怎么知道你是否在恋爱! 真爱的十个测试 作者: 威廉·奥尔

测试二、你盼望和对方在一起吗?

接下来是第二项测试: 你盼望和对方在一起吗? 我指的是这个特殊的人。对方的出现对你而言,比其他任何一个人的出现都更有意义吗? 你宁可和他/她在一起,而不是和其他你认识的人在一起吗?

这个世界上充满了形形色色的人。人口统计调查员说起世界上的人口,都是以十亿来计算的。但是在这茫茫人海里,如果你真的爱上一个人,你只会选择这个人做你的伴侣,不是这样吗?

你去哪里并不重要。不管去教会,去社交,开车,走路……只要对方在,对你而言都是一样的。

当你早上醒来,第一件事,心里就开始盘算什么时候能够再见到他/她呢?无论你去学校,或者去上班,你身体里有一个看不见的时钟,总在计算再过几小时,或者几分钟,他/她会再次出现。其它所有的任务、介绍和乐趣比起来都是次要的了。

请不要让我解释为什么会有这种现象。我只知道真爱就是这个样子的。我不能制造爱,上帝能够。我只是试图来解释爱的特点。

但是有一点是真的。当你真正爱一个人的时候,你们不在一起时,你总是非常盼望你能和对方再次见面。爱人的出现既令人兴奋,又让人满足。令人兴奋是因为他/她的出现使你的身体高度警惕,你的眼睛闪闪发光,你的面容更加可爱。你的心跳加快。你的脚步变得更有活力。

但是爱人的出现也令人满足,因为你渴望见到对方的需要被满足了。少点什么的感觉不见了。愿望得以实现,你心里的渴望得 到答案。他/她就在这里,爱人的出现使你整个人得到安息。

有一句老话说:"一个没有妻子的男人只能算是半个男人。"这话也许是对的。当你真的在恋爱的时候,如果你离开自己喜爱的对象,就好像缺了一半似的,这是毫无疑问的。在你的里面,有某种东西不断在呼求你爱的人的出现。但是这是正常的,因为上帝的计划就是这样。因为在爱中,一种很强的凝聚力把你们连在一起。你知道,婚姻是一生一世的,新郎和新娘从此要一起共度幸福时光。

请不要误解我。我在这里并不是指身体接触。我不是指热情的拥抱或者香吻。这些事情在一方诚实地、体面地和另一方订婚后自然会发生。但是真正的爱在爱人出现时就已经得到满足了。

甚至不需要语言。通常两人会在一起说说话,但有时一些恋人只是坐在一起做梦。我知道这对于无关的外人来讲可能听起来有些不可思议,但是等到你自己恋爱的时候,你就会明白我说的是什么了。

恋爱的双方也从来不会对彼此产生厌倦。无论双方在一起多久,也不会觉得太久。事实上,你愿意和对方永远在一起。如果必要,你愿意跨越大洋去见对方,许多人已经这么做了。无论高山,还是汹涌的大河,都不能阻止你们。是的,确实,事实就是这样。

你心里觉得,没有他/她的每一分钟都是在浪费时间。并不是你不在乎其他人,你的朋友、你爱的人、亲戚、熟人等等。你也喜欢去了解他们。但是他/她却是不同的。他/她在你心里的位置是任何其他人无法取代的。除非你们在一起,否则你的生命就是不完全的。

How To Tell If You're In Love – 10 Tests For True Love by William W. Orr

Test Number Two

Do You Long to....

Here then is test number two. Do you long to be with him? I mean...this special person. Does his presence mean more to you than

any other person? Would you rather be with him than with any other you know?

The world is pretty well filled with people. The census takers speak of the world's population in terms of billions. But out of them all, if you're truly in love, you'd choose but one for your companion. Is that so?

It may not matter too much where you go. It could be in church, to a social, for a drive, on a walk...what difference if he's there?

When you awake in the morning your heart immediately starts planning when you will see him again? And as you go to school or work there's always an unconscious time clock counting the hours or minutes until you can be in his presence. All other tasks, introductions, pleasures seem to be secondary.

Please don't ask me to explain this phenomenon. I only know that this is the way love is. I didn't manufacture love. God did that. I'm only endeavoring to describe its characteristics.

But it's true. When you truly love someone, all other time seems to be looking forward to the hours you can be with him. The presence of the one beloved seems to both thrill and satisfy. It thrills because it makes your whole body alert. Your eyes sparkle, your complexion lovely, your heartbeat quickens, your step more elastic.

But it satisfies too, for now your quest is satisfied. The sense of someone being missing is now changed. The longing that has enveloped your heart is now answered. There he is, and your whole being is at rest in his presence.

There's an old saying that a man without a wife is only half a man. Be that as it may, there's no doubt that when you're in love, if you're apart from the object of your affection, you're only half there. There's something inside of you that's continually calling out for the presence of your loved one. But this is normal and this is the way God has planned it. For love has built into it a very strong cohesive bond. You see, marriage is to be all of life and the bride and the groom are to live happily ever after....together.

...Be With Him?

Do not misunderstand me. I do not necessarily mean there must be physical contact. I do not mean passionate embrace or warm kisses. These have their place in due time when one is honestly and honorably pledged to the other. But true love is satisfied just to be in the loved one's presence.

There need not even be conversation. Usually something is said, but then again some lovers just sit and dream together. I know to the uninitiated outsider this might sound silly. But you wait until you're in love, and you'll understand what I mean.

Nor do lovers ever tire of one another. It just seems that you can't be too much in his presence. In fact, you'd go to almost any length to be with him. You'd cross an ocean if necessary, and many have. High mountains would not stop you, neither swollen rivers. Yea, verily, that's the way it is.

As far as your heart goes, every moment seems wasted that is not spent with him. It isn't that you're not fond of other people, friends, loved ones, relatives, acquaintances. You enjoy knowing them too. But somehow he is different. He does something to your heart that no other person does. Life is just not complete unless you're together.

Now, let me turn again to an even more beautiful truth. Your love for Jesus Christ is measured by the same characteristic. It can be said that you truly love Him, if you earnestly desire to be in His presence.

The death of Christ to the Christian is the greatest event in all time. It was there the fountain of cleansing was opened for guilty sinners like you and me. Here is the pardon for all transgressions. Here is the beginning of all life. But we must be careful not to separate the death of Christ from His burial and resurrection. One is not complete without the other.

There has been a great deal of emphasis upon the death of Christ on the cross. This is excellent and vitally necessary, but the death of Christ is incomplete without the story of His resurrection. Many religious leaders have died, only One has ever risen from the dead. The Lord Jesus Christ is thoroughly and beautifully unique. There can be no comparison made with all the other religious leaders of all time.

Not only did Christ die for our sins, but He rose from the dead to live through us. In this respect the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ is different from all other religions in the world. Christ not only died,

He rose again. He rose to be a "Friend of all friends" in our daily lives.

Can you think of a better Companion? Christ is the ultimate in wisdom and strength. He is the greatest Teacher, the most perfect

Example, the most trustworthy Leader, the most rewarding Master, in all of time. Can any compare with Him?

And more amazing than all, He wants to be with us. He has expressed His desire to walk with those who love Him. He is not too busy, nor too concerned with the affairs of this vast, intricate universe to spend time in walking with those who will walk with Him. That's something, isn't it?

The crux of the matter is....do we love Him? And if we do, do we demonstrate that love by our deep desire to be with Him? This is a good test of our love. Would we rather be with Christ than anyone we know?

This is a spiritual matter I know, but it's nonetheless real. Christ will walk with us, but only if we want Him, and only if our relationship is a love relationship. He cannot and will not walk with those who are not interested.

But you can test your love. Ask yourself these questions: Do I earnestly want to talk with Christ? Am I willing to put aside other considerations that I might cultivate His? Is my Christian life based on this relationship?

If your honest answers are that you have not...I have a suggestion. Trying walking with Christ? You'll enjoy it greatly. It will grow on you. And I believe it won't be long until your heart will agree...that you do love Him.

Someone has put it this way. To know Christ is to love Him. To know Christ better is to love Him better. And if you will earnestly seek to know Him better than anyone else in life, your love for Him will be commensurate with your knowledge. It is not by chance that Christ is called "The One Altogether Lovely" or "The most Chief of Ten Thousand." He is the Blessed One whom you can know better every day and still find your love for Him growing to the same extent. So there's the answer....the test of your love for Christ will be equal to your desire to be with Him.