Notes and Ideas on the concept of LOVE:

*Two words in Greek are used in the Bible.*

**3rd Degree: AGAPE**: (divine Love) 25 in Strong’s and Thayer’s Greek Dictionary

* Used often in the First Epistle of John of the love of Christians toward one another; of the benevolence which God has exhibited by sending his son to them; the love which led Christ in procuring human salvation, to undergo sufferings and death, the idea of affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, grateful recognition of benefits received when used of love to a master, God or Christ
* Affection, good-will, love, benevolence
* Of the love of men to men; of that love of Christians towards Christians
* Of the love of men towards God
* Of the love of God towards men
* Of the love of Christ towards men
* Enkindled by the Holy Spirit

**2nd degree: PHILEO**: (human love) 5368 in Thayer’s Greek Dictionary

* To approve of; to like; have admiration
* To treat affectionately or kindly like a friend
* To befriend
* To show signs of love
* To delight in; long for
* Brotherly love (Philadelphia)

1st degree: (not in the Scriptures) ***Eros***

* mortal love; includes passion, lust, appetites
* will to possess and get depends on want, need, incompleteness
* seeks to gain life and fears its loss
* acquisitive desire, longing,
* erotic, is aroused, stimulated by the believed worth of the object or person
* determines the quality, beauty and worth of an object (person) then loves in

direct proportion to worth

* relative
* egocentric, selfish, asserts itself always

Love (agape) with a capital ‘L’ is a term for God in the writings of Mary Baker Eddy. This Love is the highest level of Love; it is divine, infinite ever-present, all powerful, and all active. Love as God is unchanging, permanent, never fluctuating, always constant, everlasting.

The word love with no capital letter is a human sense of love, a personal emotion of love for a person or thing. If that person goes away (through death, divorce, separation, etc.) it can quickly change to grief, jealousy, hatred, disappointment, personal attachment, domination, etc.)

**We must to learn to love everyone with the divine level of Love. That’s what brings healing.**

**Mis. 119:22-24**

**Insubordination to the law of Love even in the least,**

**or strict obedience thereto, tests and discriminates be-**

**tween the real and the unreal Scientist.**

In *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy* by Irving Tomlinson, page 104, this question was asked of Mrs. Eddy.

“What is the best way to bring about an instantaneous healing?

“There were many answers, but when they had finished, she said that it is to love, to be love and to live love. There is nothing but Love. Love is the secret of all healing, the love which forgets self and dwells in the secret place, in the realm of the real. But it is not mere human love that heals, she pointed out, not a love for a person nor for anything – it is Love itself. The realization of this love for a moment will heal the sick or raise the dead.”

“Man is idea, the image of Love” SH 475

**What would love do or look like?**

- Tenderness, kind, considerate, compassionat,e warm, good

- Appreciate, unconditional, affectionate, cherish, gentle

- Inclusive, friendly, thoughtful, bear true witness, live the Golden Rule

- Mark the perfect man

**What would love not do?**

Never criticize, gossip, covet, look for faults

Never malpractice, bear false witness, hate, resent

Never be envious, jealous,

Never be cold, rough, impatient, react