

Love as Mystery

Love is not totally explainable. It is not something that can be put under a microscope and analyzed completely. In this sense it is like electricity. The effects of love can be seen, but love itself cannot. These effects or signs can indicate that love exists, but the signs of love are not the love itself. For example, sex can be an expression or sign of love, but it is not love itself.

- Look at the following signs of love. Which signs could indicate that love is present?

1. "Touching"
2. "Missing the other person"
3. "Being there when you're needed"
4. "Marriage"
5. "Having my baby"
6. "Wanting to make him happy"
7. "Taking out the garbage"
8. "Not being jealous when he talks with other girls"
9. "Sharing secrets"
10. "Getting a warm feeling inside"
11. "Wanting to buy silly things for her"
12. "Taking a walk together without having to talk"
13. "Not always worrying about your looks because he loves you for yourself"
14. "Suffering for the one you love"
15. "Kissing"
16. "Getting mad at the other person"
17. "Never having to say you're sorry"
18. "Spending time with her"
19. "Finding no fault in the other person"
20. "Letting him listen to Country Western music"
21. "Liking someone a lot"
22. "Saying you're sorry"
23. "Not being lonely"
24. "Not want to share him with anyone else"
25. "Surrendering"

The signs that show love can be ambiguous. While they might indicate a real love, the signs themselves don't automatically prove love exists. People can "make love" without love being present.

- Is it possible to be in love with someone without realizing it?
- What signs of love would be most meaningful to you?