The Hymn to Love (I Cor. 13:1-14:1)

1. ***Seek*** the ***highest spiritual gifts*** (kharismata). INTRODUCTION
And furthermore, I will point you to a journey over a pass (*huperbolen hodon*).

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2. If I speak in the ***tongues*** of men
and of angels,
but ***have not love***,
I am banging brass or a clanging cymbal.

love and:
tongues
prophecy
knowledge

3. And if I have ***prophetic powers***
and understand all ***mysteries*** and all ***knowledge***,

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4. and if I have all ***faith***
so as to remove mountains,
but ***have not love***,
I am nothing.

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5. And if I dole out all my possessions,
and if I surrender my body so ***that I may boast***,
but ***have not love***,
I gain nothing.

love and:
faith
hope

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6. Love is ***patient***.
Kind is love:

LOVE DEFINED
POSITIVELY

love and:
knowledge
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7. not jealous,
not boastful,
not arrogant,
not rude,
not seeking what is for itself,
not quick to anger,
not calculating evil,
not rejoicing in unrighteousness
but rejoicing in community when truth prevails,

LOVE DEFINED
NEGATIVELY

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8. covers all, believes all,
hopes all, ***patiently endures all***.

LOVE DEFINED
POSITIVELY

love and:
faith
hope

Love never falls.
as for ***prophecy***, it will be discarded.
as for ***tongues***, they will cease.
as for ***knowledge***, it will be discarded.

love and:
prophecy
tongues
knowledge

10. For our knowledge is ***imperfect***
and our prophecy is ***imperfect***.
But when the ***perfect comes***,
the ***imperfect*** will be discarded.

imperfect-
perfect

11. When I was a child,
I ***spoke*** like a child,
I ***thought*** like a child,
I ***reasoned*** like a child.
When I became a man
I ***discarded*** my childish ways.

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parable

12. For now we see in a ***mirror dimly***,
then ***face to face***.
Now my knowledge is ***imperfect***,
then I shall ***know*** fully as I am ***fully known***.

imperfect-
perfect

13. And thus there abides
faith, hope and love,
these three;
but the ***highest*** of these is ***love***.

Love and:
faith
hope

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14. Run after love
and ***seek*** the ***spiritual gifts*** (pneumatika).

CONCLUSION