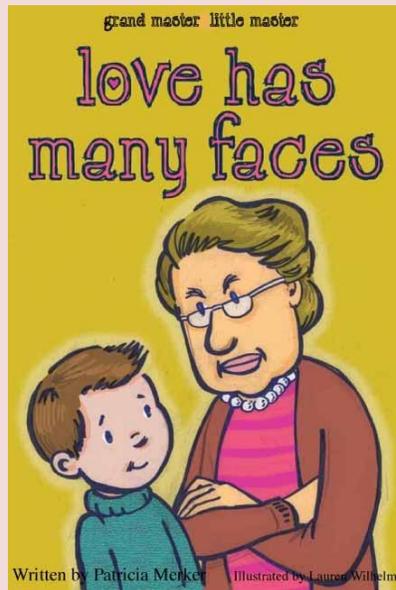


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NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

You were divinely guided to begin this spiritual journey with your child/children. There is nothing in this series that your child cannot grasp. It may seem so at times but do not forget that it *is where they come from*. Repetition is the key. The books in *The Grand Master/Little Master series* should be read over and over. It's likely that you began telling your child to say "please and thank you" before they could talk. How many years did you have to remind them? Did you ever decide that it just wasn't worth the effort? Of course not, why? Because manners are important! Because you knew that one magical day an unsolicited "tank ooh" would erupt. You must not forget that there is *nothing* more important than teaching your child Truth. There is no greater gift than that of a nurtured soul.

We can't protect our children from the circumstances that they will have to encounter in this lifetime, but we can make sure that they are internally well armed. Calmness, serenity and a deep sense of Self makes all the difference in how one views the world that we live in. It's literally *everything*. One day, if you remain consistent, your child will tell you something that is "way beyond his/her level of understanding." You will experience pure joy at the gift you have given.

For those of you who have a concern that some parents may try to manipulate their children with this "game," rest assured that **it will not work**. Children will tire very quickly of a game that gives them a second parent. *Parents* manipulate, not Grand Master, and you must remember this if you want to keep the door of your child's soul open to you.

If you are a parent who feels you are deceiving your children by pretending to be someone you aren't, or maybe you feel it's dangerous to pretend that you have all the answers. I say this to you:

"You don't know who you are, Little Master, you have much to learn."

Grand Master doesn't have all the answers. He/She gently loves and guides. Grand Master helps children search for answers that make their hearts smile. Grand Master has no opinions, expectations, or disappointment for your child. When you play Grand Master, you may not either! You may only love. At those times when strong emotion is involved, you may not even *talk* about Grand Master. Wait until you are quiet, go within, and ask for guidance. Grand Master teaches that what you believe shows up in your world. **Believe** that you are divinely guided, because you are. It will come, but don't be in too much of a hurry. Grand Master also teaches patience.

GOD BLESS!

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ABOUT THIS LESSON: Love

This is the third book in the Grand Master/Little Master Series. It is highly recommended that you introduce your child to Grand Master by reading book one: **The Karate Tournament/Meet Grand Master**. It is the foundation for the other stories in the series and provides an invitation for your child to go on an adventure with Grand Master.

The Many Faces of Love deals with a different way of looking at love. As “New Age” parents, we might know in theory that ‘love is all there is,’ but to practice it consistently is quite another thing. Our children can learn early on that whatever action they see in the world is nothing less than a ‘bottled-up’ version of love. Even the daily crime that is intolerable to read about in the paper (and we shouldn’t!), is linked to some “imperfect” form of love. It is nothing less than a cry for love in a way that society doesn’t choose to view as love, but as Grand Master might say, “Just because we do not believe it, does not make it any less so.”

The goal of this particular book and lesson are: 1) to introduce the idea that love does not always look like our concept of love. 2) identify a person (or people) in your child’s life that looks as though they are “less than loving”, and 3) to begin a process by which a child has the tools to look for the seeds of goodness that are a part of every living thing.

I believe that the majority of us who use *The Grand Master/Little Master Series* with our children wish that we had grown up with these Truths. How different our lives would have been! If love is truly all there is, then why is it our natural response to take offense when someone verbally thrashes us? As enlightened beings, why is not our first thought one of compassion for a “sad soul”, rather than one of disgust? Usually that initial thought of anger or disgust turns into a thought about *ourselves* that is less than perfect.

I recall as a child in fourth grade, having had a teacher similar to Mrs. Conner, the teacher in the story. One day, my mother made me wear a thick headband to school to keep my bangs out of my eyes. I thought that the headband made me look terrible. At that impressionable young age, I had a poor sense of self and it was lessened by the fact that my father was an alcoholic. My teacher asked the class a question and then proceeded to pick me to answer it. I did not have my hand up and I didn’t hear the question. When I asked if she would please repeat the question, she made a statement similar to: “If you didn’t have that blanket over your ears, maybe you could hear me!”

I am now 54 years old and it is an experience that I have never forgotten. As an adult, I understand that what someone says doesn’t mean anything about who I am, but the child in me immediately thought that something was not okay about me. She, after all, was an adult, and almost every child knows that adults are smarter than children.

My goal in this lesson is to change the perspective of a child when they encounter this type of situation. We can run over to the school and wring the teacher's neck, which is my first, if unenlightened response to someone who has made my child feel unloved. "What gives them the right?" I wonder. Or, as human beings living life consciously, we can take the higher road and practice a different way to view our world.

Some of the greatest gifts we can give our children are the tools to develop a strong sense of Self. As I stated in Book One, we cannot change the circumstances that a child will encounter, but we can make sure that they are internally well armed. We can make sure that they know who they are in the world and no one can change that, regardless of what anyone else thinks.

The more you can interact with your child on this lesson, the better. You know your child better than anyone else. *You* are the best judge of what it will take to keep them involved. It might be difficult for younger children to stay focused on this lesson, but so very valuable for their self esteem, and to locate their source of power. It is worth the extra effort. You must bring the subject up daily. Try, right before bedtime, when you have a few extra minutes for discussion.

I have personally found that when I allowed my children to explain GM's letters to me, they felt important. I usually read the letter slowly and say things like, "Do you understand what Grand Master is saying? Explain it to me, I'm a little lost!"

Don't expect your children to turn into "Little Masters" overnight. With regular discussions about the lessons contained in *The Grand Master/Little Master Series*, you will no doubt see your child make some enlightened choices. But remember you are beginning a journey that will last a lifetime. Be patient. As Grand Master would say, "Patience is good."

In Love and Light,

Patricia Merker

Lesson 1

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Dear Little Master,

Do you know that *Love has many faces*? When someone is grumpy and mean, it does not look like love, does it?

You are a Little Master-in-training and you will learn things that many people in the world might not believe in. That does not mean that they are not true! Would you like to learn a new way to see love? Love is all there is!

You might be wondering how a person who is mean all the time could be expressing love. You see, Little Master, if love has many expressions, then they are probably expressing love the best way that they can. They must be very sad inside to express love in that way.

If you try to see beyond the way they act, and look for the goodness *inside* them, you will be like a mirror. When you look with loving eyes, you will see things that even *they* cannot see. But they *will* see their own magnificence through you! You are very powerful, Little Master.

Practice this by looking at different expressions of love this week. The Universe always sends us that which we are looking for. If you are *really* paying attention, you might notice more grumpy people than ever! *Thank the Universe for helping you with your lesson.* As a Little Master in-training, we have many opportunities to see what we have learned! Talk to your parents or guardians about what you notice.

I love you, *Grand Master*

Lesson 2

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Dear Little Master,

Your next task will be to choose someone that shows love in a way that does not look like love. You must have a parent, guardian, or an adult that you trust, help you with this. Having help is very important in this lesson, Little Master. There are some people that it might be dangerous to help. An adult will let you know if you have chosen someone that might need your loving eyes!

This special person might be a teacher, a relative, a neighbor, or a friend. I am now going to give you the hardest part of this lesson! Are you ready?

I want you to spend the next week making a list of only the good things about that person. Maybe they dress really nice. Maybe they are nice to look at. Maybe they are big and strong. Maybe they make amazing cookies! Maybe they have the nicest blue eyes. Maybe they sing like a bird. Are you beginning to understand?

It is not easy to see a beautiful flower when it is growing in the middle of so many weeds! You, Little Master, will attempt to push back all the weeds this week, and find the little flower in the middle.

I love you,

Grand Master

Lesson 3

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Dear Little Master,

Even though everyone does not express love the way we would like them to, we must never forget that they are expressing the best they can. It is not an easy thing to understand! Especially when we love them so nicely and they do not return it. There is a lesson in everything, Little Master. Maybe you are an angel, sent to remind them what they have forgotten; that they are magnificent!

If your parent or guardian feels that it is right, you might want to do or say something special to the person you have chosen. You could draw them a picture of yourself, eating one of their great cookies! You could tell them how nice they look everyday. If you chose a teacher, you might say, “Thank you for helping us learn today.” There are so many ways to make people feel good about themselves, Little Master.

There is some magic hidden within this lesson too. Do you remember our first lesson, “*What goes around, comes around?*” When you put your Divine Energy into helping someone else feel good about themselves, you get to feel even better about *you*! You are like a magnet. When you *look* for good, you *attract* more good.

Continue to look for goodness wherever you go, Little Master. I live in your soul and I am always with you. When you want to feel me, close your eyes and feel the warmth in your heart. I am the love that is there.

I love you, *Grand Master*