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## Saving Time

When we begin or end Daylight Saving Time we adjust our clocks, not the passage of time. Certainly we do not save daylight, as if we could store it up to use at a later time. We change our daily routines, not the amount of daylight in a given day.

We cannot collect and save daylight, and we cannot store up even one second, much less an hour, to expend as we might wish. Rather, we respond in different ways to the unchanging movement of time. In Einstein's Theory of Relativity, time can move faster or slower for those who might be traveling at close to the speed of light. But even if we could race around the universe as fast as light, we could not save up even a small amount of time that we could use later, at our discretion.

When we talk about saving time, we usually mean that we take or make short-cuts, such as heating food in a microwave oven instead of cooking on a stove. We try to spend less time with unimportant matters so that we have more time for those that are significant for us. If we use more hours rather than fewer engaged in thoughts and actions that make a positive difference in our lives and in those of others, we are saving time, in a truly radical sense. When we use some of our limited time exercising a quality that is timeless, we connect some of our time with eternity. The spiritual aspects of the efforts we make in time enter with us into the timelessness of the eternal present with God. All of our decisions to love save time in the only way that time can really be saved.

We have many opportunities to save time by making our time-centered actions also timeless. Every caring thought or word has at least a bit of the eternal in it. All prioritizing we make among the many options we have each day can have an effect that transcends time. Likewise, all our decisions to back away from the priorities of our hearts actually wastes time. When we leave our essential values out of our thoughts and actions, time merely passes, and is gone, unsaved.

It takes time for us to gain experience in the ways that we go about saving time. Though we might have known God from our earliest years, most of us began with only occasional personal contact with God, and an initial awareness of the eternal quality of our capacity to love. We grow in our love of God and neighbor within the constraints of limited time. We increase our reach into eternity through our every "yes" to the inspirations and invitations of the God of timelessness.

When we come to the end of our life in time, our immediate loss will be physical, while our love will have no limitations at all. Those who have managed to love while under the constraints of our present human form will continue, in eternity, the loving that we began in time.

Our time now is a saving time. When we pass beyond time, we will have no desire or need for time, as it has no meaning with and in God. When we are with God, we will be saved, and have no concern for saving time.