

# A Course of Love

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*You are, as you read these words, as much a “receiver” of this dialogue as she who first hears these words and transfers them to paper. Is a piece of music not received by you even when you may be one of thousands or millions who hear it? Does it matter who is first to hear the music? This is, in truth, a dialogue between me and you. Wish not that the “way” of the transcriber of these words were the way for everyone, and think not that to hear “directly” from the Source is different than what you do here. (D:1.18–19)*

Mari Perron was, in Jesus’s words, the “first receiver” of this Course. (C:12.7, 11) Accordingly that term has been adopted for this Combined Volume.



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