

On Love

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Jiddu Krishnamurti was born in South India. He is regarded globally as one of the greatest thinkers and religious teachers. His teaching is timeless and universal.

In the present text, he talks about the invaluable quality of the concept of **love**. He tries to discover the meaning of **love** by discarding all the other known human feelings and emotions mistakenly associated with it. Love is unknown and it cannot be discovered by a mind which is full of the known. First we need to understand what love is not. When our mind is free from the known then only we know what love is.

- Possession is not love because jealousy arises from it. A lot of conflicts arise from possession.
- To be sentimental, to be emotional is not love because these are only sensations. Sensations and emotions may result in cruelty, hatred, war and butchery.
- Forgiveness is not love, it is selfishness. Love is free from all the selfish feelings which are the product of mind. Mind can only corrupt love, it cannot give birth to love, and it cannot give beauty.
- A man who loves obviously has no enmity.
- There is no love when there is no respect.
- We can know love only when we are free from all the mental emotions.

- If we are respectful to anyone without fear, without selfishness, if we can respect everyone from the lowest to the highest without any motive for return, then we have love.
- Love alone can transform the present madness and insanity in the world- not systems not theories.
- Love cannot be thought about, love cannot be cultivated, and love cannot be practiced.
- Love is not quantitative but qualitative.
- When there is real love all our problems can be solved then we shall know its bliss and its happiness.