

THE PLAIN TRUTH IS THIS:

love is not a matter of
getting what you want.

Quite the contrary.

The insistence on always
having what you want,
on always being satisfied,
on always being fulfilled,
makes love impossible.

To love you have to
climb out of the cradle,
where everything is getting,
and grow up to the maturity
of giving, without concern for
getting anything special in return.

Love is not a deal,
it is a sacrifice.

It is not marketing,
it is a form of worship.

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