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“Mystics and the Universal Message”  
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This opening ceremony unfolds in the presence of the holy relics of great beings – at one with the Great Reality. Whatever can be said of this Reality is not It, so I'll keep my comments brief!

The energy of these sacred relics radiates in the Silence. It seems out of place to comment on this nonverbal transmission, which is quite beyond words. But I was asked to give some comments, so I will carry forth with the absurd task of lecturing on the importance of Silence! Words are, we hope, useful when they point beyond themselves to the Silence.

Recently I heard my beloved teacher Dr. Hawkins say (when watching a film about Zen): “The truth is in the silence. It is impenetrable by words. The Truth is a prevailing energy field of love which pervades all things and which in its own essence is silent.”

I begin by offering my deep gratitude for my teacher and for all Buddhas and Beings who have transcended the illusion of separateness and become one with Infinite Love.

The message of these great mystics and masters is more in their Presence than their words. Tonight we sit together in their Presence and we remind ourselves of their words.

What is the Universal Message?

Love is always present. There is no place where Love is not.  
Even in the darkest parts of our lives, places of despair, confusion, and grief –  
Love prevails.

We come from Love and we return to Love.

Love and loving kindness energetically pervade all existence.  
It is in time, but beyond time,  
It is in the body, but beyond body,

It is in our religious doctrines, but beyond doctrine,  
It is in our spiritual practices, but beyond spiritual practice,  
It is in life and death, but beyond the cycle of life and death.  
It is within the limited, but not bound by limitation.

Love doesn't "belong" to anyone, but because of it, we all belong to each other.

It requires nothing of us, but because of it, we would give over everything.

How to experience this love?

A good place to start is to love that we ARE, that we exist, that we are an expression of Love in this place, just as we are.

Then to pray to become a channel of loving kindness in our everyday lives.  
That all that we do is a blessing to others – even cleaning out the kitty boxes, calling a friend, commuting to work, reading the newspaper, and making the family dinner.

Ordinary endeavors, done out of love, carry great power.

The mystics say:

God is in all things, and nothing exists other than God.

Therefore to love anything is to love God.

We have 7 sheep that graze in our backyard ... story of the sheep that was downcast ... I saw her from my office window and realized that she couldn't get upright without my aid. A sheep that has fallen down onto its side cannot get up on its own and will die. I went outside and helped her to roll back upon to her feet. Sheep must have a shepherd because when they become downcast they are not able to get up on their own. If they fall, they die.

We are sheep in the Presence of the Great Masters – their energy is necessary for us to find our way. There are many distractions and bumps in the road. We need their love and care, wisdom, and guidance.

To be in the presence of liberated beings and their relics gives us the catalyst and the launch for our own liberation.

Even though there is a part of us that doesn't want liberation, that doubts -- there is a higher Truth within that beckons us on.

We may first hear its call as coming from an advanced consciousness such as a teacher, a guide, a sage, or a Buddha.

Then, as we have our own experiences of healing and love, we hear the call as coming from an inner place. “The Self of the teacher and that of the student are one and the same,” says Dr. Hawkins.

When we say “Yes” to that call, we are *becoming* the universal message, not just reading about it or practicing.

We may think we’ve already said “Yes” to the deepest inner calling, but have we? Is there any part of us that still holds back, still doubts, still hangs on to a limited view, still feels a fear of the unknown, still keeps that 5 or 10 or 20% to ourselves because we think it’s better off in our hot little hands?

Right now is a good time and place to allow a deeper surrender.

Every inner block to love that we surrender in ourselves, we surrender it for all.

The mystics verify that we are all part of the whole.  
Thus, when something is healed within ourselves, the world is healed.  
When we are changed, the world is changed.

Change starts in the moment. A decision to love. Story of Mother Teresa picking up her first dying person in the streets of Calcutta....

May our hearts be open to the transforming grace of loving kindness that radiates in this room.

May we say with Sufi mystic Al- Hallaj: “Between you and me Lord, there is only me. Take away the me so that only You remain.”

With St. Paul: “It is not I who live but Christ lives in me.”

With the mother of Tibetan Buddhism, Yeshe Tsogyal:  
“I abided evenly in the view of the Great Perfection beyond all action, and as the experience dawned on me wherein all phenomena are extinguished in the nature of Reality, I was perceived in various forms according to the needs of beings.

To the hungry, I was heaps of food and all good things,  
And thus I brought them joy.  
To the cold and freezing, I was the warmth of the sun,  
Thus their joy.  
To the poor and needy, I was wealth and riches, thus their joy.  
To the naked, I was every kind of raiment, thus their joy.  
To the childless, I was sons and daughters, thus their joy.  
I shielded all beings from everything that tortured them and was their every  
joy.”

ALL Glory and honor to the Reality of Infinite Love, which is impersonal in its  
essence and personal in its effect.

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