

FORGIVENESS

Have you ever thought what forgiveness means?
You, your own self, your own personality, needs your forgiveness.
Your spirit is divine, but until you have overcome, your personality remains human and needs the forgiveness of your spirit.
As you forgive, as your spirit forgives your personality, so also you will learn to forgive your brother man for all his seeming errors.
If you will train yourself to think in terms of love and forgiveness every moment of your life, a most beautiful healing will take place within you .

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It is Christmastime, and snowing hard. A Caucasian woman parks her car, leaving it unlocked. She goes into the shopping mall to do some last minute Christmas shopping. She comes out with her packages and gets back into her car. There is a man there, in the dark, who silently rapes her.

She keeps quiet about this, so as to not spoil her family's Christmas. Over the next few days, her husband notices a change in her and even asks: "Are you having an affair?" She then tells him what happened in the car park. He insists she go to the hospital, where some anal damage needs to be treated.

She later finds that she has become pregnant from the rape. While they are discussing what to do, her husband says: "You do not need to go through an abortion as well. I love you, and what has happened does not alter that We could keep and care for this baby. I will be supportive of you if you were to decide to do this". She is amazed by this, for they already have three children. After pondering what is the very best thing to do, she agrees to this plan.

The baby girl is duly born, and she turns out to be very, very black. The woman had never seen the rapist in the dark and had had absolutely no idea that he had been a black man. The couple still continue with their plan to care for the baby girl. This little girl is absolutely beautiful, with very dark bright eyes and curly hair. In the family photos there are now five whites and one black person.

The mother decides to learn more about the culture of the Afro-Americans, so as to be better able to assist her daughter as she grows up to understand her ancestral origins in a far distant land and the history of the different races that make up the family she has been born into, and the human family as a whole. In doing so she and her husband become more multi-cultural and discover many unexpected treasures for themselves and their family.

"I would never have known that my husband was such a wonderful person, nor the richness of a multi-cultural family, without this event happening to me" she says. This was just one of the hidden treasures that came to light.

On the TV programme where this story was being related, she is sitting with five other women who had also been raped and became pregnant. Each in turn tells their story of injury and tragedy, and the bitterness that remained with them right up to this day. She is the only one who kept the child, and the only one who appears to be at peace.

(G. Pettitt, on watching the TV programme mentioned)