Daily Reflection,

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Merlin speaks on Gift-Giving!



Well now here we are once again! This is your friend Merlin and I would like to speak with you about what you are calling gift-giving, something many of you are engaging in during this month of December.

Long ago there was a gathering of beings who lived peacefully together in a tiny village at the foot of a mountain. During certain times of the year, their tradition was to give. What did they give?

Well, here is where they did shine! They went into their homes and prayed until they were sure that they were holding in their hands their most favorite object or belonging. And it was that most favorite belonging that they gave to their neighbor. Each neighbor giving to another, their most favorite belonging… their most favorite, their treasure… without hesitation… simply because it was their tradition, the way that they lived.

Now I'm not suggesting that you discern what is your prized possession, your treasure, that which you truly love… and then give it to your neighbor or even your best friend. I am simply saying, my dears, that there resides within your being a certain treasure. It is not an external object. What we are speaking of together here in this moment is something that lives and resides inside of you.

What is it? Well there is so much about you that could be considered a real treasure! But for this moment I am speaking of the beauty of the energy that flows forth from you when you are genuinely caring about another being.

You see, you realize that you are what is called "in the soup"; that is, you are all flowing in the same energy patterns, the same essence of being. And while you are all taking form as seeming individuals, you are still comprised of the



same life force, the same essence of being, the same soup.

And when you place your focus upon another being, when you care about that being, and when you decide to give to that being; something occurs. The unseen occurs. What is it?

The vibrational frequencies of your own being cast aside the illusion that you are separate beings, the essence of that which you are reaches forth in a way that causes the distortion of illusion to vanish! Yes, my dears, to vanish!

What else occurs? It is this. The life force, the breath itself recognizes a clear pathway for the celebration of the Truth of One, for the celebration of the dissolving of the illusion that says we are all separate beings, that you are all individuals… so very different from each other, so very separated from each other… so very alone.

My dears, when you decide to consciously care about another being, to give to another being; your very decision breathes a breath upon that illusion and celebrates the wholeness of being, the Truth of One. Do you see?

This is what your decision to give is all about, my dears. Oh yes, you will perhaps go forth and decide what it is you would like to give to a friend, a child, a family member. Of course you will, some of you. And while you are either creating a gift or purchasing a gift, it is the decision to give that is the real treasure.



Oh yes, I might add that in the village of which I have spoken, before a being gave the gift of his or her treasure to the neighbor,



each being breathed a breath of love, of fulfillment, of wholeness, and of deep appreciation for having the gift of that treasure. Do you see?

Whatever is yours, whatever is your treasure… is something very special, isn't it. Yes it is. And it is a gift to you that you can appreciate whatever is your treasure. And if you were to share that treasure with another, you would perhaps begin — as did those villagers — by remembering about your treasure… when it came to you, how it came to live in your heart, and more so… why it seems to be your treasure.

And before you delivered it into the hands of another, perhaps you would love it, appreciate it… and all the while, you would be breathing your breath of love upon and within it.

And when you decided to give your treasure to another being, that decision would then open a pathway through the seeming illusion of separation from the whole, that decision would open a pathway for the celebration of truth.



And, my dears, when you did give… the giving would be whole, would be conscious, would be a celebration of the real joy of giving.

And now, here you are during a season where many beings are gathering together gifts to give, to share with others. And many of you will be sharing in this experience. Yet I suppose I am asking you to remember, to remember that even your decision to give… is a gift itself… to you and to the being or



beings about whom you are caring.

I suppose I am asking you to remember that when you give, if you would remember those villagers and take one moment to love the gift that you are giving, to breathe your breath of love, of hopes fulfilled, and of wholeness of being upon that gift… you would be serving the entire universe in a very deep way

You see, my dears, you are here to celebrate truth. You know that, of course. You are here to breathe a breath upon the illusion and anchor the light of who you are. And you are here to dance and play, to love and be loved, to laugh, to cry… to live life to its fullest.

And when you proceed with giving in a conscious way, when you choose to recognize exactly what is the gift you are giving, it is then that you are doing something magnificent! What is the magnificent?



You are… in that moment you are dissolving the distortion. In that moment you are calling the illusion by its real name: nothing. And you are celebrating the real thing, the real treasure: the Truth that you are all One Being. One Heart. One Mind. One Spirit. One. And that the All That Is flows forth to take form in a myriad of ways… all comprised of the same soup.

My dears, as I speak with you in this

little chat, I am certain… I am certain that you all who receive these words have the capability of giving… of giving beyond the material … though those material gifts are wonderful… of giving of your own self… of giving your deep inner love…. And I do know that you do so automatically. You are always overflowing with love and the blessings of who you are. I am simply bringing to your conscious knowing, the loveliness of your sweet nature.

Until we speak again, my dears, I am *Merlin!*

