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God, who is the Creator of All That Is, provides the loving warmth of that spirit energy that you know and understand as love.

Your questions, your concerns as expressed and shared at this time all relate to some form of love. You offer prayers for a member of your circle and her recently deceased husband, for their family members, for their friends, for all who share a loving presence with them.

Your friend is growing in her deepening understanding of the place of life within Life with a capital L. She is growing in strength and in faith, but she is also growing in her questioning and in her grief, for the grief, the loss that she feels, comes from her love, and it is in her love that she is so strong. That love and the sense of loss and emptiness that comes from that love will be transformed into a love characterized by thanksgiving, thanksgiving for another's life, thanksgiving for the impact of life shared, thanksgiving for the love expressed by others, both to her and to her husband.

He is with us, and he is comforted through his love and ours as we minister to his new life. He is filled with the peace that each of you prays for. He is filled with the love that each of you prays for. He is filled with the light that each of you prays for, and his embodiment of the faith that you pray for. You can rest in the assurance of his beauty and his fulfillment.

Another of you asks of his own deceased parents, and we can say that they also share in the light, the love, and the faith that are a part of your friend's husband's experience, his new life. All for whom you pray are indeed surrounded by the spirits of those they have loved in human form. They are surrounded not only by the spirits of those who have gone before, but your soul is also with all others for whom you feel great love. They are a part of the community of souls that are devoted to healing, are devoted to loving, are devoted to growth, are devoted to peace.

Your friend's husband's presence with us is surrounded by the souls of each of you, and your own souls remain equally present with your individual human journeys. There is no division of souls, and yet despite the lack of division, there is a kind of identity, for you bring to this side of life what you have learned during your current existence in human form. As each earth experience differs from one soul to another, what is brought to our plane of existence may also be different one soul from another. But despite these differences of human experience, they share a commonality that truly unites All That Is.

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We have spoken of the equality of all creation—humans, stones, plants, other animals, stars, galaxies, universes. There is a thread that combines all into a single entity. Your arms and your feet are not identical, but they belong in their differences to the person identified as you. Despite their seeming differences, they are connected. They are connected through blood, through chemistry, through a countless number of organisms that make up what it is to be human. No one can say your feet are someone else separate from you. No one can say your ears are separate from the hands. Even though they perform different functions, even though they appear different, even though they have different characteristics, they all still are a part of the same entity. They are a part of what makes you *you*.

Your souls with their individual characteristics are nevertheless a part of the same entity, and it is those differences that we identify you through, for each soul, although part of a union of one, radiates a different energy of light. It is by that energy that you are identified as being who you are. We are not aware of differences between being male or female, one color or another, one religion or another, one sexual preference or another, one party or another, one nationality or another. There is really no such identity. There are only differences in the kinds of energy that you emit through your lights. It is in the acknowledgment of the importance of these identities and their belonging to the single unit that is the God Center which is of ultimate importance. You cannot discriminate against another human being, for you are discriminating against yourselves, and you are disrespecting the place you have in the single entity of All That Is as a creation of the God who binds all that exists together.

If you reach down and pick up many varieties of flowers in your hands, and you care for each flower, you value each flower, and you recognize the different characteristics of each flower, by accepting those individual characteristics you create a beautiful bouquet. The beauty is through the celebration of those differences and yet acknowledging the equal value that each has for the creation of the bouquet that you hold in your hands. It is God who holds and embraces the bouquet of creation. Each of you is a colorful flower without whom the bouquet would be incomplete and diminished.

One of your expressed concerns relates to differences that you notice in messages that have been received by others, and how those differences can be reconciled. Is there a hierarchy of channels? Is there a hierarchy of guides? Is there shared information which is in some way flawed or colored by perceptions or misperceptions?

You acknowledged correctly that what we share with you is shared in a way that has meaning for you. These are ultimate truths, but they are expressed in ways that can be grasped either immediately or through further consideration. For them to have impact upon you, they must have relevance to your experience. If we speak of elements of spirit that in some way seems totally foreign to any understanding you have, then such communication falls upon deaf ears. On the other hand, if what you receive can be

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grasped from the perspective of your current understanding and experiences, then there is meaning to what you read, to what you receive, to what you feel. Our loving responsibilities to each of you are to guide you individually and collectively through a language that you can comprehend. If you were to read these communications we have with you one hundred years from now, some of what is said may not be fully comprehended, fully understood, or might even be misunderstood.

We can tell you with absolute truth: **no soul is lost**. We can also say that ultimately the sense of self is lost within the Sea of Love. How one soul becomes a part of the Sea of Love will differ one from another. Some souls who join us are receptive to what they learn. Others are filled with resistance. For those who find the transition more smooth, the progress that continues to be made is steady and strong. But for some souls who are not ready or not able to understand the new beauty of their lives, they may be given an opportunity to experience other forms of life in order to prepare them for this phase of their spiritual existence. Some souls return to human life, and they flourish away from this plane of existence. They learn what they can learn at the speed that they learn it. We have said before there are no winners or losers; there are only finishers, and for those souls who feel they cannot continue on this plane, there are other opportunities that they are given so that ultimately they fully embrace the Light, so they fully embrace the brilliance that is nonjudgmental and all-encompassing Love, God's Love.

No soul is lost. Each soul follows the path that is most appropriate, and that appropriate path is not the same for all. So when there was reference to a spiritual existence in oblivion, that was intended to acknowledge that there is more to be done until the soul feels ready to move forward. We see that soul in whatever form of life it occupies, whether it is human form or another energy. We still know of that soul. We still surround that soul with love, but it is that soul that must ultimately course its way through its own path.

All paths lead to God. There is no path that leads to what many refer to as a hell or suspended life of nothingness. That cannot be because God creates all, and therefore God values all. We say there is nothing you can do to separate yourselves from God. That also means there is nothing a soul can decide upon that separates itself from God.

Paths for each of you come together and then diverge. You see one another when you see one another, and then you go your separate ways. You are aware of one another, but you do not see or speak to or touch one another for days or weeks, sometimes years. But the fact that your paths occasionally diverge widely in no way means that one of you is off the path. Each of you is where you should be on your path. Each of you is on the appropriate path. Each of your souls is on its own appropriate path, and when one path leads around a corner, it does not mean that path ceases to

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exist. It is out of sight, but it continues, and at some point, that path that led to oblivion rejoins your own.

So it is with all souls. The paths of those you love are the appropriate paths. Those for whom you pray who are living in our form of life are evolving as they evolve. Each of their paths is different from one another, but they see more clearly the objective that they pursue. They see God's loving energy as the center of All That Is, and they are drawn to that center, and as they become a part of that center, they lose their individual characteristics that seem to separate them from others, and they become fully identified with the loving energy that is a connector with All That Is.

The flower ceases to be concerned about its color and revels in its place in the bouquet. The color remains, but the flower realizes it is not about the color; it is about the bouquet. The color, while present, is not what defines the totality of that bouquet of spirit. Do not worry that the paths of those for whom you pray are fraught with difficulty and sadness or loss, for we can assure you that every path, regardless of its direction, is lit so beautifully with the radiance of God, its Creator.

Be with one another in your own spirits. Celebrate the differences that you are aware of, but that celebration is really a celebration of the bouquet, and it is a turning of your attention to the beauty of what is, the beauty of being grasped in God's hands.

You are blessed as we are all blessed. You are the bouquet, we are the bouquet, and we are embraced in the hands of the Creator.

Amen.