

Another Attempt: The Chemistry between Love and Joy

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There is no time and there has never been time, indeed. It is all about the imagination. It is all about the senses, they say. At the opposite extreme, it might also have been regarded as totally the other way around by many others. Can anything be real? Or is it all about an illusion? Raising a hand, and uttering a “Who tells the truth?” In the everlasting process of continuity and diligence until the wagons arrive at the next station. Time is an imperative to those who are perpetually moving and acting until the next challenge appears. Wait a second; but is this feasible? They tend to say “Love makes it possible” – at least in an illusionary way. To make this happen, there needs to be passion, determination, confidence, trustworthiness, hard work, intelligence. This illusion brings one’s soul into the frontiers of other souls. The doors are never open to those who wait. Then comes the next hurdle: the pursuit of joy and happiness. It resembles mining. The everlasting struggle to search for and imagine and feel illusionary items in the never thoroughly explored ocean of joy, happiness, love ... and in the end? Disappointment or achievements? In the end temporary or permanent states of ‘joy and love’ dancing together hand in hand, day by day, through the dawn of new days and future hurdles?

To the ones who have reached those high hills, the deepest levels of the oceans, and uninhabited valleys: Does experience matter or is the story always different for those who seek love and joy simultaneously? Let us put coincidence into the equation to make things more miserable. What comes first and what follows afterward? When love appears first, is it a precondition to arrive at the valley of joy? Is there a formula that brings us to the solutions in a straightforward manner? In the pursuit of love and joy, one may need to struggle against the hurdles created by nature itself. Nature is the last thing to blame. Love is floating in the air, where the portions of joy and happiness also disperse. Therefore, it is not usually very easy to find the right chemistry between love and joy in the age of uncertainty and environmental hurdles. Henceforth, optimism struggles against pessimism once again; everything is more complex and complicated than ever.

Like those century-old texts that were found under the *terra incognita*. They offer answers to our curiosity in various ways. Resembling amendments made in the constitutions and laws; how about the rules and laws of love, joy, and happiness? One of the probable answers that might be put



forward is: The relationship between love and joy is in an everlasting changing process, hence it is dynamic. Stories tell the truth and imagine truth about love and joy, and each piece of text about it takes one step forward towards knowing more about love and joy. There has never been a unique formula that offers permanent solutions about the relationship between love and joy. Therefore, the hints and lessons love and joy provide to us are interesting and the outcomes or lessons mean different things to different human beings. The pursuit of love and joy has been reconstructing itself through different souls, locations, times, and personalities.

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