

“The beguine mystic Mechthild of Magdeburg (c. 1207–c. 1282) wrote about her experience of God’s passionate love and desire.

Below is a **dialogue between her soul and God:**

The soul begins:

Ah, Lord, love me passionately, love me often, love me long. For the more continuously You love me, the purer I will be; the more fervently You love me, the more beautiful I will be; the longer You love me, the holier I will become here on earth.

God responds:

Because I Myself am Love, I will love you continuously.
Because I long to be loved passionately, my desire is to love you fervently.

Because I am everlasting and eternal, I will love you long.... [4]

When I shine, you will reflect my radiance,

When I flow, you will flow swiftly,

When you breathe, you draw into yourself My Divine Heart.

When you cry for Me, I take you into My arms.

When you love Me, we are united as one.

Nothing can separate us, for we abide together joyfully.”