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Thursday

"What Friends mean" by Shariff Taylor

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" I felt I needed to express what the word friends mean to me and why people shouldn't use the term so lightly, especially in these horrid times when everyone needs friends to help make it through these times we're dealing with and have been for almost 37 years now.

Speaking of these times, "Covid Era" has made me realize just how much we all need friends in our life because a individual can't always go to a family member or spouse to unload sensitive topic burdens their friends may have experience with. Most people shy away from exposing their problems to family for fear of instability amongst them or theirs.

Friends do more than just give a person a shoulder to cry on or to spill your burdens to, they are human beings who also need human nourishment and sustenance to thrive.

Friends balance each other when the other is doing bad or going through a crisis.

Friends have your back and are loyal no matter what so you don't ever feel they'll betray you or your trust and friends are special people with special abilities to heal but you have to be a true friend to see all I've said in my mind. I Love my friends!

So for all of you out there who has that one friend who's always there, shows up to check on you out of nowhere and reads your emotions to a tee, please don't neglect

that persons or persons because of another who seems amazing. There's room for all my friends in my heart, so I don't forget a one.

Lastly, please stop using the term of endearment like "Friend" loosely or using similar words thinking they mean the same because it takes away from the meaning doing that

form of practice like "I saw my Buddy at the store" instead of "I saw my friend at the store". "Buddy" implies a loose association but friend, implies a bond or comradeship.

Hopefully I reached a few people who'll actually listen to my plea to be thoughtful of their friends and cherish them because I do.

Good night everyone!

Sincerely

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