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“We had a professor in University who would begin each lecture with a warm and loud pronouncement, ‘The only thing that matters is love. I *love* you.’ Then he would turn to the board and for the next 50 minutes work abstruse numerical analysis equations with encouragements about how easy all of this was. This habit of his was all the talk of ‘love’ we got in the Engineering program, so it stood out. He was right, of course. We must try to put love at the centre of everything we do remembering that the principle of love is the most difficult thing to learn and put into action – even more difficult than Numerical Analysis.”

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