

Dear Friends,

Hello everyone. I am so happy and glad to reach you all with my first exciting experience of snow fall, which I have never ever seen since my birth. This is the first time I had the chance to see the snow directly. I was sitting beside my window the whole night to see the beautiful white fall, which to me is an unforgettable moment.

**Love  
(Give = Receive)**

God's great expectation from all of us is that we have to love, but a different kind of love. He specifically mentioned, 'love your enemies.' The word 'love' is explained by the words that follows: 'do good,' 'bless,' and 'pray for.' Can this be? In other words, this type of love is the highest form of love. It means that no matter what that person does to us, we will never allow ourselves to desire anything but his highest good. But the question that most of us are asking is this: how about if he does not accept it? What shall we do? You, what are you going to do? Are you going to let him do what he wants? If he rejects our love for him, he is like the man, after listening to Buddha who talked against returning 'evil for evil' or 'a tooth for a tooth', decided to see if Buddha practices what he preaches. The man shouts all kinds of abuses and slanderous words at the great teacher and calls him a stupid fool.

*Buddha listened patiently. When the man ran out of things to say, Buddha said:*

*"My son, if one declines to accept a gift from another, to whom does the gift go?"*

*"Any fools know that," the man replied scornfully. "The gift goes back to the giver."*

*"My son," said the Buddha, "You have given me much verbal abuse. I decline to accept your gift."*

*The man was dumbfounded. Buddha continued, "My son, one who slanders a virtuous person is like the one who spits at the sky. The spittle does not soil the sky. It only comes back to soil the face of the one who spits. Or it is like the one who flings dust into the wind? The dust does not reach its target. It only blows back into the face of the man who throws it."*

So, my dear friends don't worry. If your love is not reciprocated, it will come back to you. If the other person gives slanderous and malign words and deeds to you and if you don't accept or lock those in your mind like prisoners, these will come back to the person who gives them.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Am I not eliminating my enemies by making them my friends?" That's true, my dear friends. All our enemies are eliminated by making them all as our friends or by loving them.

God bless,



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