

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

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This word is proposed as a pleasant solution in the complexity of relationship

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Life is not so simple

Love is not so simple

Jesus says love your enemies

A naïve reaction is to smile like a fool before the cruelty of abuse

A self-servicing understanding of the faith of others is to seek the consequences of care, without any form of personal commitment.

To serve as a disciple of Christ

To serve the complications of love

Is to be located in profound reality

In the search and the discovery of truth

To be obliged even by circumstance to ask what does love mean.

The teacher in a catholic school is not asked to like all the pupils

The teacher in a catholic school is not asked to like all the other members of staff.

However the catholic teacher is asked to love all the pupils

To love all the staff.

To provide the chances of development even to those who despise the offering

To be celebrate patience with the idiot supervisor implementing pointless reviews

To take the blows of circumstance from the disruptive student, and even give again a fresh opportunity for misbehaviour.

To give though tired,

and to give though unappreciated

and to give although apparently hopeless

No one likes these sacrifices

But you are not asked to like your enemy

But to love your enemy

The couple who have been married for 30 years
Will be obliged by circumstance to ask what does love mean
The Roman Catholic partner is not asked to like their husband, their wife all the time
Not asked to like their infuriating children all the time
However the Roman Catholic wife husband are asked to love each other
To love their children
To provide opportunities for goodness even when they do not even seem to notice
To celebrate patience with the courage to confront foolishness
To take the blows of circumstance, and together take up the challenge
To give though tired
And to give though bored
And to give although all seems masked in familiarity
No one likes these sacrifices
But you are not asked on those days to like your enemy
But to love your enemy

The individual
The individual
Who indeed is more often your greatest enemy?
It is yourself
Obliged by circumstance to ask what does love mean.
The Roman Catholic is not asked to like yourself all the time
Not asked to live in a self-satisfied bubble of conceit
But you are asked to love yourself
To work upon opportunities for goodness even when self-pity suggests you are unworthy
To celebrate patience with the courage to confront your own foolishness
To take the blows of circumstance, and still take up the challenge
To work though tired

And to give though bored
And to give although all seems masked in futility
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To love yourself

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Love your enemy's

You may not like them

But love them

On the day they drive you crazy

On the day they make you cry

On the day you cannot stand yourself

Love your enemies

And your reward will be great

And you will be sons and daughters of the most high.