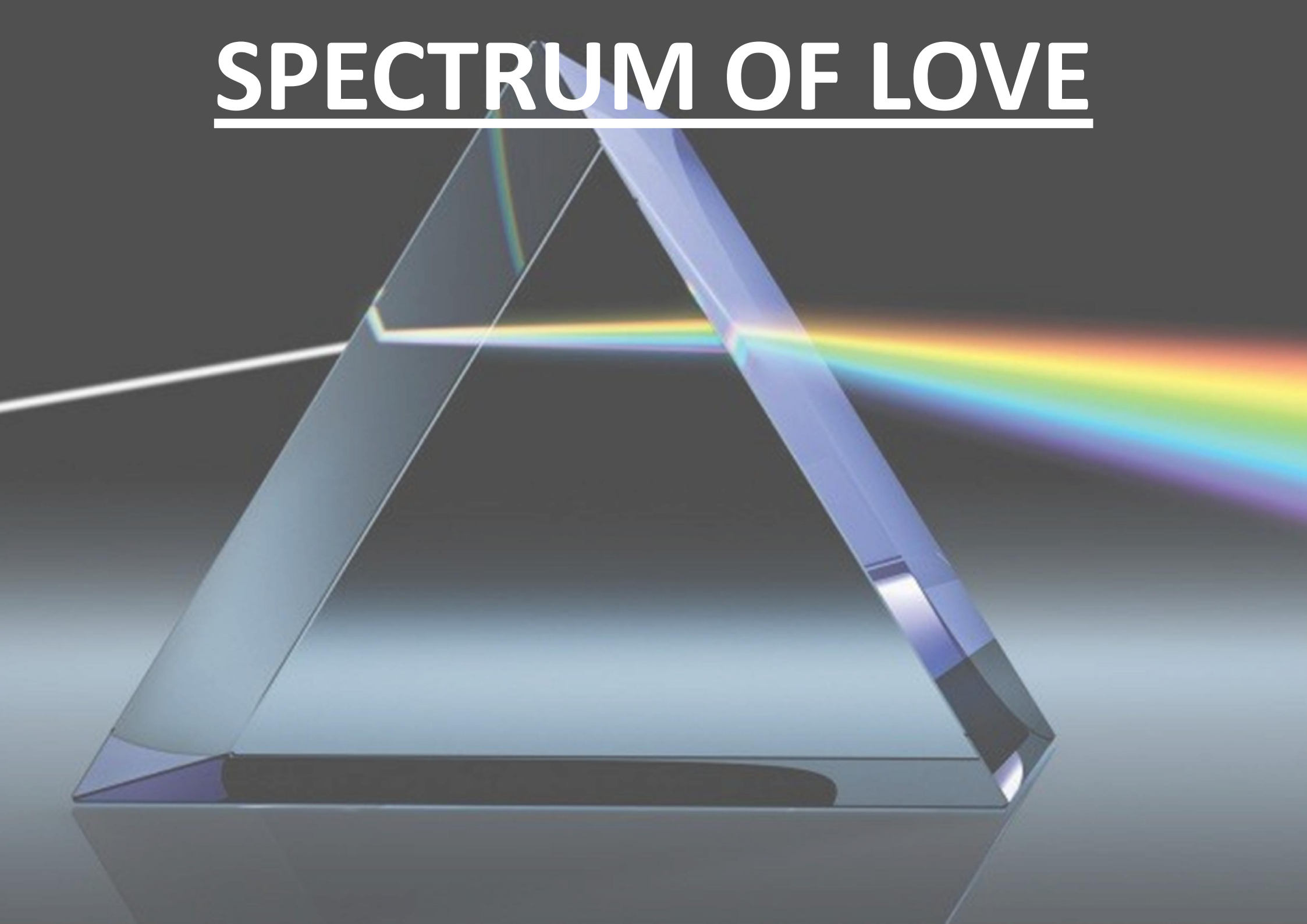


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- «I loved (ἐ) her, and sought her out from my youth, I desired to make her my spouse, and I was a lover (ἐραστή) of her beauty» (Wisdom of Solomon, 8:2);
- «Be kindly affectioned (φιλόστοργοι) one to another with brotherly love (φιλαδελφία)» (Romans, Chapter 12:10);
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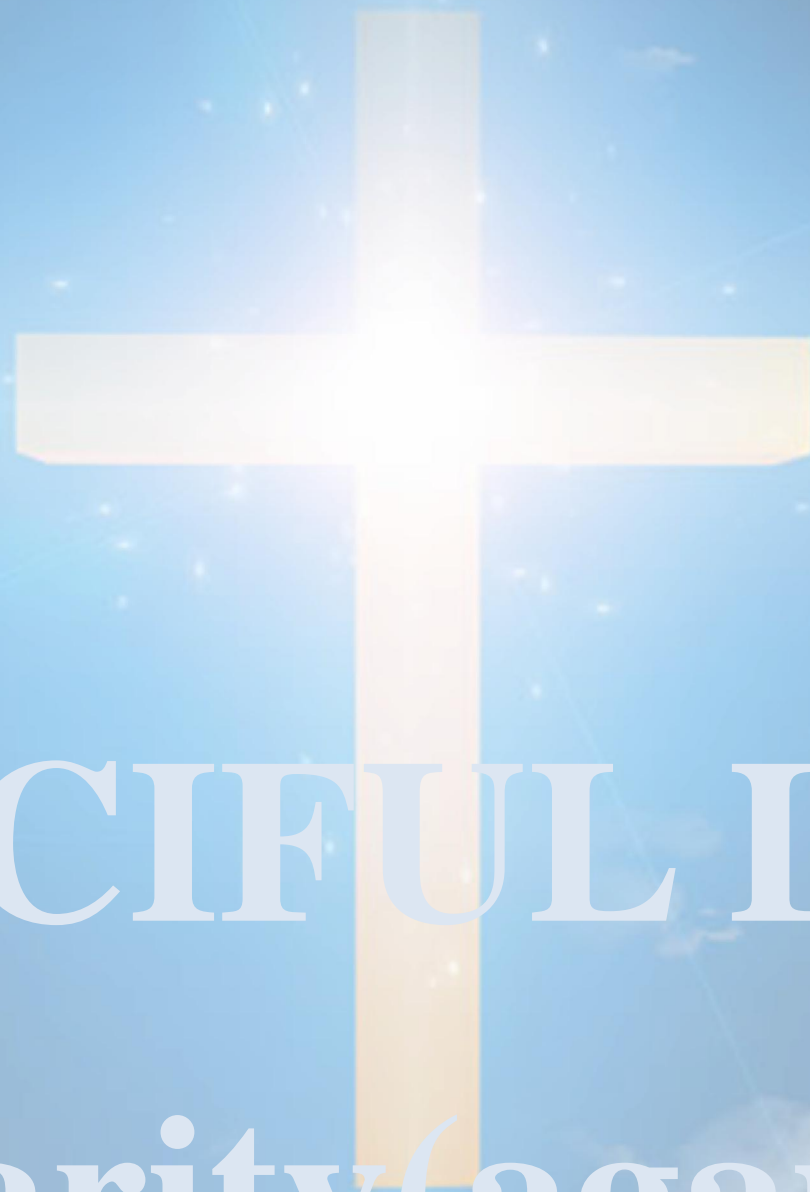
AGAPE

EROS

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MERCIFUL LOVE

charity (agape)

## *BASIC PROPERTIES:*

Charity suffereth long,  
and is kind; charity envieth not;  
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,  
Doth not behave itself unseemly,  
seeketh not her own,  
is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;  
Rejoiceth not in iniquity,  
but rejoiceth in the truth;  
Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth  
all things, endureth all things.  
(Corinthians, 13:4-7)

# *QUOTATIONS:*

**«He that loveth not knoweth not God;  
for God is love»  
(1 John, 4:8)**

**«And above all these things put on  
charity, which is  
the bond of perfectness»  
(Colossians, 3:14)**

## *QUOTATIONS:*

«For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life»

*(John, 3:16)*

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«Love, by reason of its nature, is a resemblance to God, as far as that is possible for mortals; in its activity it is inebriation of the soul; and by its distinctive property it is a fountain of faith, an abyss of patience, a sea of humility»

*(St. John Climacus.  
The Ladder of Divine Ascent, 30.7)*

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«Love of God is opposed to desire, for it persuades the intellect to control itself with regard to sensual pleasures. Love for our neighbor is opposed to anger, for it makes us scorn fame and riches»

*(St Maximos the Confessor  
Four Hundred Texts on Love, 4.75)*

## ***EXAMPLES:***

❖ **Parable of the Prodigal Son**  
**(Luke 15:11-32)**

❖ **Jesus and the woman taken in adultery**  
**(John 8:1-11)**

❖ **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**  
**(Luke 10:25-37)**