Love Does Not Need a Day

Valentine's Day is not wrong.

It is simply limited.

- A day for flowers.
- A day for cards.
- A day for gestures of affection.
- A day when love is invited to make itself visible.

And there is something beautiful in that.

Yet I sometimes wonder whether, in our eagerness to express love, we begin confusing the gesture with the love itself.

A gift may express affection.

But it cannot measure it.

A beautiful dinner may create a cherished memory.

But it cannot tell us how deeply two people understand one another.

And a declaration of love, however sincere, cannot replace the quiet care through which love is lived.

Love does not respond only to calendars.

It responds to attention.

- To kindness.
- To understanding.
- To the space we make for one another.

Sometimes love looks like a warm embrace.

- Sometimes it is a thoughtful gesture.
- Sometimes it is listening without trying to fix.
- Sometimes it is respecting another person's need for space.

And sometimes it is having the courage to speak an uncomfortable truth rather than preserving a comfortable appearance.

Perhaps the question is not:

"How should I show my love today?"

But:

"What is love asking of me in this moment?"

Perhaps it is asking for tenderness.

Perhaps for patience.

Perhaps for honesty.

Perhaps simply for Presence.

- Not every expression of love needs to be grand.
- Not every silence needs to be filled.
- Not every gesture needs to prove something.

And not every expectation needs to be met merely because the calendar says so.

When love arises from understanding rather than pressure, even the smallest gesture may carry meaning.

- A smile.
- A conversation.
- A moment of genuine interest.

Or simply allowing another person to be themselves.

Love need not become a performance to be recognised.

So perhaps Valentine's Day can serve as a gentle reminder.

- Not to measure how much love we have received.
- Not to compare how beautifully others have expressed it.

But to become a little more curious about how love is actually lived.

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But if a day reminds us to love with greater Presence, then perhaps it has offered something worthwhile.

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