

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is built on boundaries, not barriers.

Barriers are created to keep others out;

Boundaries are created to keep one-self within.

Friendship is built on caring, not rewards.

Rewards are looked to for ego satisfaction;

Caring is shared for fellowship and growth.

Friendship is built on trust, not fear.

Fear keeps one locked in a limited relation to another;

Trust keeps one open to the beauty of the unlimited self.

Friendship is built on respect, not admiration.

Admiration leaves one seeking for self through another;

Respect leaves one finding qualities often not noticed within self.

Above all, Friendship is a gift, not a treasure.

A treasure is found and ownership is claimed;

A gift is given from the heart and in that, freedom of individuality is born.

Least of all, Friendship is cultivated, not planted.

Planting leaves one confined to care for a limited space;

Cultivation leaves one with the choice to allow continual reseeding or selective weeding

True Friendship has beginnings, never endings.

Endings are the result of a heart forgetting compassion;

Beginnings are the truth of a heart that remembers love.

True Friendship has no measure, only grace.

No measure of distance in time or space;

Only grace in accepting a True Friend as a unique individual.

True Friendship is rare, not common.

Not common as acquaintances are;

Rare as the unique soul journey is shared with compassion and love.

True Friendship is a knowing, not a connection.

A connection leads one to see self through another;

Knowing leads one to love self through another.

PEACE

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