

The Search for Love  
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Throughout all ages man has attempted to define love by using stories, myths and keeping it generally in a literary context. But let us take love and examine it by using the definition given to us by the Bible and by what individuals feel they understand and relate to.

Love is referred to in the Bible as charity. In the First Corinthians chapter thirteen charity or love is defined: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity envieth not itself, is not puffed up..." All these are examples set down by men for men to follow. A direct definition isn't given, but only common courtesies that should be followed everyday by every man according to context.

The Bible gives examples of what love is, but let us examine what individuals feel love is. Asking what love is, many reply "Love is God," "Love is giving," or "Love is wanting good things for others." When a person says love is God they say they mean that He is all perfect with all perfect qualities of being completely good and merciful. Aren't these the love characteristics we used from the Bible? Man sets upon examples for himself to follow and fashions himself after the qualities that God is characterized by. Love is giving. Man defines love as all giving and unselfish. This includes his wishing the good things in life for others. When a person loves, he wishes to give of himself unselfishly to others, whether it is a platonic love or a physical love.

These are but just a few examples of how man mythologically defines love, through the Bible and his personal feelings. Man is constantly searching for the called right – "meaning of emotions." He searches sometimes further than is required. He looks to the poet, the psychologist, the philosopher and many others. But man, why haven't you looked within yourself?