

THE SEARCH FOR THE BELOVED



The search for the Beloved implies
what was once found & known
is now lost,

For how can one search
for that which they have no experience of,
no memory to guide their yearning?

The search begins & ends in the Beloved,
yet in between?



This is a story of that journey,
my journey,
that spans eras & lives.

Searching for magnificence,
peace beyond understanding,
beauty that silences mind
& stretches soul.





Many times I have neared the Beloved -
Once, like a dream, left no footprints;
Another destroyed me by a cross.

"The world cannot house Him;
The flesh cannot sustain.
His face arises above the mist
And fades away again."



This time He lays a steady hand
upon the page that says
'You are *This*'
He calls us to the Sacred land
& whispers in our soul -

You are *This* that I AM



The search for the Beloved ends
in a stillness of Being.

An ocean gathered the rivers & streams
& now reflects the sun.



INTRODUCTION



This story points lightly to a journey, my journey, through the reaches of time in the context of lives. The life memories are given as I hold them within – as living, poignant photographs. Each is as one moment in a life that gathers in itself much of the meaning of that life.

Between the memories are poetry and a creative dialogue with God, partly as memory itself and partly whimsical.

The point of this effort is rooted in its theme of '*seeking the Divine face*'; seeking consciousness of Divine nature and purpose.

The picture of Divine Becoming is akin to a tapestry, little by little being woven onto the loom. At this stage of the



journey, the picture has begun to emerge with depth and clarity, yet remains greatly unfinished.

The offering of this small book, and indeed my life, is to help all beings more clearly realize the universal theme and purpose of being alive.

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