

# Love and Trust before It's Too Flippin' Late

*Our message today is simple, but crucial:*

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Global warming is a problem that many people feel might threaten the human race. Global warming is nothing compared to global *chilling*. The chilling effect is due to the proliferation of doubt, distrust, survivalism, and selfishness.

Love and trust are the only things that can save humanity. If we're going to mostly look out for old number one, if we're mostly self-protective, if we're mostly self-serving, this planet is headed for destruction. If we, the human race, don't get it together to live unselfishly and trustingly, if we don't start to live in ways that are truly, socially beautiful, this planet is doomed—at least, the human race is doomed.

This is our situation. Neither God, nor Jesus, nor Buddha, nor Mohammed, nor anybody else can bail us out of distrust—we need to bail ourselves out. Until we do, even our relationship to God and (the savior of your choice) will be tragically marred by distrust.

*See Endnote to read about why we say God can't (or won't) bail us out*

We dare not cling to the popular path. As intelligent individuals, as people of integrity, we had better be part of the solution, *not* part of the problem. Surely, the solution is *not* to be paranoid and self-serving, more and more as time goes on. The solution is to reverse that fatal trend, give that up, and live in a spirit of trust. Live a life in direct cooperation with human associates and with God. That's *it!*

How can we sell this message to the humanity when the humanity, by and large, is already too polluted with distrust, too consumed with paranoia, and too bought into selfishness as the appropriate way of life? Consider this world in which suspicion rules. Trust is low to the point where healthy intimate relationships are almost extinct. Distrust is so rampant that any group of like-minded humans living together in cooperative harmony is viewed as inherently dangerous, counter-cultural. Almost every spiritual community is fair game for persecution by flaming dogmatists.

In general, the “happily married” crowd seems to have settled for conventional relationships, traditional values, and modest pleasures. That life is not fitting for a

mature child of God. Opiated by dogmatic religious doctrine and popular political rhetoric, they listen faithfully to the news without knowing or caring that it has been doctored to the point of being almost pure propaganda. Individualism, family values, patriotism, and religion transcend animal nature but are claustrophobic to the human spirit. In the long run, they stunt human potential and spiritual growth. We need real trust, real love, and substantial intimacy in our lives, not family dogma. Does anyone have the strength to even recognize real love?

Where are we going from here, oh bright and shining ones? We must embrace a revolutionary reversal of attitudes and commitments. If the human race is going to have a prayer worthy of the name, the commitment to fear and selfishness *must go*.

What to do:

1. *Become* the kind of person you want to find. If you want a person who is trusting, *be* trusting. If you want a person who is loving and forgiving, *be* loving and forgiving.
2. Once you have become a bird of the feather you want to find, *seek* kindred spirits. Recognizing that you *need* kindred spirits to thrive spiritually, do what you must do to find them. Give up everything and travel the world if you must. And, once you've found them:

*Love! Trust!*

That's it.

Thanks for listening.

The people of the Living Love Fellowship

## Endnote: Why God Can't (or Won't) Bail Us Out

The article says,

“Neither God, nor Jesus, nor Buddha, nor Mohammed, nor anybody else can bail us out of distrust—we need to bail ourselves out. Until we do, even our relationship to God and (the savior of your choice) will be tragically marred by distrust.”

Reading that, you might think, “How can you say, God can't bail us out of our distrust, our unlove? Isn't God *omnipotent*?” Good question.

We're not questioning the infinite power of God. We agree, God *could* do anything. But at the same time, we feel that there are some things God *could* do, but *won't*. Specifically: God gave us free will. God *could* take away our free will, but *won't*.

***God's gift of free will is for keeps.*** The gift of free will *means* that God lets us choose *freely*—for better or worse, right or wrong. So, for example, while God clearly says, “Love! Love thy neighbor as thyself!” no one is *forced* to do so. God wants to *cooperate* with us, not *control* us. God relies on us to play our part, but we must choose to play it.

We can clearly see the results of man's choices all around us. Certainly, the current sorry state of the world isn't *God's* vision for humanity—*human beings* have created it. Our free will *choices* have created it. Obviously, many people choose hate, greed, and selfishness over love. The world we see reflects that.

***The law of cause and effect is part of God's guidance system.*** Having given humanity the precious gift free will, God won't force us to choose for the good. God has another method of guiding our choices: *consequences*. “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” The law of cause and effect helps steer humanity in favorable directions *while at the same time* honoring free will. Let's look honestly at the implications of that:

1. We can bury ourselves in the *results* of our own bad choices. No doubt about that—it often happens. And, it happens on every level: the individual level, the national level, the international level.
2. In the long run, we *must* choose well and rightly in order *not* to do ourselves in.

***Inner guidance and wisdom guidance.*** Fortunately, though we have free will, we're never without God's help in the right use of it. God gives us the inner strength and discernment by which to choose rightly. God also gives us spiritual truth, wise companionship, and the lessons of experience. God even gives us direct inner promptings in the form of the still small voice.

***Choosers can't be beggars.*** What good does it do to beg God for love and trust while we are actively choosing against love and trust in our minds, hearts, and actions? God's help is *given*. If we are to receive and benefit from it, we must *choose* in harmony with God's way. God's way is Love. Mankind is certainly capable of love and trust. And further, human beings can even function as channels for *God's* love—again, if they *choose* to.

Let's choose to.