

Extract from Brothers Karamazov

Love will teach us all things: but we must learn how to win love; it is got with difficulty: it is a possession dearly bought with much labour and a long time; for one must love not sometimes only, for a passing moment, but always. There is no man who does not sometimes love: even the wicked can do that. And let not men's sin dishearten you: love a man even in his sin, for that love is a likeness of the divine love, and is the summit of love on earth.

Love all God's Creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, and every ray of light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything you will perceive the Divine Mystery in all things: once you perceive it you will comprehend it better every day. And you will come, at last, to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

Dostoyevsky