

Dialogue
is something much bigger than conversation.
The most important dialogues we've had in our lives,
the hardest,
the ones that were turning points,
have had a lot of silence in them;
they have had trust in them,
which often had to be earned
before dialogue was possible.

For true Dialogue to take place
we have to create the space
and the trust
to even begin to have this kind of sharing.

The work is bigger than simple conversation.
Conversation is often about
trying to convince each other;
Dialogue is about both persons
learning, growing;
Win/Win.

True Dialogue
is a place where we carry our questions alongside our answers,
and we carry some curiosity alongside our convictions.
We must create better space for Dialogue,
just people starting where they are,
creating interesting space,
a robust place;
the heart of our life together.

Dialogue begins before any words are spoken.
The tone is set.
What is possible is framed.

Dialogue done well
strengthens relationship,
and we certainly need relationship.

Dialogue has good questions in it.
It has really searching questions in it.
It has genuine curiosity,
not just posturing.
We've all been trained to posture.

We have to learn something different
if what we want is to understand each other,

to be in relationship with each other;
We need to
Dialogue.

Love, John
Seeking and Offering
Dialogue