you run away from you carry with you? Have you really looked closely at your partner? If, out of habit, two people are running away, isn't it likely that after a brief meeting and union they will continue running away in their relationship?

With your partner, do you feel comfortable revealing your doubts and confusions? ...at ease expressing your anxieties, and resentments? ...and free to discuss your actions without justifying them? And though you say you feel relaxed and untroubled speaking openly•honestly•intimately about these matters, ...have you really done so ...and have you continued? ...or does your partner have difficulty speaking openly•honestly•intimately as well?

Concealed doubts and confusion, anxieties and resentments, and justifications will fester in your self and relationship and quickly destroy honesty and intimacy.

Deep down, do you feel at cross purpose with your partner? ...and the meaning and direction he/she is living? Can you fully, and without any reservations, support your companion? Is it possible that you want your life and relationship to take off in a new direction? Are you motivated by what your partner is living? ...and the purpose being fulfilled? Is it possible that you are relying on a partner to bring meaning and purpose to your life? Will that really work? ...and satisfy you? What do you want to give to yourself and your life? What particulars and peculiarities are you living and bringing to this relationship? ...or struggling to rid yourself of? If you are motivated

by what another is doing, you are not motivated. Is it possible that you are trying to justify your self and life in an intimate-relationship? Do you tend to hang on too tightly? ...or uncaringly?

Is it possible that, in your relationship, you are running away? ...or hoping to be taken away from your old patterns and ways? ...your old life? Is that wise? Ultimately, you cannot hide, ignore, or run away from anything within you ...or anything you have brought to yourself, ...isn't it possible that what you so desire today is a relationship you will soon be running away from? You may not think so now because everything looks so desirable, ...but haven't you been in this position before? Didn't people, situations, and activities become undesirable? ...what did you do then?

As you look at a new partner and relationship, are you seeing them as they are? ...or as you want them to be? Does your companion really fit the mold? ...or are you hoping to mold him or her to your desires? Will that really work? ...and if you do succeed, will you respect someone you can mold in that way? ...and enjoy the self and life these actions will create?

You can only have what you are willing to become.