

SUNDAY—JUNE 14

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Short-Lived Infatuation. The second fact about infatuation is that it never lasts long. If there is one message on this topic that is more important than all others, this is it—Human emotions constantly change. Even when humans genuinely love each other, there are times of great closeness, times when we feel nothing, and times when we feel irritable and grumpy. No one maintains that initial feeling of infatuation consistently for their entire lives. It is important to know that you have to work to keep love; you have to protect it and maintain it, just like you would a delicate flower. The “fever” of love can quickly turn into a rash. Good feelings disappear like snow on a warm day. You must have something deeper than infatuation to keep you going!

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The Tragedy of Divorce. One of the saddest things that can occur in society is the dissolution of a marriage. There are many happy and healthy couples with strong marriages, but statistics don't lie—especially for those who rush into things. Fifty percent of ALL teen marriages end in divorce within the first few years. This means that half of the people that "thought" they were in love—quickly became bitter and unhappy. Why? What caused the flame of "love" to flicker and go out? How does mutual affection turn into hatred. These questions are extremely important for you if you are going to avoid this disaster in your own life. To answer them, we must examine the meaning of romantic love more closely...

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Real Love or Infatuation? #2—"I believe that it's easy to distinguish real love from infatuation." I hope you marked this "False," because it is definitely not accurate. The emotional explosion that occurs during infatuation makes it difficult to think clearly about ANYTHING. Its one of the most exhilarating events in human experience. Some-day you'll know what I mean! When it happens to you, however, there are two important facts about infatuation that you must remember. First, infatuation is highly SELF-CENTERED. "Puppy love" makes the other person a prize to be won. It's what they do for ME, how they make ME feel... Genuine love is very different from temporary infatuation. True love focuses on the other individual, how to make them happy...to meet their needs and satisfy their desires and protect their interests. Real love is unselfish in all aspects.

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Answers to the Questions. The questions you have just answered are not intended to be highly scientific. In fact, some people might have different opinions about the correct answers to each of item. Let me give you my views regarding the ten questions and the explanations behind them. **Instant Love? #1—I believe that “love at first sight” occurs between some people.** There are individuals who believe that romantic love occasionally hits two strangers like a bolt of lightning the moment they lay eyes on each other. I hate to sound unromantic, but that kind of love is an impossibility. I can't deny that some string feelings may occur the first time you see a particular member of the opposite gender. Attraction does not equal love.

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