

CHAPTER 16

The Answer

Me: I have a question that I think everyone eventually asks.

God: Ask whatever you will—I shall answer it for you.

First I must tell You that I love You more than all things.

I know. I love you as only I can love.

Ask your question now.

Oh, God. There are so many problems in the world. There is such trouble on every level of mankind's existence...

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEMS?

I am glad you asked that. I know that many of My children eventually get around to considering this vexing question. The answer, My children, is quite simple and is common knowledge. You put it in songs and write poems about it and whisper of it in the dark—and still you do not get it! **I AM THE ANSWER!** I AM LOVE, and in your terms—Love is the answer.

Does that mean that simple love is the solution to all of the trouble and problems of mankind, the world, and each individual person in his or her daily life?

Absolutely! Mere Love, Pure Love, ME; that is always the answer and solution.

How is this?

Let Me demonstrate to you that the awesome power of pure Love is the only possible solution to any problem dealing with man on any level. Give Me a problem and I shall show how the love of man can solve it.

There is starvation in many places in the world today. This day, untold numbers of people will die of hunger.

I have provided ample food for all of you, and shall always do so. If those who had surplus would Love those in need and give them the extra food and resources that they have, hunger would end. Love is the answer. So long as one man hates another and withholds the extra food that he has from him, there will be starvation in your world.

In each new problem, the same things I have stated here shall apply, so I shall simply state the obvious solution. You may see the other ways that these principles apply—if you will open your eyes.

Peniel, state as many different problems as you think people may pose as unsolvable and I shall provide the solution in general terms. Understand that these solutions may all be done this very day—if you, My children, choose to do so. If you cannot do all of it yourself, then at least do what you can! Do not refuse to do the good that you can just because you cannot do all good.

I leave these answers in your capable hands, reader. You can assist Me to bring peace and harmony to yourself, your family, your neighbors, and—in part—to the world itself...

IF YOU WILL ONLY FOLLOW THE THINGS SET DOWN HERE!

Ask all of the perplexing troubles and problems that you can think up, Peniel. Perhaps through the principle of Love demonstrated here, some shall be enlightened to the answers and shall get off their seats and change their lives and the lives of those whom they touch. Ask away.

Okay. I will assume that I am a typical unenlightened reader of this for the sake of the questions. I myself understand many of these questions and the solutions, yet there are many who will read this that would benefit from the questions posed, so answer me as if I were one of those persons.

I shall. Ask all of your questions now.

First: What is the meaning of life?

Love is the answer. I am the very life you speak of. I am love. What gives your human life meaning is when I am recognized in it and shown

through your life. IF you would Love purely, as I love you, then your life would have meaning to you and you would understand. Until you are living life as it was intended, it will be very difficult for you to experience the peace of mind that comes from understanding that the meaning of life is—LOVE. What is the meaning of life? Love is life's meaning. Love is the answer.

Why do I wake up at three in the morning sometimes, and think to myself, *Is this all that there is to life? Isn't there more to it? Shouldn't I be doing something important? I feel that my life is a waste and serves no valid purpose. Why am I here? What am I supposed to do?*

Love is the answer. You ask first, "Is this all there is to life"? I answer you, No! There is so much more to life than what you are now allowing yourself to experience of it. There is more—and the more is Pure Love.

Then you say, "Shouldn't I be doing something important"? And I answer you, Yes. You should Love. And what should you love? Love all that is good and noble. Love Me, for I AM. Love Me by keeping My commandment to you. And this is My commandment to you: Love Me through Loving yourself and Loving your neighbor as yourself. Each of you: Love one another as I have Loved you. Do this and you shall be filled with peace, joy, and fulfillment. And you shall change everyone around you and do much for the world.

All of the world's greatest people have been those who were willing to love more. This is why they became great. Others recognize that greatness is the willingness and ability to love more intensely and purely—nothing more. Love all good and I shall fill your cup with all manner of good things. Love is the answer to your hidden feelings of a wasted life. You can be greater than any other person who has gone before you.

Why do you feel this emptiness and void in your life at times? Because you have not yet accepted full responsibility to be all that I have destined you to be—a perfect lover. Learn to love perfectly and your life shall be full of all that you wish. Love is the answer.

It seems to me that many times others do not like me. How can others better like me?

Love is the answer. If others really do not like you, then there is a reason. If they like anyone at all, then they could like you. If you had the attributes and characteristics that they liked in a person, they would like you.

And here is what people like most in another: The willingness to share in joy. The willingness to acknowledge the good that they contain. The willingness to accept them just as they are and not demand or expect them to change. The willingness to appreciate them and the good that is in them. The willingness to say that they are appreciated. The willingness to admire the outstanding parts that they do have.

Each person has some special talents, abilities, or characteristics that God has given to none but them—they should be admired for their greatness within them.

And lastly, the willingness to adore them if they become all good.

These things sum up what a true friend is to a person. There are many things that you could name that are the qualities that you wish in a friend—and they are all here. This is love.

Love has five stages of purity as man normally shows it. Each higher stage is more pure than the others. The stages are: acknowledge, accept, appreciate, admire, and adore. There is much about them contained in some of Peniel's other books and in his seminars, and this is all that need be touched upon about them for now.

How can you get others to like you better? Learn to love them better. Love is the answer.

I have heard that some babies die of diseases early in life. What is the answer to this problem?

Love is the answer. The "problem" that you see is a blessing in disguise. To whom is the death of a small child a problem? Not to Me. I love all of My children and desire some of them to come to Me early in their mortal lives. Why is this perceived as a problem by so many? Do you not know that the child who dies and comes to be with Me is in a far better place? Do you not realize that they are much happier here than they would be if they remained in the world of sorrow and suffering that you all have made it? Perhaps if I had allowed them to live until the age of reasoning, they would have committed some grievous sin

and never repented—thusly condemning themselves to eternal separation from Me and the pleasures of heaven.

Do you know the future or can you fathom all that is in the mind of God? If you could see things with the eyes of pure love, you would see that much of what you pose to yourself as terrible things or problems is really the best thing. Know this: if it happens and there is nothing that any person could have possibly done about it, then I Myself determined it. If I Myself determined it then it is the best possible thing for all concerned.

I am good and I know all things. If you had Pure Love with which to see clearly My workings in such matters, you would not see them as problems. The only problems that you really have are the problems that you create for yourself or that I allow you to endure because they are in your ultimate best interest.

Some children do die young, but it is not a bad thing! It is a good thing. The real problem is that you view it as a problem. And how can this problem of your false perceptions be overcome? Love is the answer. If you would follow My instructions and become your natural self, you would not see good as a problem. Learn to be what you were intended to be by learning of Me—Love—and you shall not be deceived. Love is the answer.

Sometimes I worry a lot about whether we will be able to pay all of our bills and have enough money left to buy the proper food that we need.

Who is the cause of your financial problems? You yourself are the cause of your financial difficulties. Do you have too many bills? You were the one that signed them and bought the things that you really did not need. Why? Do you not make enough money at the job you perform to live at the type of life you desire to live at? Who has accepted the job at that salary? You. Do you seem to have bad financial luck and every investment that you make turns sour on you? Who chose those bad risk type investments? You did.

Do you not know that I love you and am willing to take good care of you? Look at the birds. They don't work—they don't have jobs. Yet I take good care of all of them! And you are My beloved child; you are worth far more than any bird! Why is it then that I am not taking good

care of you? Because you are not allowing Me to! I will not force My gifts on you. I love you too much to become your dictator. Why will you not accept these wonderful gifts that I have prepared for you? This is the real problem.

There is plenty of wealth and resources to go around. Your fair share is a great fortune indeed. Why have you not accepted it? It is just waiting for you to take the steps necessary to acquire it. Why do you not set out to make your fortune—if that be your wish for now? Because you do not believe in Me or in yourself! This is the reason.

This, then, is the real problem: You do not have enough confidence and trust in yourself, or Me, to take the necessary chances and steps to achieve the financial status that is best for you. Do you not know that there are thousands just like you who finally get up the courage to venture out into the world and make their fortunes? They are no better or smarter than you. But they have one quality that you still lack: faith in themselves and Me. If you had the faith in yourself that you could indeed achieve the goals and dreams that you have, then you would begin. You have not yet begun? Why is this? The problem is that you do not love yourself enough to trust yourself. You say to yourself, “Perhaps I shall fail and look foolish. Perhaps I shall wind up worse than I am now. I had better not attempt it. It’s too dangerous for someone like Me.”

If you were really intended to have a certain amount of wealth that I have destined for you, and you trusted yourself and Me enough to do everything in your power to achieve it, do you really think that I would let you down? No. I love you. I want you to do well. Yet I can do nothing until you trust in both of us. If I am willing to take such good care of even grass and insects, would I not be willing to take great care of you and do all that is best for you? Why have I not done so? You have not yet allowed Me to.

Learn to love yourself and Me, and then you will trust yourself and Me. And when you have the trust, the self-confidence that I have destined for you shall return to you. Then you will be able to achieve all of the goals that I have established for you. And they are far greater than the dreams that you have yourself. Nothing can stop you from achieving all this—nothing except YOU. Love yourself and then you can accept all this. Love is the answer.

I don't seem to be as happy as I would like to be. How can I be happier?

Love is the answer. What is it that brings a man happiness? What is the secret to joy in life? How can you be filled with peaceful joy and pleasure? The answer is simple. Love is the answer. Do you not remember your childhood? Do you not realize that you took great pleasure in just being alive? Do you remember smelling a flower for the first time, or seeing Santa, or going to a birthday party, or going fishing with your dad, or seeing your mom smile because you had done something really good? Do you not remember that you took such great pleasure in the simplest things? Do you not remember when you laid on your back looking up at the clouds, picturing them as animals? Do you not remember dreaming of being a fireman or detective or doctor or whatever? Do you not remember watching your favorite comedy? Do you not remember your first girlfriend, or your first kiss? Do you not remember the joy of touching a girl? Do you not remember the fulfillment of being one of the guys in your group? Do you not remember playing games and running and jumping and such things? Do you not remember all of the simple joy and happiness that filled your life—long, long ago?

What has happened to all of these simple joys? Why do you no longer enjoy all of it? It is still just as enjoyable! There are still clouds to see, and dreams to dream, and friends to enjoy, and girls to touch, and family to be with, and a million simple joys surrounding you at every turn. Look around you! Do you not see the flowers? Do you not know that if you were to sit down in the grass in your yard and look carefully at a small part of the ground that you would discover hundreds of marvels of life, all of which could be greatly enjoyed?

Do you stop and look at an anthill for five or ten minutes to see their busyness? Do you wonder about the stars and how many there are? Do you see the children in the park playing on the slide? Do you hear the laughter of your own children? Do you hear the words "I love you" coming from those around you? Do you appreciate the sacrifice that others are now making for you? Do you understand that there are many who think that you are a great person? Do you realize that many people care about you and value you as a person?

Life is live! Join in! Here is where it is, now is when it is, YOU are what IT is! Come back to the appreciation of all of life's wonders and simple pleasures. Allow yourself to fully enjoy all that I have given to you. Did you hear that bird today? As you were walking along, feeling like your normal unhappy self, I sent a wonderful bird near you. The bird sang his best—just for you. I sent him to cheer you up. But, as with most all of the treasures that I have bestowed upon you with generosity and regularity, you ignored and did not appreciate it. I sent the bird for you alone! There was no one else around to hear or enjoy his beautiful song. You alone could have enjoyed that moment in that place.

Why do you refuse to enjoy yourself, life, nature, and others? I have given you so much! You are so fortunate, and yet you do not appreciate it. And the problem is not that there is nothing to enjoy, the real problem is that you refuse to enjoy anything. And the little that you will allow yourself to enjoy, you do not allow yourself to fully enjoy! You have become your own worst enemy. You will not allow yourself any pleasure. I send you many things that you could take great joy in; but I shall not force you to enjoy them.

Why do you not allow yourself to enjoy life's treasures? You do not purely love yourself. There are people in much the same situation as you are and they enjoy themselves tremendously. They laugh and smile, and they feel great when they wake up. They just can't wait to go out into the world on another day and see what treasures I have prepared for them on that new and glorious day. They fear almost nothing and they enjoy almost everything. The difference between them and you is that they Love with a pure heart. They love themselves, Me, and their neighbor. Since they have so much love and their love is so pure, they allow themselves to fully enjoy everything. They have few problems and they have marvelous personalities and outlooks on life. The psychologist Abraham Maslow calls these people, Self-actualized people. This means people who realize their full potential.

This is the key—they have allowed themselves to become more of what they could be than you have now allowed yourself to be. The closer you are to being your true self, the greater is your joy and excitement in life. Let Me show you all of the wonders that I have placed here for your enjoyment! Let Me love you! Come back into My

waiting and loving arms. Let Me share My joy with you. Open your eyes and see! Become your true self again.

The problem is that you do not fully enjoy yourself, life, and nature because you are not what you should be. The key element that you lack is pure and intense love. Love is the answer.

There is a great concern among most of the people of the world that we might have a nuclear war and that it would be worse than anything the world has ever seen. How can this terrible war be prevented?

There are some things that are destined and foretold, but it is within man's power to change the very course of history. What is to stop man from bringing peace on earth—if all men choose it and work towards it? If all men were willing to live in trust of each other then there would not be this massive threat that you have created towards each other. Why is man so afraid of his fellow man? Why do you start wars and fight your neighbor? Because you are insecure in your own personality. If you felt secure in your own mind, you would not feel this strong compulsion to defend yourself against everything outside of you. When the time came, I did not defend Myself.

I say to you, resist not evil. Rather, be your true self and evil shall not overcome you. I shall turn the evil others do to you to good and you shall profit from it. Be your natural self and love as you should, and you shall not have these fears—you will find My favor. If you had My favor, and if your relationship with Me were good and sound, would I allow you to endure some hardship that was not in your best interest? Why do you concern yourself over such matters?

There is evil in the world and there shall continue to be evil for a time. You should rather concern yourself with doing what you were sent here to do. Love Me and follow My guidance for you. This is what is most important for you right now. Do this, and everything else will fall into its proper place for you.

I am very powerful and if I am for you, who can stand against you and win? If all men would do this then there would be peace in the world. If all men trusted their fellow man, then there would be no fear of war. Peniel's book *Utopia*, about the supposedly perfect society of man, deals with all of this in detail. This is enough spoken of it here.

The problem is that man fears his brother because he is not secure in his own mind. If he were his true self, if he loved purely, he would have no fears such as this. Love is the answer.

This should be enough for them to get the idea, Peniel. Let us stop the questioning here. For no matter what the problem or difficulty a person may pose, **LOVE IS THE ANSWER!**

Be patient with all of us, Father, for we are so ignorant and so stubborn.

You may be a great help to Me if you shall remain in My love. Continue to follow in My footsteps.