Society has come a long way in terms of achievements in the quality of everyday life. Humans have made grand breakthroughs in math and science, have established a sense of equality (although that is still being tampered with), and are beginning to remove ourselves from dogmatic belief systems, as well as many other improvements. But our world is far from perfect. “Where Is the Love?” by The Black Eyed Peas demonstrates how unhappiness seems to have leaked out and run amok in society. It brings with it the obvious question, where is the love?

The song begins by demonstrating that people are “addicted to the drama”. It explains how everyone is so fed up about the little things in life. So many of us get brainwashed by the everyday stereotypes and stigmatisms that we forget each person is unique and has something to bring to the world. Without this understanding, we are left with hate instead of love.

“But if you only have love for your own race, Then you only leave space to discriminate, And to discriminate only generates hate, And when you hate then you're bound to get irate, yeah, Madness is what you demonstrate”

The Black Eyed Peas then proceed to ask us to control ourselves through love and meditation. It’s easy to get angry at almost anything. Like that traffic accident you almost got in, the meeting you were almost late to because of it, or somebody expressing an opinion that is wildly different from your own – only to realize that the individual’s point was well thought out. Stop. Society needs to breathe, think, and meditate. Most of our everyday interactions don’t affect our long term goals. I believe we can all get along through love and acceptance, the very principles out of which this the song was built on.

In addition “Where Is the Love?” talks about hypocrites, and it matches my belief that if one is to express their beliefs then one must stick to them. The Black Eyed Peas would call this “… practice what you preach …” The line “And would you turn the other cheek?” is a representation of a hypocrite. Would you say to never steal while simultaneously allowing others to steal?

Many of the problems in our world stem from miscommunication, and that lays down a great blanket of misunderstanding between people, culture, and nations. As The Black Eyed Peas would say “The truth is kept secret, it’s swept under the rug. If you never know truth then you never know love”. It’s a great misunderstanding of how different we are when most of us want the same thing, even if we have contradicting views or beliefs. Yet most of us are lured toward objects that are a means to an end, i.e. money, media, negativity. But again we are asked to step back and view one another for how we really are. Not as profit or a means to money. Not as a robot that simply does its job. But as a human being with similar needs that should be treated with similar respect. Somehow we have lost that love for one another. Society should stop focusing on the differences and start looking at the similarities, maybe then equality wouldn’t be so hard to swallow.

The Black Eyed Peas – Where Is the Love?

What's wrong with the world, mama

People livin' like they ain't got no mamas

I think the whole world addicted to the drama

Only attracted to things that'll bring you trauma

Overseas, yeah, we try to stop terrorism

But we still got terrorists here livin'

In the USA, the big CIA

The Bloods and The Crips and the KKK

But if you only have love for your own race

Then you only leave space to discriminate

And to discriminate only generates hate

And when you hate then you're bound to get irate, yeah

Madness is what you demonstrate

And that's exactly how anger works and operates

Now, you gotta have love just to set it straight

Take control of your mind and meditate

Let your soul gravitate to the love, y'all, y'all

People killin', people dyin'

Children hurt can you hear them cryin'?

Can you practice what you preach?

And would you turn the other cheek?

Father, Father, Father help us

Send us some guidance from above

'Cause people got me, got me questionin'

Where is the love? (Love)

Where is the love? (The love)

Where is the love? (The love)

Where is the love?

The love, the love

It just ain't the same, always unchanged

New days are strange, is the world insane?

If love and peace is so strong

Why are there pieces of love that don't belong

Nations droppin' bombs

Chemical gasses fillin' lungs of little ones

With the ongoin' sufferin' as the youth die young

So ask yourself is the lovin' really gone

So I can ask myself really what is goin' wrong

In this world that we livin' in people keep on givin' in

Makin' wrong decisions, only visions of them dividends

Not respectin' each other, deny thy brother

A war is goin' on but the reason's undercover

The truth is kept secret, it's swept under the rug

If you never know truth then you never know love

Where's the love, y'all, come on (I don't know)

Where's the truth, y'all, come on (I don't know)

Where's the love, y'all( come on yeah)

People killin', people dyin'

Children hurt and you hear them cryin'

Can you practice what you preach

And would you turn the other cheek

Father, Father, Father help us

Send us some guidance from above

'Cause people got me, got me questionin'

Where is the love (Love)

Where is the love (the love)

Where is the love (the love)

Where is the love

The love, the love

I feel the weight of the world on my shoulder

As I'm gettin' older, y'all, people gets colder

Most of us only care about money makin'

Selfishness got us followin' the wrong direction

Wrong information always shown by the media

Negative images, it's the main criteria

Infecting the young minds faster than bacteria

Kids want to act like what they see in the cinema

Yo', whatever happened to the values of humanity

Whatever happened to the fairness in equality

Instead in spreading love we're spreading animosity

Lack of understanding, leading lives away from unity

That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' under

That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' down

There's no wonder why sometimes I'm feelin' under

Gotta keep my faith alive till love is found now ask yourself

Sing with me, y'all

We only got (one world one world)

That's all we got (one world one world)

And somethings wrong with it (yeah)

And somethings wrong with it (yeah)

And somethings wrong with the w-w-world yeah

We only got (one world one world)

That's all we got (one world one world)