

The Mystery of Love

Friday, Feb. 14, is devoted to the celebration of love. It is the only holiday exclusively designated in honor of affairs of the heart.

It should not be the only day on which those emotions are practiced. If it is, then there will not be much left to celebrate on Valentine's Day. Love, you see, must be practiced. It must be nurtured and protected and encouraged.

Love is a special gift of God to mankind. It is the basis for the relationship between the Creator and the creature.

It is also the bond that ties one person to another – not in enslavement but in a wonderful union of personalities in which each strives to do the maximum good for the other.

What is love?

Love is the assurance of a warm touch.

Love is a shared moment of silence when eyes meet eyes in perhaps the most communicative skill of all.

Love is the softness of a kiss.

Love is trembling fingers coursing through a shock of hair.

Love is a whisper amid the silence.

Love is the security of an embrace.

Love is the mystery that overlooks the faults of another.

Love is a card, or letter, or telephone call that says, "I'm thinking of you."

Love is simple, and yet complex.

Love is tender, and yet strong.

Love is both victory and surrender.

Love gives and receives.

It is my wish that you give – and receive – love on this Valentine's Day 2014.

– Beecher Hunter

