

SOUL LIGHT - Twenty Seven

YOU ARE THE CALL AND THE ANSWER

One night a western doctor, working in Africa, watched a mother die during labour, leaving behind a tiny, premature baby and a crying two-year-old daughter. It was difficult keeping the baby alive as the hospital had no incubator, nor electricity to run one.

Although it was on the equator, nights were often chilly so a student midwife wrapped the baby in cotton wool. Another stoked up a fire and went to fill a hot water bottle but she returned empty handed as there weren't any. The baby was placed as near the fire as was safe, to keep it warm.

The following morning the doctor shared prayers with the local orphanage children. In conversation she told the children about the baby, mentioning the serious lack of a hot water bottle, and told them also of the two-year-old sister who was crying because her mother had died.

During prayer time, one ten-year-old girl prayed bluntly "Please, God send us a hot water bottle today. It'll be no good tomorrow as the baby might die, so please send it this afternoon." Then she added, "And while you're at it, would you please also send a dolly for the little girl who's crying."

During the afternoon a large parcel was delivered to the doctor. In it were clothes, bandages, foods – and at the bottom of the box a small dolly and a brand new rubber hot water bottle.

The parcel had been on its way for many weeks, sent by the doctor's former Sunday school class, one of whom had heard the Divine prompting to send a hot water bottle to the equator; another had been divinely inspired to add a dolly.....five months before, in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to bring it "that afternoon."

"Before they call, I will answer." says the Jewish scriptures. The call is always made by ordinary people, like you and me. The answer is always delivered through the actions of ordinary people, like you and me.

Countless people call for help. Have you been divinely inspired to answer lately? After all, you are the Call and the Answer!

Maybe that means taking a moment to express your innermost feelings in prayer. Many people today think that prayer is old-fashioned, outdated and just for the religious. It's not. Prayer can be a most wonderful expression of our deepest yearnings for peace, love and acceptance. It can affirm our right to a life that's abundant with opportunity and challenge.

Maybe it means sending a hand-made friendship card to an old acquaintance; or phoning a neighbour who's been sick to say 'hello'; or sending a little money to help a struggling orphanage; or shipping a dozen hot water bottles to an African hospital..... There's ten thousand ways to express our divine inspiration – and yet we always seem to pick the one that best fits the bill! That's because it's Divine Presence that answers when we answer. And that's because deep within we are the Divine Presence.

Listen carefully this week and let the Divine answer through you. If you're hurting let the Divine speak its needs or challenges through your prayers. If you're healthy, let it answer others through your actions. Know that either way you will be richly rewarded!

Love and Blessings,

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