

Weekly Meditation, November 4, 2009  
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### **A Love Like That**

*Even after all this time the sun never says to the earth, "You owe me."  
Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky.  
~ Hafiz (translated by Daniel Ladinsky in "The Gift")*

The sun's nature is to shine, to give light. All life on the planet depends on it. Yet the sun never turns to us and says, "you owe me." The sun never sends us an energy bill. The sun never demands anything from all that grows in its light. Shining is what the sun does.

I wonder sometimes where we ever got the idea that God is less generous than the sun? Where did we get those images of God that leave us feeling like beggars at the gate? Where did folks get the idea that God is a bill collector and that we are big-time in debt?

I remember a line from a play I once saw on Broadway, "I feel like God is a sadistic rugby player and I'm the ball!" Where does that stuff come from? Fear, I think. Fear and insecurity, doubt in our own value and our reluctance to accept that we are not omnipotent.

Imagine that God's love constantly streams to us the way sunlight streams all over the earth, with more energy and power than we can fathom, because loving is what God does. Imagine God's voice to you is an invitation to wholeness rather than a demand for perfection. If we chose to believe that God delights in us instead of acting like indentured servants, imagine who we might grow up to be.

A love like that lights up the whole sky...

**Prayer:** *God, dissolve my doubts today. Dissolve anything that hides you from me. Thank you for the abundance of love that is flowing all around me today. Give me eyes to see that love and you. Amen.*