

## **Cosmic Love**

### **A reading inspired by quotes of husband and wife Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan**

The size and age of the Cosmos are beyond ordinary human understanding. Lost somewhere between immensity and eternity is our tiny planetary home. And yet our species is young and curious and brave and shows much promise. In the last few millennia, we have made the most astonishing and unexpected discoveries. They remind us that humans have evolved to wonder, that understanding is a joy, that knowledge is prerequisite to survival.

Our little planet floats like a mote of dust in the morning sky. All that you see, all that we can see, exploded out of stars billions of years ago, and the particles slowly arranged themselves into living things, including all of us. We are made of star stuff. We are the mechanism by which the universe can comprehend itself. The world is so exquisite with so much love and moral depth. We should remain grateful every day for the brief but magnificent opportunity that life provides.

Every one of us is, in the cosmic perspective, precious . In a hundred billion galaxies, you will not find another. Every single moment that you are alive and you are together is miraculous. We are beneficiaries of chance. Pure chance was so generous and kind for you to find one another. For you to be together. The way you treat one another, the way you take care of each other and your family. You saw each other. You found each other in the cosmos, and that was wonderful.

In the vastness of space and the immensity of time, it is a joy to share a planet and an epoch together as partners.