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- *Words are inadequate expressions*
- *These messages become clearer over time*
- *All beings are sacred*
- *Guides are guardian angels*
- *Concerns about the political process*
- *Individuals have principal guides, but all guides serve all*
- *Children may be aware of guides*

God speaks to each of you according to your individual needs. These messages, these communications from your guides, have two kinds of edges. Both cut. One is the edge of the moment, the words themselves. But the other edge is equally important and it cuts even deeper into the truths that you seek.

The words you hear and can read, but that other edge is not about the words, not about how they sound or how they read. That other edge is the most difficult because it relates to what is meant by the words. When you read the content, you may interpret what we share with you in a particular way, and yet when you come back to them at a later time, the meaning can be viewed very differently. As we have sometimes said to you, it's not what a person says that is important but rather what is meant. Both of those sides have an impact, but the meaning may take a long time to be fully revealed.

As you know, words are merely a reflection of something else. It is not merely what is said, but what else is being communicated. You can speak to others with the intention of being loving, and yet those words can feel totally inadequate and may often be totally misunderstood. The intention may have been there, but the words somehow fall short of the intention.

We have on occasion spoken about prayer, and we say it is not important what you voice in your prayers, for what is said is only a vague approximation of what is felt. Prayers are important, but it is the act of praying, not the words, that has the most impact.

As you communicate with others, acknowledge that at the deepest level, what you say is not what you mean but is only a shadow of what lies within. These communications from us to you are reflections expressed in ways that are more easily understood, but they are nevertheless inflections or resonances of the greater truth. As you contemplate the text of these messages, the real meaning becomes clearer in time. Ultimately it is not these words, but rather what generates these words. Ultimately it is not what you say to others, but what generates what you say.

You spoke this evening about misunderstandings, of not always being clear, not always fully comprehending how you respond to others. How is it that you can be loving and yet be filled at times with anger or hurt? Does that anger and hurt and how they may be expressed adequately reflect the Truth with a capital T as you understand it?

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There will always be a gap between your feelings or your words and your deeper understanding of what is truly representative of God and what it means to be godly.

You are all sacred, not just those of you who gather together, but all beings. That sacredness you know of, but knowing it and being it are very different entities. The emotional reactions you have in your exchanges with others is not a matter of being but is more a reflection of knowing. You know when you are angry. You know when you feel hurt. You know when you have been challenged by something or someone.

The reactions you feel emotionally or verbally are only part of what is real. The other part is the being—being godly. When you feel hurt, when you feel angry, when you experience emotions that are “negative” in your terms, that is understandable. There is no reason for guilt, no reason for a sense of failure. You are still godly. You still retain the flickering flame of God’s spirit. You are no less a person when you feel what you feel or do what you do than you would be if every reaction were taken from the being side—being sacred, being godly. If you respond to a situation in being loving acceptance, you are in truth no closer to God than when you feel hurt or you feel anger. Both realities belong to what it means to be human beings.

You cannot feel guilt for your experiencing of what is negative one day and pride another day for being a good listener. You’re no less a person on the first day or a greater one on the second. Both belong in equal measure to what it means to be human. You cannot deny your feelings, but you can acknowledge your being—your being sacred, your being godly, others being sacred, others being godly. There is no sense of guilt when one experiences negative energies, and there is no justification for pride when one experiences what is positive.

When you are alive as we are in spirit-form, our experiences are only what is sacred, what is godly, and it is from that position of being sacred and godly that we work with intention to help guide your lives. We are guides. We are guardian angels. We are any similar description you may wish to apply, for our function is pure love. It is pure acceptance. There is nothing you can do in your lives that would ever cause us to judge you as having fallen from a position of being sacred and godly. Likewise, there is nothing any human being does or experiences that separates you from this sacredness, this godliness. That is all we see of you.

When you respond to others, when you have feelings that are not positive toward others, they are of no importance. They play no role in how we see you. We see you in various shades of light that indicate to us your current receptivity to all that God is. There is no room for judgment. All that can be judged has ultimately no meaning, for all that can be judged is merely temporal. What we see, what we are aware of, is centered on what is permanent. All of that is in some way described as being loving. Just as we cannot see what is negative because of its temporal nature, you are encouraged but not expected to exercise similar nonjudgment.

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You have each expressed in your own ways at this time and at other times your concerns about the political realities of your current human lives. It is not for us to predict who wins elections, what decisions are made, but we can say with absolute authority that the outcome of the political process that you find yourselves entwined with is actually temporary. The results of elections, of human decisions, may be seen in very specific ways, but actually have means, truths, benefits that go beyond what you see.

It is the same as that which we speak of in terms of words. Words are merely an inadequate representation of something far deeper. The consequences of political machinations, of political intrigues, of political outcomes are merely reflections of something far beyond what you observe. You say every cloud has a silver lining. There is much truth in that statement, for the lining is always there. The clouds often merely hide what is of real value.

One can disagree with decisions, and the results of those decisions may have immediate consequences, but the process is part of a longer trajectory. There is more to the reality than the disagreement. Sometimes disagreements lead to greater understanding because they encourage discussion. They encourage deeper thought. They encourage self-reflection. They encourage the need to understand more fully the actions, the words of others. In a significant way, we can say although it may not feel helpful, the outcome of the political process seen in a short view has little significance.

We suggest that it is this approach that each of you must take when you are faced with decisions, with choices. The result of those decisions may have immediate consequences. Ultimately those wanderings do not remove you from the path leading toward a greater understanding of what it means to be sacred and godly. There are no bad decisions; there are only decisions. Certainly the outcomes can create great pain and suffering, but looked at with a far longer view, the pain and suffering will lead toward the objectives of all souls. You merely make decisions which appear at the moment to be correct.

Think back to decisions you have made in the past. Think back to actions you have taken in the past. You made those decisions and took those actions because at that time you thought they were the best, only later discovering perhaps it would have been advisable to make different decisions or take different actions. But looking back, you cannot judge yourself and say you made that decision and it was wrong, and you should be ashamed or filled with guilt or remorse. That's judging yourself. Avoid such judgment and accept that the decisions you made in the past were actually part of a much longer arc, a much more meaningful progression of growth.

You learn by the mistakes you make. They may have been mistakes, but the ultimate conclusion, the ultimate outcome, was that you learned and you moved forward. Without those errors, without those mistakes, you would not have learned what needed to be learned. Therefore, those mistakes were an important component to your own growth. Being so, you cannot be judged. There are no grounds for judgment.

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So it is with the actions of others. Those decisions and actions had meaning at the time which seemed to be justifiable, and at a later time they may still seem justifiable, or they may have merely pointed to a detour on the road. But even detours provide a context to more clearly understand the road you are on.

Looking at the direction of nations politically in this way should give you a sense that all is not gained or lost on the basis of decisions that are made in the future. They are merely side roads that provide a greater perspective, giving meaning to the path that leads toward the fulfillment of spirit in reaching the state of pure love.

By saying that the immediate outcome is of little importance, we are not implying that you should not care. It is by your caring, by your careful consideration, that your growth is nourished. You cannot go through life refusing to be involved, whether that is emotionally, politically, or whatever way. You must be involved. You must care. You must explore. You must deliberate. You must share. You must be engaged in an exchange of perspectives. In so doing, all move forward.

We, your guides, are a part of that process, and we approach this with great love in our hearts, so to speak.

The question was raised about whether we have responsibility as the principal guide for only one human being, or whether we are the principal guide for countless others. We are in fact the principal guide for one, but we are involved in the guidance of countless other souls, for love is love. When you are filled with love, we are filled with a light that illuminates in all directions, and we are aware of the reflection of that light from all directions.

Each individual has a principal guide. There are some situations in which the principal may be changed, but we are given the loving privilege of focusing our light particularly in the direction of a specific spirit. Our charge is to communicate with you, to communicate through words, through thoughts, through gut feelings, through dreams, through light, through vision. There are many ways that we guide, but our principal obligation is to one, and yet we are aware of and participate in the guiding of countless others. It is not a matter of our guiding you and not guiding another. It is that we guide all in some form or another. There is no sense of exclusion. There are no guides who have no impact on a particular other individual.

The energy, the light that illuminates your lives is a collection of the light of all who are a part of our sphere of love. Each of you we see. Each of you we know. We know what is permanent, and we have no specific vision of what is temporary. You pray for healing of the spirit, of the body, of relationships. We are aware of that, for the healing is made possible through the love of spirit, through the light that you create, produce, reflect, and give out. We know when you are filled with anxiety. We know when you are filled with concerns. We know when you feel guilty. We know when you are elated and filled with love. We know these because they change the color of light that comes from your spirit, but those feelings of anxiety or pain, worry or guilt are only

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temporary. They are not of importance. They are part of the picture, but they are not the picture.

In human life you are aware of that side of reality, but our goal is to increase your awareness of our side of reality, for it is this side which is permanent. It is this side which is comforting. It is this side that heals and strengthens.

Sometimes you are aware of us. Oftentimes you are not, and that is okay. Your recognition of our presence is indeed, as you have observed, often easier for the very young, because they have not learned to doubt. They have learned to believe. They have learned to trust in what they see. They have learned to understand all that has not been negated by those around them. Human beings learn to filter, to separate out, to avoid what encourages criticism. Human beings learn to avoid what can result in judgment. This is another strong example of how a judgment prevents or clouds the vision which is possible for each of you to sense what is sacred and to know what is godly.

You are blessed as you seek the sacred and you look for all that is godly. You are blessed as you seek a longer view of life—life's actions, life's feelings. Accept the feelings you have. Accept the actions you take when they are taken with the belief that they may be correct. Accept how you read these messages, but also accept that there is more than what you read. There is great value in the exercise of rereading what has been shared in the past, because your perspective along your own pathway is broader and more inclusive, and the messages take on greater clarity.

Welcome those opportunities to rethink. Embrace the chance to move ahead in ways that seem currently invisible. You are on the path that is best. No two paths are the same, nor should they be. One cannot judge from one's own path the direction of the path of another. Believe that all paths ultimately lead toward God. Be open in your acceptance of all.

Amen.