

## **Gratitude Is The Key**

Gratitude is the sum total result of all that you have learned in your relationship with God and the servants of higher learning. Gratitude is the key element in the relationship between God and all who would aspire to reach for an understanding of God's heart, for it is the nature of love to recognize and appreciate that which is given in love. Therefore, from God's side, it is essential that you come to know intrinsically, to know without question, that the universe is given to you in love, as a gift of love, creatively designed to meet your every need, want and desire, entrusted to your loving care to nurture and protect. It is God's expression of trust in you that He has given this gift to you. It is the expression of the certainty and the truth that you are capable of mollifying the unstable characteristics of self-centered desire and live interdependently as a beautiful and harmonious body of God, body of humanity, and reach within yourselves to pull out the essence of what is good and right and of benefit to all. It is not for us to identify what is good and right, as in the sense of directing you to do this or that, making your decisions for you. We come not to direct you, but to guide you into the use of your conscience. Your conscience is given as your own personal link to the God-center. When you follow a spiritual path, you empower your conscience, until it becomes a golden highway upon which you may journey into the deepest, most sensitive and private parts of God's heart. The existence or non-existence of an abundance of gratitude for all that is part of your daily joys and strife is a useful means of evaluating your own personal relationship with God. It is a mirror reflecting back to you the state of your internal affairs. Trust is the guide, the path, and gratitude is the natural result.

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