

Pathwork on  
**Love, Eros, and Sex, Take 3**

This quote from Pathwork Lecture 62 *Man and Woman*, builds further on Pathwork Lectures 44 – *Love, Eros, and Sex* and Lecture 54 *Questions and Answers*. How does committed couple-hood go beyond other kinds of relationships and become a unique basis of spiritual and personal growth for both partners – the “path within the path” so to speak? Why is this so? This short quote gives some ideas on these topics.

31	<p>QUESTION: Could you elaborate on what exactly is meant by union? Just what does it entail?</p> <p>ANSWER: The concept of union can be discussed on two levels as far as our subject is concerned. I do not speak now of union with God. In the highest sense, union is the melting and fusing together of two beings who were split. It occurs when two beings become one entity again. Union on this earth sphere between a man and a woman strives for the same end and attempts to achieve it to some degree inwardly. In rare moments it can happen. But all the layers of ignorance and fear soon erect a separating wall again. The aim of development as such is to destroy these separating walls, whether they stand between human beings and God, between humanity and spiritual truth and reality, between people, or between man and woman. Love is the only key to eliminate this wall. With love, understanding is open. And with understanding, oneness or union can be achieved. But love cannot be forced. Love can only be gained by removing all blocks and errors in the human soul. Ego-importance and preoccupation are directly opposed to love. But before the little ego can be removed, it has to be recognized in all its facets; it has to be allowed to come to the surface. Then, and then only, can the true personality evolve which no longer needs what the little ego seemed to need. Then love can truly unfold, and bring about union.</p>
32	<p>This holds true for all human relationships. In marriage, the love between two people makes the attainment of union easier than in other relationships such as friendship for instance. It is easier because it is nourished by eros and the sex impulse. Without these elements the separation is more difficult to overcome. Frictions cannot be smoothed over as easily as they are when eros is present as a bridge to love.* On the other hand, a more casual relationship has less of a chance to bring out frictions, therefore in that sense it is easier to maintain. We might sum up by saying that marriage would be practically unfeasible for the human race if it did not have the help of eros and the sex drive. The maintenance of these toward the partner is therefore a goal in itself in marriage. In the simplest terms, <b>union is finding the other on as many levels as possible</b>. There is much more to it than merely understanding the other, being in tune with him or her. <b>It is a blending of two people's physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual natures</b>. It can be done if both have the will and the understanding.</p>

33	<p>What holds true for all human relationships certainly holds true even more in marriage. Each friction and misunderstanding, no matter how flagrantly wrong one person may be, is an indication of something distorted or ignorant in the self. In the ideal marriage this would always be kept in view and both partners would search for that element in themselves. They would then find that the other reacted, perhaps at times with undue vigor, to this one little part that is blurred, so to speak. The disharmonious part in one reacts automatically to the disharmonious part in the other. The two disharmonious parts are not always of equal strength, but that does not matter. If this key to marriage could be found, a real tuning-in could be accomplished. <b>The tuning-in would further self-development, and at the same time it would furnish more keys for tuning into one another. In this way, true union is successfully attempted.</b></p>
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\* See Pathwork Lecture 44