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- *Transition of a group member*
- *The relationship of all souls, incarnate and discarnate*
- *Show that you value others*

[Note: Received on the day of a group member's memorial service.]

God is with you all and you are with God. What an incredible union!

We see your strong feelings of your friend's presence, and we also see your acceptance of God's presence. It is a wonderful color that bathes this group at this time. Your color is more vibrant and intense than you imagine. It is strong because your feelings are strong, but it is also strengthened by your sense of total unity with us. We feel your closeness as well as see it.

Yes, we are overjoyed that your friend is with us, with this group of guides as you meet together. She now sees guidance from both sides, and it is so clear to her now why you as a group were so important to her.

Her transition, as we said it would be, was smooth and harmonious and filled with great joy. Her life achieved great light. The darkness was not so intense, and it was a small step to her to emerge into our brilliance—the brilliance that we share and that all planes of spiritual life share. It will be some time before she becomes active as a direct guide, for there is much for her yet to learn. She has completed a kind of novice stage and will slowly begin the journey to greater depths of spiritual understanding.

Her life did indeed bless you all, but each of you is aware of your importance to her. She spoke of that importance. You can learn something from this—mainly to be freer in sharing with one another why each of you is important. It is not sufficient merely to value the life of another person. It must be expressed somehow. Do not hesitate to be with others and express why they are important to you, for you are expressing what is true, and another will feel gratitude for having any kind of impact upon your life. It is this sharing of the value of another human being of which we speak which must continually form a stronger bond of unity.

Society is so often divided—not by hatred, not by mistrust, but lack of communication. Marriages suffer from a lack of communication, but they are not the only human interaction which depends upon being open. All relationships need this openness. Your friend expressed that to you, and you feel warmed both by her presence and by her stated appreciation of your presence in her life. It is an example you would do well to follow.

God has provided your friend with a new guide, one who understands her completely, knows how she thinks, knows what she values, and understands what she seeks. She has only begun to work with this guide and already she has grown significantly.

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We wish it were not so that society considers spiritual life—or heaven or whatever you may wish to call it—as being something separate, something away from where you are. That has always been traditional, but totally unfounded, untrue. We are with you in this room. We are not next to you...we are within you. We do not occupy space, but nevertheless, we are inside each of you. Your friend is inside each of you, simultaneously within you all. You can understand this in theory, but it is of course difficult to conceive of because all that exists during earthly life exists both in time and in space. We exist in time but not in space.

You are closer to your friend and she is closer to you than during her human life. We, your guides, remain that close at all times, not just when you are together. When you gather, we gather, but your individual guides remain within you. There is nothing which separates you from your guide. There is nothing that separates you from God. Your guide is merely an extension of God, and you, it is our prayer, become an extension of us. What we wish for you, we hope you will become. What we pray for you, we hope shall take place. Our objectives hopefully become your objectives. You then become a reflection, a living physical reflection of what we communicate to you directly through messages and personally in your daily lives.

When your friend joined us she was introduced to her earthly guide whom she recognized immediately. You recall she related the moment recently when she heard a voice saying, "It is time to come." She wondered if it were her guide and we assured her it was, but the actual meeting which took place was an enormously intense experience for your friend, filled with great love and warmth and peace. She was joined by her family whom she also recognized, not because they appeared as she remembered them, for her soul no longer perceives as humans do with the eyes. Her soul recognized the souls of her family in a unique manner common to all souls. It is a communication based on great warmth and love, comfort, acceptance, a kind of drawing in, a gathering of sorts. It was a blessed experience for her.

It would not have been possible had she not been prepared for this through her own efforts and her contact with you as a group, and she is most grateful as you are grateful. Her growth will certainly be steady, and she will take her place among that collection of all souls who have found a direct and personal relationship with God. That relationship does not begin here. It begins in your earthly life. That is why our work with you is so important.

Although all humans have guides, such a small percent are aware of them. You are indeed fortunate. You are blessed. With your good fortune and great blessings come the responsibilities we so often refer to: responsibilities for giving, of sharing and continuing to reach out, providing love, accepting love when it is offered, governing your lives with your current perceptions of God, working with others with the recognition that they, too, are as much of God as you are. These are indeed meaningful responsibilities, but joyous ones—responsibilities to be welcomed, responsibilities to be pursued. Just

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as we welcome the opportunity of meeting as you meet, you must welcome the opportunity of being a reflection of your perception of God to all around you.

Your lives have been enriched through your contacts with your friend and your contacts with each other. Build upon that enrichment. Work with it. Give it meaning by giving it life. Exercise the love which you have been given. Subjugate your own personal feelings in order to more accurately perceive the feelings of others. Break down your walls of defensiveness and pride and ego and worry and guilt, and replace them with love and compassion.

You felt compassion for all at the service today. You recognized the differences, of course, in their perceptions, but still could respond with compassion. It is a wonderful feeling when you can indeed reach out, and it is also a great joy when you can say to someone honestly how they have touched your life and why they are important to you.

Show that you value others—don't just feel it. Show it by what you do and by what you say. Avoid jealousies. Never feel superior because you have some kind of inside knowledge. Constantly seek ways of providing for another. Dedicate your lives to someone else, not to yourselves. Dedicate your love to another. This is reflecting God, and this is being committed to responding to the God which is within you.

Your growth will continue both individually and as a group. Welcome it. Seek it out. You have an enormous bond with us here through your guides and through your friend. As a result, you are highly aware of our mutual lives together.

We thank you for your prayers. We thank you for your love for us. We commit our love to you. We commit God's peace to you, and we transmit your friend's joy into the souls of each in this group. Pray for her and pray for her family. Pray for one another. It is a wonderful time of union and great rejoicing!

God's peace is with you as it is with us always.

Amen.