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# LOVE FOUND A WAY. (Drafted it 20 years ago, now sharing @Linkedin this old and important post even more valid and relevant, today!)

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A couple of years ago, a dear Pastor, Charles Stanley, sent me his Christmas magazine ('In Touch'), where he wrote some inspired words about a classic hymn:

**Love Found a Way. Below, after the transcription of that lyric, I would like to reflect about that, and share with you my hope that one day, out of a deep love for Christ and for every human being, we will find a new and more energetic way to destroy shameful barriers and build more bridges, especially among us, Christians: Our credibility and the whole Christian message's credibility will be proportional to the degree of our Unity. Definitively we have the greatest message the world has ever heard; our solemn liturgies perpetuate and lively reveal the greatest Love ever shown to man. Nevertheless, only our love, mutual love and deep love for all, but especially among us, until the fulfillment of the Testament of Jesus, *That They May Be One*, will make the world believe that God's love really found a marvelous way to be Emmanuel (God with us), and really has already saved us in every sense and dimension that really matters. As He told us, everything and every event will ended up in profit for those who really pursue the Will of God.**

*Wonderful love that rescued me,  
Sunk deep in sin,  
Guilty and vile as I could be -- no hope within;  
When every ray o light had fled -- O glorious day!  
Raising my soul from out the dead,  
love found a way.  
Love found a way to redeem my soul,  
Love found a way that could make me whole;  
Love sent my Lord to the cross of shame,  
Love found a way -- O praise His holy name!*

In fact, I sincerely believe Love not only found a way, but also continues to find new ways now and in the future. Real Love is stronger than death, it is ingenious, unconditional and faithfully constant; it is persistent to the end. But only that initial "Way" of redemption, His decisive Way, is perfect, absolute and it is irreversible. It divides the entire human history in two worlds, for ever: After **or** before Jesus Christ. The incarnation, sacrifice, death and resurrection of the Messiah, out of an abysmal kind of Love, found The Way, the only WAY, and not just a way. All other authentically good "ways" were, are and will always be direct or indirect consequences of this priceless, merciful, awesome "Christmas" WAY: The Christian WAY. Almost 500 years ago, Luís de Camões, the greatest writer in my mother language (Portuguese), wrote a little poem (in the middle of thousands) called 'Refugio':

*"You! You who seek serenity in the wide tempestuous sea of the world,  
cease and abandon all hope of ever finding peace,  
except in Jesus Christ, God Crucified.*

*If wealth absorbs your thoughts and preoccupies your nights,  
God is the greatest treasure of all;  
And if you're looking for beauty, always recall  
that God alone is the Beauty that satisfies.  
If you seek delights to set your heart on fire,  
remember that God's the sweetest of all, Who rewards  
His followers with victory at last;  
If honor and glory are what you most desire,  
no greater honor or glory has ever surpassed  
humbly serving the highest Lord of Lords".*

All real, unfixable problems of humanity are already solved for 2000 years. In addition, the absolutely required foundation for the solution of all other fixable problems plus the final or ultimate "Solution" is not an economic system or some governmental model; it's a messianic Person that granted us Himself and His messianic Kingdom of Love and Justice, clearly warning us that *...without Him, we will **not** be able to accomplish anything!* (John-15:5). Depend on each one of us to receive it or not, consciously, independently of other people levels of commitments or refusal. Ultimately each one of us is let alone to decided... Salvation is an individual responsibility, without being a literal "duty" (so to speak), because it is the utmost, the only "absolute" Human Right", in my opinion. *"What can a man profit for, if he wins the whole world, but loses his own soul?"*(Lk.9:25) Fr. Leo Clifford, speaking about such astonish responsibility, wisely explains why the devil never waste time trying to convince us to deny the existence of God and His final Justice: Because he knows our being, deep inside, 'instinctively' tell us otherwise. Even people that deny God, probably are lying to themselves or secretly **don't want** His existence, like a mini-god facing "unfair" competition. So he tempt us by just lying that there is no hurry: *"You are healthy, young, busy with your business, just don't hurry, you have plenty of time to worry about this stuff of prayer, sin, salvation..."* In reality we, Human Persons, only have today. Who guaranties that today is not the last day of our lives? In fact we cannot live one single day from bread alone; only The Word of God has the power to generate full life. Only those who prays consistently, seeking first the Kingdom of God, being instruments of His Justice, will find life worth living, in it's fullness.

It also depends on each one of us to understand that it's impossible to really receive Him as a personal Savior, without receiving Him as Master, Maestro and Model. He taught **and** He practiced. He taught and practiced when washing other brother's feet, did we? do we? He taught and practiced, when forgave and also excused the criminals (us) during (not after), the atrocity of the crucifixion; do we forgive...at least after? Or, at the very least, after many years? Do we? He never sought for power neither to be served. He came to serve but we frequently say, by omission, fear, pride, indifference or

susceptibility: I don't want to serve, I cannot serve or I will not serve. And we say it in a thousands of ways.

In my opinion, the **worse** problem in history **after** Christ "found" for us the perfect "Way", is not the presence of evil in itself, but the **fact** that we, "christians", are not enough Christians. The widespread atrophy and mediocrity of our ego-centered hearts and minds suffocates the Holy Spirit and thus blinded us right in front of the only super power we really have: Unity. We are divided among us because we do not really follow Jesus Christ. We follow ourselves, our fears and ideologies... Most of the time we cowardly follow Pontius Pilatus, since we are "professional hand-washers"! But rarely consistent foot-washers' Jesus taught us to be. Explicitly He said that the world will only believe and learn that we are His real disciples if (and only IF) we love one another AS He factually Loved us. In our favor He carefully secured his divine testament, "begging" God The Father that we "All may be One" (John17:21), to the point of perfection, as He and the Father are. *"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21)*. Without such supernatural heritage (Communion with Him with continuous perfecting of our Unity among us), we would never be able to receive the fullness of life, now available even here on Earth, in its initial joyful and peaceful forms.

Probably, in the future, science will help humanity to better understand some sort of mysterious genetic tragedy, combined with a rare but true satanic possession, able to create monsters like the psychopath Stalin, Adolf Hitler, Saddam Hussein, Enver Hoxha, Idi Amin Dada, Fidel Castro, Slobodan Milosevic etc.; therefore, **maybe** rendering them potentially innocent under God. Nevertheless, the real problem will always be the omission, the negligence of those who call themselves... "Christians!", but did nothing or little to really try to stop such horrific universal threats, specially at the beginning. It is shameful to admit, in different levels, how **deep** is our guilt, because the sin of omission. Definitely, the opposite of love is **not** hate, but indifference.



And being divided among us, **we cowardly allow** that kind of monster to grow, in the same way we allow even worse monsters to grow at the present time. To wit a few, if not enough to recall the universal explosion of chemical dependency, narcotic-traffic, racism, pedophilia, pornography, abortion, euthanasia, human traffic, corruption, etc.; now we have terrible new universal threats, like unimaginable categories of terrorism, based on mass-murderers/suicide jihadist-militias of terrorists; men-made ecologic catastrophes; the

evil use of the Internet; traffic of human organs; international financial speculation; the repulsive and arrogant destruction of unborn human lives in the name of science(!); plus the inevitable and gradual self-destruction, from the root, of any State Judicial System unbelievably stupid enough to decriminalized “abortion-on-demand”, maybe the most horrendous system of organized crime possible to mankind, now sponsored and protected... by Law (!); a pan-ethnic cleansing holocaust like Darfur, and; particularly, what I would call, the 'genderless involution': An absolutely new ideology, the devastating anti-family radical homosexual ideology, that subtly but ferociousness is enforcing the global “homosexualization” of the whole culture not only by law, but through every possible means, in every possible place, as discrete as possible, without any major human(!) leader, shaking the very foundation of the civilization even now, in it's initial phase.

Nevertheless, in spite of such unbelievable yet real scenario of horror, The Divine Providence do want to partner with us to overcome such unprecedented evil reality, as much as possible, and fulfill the kind Plan of God, helping us to “enlarge” our hearts and receive together the fullness of benefits His Mercy keep always awaiting for us. As G. K. Chesterton pointed out, *“from the moment God The Christ became human, there is nothing authentically human, that cannot be divinized”*. However, in order to establish at least a less irresponsible model of partnership with His Divine Providence we, as members of the Kingdom of Christ, although imperfect on earth, need urgently **find a way** to create a better, peaceful and more just fraternal global society, guided by science and based on each Principle (which are universal, supra-cultural and supra-religious) implicitly or explicitly taught by the Catholic Social Doctrine like: Interdependence, Solidarity, Fair-trading, Sustainability, Stewardship, Subsidiarity, The Common Good and so on. In other words, we desperately need to find a way, if possible in a revolutionary speed, to perfect more responsible Free-Market and Limit-Government models (yep! plural: as ethical, fair, beneficial, transparent and smart as possible), and evolve to a new kind of economy, at least a more solidary, rational and sustainable Economy, really capable to protect the environment, create enough jobs, foster Interdependence, Justice and Peace in every possible level, from nations to people. In one word, our human family "badly" need a worldwide kind of **“Economy of Communion”**, as the only hope humanity will be really able to save the planet and offer decent life for future generations: *“Unlike the consumer economy, based on a culture of having, the Economy of Communion is based on the culture of giving. This might seem to be difficult, ambitious, heroic, but it is not so, because human beings made in the image of God, who is love, only find their fulfillment in loving, in giving. This need is in the deepest recesses of their being whether they have faith or not. On this basis, supported by our experience, lies the hope of a universal spreading of the [Economy of Communion](#)”* (Chiara Lubich, Brazil, 1991).

Jesus promises us, wherever and whenever two or more get together in His name, that He will be present among us, united with us. And if we were able to agree over anything, asking the Father in His name, He guarantees God The Father will give us, for sure. We have His Word. Why not do that, even physically speaking? And then ask Him to give us His fire, His power, His mercy and His Way, for the glory of God. With His power, if we learn how to network in Jesus Name with courageous creativity, we Christians should be able to make **any** secular "genius of economy" look like a fool, in comparison.

As an after reading illustration, take a close look (link @end, if you wish), at the basic membership legal agreement for our [PPVI Foundation's Social Educational-Bank Network \(www.SeBank.us](#) a strategic "[Seed-Project](#)"). It harness and empower a Social Educational-Dollar (eDollar), primarily as an instrument of Evangelization, education, job creation and integral human promotion. And please don't worry about the current legal inaccuracies or rudiments of a basic draft, it is a poor translation from Portuguese; that's not the point: What really matters is that, after gradually adapted/perfected **according to** each (God willing) hosting country's Law, it will indeed legally convert (and keep it) each Social-eDollar in exchange medium, asset circulation agent and accounting element, **never a commodity**. Let me try to give just one example of many potential consequences: Obviously members will own any product or service purchased with Social-eDollar, but not the Social-eDollar 'medium', and that is absolutely NOT obvious. Many other potential educational, legal and marketing consequences makes it really powerful, specially for jobless people, for several combined reasons, not so easy to explain here, outside a macro-economy technical context. And it is not only legal but totally ethical and beneficial to develop a such private financial service precisely because it will not -ever- **negatively** affect the existent, parallel, public, official government monetary and taxation systems. The opposite -a **positive** affect- will happen: If nothing can stop "bullets" faster than jobs, an humanistic, ethical centered Educational Financial System that not only add more jobs but are able to link it with pro-active, tough-love mentorship "anti-paternalistic" strategies, under zero tolerance's domestic violence policies, **for example**, would apport many practical and positive affect/effects. Unfortunately it is difficult for people to understand that a parallel, faith-based community economic development society can and should make bold experimentation without the risk to violate any Human Rights or local Laws. And whether their current official currency and economy is capitalist or not, radical free market or not, CEDS' members are obviously always free to leave or restrict participation, and their private Rights are sacred.

The Apostolic nuncio of the Holy See to the United Nations, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, call it "scandal", that the international community "*allows extreme poverty to continue*", as a result of "*lack of imagination and politics of neglect*". Albert

Einstein used to say that *"To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science."* So let's help... And let's beg the Holy Spirit to help us to have **enough real love** to find a way to discern it together, and at least try it together, energetically, in deep unity and synergy. And try it as a laboratory, as prudent as possible, as soon as possible, as simple as possible, as paperless as possible, as inexpensive as possible, as effective as possible, as global as possible, as generous as possible, as open as possible, as modern as possible, as fair as possible, as responsible as possible, as stable as possible, as secure as possible, as attract to the youth as possible, as joyful as possible, as cordial as possible, as successful as possible, as 'ambitious' as possible, as fruitful as possible and, finally: As ingenious, organized and perfect as possible. Therefore (that's the key), as holy as possible, because **only true love is** the internal link for perfection, in a biblical sense (*"Be Perfect as your heavenly Father."* Matt.5:48), in contrast with efficiency or profit, the link in a business sense. (*"Love is truly ingenious and nothing is more organized than what Loves' organized"*. C. Lubich).

Let's ask for the wisdom not only to improve what's good or change bad segments of the actual current economy model, like many are doing already, Christians and non Christians of good will alike, in practical terms; particularly those doing the most good at a global level, like the [Focolare Movement](#) is doing quietly and efficiently. And why not ask, above all, to create and start in parallel, from the Mercy of God, some new, less stupid and flexible financial structure? Able to support a supplementary laboratory-model, not a replacement system (therefore avoiding any social-economic disruption, controversies and ideological contamination as much as possible). But a constructive christian lab-net tryout society, with enough size and technology power to make a social difference, enough volume to wake up sleeping crucial assets and force its circulation from the designed power of its own private, educational and internal "virtual currency". Such pragmatic platform, designed to improve the best possible model available, would help us, from empirical data, to quickly change or trash utopics segments and fine tune what is working.

I believe that a "Social-eDollar", in a similar way that we conceived it inside the P. Paul VI Foundation (*transnational, educational, social-oriented; powered by a private fiat e-currency, inside an insurance/liability framework designed to prevent the natural fear of trade/sharing even expensive assets*), can become a cornerstone of a future kind of "Solidarity Seed Society". If built around a Pastoral, Educational and Digital Bank that we suggested to call "The Social-eBank", it will be able to integrate and test strategies and efforts that the international development economic system already knows, but is powerless to incorporate; and also able to avoid some serious problems current models cannot avoid, like massive capital flights, money laundering

and financial speculation. The one that happened in Argentina a couple of years ago, for example, responsible for the destruction of the economy of the whole nation, was unlikely possible even for a very corrupt country if not involved in war, before the new global economic reality. In just weeks, the people of Argentina, in order to survive, had to create hundreds of medieval barter clubs, potentially chaotic, disconnected, each one with different rules, values or vouchers. This is marvelous, evidently, since little or less is always better than nothing; but definitively we need a major and urgent change in a more global, social responsible, enforceable, transparent and efficient pro-life/pro-family/pro-youth centered economic model, for the improvement of Justice, Education and Peace, as a foundation for the future "Civilization of Life and Love" for all, and consequential Salvation of souls.

Sincerely, seems to me that Love already found **A “brand” new way** to start a massive improvement of His Kingdom **also** in this world, in a strategic/substantial way, with long terms consequences in numbers and quality. If not, fine! It's OK! I also have the right to be wrong. Unfortunately, as a Christian Community, we have a long way to go before really learn and understand how desperately we need to come together to lab-test our best ideas and inspirations in a ego-less way, without the fear of failing and have to restart again, after fixing what was wrong. G.K. Chesterton, one of my heroes, used to say that "*Christianity was found wanted, without been tried*". So, let God be God and let creature be what we really are: limited, ignorant and mortal. The answer, again, is in prayer: "*God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time, Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if we surrender to His will. That we may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next*". The **fulfillment** of His Kingdom -as paradise on earth- will **never** be possible **in this world**, anyway. As said by St. Paul, "*If our hope were restricted only to this world, we (Christians) would be the most miserable people on the face of the earth*". And Jesus, after remind us that everything results in benefit of those who love God, **already gave** us His Way, THE WAY:



He **gave us Himself** through His Church and invited us: "*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood...*" already have the best Way, the Eternal Way and the fullness of the Faith. And That's more than enough: "*All the way to Heaven is... heaven*" (St. Catherine of Siena). Let's adore Him! Let's thank Him, for all . . . , and forever!

To close this welcome message of hope, please pray with me, as I beg our dear omnipotent Father, in Jesus name, asking for mercy and peace over the entire world. Also, let's ask our Father, for the love of our Lord Jesus, to send us, "again", The Holy Spirit, so we will learn to be practitioners of His Word, not only listeners, we will learn how to better Love Him and our brothers with all our hearts, strength, soul and, more than ever, intelligence (reason). Unfortunately our Church had to wait for thirteen (13) centuries to begin understand, for a miracle of the Holy Spirit in the genius of St. Thomas of Aquinas, the most important theologian in history, that Faith does not contradicts Reason, quite the opposite. How critical is for us to understand that! Being born in the present era, knowing what science reveals, facing gigantic challenges ahead, we must recognized that reason is the partner of faith, per excellence. Keen reason from an honest mind is absolutely indispensable to empower any one committed to fruitfully comply with the mandate of our King: "*Seek first, The Kingdom of God **and** His justice... every other good, specially His Peace, will come by consequence, plus Eternal Heaven*". So help us God to run the extra mile, serving and giving not only money and talents, but ourselves; asking forgiveness and forgiving everybody with real generosity and the radical determination to look back, at the end of our lives, without the need to remorse -in horror!- the same mediocre and wasted life of millions, '**just**' for have Loved to little, to late, and to low.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

Fraternally yours, sincerely,

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WOW Paul, as you said, timing, this is exactly where I have been dwelling last decade-so glad YP introduced us; I will get to work looking through the supplemental docs, and do a little catch-up with Economy of Communion which I kind of left off a few years back as I felt it had been usurped by the academics; start-ups anything need TLC and a whole lot of mistakes; i will take a few days to re-read and digest and then send some possible next step

God bless us ALL and thanks again

Brian

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