Love – a joyful pain

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If you love the Creator, you hold Him as the highest; you hold Him above creation. Seeing Him, being with Him would be the highest. If you have no trust in Him, then you talk in terms of existence, of no-mind and all these things. The moment there is no trust, the whole issue becomes terribly complicated. Then you have to split hairs to do things, simply because love is missing. Trust means unconditional love. It is that kind of love where the other side need not respond. You simply love.

You must have loved like this when you were in school and college. The other side was not responding, but you went on loving. Once a young boy in college went to his professor and said, “I need your help.” The professor said, “Sure, I am here to help you.” The boy said, “No, it is not academic, it is something else.” So the professor said, “Tell me.” So the boy named the college beauty and said, “I am in love with her and I am 50 per cent successful. For the other 50 per cent, you have to help.” The professor asked, “What do you mean 50 per cent successful.” The boy replied, “Well, I am madly in love with her, but she hasn’t responded!”

When a person has that kind of love that he does not expect the other side to even respond, it is okay. If God doesn’t respond, it is okay. You have firm faith that He is there. Now look at this and see, we always love those who are not here. With most people it is so, they always love the dead when they are not here anymore.

Love is not a joy; it is a deep wonderful pain. Something within you should tear, not just something, everything within you should tear. Only then you know what love is. If it feels pleasant, that is not love, it is just convenience. Maybe, you felt a little affection. (www.ishafoundation.org)