

The First Condition of the Spiritual Question

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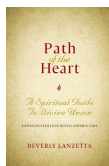


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-Beverly Lanzetta

It is passion that instills the holiness and sparks the sacred power from the Mystical Heart. This passion is the first condition for spiritual quest...For it is spiritual stamina and great strength, which are essential for divine indwelling. This fortitude is one's divine inheritance, yet like all attributes, it must be developed, channeled, and refined to fit one's particular need....Spiritual strength resides within each creation, being the living flame of its existence....The flame can never die, nor be destroyed, for always it remains one and united with the Ultimate Source of existence.

Perhaps you wonder, "What draws me closer to the divine heart?"

Essential to the path is passion: the overwhelming necessity to find God, to know the true self. This yearning to know who you are must take precedence over your need to exist, for existence is not life, it is just getting by. But the passionate need to know oneself, the need of oneself is the impetus and first condition of the heart's path. Your pure longing for God is a spark that ignites the sacred flame and opens your heart to the Holy. Passion is the first condition of the spiritual quest without which one would not have the resilience to pursue God directly.



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