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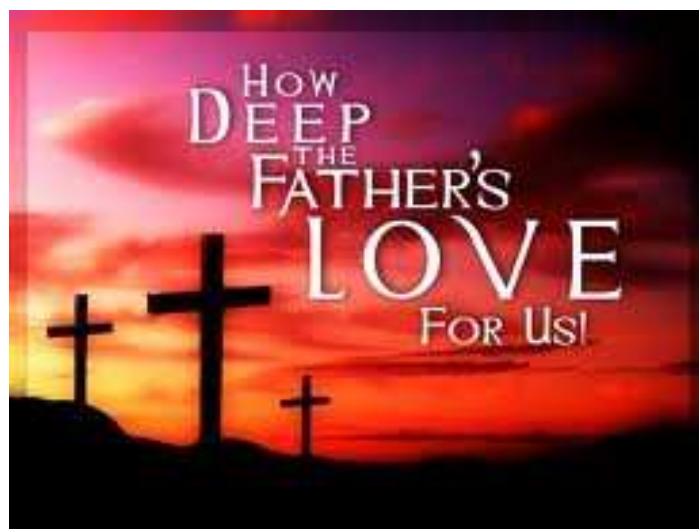
Christmas 2012

We are grateful for the following collection of contributions from our readers who responded to a request to help build this issue of the Canadian Healer on the theme of **LOVE**

OSL Canada

The International Order of St Luke the Physician

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 KJV)





ROMANTIC LOVE AND CHOSEN LOVE



Colin C M Campbell, PhD

Romantic love may be the purest form of love that most people will ever know. While it lasts, it satisfies the deepest yearning of the human heart. It is life in all its fullness. People kill because of it - their rivals, themselves and, sometimes, even the one whom they love. In our postmodern society, it is a major cause of family breakdown, as people seek soul mates and try to find themselves, often at whatever cost to their families. The recent release of the movie *Anna Karenina* depicts the tragedy in all its timeless poignancy. Anna must choose between romantic love and social ostracism, on the one hand, and a life of wealth, privilege and passionless obligation, on the other. However, dutiful obligation is an inadequate solution. Romantic love, admittedly, causes collateral damage but duty is a poor substitute for love and merely replaces one form of collateral damage with another. The healthy alternative to infidelity is not to grit one's teeth and simply endure. Generally, unfaithful people are unhappy. Duty makes this state permanent. Fortunately, healing is possible.

In the language of Paul, the *psychikon* person (one without faith) is weak. With romantic love, the weak person feels strong and sees the possibility of happiness and the chance at a new life. For Paul, however, it is the *pneumatikon* person (one who has faith), who is made strong. To Paul, faith is not merely a belief in theological ideas but a trust in God's power to transform the weak person into a loving one. As with romantic love, the person feels strong and sees the possibility of happiness and the chance at a new life. It is a basic Christian belief that people are spiritual by nature and that love is the fruit of a healthy human spirit. Romantic love is a particular expression of spiritual love, called *eros*. For it to be sustained, however, it must be supported by another type of spiritual love called *agape*. Eros is human love and is weak. Agape is God's love and is strong. **Read more at...** www.oslCanada.org/article_campbell_romantic_love.htm

Christmas!

**His life began at birth,
Ours begins at His Cross.**

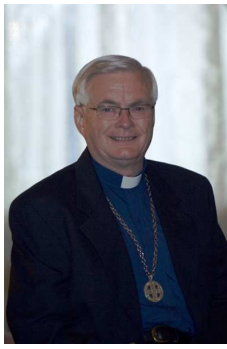
See His love, Feel His love, Be His Love

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Please Note:

It was impossible to include all the articles and poems received for this issue. We are grateful for each one. To view more please visit <http://www.oslCanada.org/articles.htm>



The Strange Thing About Christian Love



The Christian Gospel is about God's love for us and our love for God and how we express that love to God and to one another. How we feel has little or nothing to do with either our ability or our desire to express Christian love. As followers of Jesus we are called to love our neighbours as we love ourselves and the reason is simply because God loves us. We love God and one another because we choose to do so and that decision is not dependent on our human feelings. The strange thing about Christian love therefore, is that no matter how we feel about someone we choose to love them because God loves them. In the Gospels Jesus teaches this new and radical concept of God's love which is that all people are loveable because all people are loved by God and we are called to love those whom God loves.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we learn the meaning, the experience and the power of this strange thing called Christian love. This amazing letter gives us an insight into the process of becoming a church in the days even before there was a New Testament. Paul had a great love for the Corinthian church, but it was this church that caused him much anguish and trouble. What precipitated this letter was a report that Paul had received with regards to disturbing irregularities in the conduct of some of the believers within the Corinthian congregation. The problems included factions within the church, a case of incest, members suing each other, problems of sexual impurity, and the spread of a quarrelsome and critical spirit. Paul's purpose in writing this letter was to bring some reform to the witness of the Gospel in this troubled congregation and to set them back on track.

Read more at... www.oslCanada.org/article_mitchell_christian_love.htm

Home for Christmas

By Hazel Birt

On December 24th, a blizzard blew on the Manitoba prairie. It was the custom for our extended family to go together to church and then back to grandparent's farmhouse to celebrate with a feast prepared by Umma (grandmother).

She was worried because son Howard, the long distance trucker, phoned from the road to say that he was hauling a dangerous load of steel poles and although the blizzard was pretty bad he promised, "Umma don't worry, I'll be home for Christmas."

After church we made it out to the farm which was blazing with Christmas lights. As we waited for Howard the children sang around the Christmas tree and Umma said, "Best we say Grace and eat before everything spoils." Then half-heartedly we opened presents as we prayerfully waited to hear from Howard.

The evening wore. Everyone got quiet thinking of Howard hauling that load through the blizzard. Umma sighed as she rose from her rocker to finally turn off the stove. It got late. The little ones started to cry and fuss. The men said, "Well, guess he can't make it" and put their coats on to start the cars.

But wait! The older children with their noses pressed to the front window cried out, "Lights turning off the highway!"

What joy! Umma cried out, "Thanks God!" She jumped up to turn the stove back on. The men hung their coats back up. The little ones joined hands and laughing, danced in a circle.

All was peace and gladness in the big old farmhouse. Howard was safely home for a family Christmas.



Julie Foster

LOVE Leads Us Home

The child on cold lost streets
 The prisoner locked in darkness
 The widow, the poor
 Search for love
 Hunger, hungry
 We search and
 Find

That Love has been with us all the time

We are God's Beloved
 He is our Father,
 Lover,
 Brother, Sister
 Creator

Our hearts eyes open
 And we believe
 Healing Love is born,
 Healing Love enfleshed

God walks among us, beside us , holy ground

We are not alone
 We are open to healing
 Love has called us
 We listen, we are home.

Julie and her husband, Denis, live in Port McNeill, North Vancouver Island, BC. Julie is a lone member of OSL.



Maggie and Ron Martin

Love

For twenty years you've held my hand
 since quietly you came into my life.
 You picked me gently off the floor and
 dusted me down with tenderness.
 With sensitivity you loved and supported me.
 Renewed me, and made me whole again.

You fired me up with passion
 God's given right for lovers.

Now still I gaze into your eyes
 and see the stars and moonbeams.
 You look into my very soul and
 we are locked in the certainty
 that our love is for eternity.

We are each other's valentine.

Maggie Martin's poem was published in the National Library of Poetry, Sparkles in the Sand.

Healed of Vertigo!

I would like to share with you that I received healing at the OSL Region 8 Healing Conference in Oakville this year when The Rev. Mike Endicott was praying for the lady with a neck problem. I had been suffering with Vertigo for weeks. At the point he laid hands on her and prayed, I felt as if my hair was being gently pulled; I thought it was because of the fans in the auditorium but later realized my Vertigo was gone and to date has not returned. Thank you Jesus!

Following the conference I presented the CD sessions over a 4 week period and it was well attended by 18 people, not all from our parish. I was asked to pray for people at the end of each session and Praise God... healings took place! Thank you Jesus!

The Rev. Ron Hubbard is member of OSL, and Deacon at Holy Trinity Fonthill, ON



LISTENING!

A Gift of LOVE

By Keith Bird



Two months ago I attended an information meeting sponsored by Acorn Canada, featuring guest speaker, The Rev. Dr. Russ Parker, Director of Acorn Christian Foundation in the UK. Among his many interesting stories about the work of Acorn around the world was how Listening made the difference in resolving conflict between leaders of war-torn Ireland. He also shared how Listening is impacting lives in dramatic and positive ways around the globe.

Who would have thought simply "Listening" could have such an important - and even life-changing - impact?

Take a moment to consider how it makes you feel when you begin sharing a problem but are NOT being listened to. When your listener interrupts, wants to tell you about a problem they are having... do you not feel... ignored...insignificant...unimportant... invisible... and of no importance or value? And when others give unsolicited advice... or attempt to 'fix' your problem... how does that make you feel? Alienated...angry... hurt... and frustrated?

On the other hand, when you ARE really listened to, how does that make you feel? Relieved.... understood.... important... significant... valued... respected... validated.... and perhaps even loved?

Following that information meeting, I had the privilege of attending a four-week course that opened me up to the incredible experience of Listening with new ears, new eyes and yes, with a new heart. It was an experience of being listening to, of feeling fully understood, of being given the space and time to continue sharing.... and then learning to listen to others in like manner.

I have always had a keen interest in listening and thought I knew how to listen well, both in personal relationships and in ministry. I am grateful to have discovered that I have much to learn. I am now practicing new ways to improve my capacity to listen, and to love others.

During the course we learned about "filters" and how we use them almost always when listening. Filters are various ways we perceive others, make judgments, where urges reside to offer advice, to 'fix' a situation, or even rescue. **Read more at www.oslCanada.org/article_bird_listening.htm**



OSL Canada Network



OSL Canada is committed to finding ways for us all to remain connected and encouraged. "The Network" looks and feels like Facebook, but is a private, social network for OSL Members and invited guests. The network is a great place to... be encouraged... receive teaching... share photos, videos, music... share your struggles and questions about healing... give and receive support from others. 'Embers' cool and grow cold when removed from fire. Let's stay connected and encouraged! **Membership is FREE** We are now more than 55 members... and growing... and we'd love to have YOU to join us!.

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Space is limited. Please visit http://www.oslcanada.org/book_reviews.htm for complete reviews

Attach Me If You Can

By Phillip Hamburg L.M.S.W., L.M.F.T

Paul Tournier stated: "At the heart of personality is the need to feel a sense of being lovable without having to qualify for that acceptance."

Author's preamble: My goal is that the pages of this book will provide hope and techniques on how to help children attach, feel safe, and ultimately act lovable. The conviction of being lovable is what defuses all the rage and fear. *Please note: Although this says it is directed at children, many adults are walking around in an immature emotional state, because they have been locked into something in childhood. This book is as useful for adults as it is for children* **read more...** http://www.oslcanada.org/book_reviews.htm

Betrothed: an Intimate Face to Face Walk with God

By Douglas A. Wheeler Th. D., Ph. D.

Betrothed will leave the reader with a clearer picture of how to walk in a more intimate relationship with the Father. Many old beliefs will be challenged as one truly understands what it means to be the Bride of Christ. Betrothed is the experiential walk of an average believer who desires to find fullness in intimacy with God.

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Christmas by Karen Bernie

He came to me not long ago,
And told me of the way.
To see past sin and brokenness,
Just look upon the hay.

That child is yours, this Son is mine,
For everyone who hears.
His love you'll find will always be,
With you in every year.

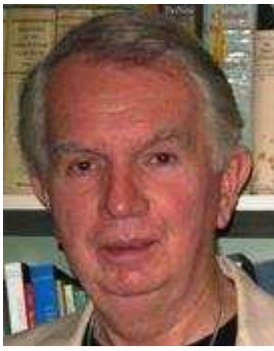
Then He said "Take my hand,
Let me lead you to the Light,
Rejoice and sing with all mankind,
On this special star lit night."

And so I took the Masters hand,
Held the child upon the hay.
And knew the miracle of love,
God brings to us this day.

Healing Miracles - A Question of Faith

The miraculous healing of my wife, Joyce, from multiple Stage III breast cancers, we know came from our Lord. We prayed in expectant faith, the healing prayers of thanksgiving and praise (instead of pleading in supplication), based on suggested outlines from the Order of Jacob's Well.

Read the entire article at www.oslCanada.org/testimony_findeis_healed_of_breast_cancer.htm



Christmas Greetings

From

The Rev. Ron Vanauken
President, OSL Canada



A Child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (TEV)

That oft quoted verse is a poignant reminder that whether we speak of individuals or nations, healing is ultimately not found in seminars, or courses, or liturgies, or prayers, but in a turning to God. How often were those who came to our Lord looking for a quick fix to an immediate need, whether it be hunger or healing, and then, having received what they wanted, they disappeared back into the crowds with not even a "Thank you" let alone a changed life. They received the might of God for the moment, but did not receive wonderful counsel, did not receive eternal fatherly care, did not receive the peace of mind and spirit that only Jesus could bring. He offers so much, yet we frequently settle for so little.

My personal concern is always that we strive to keep the focus on Jesus, not on ourselves; that we strive to communicate the word and wisdom of the Lord, and not our own foolishness; that we strive to bring individuals into a personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour that more and more they might experience the Holy Spirit's healing, redeeming, and renewing power in their lives; that we strive to bring them into the family that is the church where they might come to know God's fatherly love and care; that we strive to mature and help others to mature to the point where the peace of Christ, with which we bless one another, might reign in our hearts and our lives even in the midst of sorrow, tragedy, and loss.

May this Christmas be the opportunity to receive Jesus in his fullness.

Grace and peace.

Ron Vanauken

Annual General Meeting

We have been in conversation with the Board of the North American Order of St. Luke regarding plans to expand the organization and work here in Canada. While encouraged by the positive responses from the fall survey, to date no decisions have been made. At present, the plans are to hold a Canadian Board meeting, via the internet, early in the New Year.

Following that we hope to negotiate a time for a special meeting of the Canadian Order of St. Luke to be held in conjunction with the Alberta conference in May, where Mike Endicott will be speaking, to potentially make a change to the bylaws that would allow for Annual General Meetings to be held online, thus enabling more individuals to be involved than would otherwise be impossible, as presently the meetings are tied to the meeting of the North American Board which is always held in conjunction with the North American conference.

We are moving slowly and wanting the process of moving forward to strengthen the OSL in Canada to be one of prayerful discernment and open communication. We are keenly aware that it is easy for both words and actions to be misinterpreted, so we are very much open to and interested in hearing from OSL members from across Canada who have an interest in and concern for the future of the healing ministry of the OSL.

If you wish to respond please click vanauken@rogers.com

"... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Luke 10:27 NIV

ON THE CALENDAR

Our website Calendar is always up to date – check it out at www.oslCanada.org/calendar.htm

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Jan 20/13 - The Rev. Mike Endicott, introduced by The Ven Larry Mitchell.

Feb 17/13 – To be announced

Apr 21/13 - The Rev. Jan Bigland-Prichard – **How to recognize New Age and the Occult**

May 21/13 - Emma and Bishop Eddie Marsh - **The Challenge: Healing in the Church**

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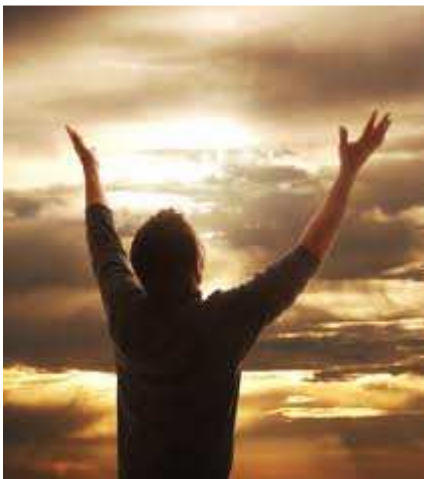
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All praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father,
who first loved us!

May the peace and joy of Christmas continue to dwell
richly in your heart

Merry Christmas and every blessing for the New Year
from your friends at OSL Canada.

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