

# THE AWAKENING

*Only By Love Is Love Awakened*

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.  
-Mahatma Gandhi

**“Forgiveness means refusing to make them pay for what they did. However to refrain from lashing out at someone, when you want to do so with all your being, is agony. It is a form of suffering, You are absorbing the debt, taking the cost of it, completely on yourself instead of taking it out on the other person. It hurts terribly. Many people would say it feels like a kind of death. Yes, but it is a death that leads to resurrection, instead of the life long bitterness and cynicism” - Reason for God, Tim Keller**

**“Everyone who forgives someone bears the other’s sin.” - Bonhoeffer**

**Luke 11.21-22**—“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

**Matthew 26.52-53**—Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at

**Luke 7.42 (KIV)**—“And when they [two debtors] had nothing to pay, he [their creditor] frankly forgave them both”

**John 10.30**—“I and the Father are one.”

**John 14.10 (NIV)**—“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.”

**John 14:9**—Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

**2 Corinthians 5.19**—God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them.

**Ephesians 4.32**—Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**1 John 3.8**—The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.

**John 8.44**—He is a liar and the father of lies. (cf. Genesis 3:1-6)

**John 12.27,28 (NASB)**—Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, “Father, save Me from this hour”? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”

## The Dark Night of the Soul

**Luke 23.34**—But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

**Matthew 27.46**—About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

**Matthew 27.45**—From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

**Luke 23.44**—It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

“God Is Love”—1 John 4:8

\*All texts quoted from the New American Standard Bible unless otherwise noted.

once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

**Acts 2.22**—Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—**this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.**

**Acts 4:27,28**—For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

**Ephesians 6.12**—For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**Ephesians 3.10**—His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

**Luke 22.66-69**— . . . But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

**John 1.5**—The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Psalms 69.15**—May the flood of water not overflow me nor the deep swallow me up, nor the pit shut its mouth on me.

**Psalms 39.13**—Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again before I depart and am no more.

**Psalms 41.8**—A wicked thing is poured out upon him, that when he lies down, he will not rise up again.

**Psalm 88.45**—“ . . . I am reckoned among those who go down to the pit; I have become like a man without strength, forsaken among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, and they are cut off from Your hand. You have put me in the lowest pit, in dark places, in the depths. Your wrath has rested upon me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah . . . .”

**Colossians 2:13-15**—He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**Hebrews 9.14**—How much more, then, will the blood of Christ . . . cleanse our consciences from acts that produce death, so that we may serve the living God!

**Luke 9.18-27**—Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.” Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it . . . . Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

**John 17.25-26 (NIV)**—“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you. . . . I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

