

# A New Kind of Love

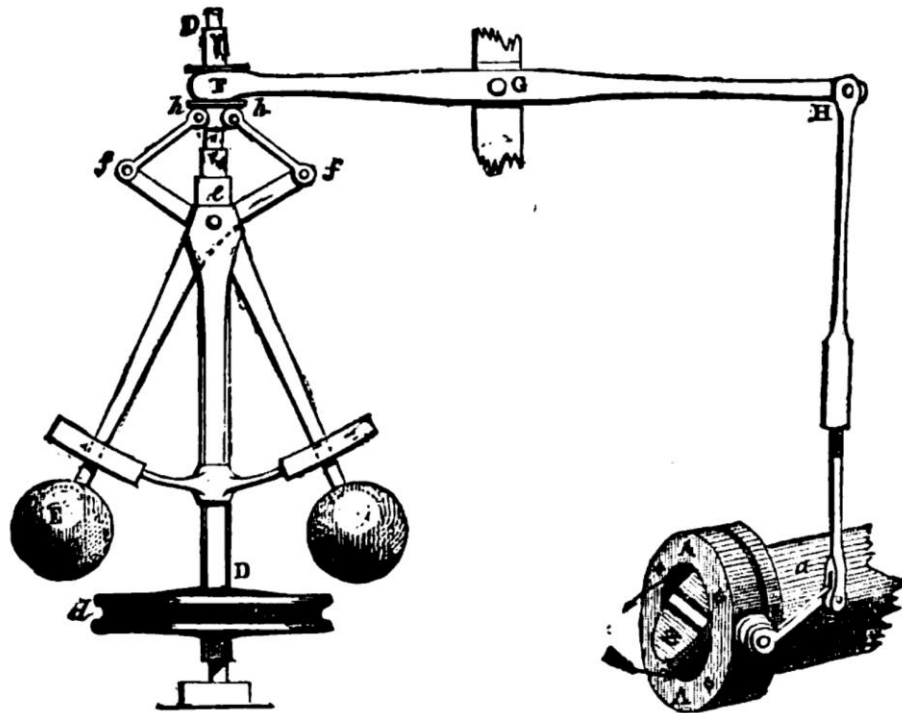


FIG. 4.—Governor and Throttle-Valve.

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## 1. Why did Jesus call it a ‘New Commandment’?

- a) John used the word AGAPE = ‘Love’
- b) Love – in the Greek language

Eros – Physical and sexual

Philea – Warm affection and friendship

Storge – Family affection

Agape - Sacrificial, unconditional love of God  
(Divine Love)

c) Jesus coined the word 'Agape' (He gave a word new meaning)

d) Agape is 'one way love' – sacrificial love – powerful love

## **2. Where does Agape come from?**

a) Agape comes from God

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b) John uses 'agape' in his epistles

c) John is the 'Apostle of Love' – Agape

*1 John 4:7-21. Beloved, let us love (agape) one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has*

*sent the Son as Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

d) At the time of the New Birth we receive the life of Christ

e) God comes to live in us by His Spirit

f) His Spirit is 'Agape Love'

### **3. How does Agape Love work?**

***Romans 5:5. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.***

*Romans 8:39. ...nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

a) Paul brings correction and direction to the Corinthian church

b) Paul shows us Agape (love) in action

Note: This only applies to Christians (Non-Christians do not have Agape)

*1 Corinthians 13: 5-10, 13. Love (Agape) suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.... <sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

c) Agape love and Phileia love

Phileia love expects (demands) reciprocal love  
(Based upon our own strength)

Agape love loves without conditions and any expectation of being loved in return (Based upon God's unlimited strength)

## d) Paul explains Agape Love in action

Agape Love suffers all things (patience)

Agape Love is kind

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## e) More practical applications of Agape love...

Agape Love will not abuse another:

Agape Love will not take advantage of another:

Agape Love will not cheat on another:

Agape Love will not hurt another:

Agape Love will not hurt the Temple of the Holy Spirit:

Agape Love will always seek the best for another:

f) Agape love is our God given, inbuilt governor

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## **4. How do we live in His Agape Love?**

*Romans 5:5. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

a) Agape has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit

b) It is the work of the Holy Spirit to activate and work God's Agape Love in and through us

c) As a new Creation, with a renewed mind – we make a decision to operate God's Agape Love – irrespective of how we feel

## **5. How to Live in the Fullness of the Holy Spirit**

*Ephesians 5:18-19. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**,<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

## **a) Praying, speaking and singing in the Spirit**

*1 Corinthians 14:4. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.*

*1 Corinthians 14:15. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.*

## **b) Listening to the Spirit**

*John 14:26. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

*John 16:12-15. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.<sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.<sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

*Galatians 5:16. I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

*Ephesians 4:30. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

**c) The Holy Spirit is actively spreading the Agape Love of God throughout our hearts and lives**

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**Summary...**

**Our Guide and Governor is the Agape Love of God**