

# Connecting New

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This month I share a poem and painting about getting things accomplished. It seems to me that there is always a cost, such as a musician putting in the effort to practice in order to perform well or parents doing without so that their child will have the opportunity to go to college. The cost, however, is often not only borne by the one with the goal, but rather shared with the other people surrounding him or her, our loved ones.

I was hoping to communicate this in the painting by showing darker colors accompanying the various displays of success (yellows and golds). The larger circle emerged subconsciously as I painted and to me looks like a face or a flower with a stem, and perhaps there are other faces you can see in the painting. Life is messy, painful and good all at the same time.

## Ambition

Ambition can be a stealthy thief,  
channeling all our energies to make a home,  
to make a name,  
to secure a future,  
to win the game,  
to build a legacy,  
to save the souls of many,  
to make the world better (from our perspective),  
to prove our worth.  
I have been guilty of all of these and more...  
at your expense...  
and you have suffered and endured.  
But now, but now my love, my only ambition is you.  
My soul ambition is to love you better.



May all of our efforts be guided by Divine goodness, love and freedom.


Peace and Blessings,  
Clarence

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