

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

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Usually, it is my option to use references in my writing. However, due to this month's special occasion, I choose to write from the heart. I wish to discuss the essence of love.

Love is a feeling shown through emotions. Love is an important factor for all intimate relationships. It is important in other relationships like family or platonic relationships as well.

Our heart should be the most important aspect in a loving relationship. Sometimes love is confused with lust, jealousy, and hurt based on conversation with others. These feelings distort our thinking and cause the risk of losing the love that we already have. In this case, people use love to justify negative behavior they display towards their loved one. Sometimes, it is useful or resourceful to use our heart in lieu our mind, or vice versa. Both, our mind and our heart, play a big part in loving and intimate relationships. I cannot dictate what real love is or what perfect love is, because there may be neither. It is possible though to suggest or recommend issues or ideals that can promote a healthy relationship. Of course, it takes two! Particularly, this article refers to ladies, so I would like to share some "food for thought" with you all. First, it has got to start with self. Before we can love someone we must first learn to love ourselves. It is hard, because we all have flaws. However, it can be done.

The Valentine spirit is in the air, but some ladies did not have a love to share the special day with. Some people tend to think that because a person is without a Valentine that they may not have enjoyed the special day as much. This is not necessarily true. A single lady can have as much of a nice day as any one else, which I am sure all of us know

already. Valentine's Day is not just a day to show love to your significant other(s); it is also a day to show love to yourself. On the top of that list is God (for He loved us first). Ladies, being single is a blessing in disguise. It should give us a chance to grow spiritually in the Lord. I am not preaching, but I am speaking about what He would have ladies to know. Some ladies may not be of the Christian Faith, yet it is still important to grow faithfully to Him and in Him. T.D. Jakes states in his astounding book, "Woman, Thou Art Loosed!" that "...before you ask God for another man, take care of Him. If you are not ministering to His needs, and yet you are always before Him, asking Him to give you one of His princes to minister to, your prayers are not being heard because you are not being faithful to Him." He goes on to say that as women grow faithfully in our singleness, then we will be better prepared to be faithful with a husband. Jakes is simply saying if we treat God with love and respect in lieu of ignoring Him, then He will send us a man that can fulfill our needs; the "good man" that all women pray for God to send to them. Ladies, I am not out casting other females who are not single or in some type of relationship. You, too, can heed this advice. There may be more blessings for you and yours if God is in the picture.

Also, being single is a time for us to grow at any rate. We, as a female gender, can get in touch with ourselves. It can symbolize a time for us to recognize and work on our flaws. Find what is important to you and stick to it. Work on improving yourself and characteristics that you do not favor. Enjoy the single life and prosper from it.



So Good To Me

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Why are you so good to me?
Why did it take me this long to realize
And finally see?
That I am somebody
That is special to another
And that we belong to each other.
I have finally come along
To the atmosphere I feel I belong.
Making the man I love remember
How much I care and that my love
Will never hinder,
Us from becoming one,
Becoming a pair, adding up to make
The sum.
Knowing that an everlasting grace
Will shine deeply within and upon
His face,
Because I will forever make happiness
His reality,
Because he is so good to me.

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To all of my brothers, a special holiday is approaching fast: Valentine's Day. This is a special day when everyone gives or surprises his or her sweetheart with candy, flowers, or other precious gifts.

But, why should we give only our sweethearts a gift? We should celebrate friendships. Friendships rarely seem to be appreciated. Friendships are equally important than a relationship.

True friendships are based on honesty, trust, and love. In a friendship, you will always have a friend to talk to when the relationship is going bad.

When I say "friendship", I am not referring only to a "male and female" friendship, but to the "male and male" and "female and female" friendships. We should remember the good times that we have spent with our friends as well as our sweethearts.

On Valentine's Day, if you have a sweetheart, do not forget about your friends. If you do not have a sweetheart, still celebrate your friendships.

A Planet Called Love II

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I'm in a planet called love
Where the inner most feelings are
express
I deliver my love
Your heart is the address
P.O. box
P.O. box Passion Street
Gone head enjoy
My love is like a bag of sweets
I'm in a planet called love
I can smell the soul fragrant in the air
My cup runneth over with love
I have more than enough to spare
Just like a buffet
All you can eat
Stand still my love
As I embrace something that is so
complete
How graceful the birds fly
Look at the openness of their wings
As I watch them grace the sky
I find a courage to dream
I'm in a planet called love
Can you understand what the birds
sing?
My taste buds are activated
Eager to taste every flavor love brings
I'm in a planet called love
Where it rain lemonade drops
A place of romanticness
Where hearts inner lock
A place of strawberry rivers
And chocolate oceans
A place of no limitations
Used to be lock doors are now open
But...how do you get there?
There's only one kind of transporta-
tion
How do you get there?
How do you reach that destination?
You can't get there with a car
Not even a truck
May be a bike
Sike, don't test your luck
You can't get there with a helicopter
Not even an airplane
Maybe you can walk
Nah, save the pain
Try a motorcycle
Or try a boat
Sike, drop them two
That was only a joke
Now, I can read your mind
You don't know what to drive, so
where do you start
Listen, I'm going to tell you how to get
there
You get there with your heart

-James Hill