

ever needed, who has been present to me all throughout the challenges in my life. I am looking for a man to be my God-man.' I was instantly liberated."

Courtship with the Beloved

Courtship with the Beloved occurs when the inner life and the spiritual life merge. The inner turn converges with the mystical path. Tending soul articulates the deepening and re-collection of the eternal echo, the return of the lover to the beloved. The way of the mystic on the path of love teaches that "only the love of God can fulfill the desire of the human soul, and all other forms are only as steps that lead to the love of God. The love of God is living and everlasting and the love of the true Beloved."

The same principles apply to courtship with the Beloved in the spiritual realm that apply to courtship in a human relationship. Approach the courtship with devotion and commitment. Dedicate yourself to a spiritual practice and remain sensitive to daily nuances. Tune in through deep listening and refine the connection in contemplation. Love is reminiscent. As one becomes more and more absorbed, life is the instrument, the song of this love. As with your lover, throughout the day make contact, strengthening the bond and enhancing the courtship. Pray about your challenges and concerns. Convey your needs and ask for support. Witness the response in accordance with your thought. Recognize the spiritual demonstrations revealing and manifesting themselves.

"Late at night, in the pouring rain, I was driving an economy rental car in a rural area. It was so pitch black and rainy that I could barely tell whether or not I was driving in the right direction. I passed my turnoff and had to turn my car around. Turning around, I went off the pavement into a bog holding a week's worth of rain. My car wheels sank deep into the mud and after several attempts of spinning wheels I saw there was no way I could get the car out. The wheels were sunk in the muck of the earth. Time passed. I had no resources available. All I knew to do was pray and ask God for help. Out of nowhere this enormous truck stopped, flooding my car with its headlights. A bigger-than-life man got out

of this truck. Without a word, he chained my vehicle to his truck and pulled me out of the mud. I wanted to thank him, so I turned to get him some money. Before I could hand him a twenty, he was gone.”

Even when you cry in the deep silence of the night, confess and whisper your secrets. Know that you are loved. In the light of every new day awaits a spiritual breakthrough.

“I was attending a school that required sixty hours of one-on-one supervision. The going rate for supervision was one hundred and twenty-five dollars an hour. I was student poor and had no idea where I was going to get the money to fulfill this requirement. I tossed and turned throughout the night, sad, ashamed, and embarrassed by my poverty. The next day I went for my morning walk around the neighborhood and was talking to God about my conundrum. At one point the wind blew up a gust and, as I looked up into the sky, a piece of paper came spiraling down. I reached for it in mid air. It was a check written for cash in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars! I called the person listed on the check and she said, ‘Oh, that is my mother! She resides in a nursing home in your area and has been writing checks and throwing them out her bedroom window.’ I graciously agreed to dispose of the check. I knew that the resources I needed for my supervision were at hand.”

In recognition of the Source, rejoice and celebrate. Give thanks to your Beloved in the same manner you would your lover — with anonymous love offerings, with senseless acts of beauty, with random acts of kindness. Tithing to the Source stimulates the universal law of reciprocity and the continuous flow of abundance and prosperity.

Dialogue with the Beloved

“One day my husband said to me, very carefully, ‘I hear you talking away downstairs and I don’t know who you’re talking to...yourself, the cat, me?’

“I said, ‘When I am not talking to you, myself, or the cat, you can know I am talking with God.’”