

LOVE

Noun space no place for love

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Editor

I'm young I know
But even so
I know a thing or two
I learned from you
I really learned a lot
Really learned a lot
Love is just a flame
That burns you when it's hot
Love hurts
Ooh
Love hurts

-Nazareth-

Great song...for all you self pitying fools. Great, but not quite accurate. To break this song down with one life rending stroke I must say it is not love that hurts, but feelings and love you will soon learn is not a feeling. Beyond that it's still a good song, especially the part about learning from the person you "love." That's where all these practiced marriages called relationships come into play.

The first relationship usually goes something like this:(1) you

date and get serious (2) you announce to others you're in love (3) she does something you don't like (4) you fight (5) you split

What have you learned?

Well, you learned that you don't have a date for Friday night. What else? The next time you'll be more understanding and talk things out. One more thing...you learned that you didn't love her because you don't know what love is.

Before I embarrass you further, why don't you tell me what happened to convince you that you were, so briefly, in love.

Every time I'm with her my heart races, my hands sweat, and I get this feeling somewhere near my heart that tells me this is it.

Oh, and how many times this year have you gotten this message?

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So I thought. If you ask me, I would say you either have a case of heart burn, or you've been fooling with Love's twin brother called Lust.

Lust, unlike Love is a feeling.

It's a stirring of sexual desires caused by an attraction to another person. This attraction doesn't even have to be on a first look basis, as the saying "all the girls get prettier at closing time" alludes to. This is one more type of lust attraction that the group "Journey" describes adequately.

Those crazy nights
I do remember
In my youth
I do recall
Those were the best times
Most of all...
...Those summer nights are callin'
Stoned in love
Can't help myself, I'm fallin'
Stoned in love.

This last one can be pretty scary waking up with in the morning.

Now you know part of what isn't love and what is.

According to the Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary, Love means 'a strong, complex emotion or feeling causing one to



appreciate, delight in, and crave the presence or possession of another and to please or promote the welfare of the other; devoted affection or attachment."

That's probably the most anyone ever said in the way of defining love in one sitting. It also happens to be a crock of feces.

Before I explain, I will give you the chance to stop reading at this point if you are going to believe everything written in a dictionary.

First, love is not, I repeat, not a noun. It is and always has been and action word. Why? Because love is an effectuation of a choice made by you, either conscious or subconscious, and not a state of mind or being.

It should be in the verb place as in the statement: I love you. A perfect example of the proper form of a sentence contains love.

We Americans are always putting verbs into noun slots and then brainwashing everyone into believing it to be true.

Why not do it with run. Why don't we say I'm in run with you when we mean we want to jog with a partner, or express our feelings dealing with running.

This, however, is not an important part and can easily be argued and made to appear contradictory; the key word here is appear. I just want to point out the function of love is an action whether it occupies a noun space or a verb space.

And this brings me to my second point. Love is an action. I've stated it several times because I want you to get used to the idea. Love is not something you fall into. That is a major fallacy. Love is a manifestation of a choice made by you to care

for someone above and beyond your own self-interest, by replacing them as your self-interest. This is done in varying degrees according to how important the individual is to you.

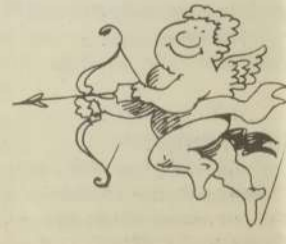
What about those wonderful feelings that always precede love? Well those are just the feelings. But they play their role in the scheme of things. Without these feelings we would never be tricked into the act of love, and remember, that's no sex.

The feelings accompany love as well as precede it, and serve as little reminders of why we are with this person in the first place, but they can also be very dangerous and cause numerous relationships to end. Why?

The answer is simple, because people get them confused with love. They get the feeling and instantly love the person because they mistake feeling with love. Then, after a while the feeling goes away, usually not too far though. But fast enough for the people to think love is gone.

Then they go through a separation period where they see other people and have their ever-valuable time to think. At the end of the week, or however long, they decide to call off the relationship. If they were to have spent some time with each other after the week, they would have found those feelings all over and kicking.

Feelings will come and go just like Spring. Lust will demand fulfillment or dwindle away. Love, on the other hand, is not a wishy washy emotion. It's a hangup between Man and Woman. For the last time, it's dedication and commitment that person even though it may damage our pride or ego; save anything.



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