

## Divine Love Is the Source: Why You Don't Need Validation from the World

### What's poppin' people?

It's Dante — walking outside of City Hall here in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia.

Today I'm thinking about something deeper than the bricks and fountains around me.

I'm thinking about **divine love**.

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### What Is Divine Love?

There's this ancient idea called **agape love** — a kind of unconditional, divine love. I first came across it while reading Plato's *Symposium*, but it didn't really come alive for me until I experienced it myself.

Through living. Through witnessing.

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### The Village Well in Zambia

Let me take you back.

When I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia, I saw something that changed me. In the village, *everyone had a role*:

- Women carried firewood with babies on their backs
- Men built churches and homes

- Boys made bricks from sand and mud
- Girls swept floors and prepared food

**Everyone was making a daily sacrifice.**

And at the center of it all? A well.

Every morning, the whole community gathered at that well. It wasn't just about water — it was life. It was unity. It was love in motion.

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## **The Metaphor of the Well**

Looking at the flowing fountain here in Philly, I remembered that well.

***In order to construct a well, you must connect to the source.***

You don't just find water on the surface. You dig. Through dirt. Through pain. Through suffering. Through **hell** itself.

***But once you hit the source, it flows endlessly.***

And now — anyone can come to drink. The whole community thrives.

That's divine love.

That's what I believe we're here to do.

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## **City Hall, the Original Fountain**

And I'm pretty sure — I gotta double-check this — but the original plan for City Hall included a **fountain in the center**, a place for people to come and drink.

The symbolic heart of the city.

Because a city, just like a village, needs a **well** —

A **source** where life begins.

A **center** of nourishment.

A **place of gathering**.

And for me, that center... is **love**.

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### Love From Above

***If your love comes from above — from God, from the source — then you don't need love from the world.***

You're not out here seeking validation.

You're not begging for someone to love you.

You're not striving for approval.

**You shine in the light of Christ.**

You love effortlessly.

You give endlessly.

You expect nothing in return.

Because you're full.

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### Love That Nourishes the Tribe

Back in Zambia, every weekend — every day, really — people gathered at the church.

They went to learn about Christ.  
To embody Christ.  
To love their neighbor.

And when *one person* in a tribe walks that path — when they embody divine love —  
**the entire tribe benefits.**  
Everyone is nourished.

And it's not just about food or water.  
The **real nourishment** is from the spirit.

***You don't thrive by consuming the world.***  
***You thrive by embodying love.***

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## **Not Seeking — Just Being**

That's the key. You're not out here chasing love.  
You're not trying to possess it through relationships, titles, or success.

You *are* love.  
Because **God is love**, and you were made in His image.

That's where the power lies.

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## **Spirit Over Flesh**

Your real strength isn't in your biceps or your bone density.  
It's not in your grind or your bank account.

***The real power is in the spirit.***

And that's what's missing in modern society.  
We're addicted to pleasure, chasing wealth, faking love.

**The antidote?**

Be love.  
Spread love.  
Stop needing it from others.

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**The Armor of the Spirit**

When you're tapped into God, nothing can break you.

- Hate bounces off.
- Negativity can't touch you.
- Suffering just polishes your soul.

***You're like a Spartan with Hoplite armor.***

***You're like level 99 in Skyrim with Daedric armor and full defense stats.***

Unstoppable.

Because you're powered by something eternal.

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**The Well Never Runs Dry**

And that's divine love — the well that never runs dry.  
When you connect to that source, *you become the well.*

Others can come to drink.

You nourish the world, not by taking, but by overflowing.

**So tap in. Dig deep. Connect to the source.**

That's where life begins.



—Dante